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Reaching Out With Nurturing Love to All God's People

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NEWSLETTER | APRIL 2017 | VOL. 55 NO. 4 "DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED Crust in God: trust also in me. Jesus Christ

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Lent SOUP Supper Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm & STUDY "Love Your Muslim Neighbor: 6:30-8 pm with Guest Speaker, Aisha Morgan on April 5th
- VOYAGERS BURGERS & BOCCE April 1 @ 4 pm
- VESPERS Service Friday, April 7th @ 5:30 pm
- SONG OF SONOMA Free Community Concert April 23rd @ 2 pm
- FIESTA FUNDRAISER April 30th @ 11:30 am

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- EASTER EGG HUNT April 8 @ 10–12 pm
- PALM SUNDAY April 9 @ 10 am
- MAUNDY THURSDAY April 13 @ 5:30 pm
- GOOD FRIDAY April 14 @ 5:30 pm
- EASTER CANTATA "Believe" April 16 @ 10 am

From the Pastor

ascha [or Easter] is the central event, the time of transformation, of becoming a resurrected people, God's new people.

On this Sunday of all Sundays, Pascha, we celebrate our transformation as a new people. When Christ rose from the grave, death and all other "principalities and powers" that seek to entomb God's will were forever defeated.

Easter is not simply the miracle of a dead person raised from the grave, but a celebration of power that can shatter death in order that people can freely serve the God of life.

In the resurrection of Christ, God's awesome purposes were on display, revealing a radically new world of peace and harmony and equality and mutuality, about which we can only dream. The Lord of the future has been disclosed to us. Both the incarnation at Christmas and the resurrection at Easter testify to the lordship of Christ. ...

On Easter we glimpse a new landscape — the age to come — and experience a sense of holy awe at the significance of the resurrection for human life. The shape of the age to come reveals a new people of God, a new humanity.

When Christ was crucified, humanity died with him on Calvary. But on Easter morning, a new world was

born — raised up with the crucified and risen Christ. Bursting the bonds of death, the first human being of a new human race, Jesus Christ, appeared among those who crucified him. In the midst of the old sin-struck world, God gave the world a new beginning, a new humanity. By faith the old guilt-ridden humanity was born again into the new forgiven humanity of Jesus Christ.

Ever since, here and there, clusters of the new people of God live according to the new social order of the new age.

Therefore, Easter faith recalls the past, especially the awesome act of God in raising the crucified Christ from the grave. Easter hope looks to the promised future, to that which awaits us. Easter love celebrates the presence of the crucified and risen Christ who is now among us, reconciling us as one people. Resurrection faith asserts that by grace we are born again into the new humanity of Jesus Christ. We are called to new life for God and for neighbors. As representatives of the new humanity we walk in newness of life.

An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 107-108)

Pastor Cindy at City Hall

I have been asked to speak from the Christian perspective about why Christians should support our Muslim neighbors. Two reasons came to mind: 1st we are all of one family, and 2nd, As Christians, we are called to embrace all others with grace-filled hospitality & unconditional love.

First of all, we are cousins. Judaism, Islam, and Christianity are all descendants of Abraham. Our great great great great 10 x great grandfather in common is Abraham. WE are all related – all from the same lineage. WE are all one – believing in the

same ONE God.

In this season of Lent, we remember == We are all created from ashes to ashes and dust to dust. We are created from star dust. And to dust we all shall return. We are formed from the earth and to the earth we are recycled.

Secondly, In our faith that follows the way of Jesus Christ, we are taught the parable of the Good Samaritan that Jesus told to explain the universal law: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

You may remember, the Samaritan was considered an outsider, the alien, the group of

people in that region that were judged and feared by common. the majority at that time.

By telling this now famous parable, Jesus taught that the Samaritan people, (who his disciples assumed were not worthy of relationship), were actually the people they should imitate. After the Samaritan risked his own life to provide healing and hospitality through compassion, Jesus said: "go and do likewise."

Jesus taught that those who we may judge as the "other" may in reality be great role models of compassion for all of us. Islam teaches: "No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself."

Our Presbyterian Church of the Roses is hosting a series of classes on Wednesday evenings during Lent about Islam that dispels misunderstandings and emphasizes our common beliefs. It is titled: *Love your (Muslim) neighbor as Yourself.*

I grew up Presbyterian in Iowa and never met a Muslim person until college. It took personally making friends with a Muslim woman to help me realize Islam and Christianity have many beliefs in It is by personal relationship we learn the most about each other because when you care about someone you deeply listen and learn.

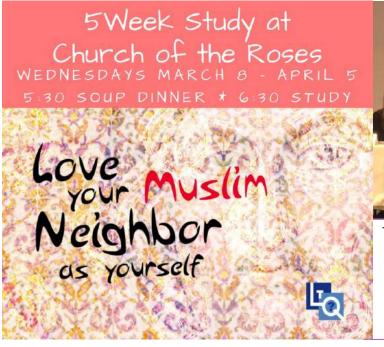
Dr. Eric Barreto once said: "If the Bible is clear about anything, it is crystal clear about our call to welcome the exile, the refugee, the stranger. Such a call draws us from the fear that our sins feed, to a radical hospitality that is the very essence of the good news of Jesus."

Calling us to be welcoming is the work of God's grace. Let us NOT be persuaded by fear and believe the lies that accompany it. Some want us to be afraid of our neighbors and tempt us to violate our deepest convictions.

We ought not let anyone distort our perspective about who our neighbors are nor distort the people God has made us to be: a people of fearless welcome and persistent hope who are called to embrace our diverse global family with unconditional love.

Thank you, Pastor Cindy

Subscribe to Pastor Cindy's Blog http://pastorcindysblog.blogspot.com





The INTERFAITH PANEL by Of One Soul was informative and interesting! Panelist, **AISHA JILL MORGAN** (pictured at right), will be the GUEST SPEAKER at our last "LOVE YOUR MUSLIM NEIGHBOR" study on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5TH @ 6:30 PM.

Don't Miss It!

COMMITEE UPDATES

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

We are happy to have a new pole pruner, which will allow us to trim the shrubs without climbing ladders! This will be a big help. Thanks to the very generous donor in the congregation that made this possible.

The garden will be planted in mid-April, which is our average last frost date. If anyone would like to help with the raised beds, let me know. We plan to grow a variety of tomatoes, with herbs like basil, and some flowers.

Steve Fenner, Chair

CHURCH & WORLD

On April 9th we will be collecting for the One Great Hour of Sharing: You Shall Be Called Repairers of the Breach. Funds go to Disaster, Hunger, and Development.

Jonathan Steele, Chair

DIRECTOR OF YOUNG ADULTS & FAMILY MINISTRIES

We are excited to be partnering with Door of Faith Orphanage in La Missión, Baja, Mexico!

WHEN: June 18-24

COST: \$400/ person due May 21st

MEETINGS: April 23rd and May 21st 11:30 am FIESTA FUNDRAISER: April 30th 11:30 am DONATIONS (accepted Sundays & at the fundraiser): English & Spanish Bilingual Children's Books, Spanish Children's Bibles, Laundry & Dish Soap, Shampoo, Diapers, Baby food, Box fans (3).

PRAYERS REQUESTED: for the Kids and Staff at Door of Faith Orphanage, the Safety and Health of participants, Hearts inspired by the Holy Spirit.

For information about the trip, please contact cassie@churchoftheroses.org

For more information about DOFO please visit dofo.org

ROSEBUD PRESCHOOL

The last four weeks have been busy. We spent two weeks on a "Making/Tinkering" curriculum. The activities were tied to books. After reading, lagy Peck, Architect and If I Built a House, the kids worked together to build what turned into a castle. They moved on to Not a Box! and created all sorts of things from boxes. Next came The 3 Little Pigs Build a House. They experimented with materials to see which built the strongest houses. The curriculum then moved on to two weeks of rainbows. They have been finding out how a rainbow is created and experimenting with shadows, reflections, refraction, and crystals. At circle this week, after a couple of attempts they successfully created a lava lamp. The school has its Easter Egg Hunt and brunch on Saturday, April 8 from 10 am until 12 pm. All are welcome.

Susan Jenkins, Director

MEMBERSHIP

The first new member class of 2017 was held on March 19th with nine prospective new members attending. We continue to work with Fellowship on planning for the Spring Fling on Saturday May 20th, please stay tuned for more information. The committee is also brainstorming ideas for making our church more enticing to new members and we are open to all suggestions. Please let us hear your thoughts!

Bill Morgan, Chair

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

What type of bible study would you prefer? What schedule and subject matter sounds the most appealing? Let us know by filling out the Bible Study Questionnaire available in the bulletin as an insert. They will also be available in the office or by email.

Vacation Bible School is June12-16th. Sign up to help!

COMMITEE UPDATES

WORSHIP & ARTS

A Lenten Vesper service is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 7th. This service includes special music, prayer, time for contemplation, communion by intinction, and a message from Pastor Cindy. Children are welcome and provided with a place to play in the Sanctuary during the service.

Palm Sunday on April 9th is a celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We observe it with palm branches, a processional and with special music.

Maundy Thursday on April 13th commemorates Jesus' last supper, his washing of the feet of his disciples, and the celebration of the Holy Sacrament of Communion. The word *Maundy* means "command" and refers to Jesus' command for us to love one another. We celebrate Maundy Thursday with a washing of hands by the Deacons, a shared meal, and the celebration of Communion in table groups. If you haven't had an opportunity to fill out a sign-up form, call the church office to reserve a space.

Good Friday is the day we solemnly commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus on the cross. Worship begins at 5:30 p.m. on April 14th, includes Good Friday liturgy and symbolism, and concludes with the burning of the prayers for repentance which were tacked to the cross on Ash Wednesday.

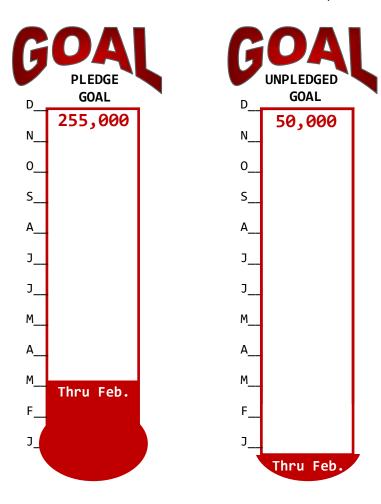
Easter is the celebration of Jesus' rising from the dead into Eternal Life. We celebrate Easter at 10:00 a.m. on April 16th. Bring flowers to attach to the cross on the front lawn. The Sanctuary will be decorated with flowers to take home or deliver to the homebound. Our service will celebrate Easter with a choir cantata entitled *Believe*.

Kay Young, Chair

FINANCE

Thank you for keeping your pledge on "track" with your promised payment frequency. Whether your contributions are pledged or un-pledged, your support is appreciated! Oh, and please remember Church of the Roses in your will and/or estate planning....we need to do some capital projects to keep our church looking healthy. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Chris Nelle, Chair





Prayer Requests

Please include in your prayers

Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member

- Please pray for the family of Randy Pierce as they mourn his passing. March 20, 2017. His memorial is April 29th at 11:30 am.
- ♦ Please pray for the family of Ba Hoff who passed away on March 14, 2017.
- Please pray for the family of Pede Shelton as they mourn her passing. March 9, 2017.
- Please pray for the family of Bill St. John whose father passed away March 1, 2017.
- Please pray the family of Sharon Sorani whose brother passed away recently.
- Please pray for the family of Sally Condon who passed away February 10, 2017.
- Please pray for the family of Brian and Brooke Smith, as they mourn the passing of Brian's mother,
 Marjorie Locke.

Those facing health issues

John Baker
Judy Bello
Bob Bunting
Helen Burns
Vern Cooper
Jackie Del Carlo
Cynthia Friedman
Ray Foreaker
Wendy Galde

Sheryl Gobble Marilyn Hilen Vicki Lewis Helen MacKenzie Ted McCarthy Bill Moberly Marie Patchin Albert Reil Virginia Rylett Pamela Sage Joy Steele Rhonda Patton Knoles Bob Simmons Ines Teague Bob Weber Helen Wickle

Those serving in our military

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Ed and Dale Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

April Showers of Music

The congregation is invited to two special "showers" of music during the month of April.

Shower one: Easter morning – The Chancel Choir will present "Believe" – an Easter Musical created by Steve Moore and David Clydesdale. In this musical, you will hear the thoughts of Pilate, Caiaphas, Thomas, John and Mary, the mother of Jesus, as the story unfolds.

Shower two: April 23 – "Song of Sonoma" – women's barbershop choir – will be singing at 2 p.m. as part of this year's Roses Signature Concert Series.

Come and enjoy both of these musical offerings!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 12-16

Are you interested in helping?
Sign up now!



2nd Annual Spring Fling HELP

Would you like to help make this "S.F."

more successful than last year? We will need items for

the silent auction—including Baskets!!

Save May 20th to come and enjoy food,

fellowship and fun!!!!

Please call Jeanne Recknagel 887-9870, Deborah Baker or Bill Morgan with your donations, help, etc.

MEDICATION SAFETY

by Deborah Wolff-Baker



Medication errors are one of the leading causes of adverse events and hospitalizations in older adults. Optimizing drug therapies is essential for maximizing function and quality of life.

- Do you have questions about your medications?
- Do you know why you are taking them?
- Are you sure you are taking them to make the most of their beneficial effects and minimize unwanted side effects?
- Do you ever wonder if some of them could be streamlined?
- Could you be taking a potentially inappropriate medication



Deborah will conduct comprehensive medication reviews during the Health Ministry Blood Pressure Screening clinic after worship on the 4th Sundays. If you would like a medication review, please bring your current prescription medication bottles, including eye drops, supplements, herbals and other over-the-counter medications in a brown paper bag to the Church library. She will help you understand your medications and provide you with a list of ideas and recommendations based on best practices for older adult prescribing to take to your healthcare provider for discussion.

Reference: www.uptodate.com/contents/drug-prescribing-for-older-adults

Buying Gifts on Amazon?

Remember to go to smile.amazon.com we can get .5% donated from Amazon. *Choose us as your charity!*

Request for Communion Servers for first Sunday of every month.

We need 8 every communion Sunday. Please contact Felipa Jones via email or cell phone if you are interested.



explain and demonstrate.

We are grateful to all who participated!

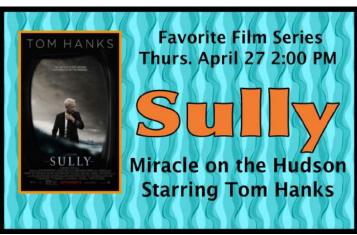


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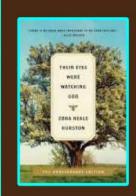


Presbyterian Women Tuesday April 18

Bible Study 10:30 am Lesson 8 Salad Potluck Lunch at noon

Special Speaker: Jennielynn Holmes-Davis Director of Shelter and Housing for Catholic Charities





Book Club Thurs. April 20 3:30 p.m.

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

A seminal work in both African-American and Women's Literature

Parent's Night Out



May 5, 2017 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Sign up to help with Diane Osten



Widow Support Group meets 11:30- 1 pm 4th Thursdays monthly @ Adel's Diner (private rm) 456 College Ave, Santa Rosa. Practical & Confidential.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	Apri	1 20	17		1 6:30 AM Korean Prayer 4:00 PM Voyagers: Bocce & Burgers (away)
2 Communion Sunday 8:00 AM Korean Worship 9:00 AM Ukulele 10:00 AM Worship	3 Office Closed 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 10:00 AM Senior Exercise 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	4 7:00 AM MHS Break- fast 8:30 AM Buildings & Grounds 10:00 AM PW Coordi- nating Mtg 12:30 PM Fellowship Meeting 1:30 PM Membership Meeting 4:00 PM Vespers Prac- tice	5 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 10:00 AM Staff Mtg. 5:30 PM Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 PM "The Jesus Fatwah" Lenten Series	6 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 12:00 PM Committee on Ministry 6:00 PM Bells Practice 7:30 PM Choir Practice	7 7:00 AM MHS Break- fast 12:00 PM Hour of Prayer 4:00 PM Vespers Practice 5:30 PM LENT VESPERS 7:00 PM Korean Youth Group	8 6:30 AM Korean Prayer 10 am PRESCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT 12:30 PM PEO Training
9 Palm Sunday 8:00 AM Korean Worship 9:00 AM Ukulele 10:00 AM Worship 4:00 PM Taizé inspired prayer service at Westminster Woods	10 Office Closed 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 10:00 AM Senior Exercise 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	11 7:00 AM MHS Break- fast 8:30 AM Buildings & Grounds 10:00 AM PW Sewing 12:30 PM Personnel 4:30 PM Worship Committee 6:00 PM Deacon's Meeting	7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 10:00 AM Staff Mtg.	13 Maundy Thursday 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 5:30 PM Maundy Thursday in Bowen Hall 6:00 PM Bells Practice 7:30 PM Choir Practice	14 Good Friday Sanctuary use 7:00 AM MHS Break- fast 12:00 PM Hour of Prayer 5:30 PM Good Fri- day Service 7:00 PM Korean Youth Group	15 sanctuary use 6:30 AM Korean Prayer 9:30 AM Handicapables
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UPCOMING

LENTEN SEASON

classes • gatherings • prayer

HOLY WEEK April 9 – 16



Sunday April 23 2:00 p.m.





Sharon Carlson, Director Not your Grandmother's Barbershop!

Admission is free. Donations are welcomed.

VESPERS 5:30 pm



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