



Lenten Wednesday Evenings
*Adventures in Loving Yourself
 and Your Neighbors*

Lent is a time of reflection, but also of initiating change. This year, we will offer six Wednesday evenings that will provide a time of community, restoration and education beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Child-care is available; this program is for children too! All ages are welcome!

Join us for:

5:30 pm *Dinner*

6:15 pm *Worship*

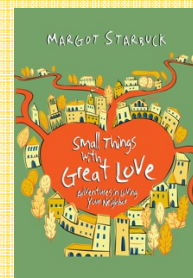
7:00 pm *Study &
 Practice*

**Presbyterian
 Church of the Roses**

Program begins February 22, 2012 and continues through March 28, 2012

Time: Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.
Where: Meet in the Rose Room

We will be using a book as the springboard for our learning, *Small Things with Great Love: Adventures in Loving Your Neighbor*, by Margot Starbuck.



Book available for \$10.00 at church office and at coffee hour.

PASTOR'S CORNER



LENT: A JOURNEY TO GOD'S HEART

The times are uncertain. All around us we find that what has always been is changing. Our economy still has far too few jobs for those who need them. Retirees are finding it hard to live on what they thought would be a comfortable retirement, and others nearing it are revamping plans. Companies are bought and sold. Whole businesses are being re-defined, and churches, often the bedrock communities, find themselves needing to reinvent themselves to be relevant in this new world.

At such times, we are forced to look at what we really value, and what we really believe in terms of our own actions. In such times, we can choose to react on a surface level to what is happening, or we can choose to be more reflective, and respond at a deeper faith level. Perhaps the season of Lent is coming just in time.

The traditional season of Lent has had different emphases throughout the history of the church. The 40-day period from Ash Wednesday through to Easter (excluding Sundays) began as a time of fasting and giving alms. Scholars think it might have been related to a prescribed fast that candidates for baptism (traditionally baptized on Easter) made, and then expanded to the whole community of faith. The protestant church, over time, came to see this as

a time to reflect and deepen our relationship with God.

Each Wednesday and Sunday we will have opportunity to deepen our relationship with God. The Lenten Wednesday evenings (see announcement) will focus on community and worship, study and practice. Each worship service will be experiential and interactive, and the Adult study, a book study on *Small Things with Great Love* will deepen our understanding of being a God-follower and move us into being practitioners of our faith in our everyday lives. Chris Rhodes is planning activities for younger learners too, and we will have childcare as well. Please join us as we nourish our faith and step out into the world!

On Sundays, the scriptures lead us in a different direction – there we will find the gospel of Mark, perhaps the most radical one of the four gospels in our scriptures – challenging us with the call to travel with Jesus along dangerous paths, but ones in which we will find new life. We will explore themes of testing, spirituality, sacrifice and new life.

I invite you to find time during this season for the reflection and prayer that will sustain us in what seem like dark times. Now, more than ever, we need a rich, spiritual life.

Blessings and light,

Renée



UPCOMING



Sunday
February 19
2:00 p.m.
Presbyterian Church
of the Roses
2500 Patio Court
Santa Rosa, CA 95405



The Redwood Chordsmen

Barbershop Harmony in Santa Rosa since 1965

No charge for admission. A goodwill offering will be received

A NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY led by Chris Rhodes has begun! Join us Sunday mornings at 8:15 a.m. in Bowen Hall for "The Kerygma Program."

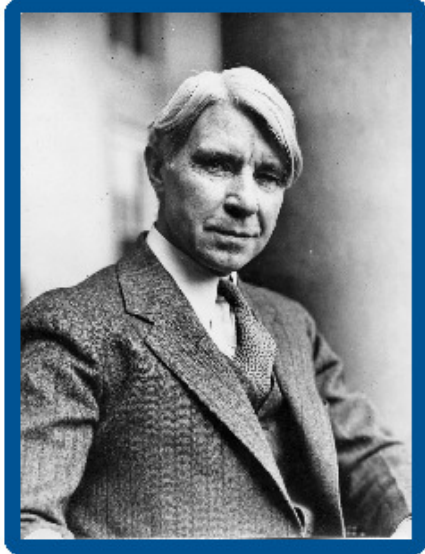
THE GROUP FORMERLY KNOWN AS "COFFEE WITH CUSHMAN" is on hiatus pending discussions with our new Interim Pastor. Stay tuned for further announcements.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on February 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Call Jeanette at 537-7898 for more information.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our Concert Series was initially "seeded" with funds from a bequest to the church. Since then, the concerts have either made money or broken even. We enjoy the dedicated service of devoted volunteers, who help with the concert bookings, publicity, coordination with the performers, an after-concert reception, and emails to concert regulars. Meanwhile, our church has gained a reputation in the community for an excellent concert series, our wonderful facility, and our warm hospitality. While some of the concerts are small, others are large, and the program is financially self-sustaining. Concert attendees are eager to help support the series with their donations. We can be proud of this community service, and take advantage of great performances.

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION



Alice Crouch has chosen excerpts from this monumental poem about the American people, in all their diversity, to be read dramatically at our meeting. Written in 1936, Sandburg's words still speak to us today.

Presbyterian Women

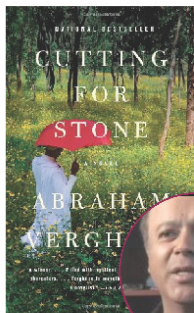
Tuesday, February 21

Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Lesson 5

Luncheon 12:15 p.m.

The People, Yes! By Carl Sandburg

*The people will live on.
The learning and blundering people will live on.
They will be tricked and sold and again sold
And go back to the nourishing earth for rootholds,
The people so peculiar in renewal and comeback,
You can't laugh off their capacity to take it.
The mammoth rests between his cyclonic dramas.*



February Book Club

Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese

Come join the discussion
Thursday February 16
4:00 p.m. In the Library

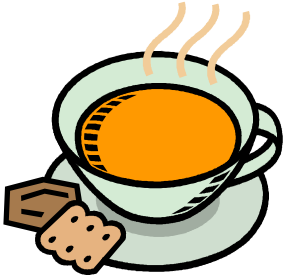


THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

HAVE ARRIVED for those families that are eligible. Eligible families are those that had their pictures taken by Olan Mills and those who submitted pictures. If you didn't pick up your copy at the Congregational Meeting, they are in the church office.

YOUTH AND FAMILY

FEBRUARY FAMILY GET TOGETHER



Church of the Roses is going to be having a Lenten study starting in late February. This is an outstanding opportunity for people of all ages to attend. Renee and I are planning on having a part of the program geared to families and children. A light soup supper will start each evening. The evening's events will be over by 8 pm so that families can be home before it gets too late. The study will enable entire families to attend; there will be opportunities for the whole family to participate in. We will have planned activities and events for parents and children all six weeks of the Lenten series.

Invite your children and grandchildren to join us. The Lenten study starts on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd and runs through March 28th.

YOUTH GROUP


On January 26th the Youth Group had a fabulous night of fun; we played Broomball at Snoopy's Ice Arena in Santa Rosa. We had the youth from the UCC Church in Santa Rosa join us, as well as the youth from The Cove Presbyterian Church. Almost 30 youth attended. Some of the parents liked the idea of Broomball so much, they decided to stick around and play as well. In total we had over 35 people playing. What a great event - and no one got hurt! There were a few sore muscles and minor bruises, but it was so much fun it was all worth it. If you know of a Middle School or High School age youth who is interested in participating in future events, have them call or text me at 484-4189, or email rhodesc@sonic.net. We would love to have them join us.

The youth will also be invited to attend our Lenten study. Their will be youth oriented programs that they can participate in as well, so for the 6 weeks of lent we will have youth opportunities each week. Join us!

Chris Rhodes

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VOYAGERS!

An illustration of a notepad with a pencil resting on it. Three red dice are scattered on the notepad. The dice are shown in various orientations, some showing different faces.

It's time again for our annual BUNCO competition. It's a great game and lots of fun, and it is very easy to learn. The gathering will be at the home of Gene and Carole Michel on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. The calling committee will be calling members with further details. Any questions, call call Gene or Carole at 542-5572.

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For calendar updates, check our website at
www.churchoftheroses.org

UPCOMING EVENTS. . .



Home
of the Vikings



Sunday Forum
February 12 11:15 a.m.
In the Rose Room

Learn more about our neighbor:

**MONTGOMERY
HIGH SCHOOL**

**Laurie Fong, MHS Administrator
Will be our Speaker**

“SHARING OUR FAVORITE FILMS”

Join us in the
Rose Room Theater

February 23rd at 2:00 p.m.

Tell us your favorites,
and we'll screen them!

Please note: At the time of printing
this publication, a movie selection
had not been made. Please see the
church bulletin to find out the
movie selection for February.

FELLOWSHIP will meet at 2:00 p.m. on **February 8th** in
the Library.

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