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THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

Worship Schedule

**8:30 Informal Worship
10:00 Worship &
Sunday School**



**July Family Nights
Weaving Family Connections:
Lessons from Celtic Spirituality**

Wednesdays: July 8, 15, 22, 29 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Beginning with Dinner



This fun, reflective and creative program is designed with families and extended families in mind. In July, nurture your soul in creative celebration! Participate in discussions relevant to everyday life! Learn from a local, independent art teacher to work with clay, paint, illumination, and more! Jump on this great opportunity to deepen your creative and spiritual potential and reflect on family life in a joyful way. Invite your friend and neighbors to join a four week summer family experience.

***\$25.00 per family for the four weeks,
includes dinner and art supplies.***

Registration form on page 8



In America, freedom is partly a result of our heritage from the first colonists. It is partly a result of the way we have shaped it in response to challenges that have sought to limit freedom. The Colonists sought both freedom of religion and freedom from religion.

Our *Declaration of Independence* begins with an attempt to articulate laws that transcend all governments, all faiths, and all generations. They are the rights of everybody. These include civil rights and political rights. The right to live, and the right of freedom of expression, equality before the law, the right to food, the right to work, the right to education, and the right to participate in culture. These human freedoms are derived from our understanding that God's Law is fundamental to human law.

Thomas Jefferson, author of the *Declaration of Independence*, put it this way:
We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government,....

So as I watch the pictures of the protests and deaths in Iran that began with vote tallies for presidential incumbent, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, that exceed by twice in some places, the number of eligible voters, I see violations of rights that transcend governments. The headline, "Iranian President re-elected in a Landslide," is plainly false. Iran is a country at a junction of culture, global technology and religious fundamentalism. I was surprised that the people did not just roll over and say, "there is nothing we can do," as we have been led to believe they might. There ARE people in Iran who yearn to breathe free. May they get their wish.

The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights begins, "*All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.*"

Independence Day takes on new meaning this year around the world.

FAREWELL AND A WELCOMING HELLO



Debra Eynon served our church for 16 years with dedication and talent. Her last day was June 18. She's gone to work full-time at American AgCredit. We will miss her so much.

From Debra, "Thank you to everyone who planned my beautiful goodbye party. It was heartwarming to see so many wonderful church members and staff there. People say you don't know how much you are loved and appreciated until you leave. I have always felt loved and appreciated, but that feeling was brought home even more by all your emails, cards, and gifts. For all those who donated to the money tree, thank you for your generosity. It is wonderful having the love and support of my church family, which will make the next few weeks ahead easier."

We welcome our new Finance Manager, Elizabeth Tessier. Come by and introduce yourself and say "Hello".



CELEBRATE SUMMER DINNER FUNDRAISER



Saturday, July 18, 2009
from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

*A Church of the Roses Fundraiser to help continue
community programs*

Join us for great food, live music, and
dancing. There will be a super raffle and a
fun country store.



Tickets are on sale now at the church office
- \$25 for adults, \$5 for children.



For more information, please call Cindy Goede at 544-3974

THANK YOU'S



160 African mothers and their babies are smiling because of your generous gifts to the 2009 Networkers Mother's Day Project! Their new treated nets will keep them safe from malaria. \$1,600 was collected! A special thanks and praise to one anonymous donor who gave \$1,000!

Thanking Norm...

A big "Thank You" to Norman Roddick for this year's interesting monthly film program. Norman will be back in September with new movies to enjoy.

Thank you MHS Breakfast Team...

Breakfast Club: "Thank you. For every day without fail you guys get up just to feed us. It's amazing how dedicated you all are, you guys rock. I hope the Breakfast club continues. You don't know how helpful, loved, looked up to, you are. I'm speaking for everyone who comes to the Breakfast club. Lots of love, Kasse"

Thank you from Jody...

Thank you for the Spirit Guide Award, it puts together all the pieces of my life-I am so appreciative of you being my church family. Jody Berger

Thank you from Joyce...

I wanted to thank so many of our church family for the beautiful cards and notes following my recent hip replacement surgery. Truly we are a family who is so loving and kind. Those of you who visited me during my convalescence were so welcome. Now I'm happy to be back as the Monday morning receptionist in the Church office. God Bless you all.

Joyce Beckner

FELLOWSHIP

Presbyterian Women



Off to Kentucky!

Kay Roddick and Alice Crouch will be delegates to the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women in Louisville, KY, July 11-15. Kay, as newly elected Moderator of PW in Redwoods Presbytery, will be a voting delegate. Alice will represent Church of the Roses PW as our new Moderator.

Women who attend the Gathering this year will be bringing along gift cards for Walmart, Target, Home Depot, etc., which will be given to Presbyterian Disaster Relief, providing an easy way to offer help to those in need.

Presbyterian Women

We will be taking a summer vacation in July and August but the Coordinating Team will be busy making plans for the upcoming year's programs.

The 2009 - 2010 Horizons Bible Study, **Joshua: a Journey of Faith**, will provide not only a look at the Promised Land of Joshua's day, but also at the troubled Middle East of today. The author, Mary Mikhail was born in Syria and has spent most of her life in Lebanon where she teaches at the Near East School of Theology. She has been NEST's president since 1994. We will have an opportunity to meet Mary Mikhail when SFTS Auxiliary holds its annual Bible Study Day in September.

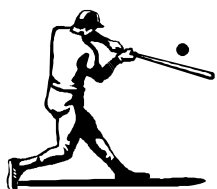
Marilyn MacLean will be ordering study books soon. Be sure she has you on her list!

Voyagers

Please contact Louise Utley if you're interested in going to the de Young Museum in September for the TUTANKHAMUN exhibit. If we get at least 20 people, the tickets for a group price are \$20.00 each. These prices are only good until July 30th, so I need to buy them before then. The date can be selected after I know 20 people will be going, and depending on availability. Please contact me by July 6th in order for us to select a date and buy tickets.



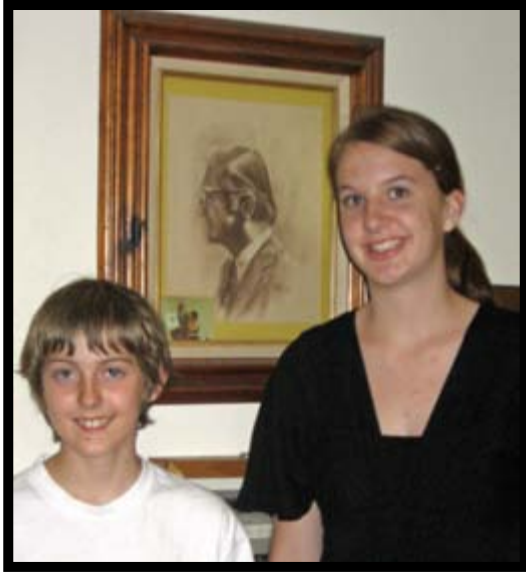
Baseball



Our annual visit to AT&T Field is Saturday, August 8, for the Giants game with Cincinnati. Our departure from Larkspur landing by Ferry is 11:30 a.m. for the game which starts at 1:05 p.m. We have reduced the number of tickets available to 25. Tickets are on the field level along the left field foul line. They are chair back seats right up close to the action.

Tickets are \$55, and that price includes the cost of the Ferry from Larkspur, and return. Tickets are on sale at the church office. Wear your colors, and bring a friend!!

NEWLY CONFIRMED YOUTH



Michael Conrad and Amanda Steele

Statement of Faith by Michael Conrad

I believe in God. I believe that God created us and the universe. I believe Jesus is God's son who came to live among us. I believe the Holy Spirit lives inside of me. I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins. I believe that I should go to Heaven because I love God. I want to join this church so I can help Jesus to clean up the earth and the people in it.

I was in the musical on Mother's Day. I used to help my dad clean the church on Saturdays. I used to help prepare cups for communion when my dad was a deacon. I used to help with preschool during Logos. On May 3, I took my first communion. I still help with Sunday School sometimes. I go to youth group and enjoy the ski trips. I am looking forward to going to Glide Memorial to help prepare food for the homeless and go to their church service.

Statement of Faith by Amanda Steele

I believe God is with me every day. Throughout the years, I have opened up more to God as I have learned more about him. I think God is a spirit that watches over me. He helps direct my life in the right direction. I try to respect him and follow his word. Jesus played an important part in bringing faith, relief, and understanding to humans. I agree with the Bible and with prophecy, how Jesus was sent by God in human form to help us comprehend God. If it wasn't for Jesus dying on the cross, we would not be forgiven and instead would live sinful lives apart from God. I think the Bible gives us many answers about Jesus and Christianity. If it wasn't for the Bible, we wouldn't really have guidance for our faith. I think the Bible is very true and real. I try to incorporate the Bible in my everyday life. I feel that it is important for Christians to honor God and follow the Bible and therefore respect God and live a life that would make him happy. By doing so, I believe God will come deeper into my life, offering me more insight, understanding and happiness. This is my hope. This is my belief. This is my faith. I feel God's presence every day, whether it is thinking of him, or even praying to get an A on a history test.

I think the church is a place for all of us to come together and learn about Jesus, and be closer to God. The church is a place to honor God and sit back and get information from others who may know different things about him, or have different points of view. Speaking of different points of view, I believe that God created the earth and universe as part of his plan for creation. I believe God created evolution as a tool so that his word could develop and follow his ultimate plan. Therefore, I believe

they are not opposed to each other, God and evolution, but they are the same concept working together. The entire universe was created as part of God's plan and everything that has happened, or is going to happen, is part of that plan.

I have not seen an angel, but have felt like one was watching over and protecting me. Sometimes I think God is sending my uncle to watch over me and to make sure that I am okay. I think that when you die, your body decomposes but your spirit lives on forever. When someone I know dies, I am upset, but I always think that one day I will see them again. They are gone from this existence, but are living with God in the next world. I personally have felt distant from God. I used to pray every day when my uncle was diagnosed with cancer. He was my hero and my best friend. I looked up to him and I bet a lot of others did as well. After a 4 1/2 year fight, he passed away and I was upset and angry with God. I felt abandoned and I felt betrayed. I thought to myself, "how could God let this happen?! Why him? He was so young and such a great guy. Why?" I kept saying that over and over again in my head until it sounded like a broken record. I eventually came to terms that it was his time and that I would see him again in heaven. My faith was tested; my faith was shaken. What I believe now is that I will never understand all things or why they happen. Why children get sick, why young people are killed in accidents, or why a good man, like my uncle, could be ravaged with cancer and taken from us. Some things I will never understand. I will still love and follow God, and will believe, and will have faith. And it is this faith that will carry me through. I was lucky to be able to say goodbye to my uncle and to tell him how I felt. He told me that he would always be there, and he is. His spirit lives on in my heart. Jesus and God also live in my heart. This is my statement of faith.

JULY YOUTH CALENDAR

Children and Youth News, July 2009



Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22, 29 - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.—JULY FAMILY NIGHTS are back!!

Each Wednesday night, beginning on July 8, we will get together for a light dinner and a variety of activities for all ages, inspired by the theme: ***Weaving Family Connections - Lessons from Celtic Spirituality***. There will be programs for preschool and elementary school-aged children, youth, and their parents. While the parents have class, artist Judy Timmerman will give children and youth new opportunities to create artwork in different media (clay, paint, illumination and more). For youth who prefer helping with younger children, please join us- we always need you, and we'll feed you! Just let Kate know you are interested and what you'd like to do (Kate's cell phone is 291-5897).

Friday, July 17 & Sat., July 18 - 3:00 p.m. HARRY POTTER MARATHON!

In honor of the release of "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," we will view the 4th and 5th Harry Potter movies ("HP & the Goblet of Fire," & "HP & the Order of the Phoenix") so that we can view the new one ("HP & the Half-Blood Prince") together at a Saturday matinee before our exciting CELEBRATE SUMMER fundraiser (see below!).



Saturday, July 18, 5:30-7:30 CELEBRATE SUMMER!!

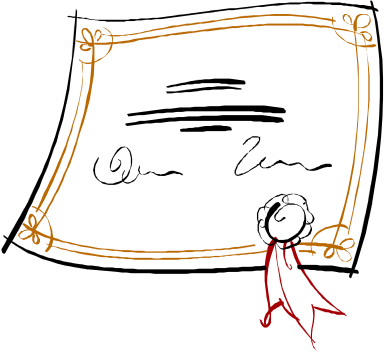
Church of the Roses will have a great fundraiser with delicious food and rockin' Caribbean music to dance to, with a raffle and old-fashioned country store delights for sale. Bring friends and celebrate with us!

MANY THANKS to the 54 youth and adults who offered a sweet and fun experience to our Vacation Bible campers at Camp E.D.G.E. last month! God was certainly here with us, and we learned to experience and discover God everywhere, from the decorated assembly, activity and learning centers the children enjoyed to the adult art room - and at every time of day as well!



**Children & Youth
Friends are always welcome**

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



The Church of the Roses, Church and World Committee, was delighted to introduce to the congregation this year's Montgomery High School Breakfast Program Scholarship winner **Nate Charlton**, who attended worship with his mother on Sunday, May 31. Nate is the first recipient of our James Taylor Blair Memorial Scholarship, which is presented to a Montgomery High School student who is a regular attendee at our Breakfast Program and who shows promise in the desire to further his/her education. Nate hopes to pursue a career as a teacher in film or as a professional film editor. He has worked as a volunteer at the Charles Schulz Museum here in Santa Rosa. Ann Butler, Co-Chair of the Montgomery High School English Department wrote in part: "Nate is a born student. . . [He] is also a voracious reader, an anomaly in this age... His presence in my classroom this year has made my life richer.... He certainly is a worthy candidate for the Scholarship." Congratulations from all of us at Church of the Roses to Nate Charlton.

JULY FAMILY NIGHTS REGISTRATION FORM

Register now for July Family Nights– Weaving Family Connections: Lessons from Celtic Spirituality
July 8, 15, 22, 29 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Adult Name (s)

Phone Number (s)

Child Name (s)

Age (birth date)

Grade

Address _____

Email Address _____



To register, please bring or mail this completed form with the \$25 payment to:
Church of the Roses Presbyterian Church, 2500 Patio Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

CHURCH NEWS

Worship Attendance

8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

05/24-140 06/7-147
05/31-193 06/14-138

Finance Report As of March 31, 2009

Fund	Annual Budget	YTD Income	YTD Expenses	YTD Over/Deficit
Operating Fund	\$442,867.00	\$164,353.97	\$178,587.45	(\$14,233.48)
Church & World	\$26,235.00	\$9,252.79	\$8,353.79	\$898.84
Total	\$469,102.00	\$173,606.76	\$186,941.40	\$(13,334.64)
Preschool	\$149,992.00	\$64,270.52	\$51,927.97	\$12,342.55

OUR PRAYER LIST

"Pray for one another and thus fulfill the law of Christ"

PRAYERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Joyce Blinn
Margaret Brittle
Julia Cadwell

Jack Gaffney
Neil Peterson
Lyman Pinney

Otto Walker
Wata Willimas



PRAYERS FOR OTHERS:

Donna Barnette
Barbara Blinn
Linda Burille &
family
Tyler, Randy &
Bill Cadwell
James Chu & family
Lindsay Consoli
Anthony Cooper

Mary Jane Deems
Sara Dorsey
Brad Dreyer
Jean Dumont
Jim Fenner
Lenore "Scotty"
Foster
Winnie & Del
Glaesman

Sally Henderson
Ba Hof
Kevin Imbimbo
Monte Keleher
Jennifer Kish
Hanni Lang
Harris Marks
Marie and Ray
Matheny

Jean McKay
Dr. Les & Cynthia
Morgan
William Papsco
Wendy Ramage
Geneva Reynolds
Bobby Rude
Pat Sneath
Nate Scoble

Ianthe Brautigan
Swensen

PRAYERS FOR SERVICE PEOPLE STATIONED IN THE WAR AREA FROM OUR CHURCH FAMILIES:

Scott Baker (Val Baker's son) now stationed in Germany
Timothy Cadwell (Julia Cadwell's grandson)
PFC Dustin Drewry (Tom & Margaret Allen's grandson)

Alex Dickens (Lois Drinnen's grandson)
Jason Imbimbo (Sam & Chris Imbimbo's grandson)

Our deepest sympathy to those of us who have recently lost loved ones:

John Warren Gripe who died February 25, 2009.

Memorial services were held on June 20, 2009, at Church of the Roses.

Laurie Ann Thomsen who died June 10, 2009.

Memorial services were held on June 20, 2009, at Alexander Valley Community Hall.

Robert P. Johnson, M.D. who died June 11, 2009.

Memorial services were held on June 19, 2009, at Spring Lake Village Chapel.



July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:15 Staff Meeting <i>Conf</i> 10:30 Pastor's Class <i>Rose</i>	2 12:00 Domino Group <i>Adult Ed</i> 7:30 AA Group <i>Blue/Red</i>	3 10:30 Art Ministry <i>Blue/Red</i> 11:00 Coffee with Cushman <i>Lyons</i> 1:30 Spanish Language & Hispanic Culture <i>Rose</i>	4
5 Communion/2¢ A Meal & PB Sunday 8:30 Informal Worship <i>Rose</i> 8:30 Bible Study <i>Blue/Red</i> 10:00 Worship/Sunday School	6 10:30 Prayer Group <i>Library</i> 7:30 Boy Scouts <i>Bowen</i>	7 8:30 B&G Crew 9:00 Sexton Mtg. <i>Ad Ed</i> 10:00 B & G <i>Bowen</i> 10:00 PW Coordinating Board <i>Adult Ed</i> 1:00 Membership Meeting <i>Adult Ed</i> No Church & World Meeting in July 6:30 C + Y Committee <i>Library</i> 7:00 Worship & Arts <i>Rose</i> 7:30 Boy Scout Eagle Review <i>Ad Ed</i>	8 9:15 Staff Meeting <i>Conf</i> 10:30 Pastor's Class <i>Rose</i> 5:30 Family Nights	9 12:00 Domino Group <i>Adult Ed</i> 7:30 AA Group <i>Blue/Red</i>	10 10:30 Art Ministry <i>Blue/Red</i> 11:00 Coffee with Cushman <i>Lyons</i> 1:30 Spanish Language & Hispanic Culture <i>Rose</i>	11
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Barbara McElroy, Director of Music
Althea Wright, Accompanist
Lisa Stagnoli, Office Manager
Elizabeth Tessier, Finance Manager



8:30 a.m. Informal Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal and Coffee Time
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Coffee Time and Conversation

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