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PEACE
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Join us for Advent & Christmas Services

"GOD IN THE MANGER" Sermon Series

Sundays at 10 am worship, Nov. 27–Dec. 18

SCIENCE & THEOLOGY Study Wed. 7 pm Nov. 29 to Dec. 21

JAZZ VESPERS Evening Services

First Fridays Dec. 2nd and Epiphany Jan. 6th 5:30 pm



ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS & FAIR TRADE GIFT MARKET

Dec. 4th & 11th at 11 am



CHRISTMAS CANTATA "JOURNEY TO JOY"

Sunday at 3 pm, Dec. 18th by three local church choirs

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7 pm Saturday, Dec. 24

Celtic Harpist, Family-oriented, Sing the carols service

CHRISTMAS DAY 10 am Worship

EPIPHANY Sunday worship Jan. 8th at 10 am

Children welcome at all services.

Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas/New Year's Greetings!

From Pastor Cindy

Thanksgiving is about gratitude. It's about gathering. It's not about wrapping and/or unwrapping presents. It's about being present in our loved ones' lives. It's about acceptance, about being invited in no matter if you are biological family or not. That's powerful and that is the love of God. Here are 3 ways to keep this attitude of gratitude all through the holiday season:

1. **Be thankful for all our many blessings and share** those blessings with those in need.
2. **Open your homes and hearts** to the lonely, marginalized and neglected in your midst.
3. **Remember the Reason for the Season.** (Celebrate the birth of Christ in worship and with the daily devotional calendar we handed out on the first Sunday in Advent.)

We celebrate that Jesus is born again year after year as a way of revitalizing our faith and reminding us why we are born, too. Our purpose is to share God's love with all. To show with our hands, feet, hearts, and minds how much we love God by loving ALL God's creatures.

May you keep the Thanksgiving attitude of gratitude throughout all the holidays into the New Year. Another way is to join us on Wednesday evenings during Advent for the Science and Religion video and discussion series called: Painting the Stars. It will be a wonderful learning experience and a way for us all to share our thoughts about how science and theology can complement one another rather than conflict. Famous scientists and theologians talk about evolution and how new science clearly connects to faith in the mysteries of God's divine inspiration in all of creation. *(I will lead the class on Wednesday evenings and Nita Pinney will lead it on the following Thursday mornings.)*

Keep your soul in the blessed spirit of the season

by being with us at the Church of the Roses!

Please participate in the **Giving Tree, the Alternative Gift market, the Fair Trade market,** and attend the **December 2nd Jazz Vespers** and our **Epiphany Friday evening Vespers, the Christmas Cantata Concert December 18 at 3pm** along with all our Sunday worship services.

My sermon series reflecting on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book: ***God in the Manger*** may be a new way for you to ponder Advent. In Isaiah 9 we hear the voice of a prophet speaking in the midst of distress yet full of certainty that the divine child that will be born will save our world. The world waited seven hundred more years but that child was finally born in Bethlehem. Bonhoeffer said, *"Only the Spirit of God who encompasses the beginning and the end of the world can reveal the mystery of the future."* So there is no need to fret.

We must trust that God is with us always as our lives unfold over time. It is our job as Christians to live our daily lives faithfully as much like Jesus as we can. So may you enjoy this season with strength and focus so distractions do not lead you off the path of faith, hope, and love. For unto us a Child is born! The Prince of Peace will come and be with us as he always is and was and will be forevermore! May this blessing carry you through the holiday season:

**May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
May the clarity of God's light be yours,
May the beauty of the ocean be yours,
May the protection of the angels be yours.
May the peace from our Prince of Peace be yours.**

(adapted from A Blessing for the New Year by John O'Donohue)

MIDNIGHT

By Carlton G. Burille

A Christémass Rose
blooms amid thorns.

A Rose so fair
as can be known.

This Rose we know
as Christe's May

The child she bears
is Salvation paid.

Our fears we keep unto
ourselves but
there is one to whom
we hold.

All hopes we bear upon
this Tide,

All on the wail
of one child
Borne.

A Christmas Day is Coming Near

By Aldona Dement McNutt

These days I feel, I'm just a girl
But you are ruler of my world...
So let me be your servant Lord;
That I may live and speak your word.

As Christmas Day is coming near,
I think of warmth and happy cheer.
I think of love and what to give...
I think of you and how you lived...

Of how you died, and what you bore!
The pain, the cross and so much more!
You gave to me the greatest gift;
Forgiveness, grace, the will the live!

To live for you, and love like you,
To walk as if I wear your shoes!
To give the gift you freely gave,
All through the year, help me be brave!



The Giving Tree



A Church of the Roses Tradition

Christmas is the season of giving!

Each year the Deacons organize the Christmas Food Basket and Giving Tree programs to help needy people in our community.

This year there will be NO gifts to purchase and wrap. Instead, the Giving Tree will give you the opportunity to donate funds towards either Vietnam Veterans or the Boys & Girls Club. We will be providing 40 Vietnam Veterans with a large basket of food and The Boys and Girls Club across the street with supplies.

**The Giving Tree will be up from
November 27th to December 11th.**

*A basket with ornaments will also be available in the office.
Thank you in advance for making Christmas great!*

Cash accepted or make
Checks payable to
PCOR, with **Giving Tree**
in the memo OR
donate via Paypal on our
website.



Prayer Requests

Please include in your prayers

Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member

- * Please pray for the family of Betty Smith who passed away recently.
- * Please pray for the family of Barbara Saunders, who passed away Nov. 19th.
- * Please pray for the family of Marti Sepulveda, who passed away November 3rd.
- * Please pray for the family of Jim Taylor, whose sister-in-law Julie, passed away.
- * Please pray for the family of David Downard, whose wife died unexpectedly.
- * Please pray for the family of Fay St. John who passed away recently.
- * Please pray for the family of Alan Reil who passed away recently.

Please pray for those facing health issues

John Baker
Judy Bello
Dan Boland
Helen Burns
Jim Chestnut
Vern Cooper
Jackie Del Carlo
Wendy Galde
Sheryl Gobble

Sam Imbimbo
Helen MacKenzie
Ted McCarthey
Bill Moberly
Marie Patchin
Randy Pierce
Albert Reil
Virginia Rylett
Pamela Sage

Margie Snater
Vera Patten
Rhonda Patton Knoles
Bob Simmons
Ed St. John
Ines Teague
Bob Weber

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.

Personnel

The Personnel Committee met on November 15 and recommended the hiring of Cassie Carroll as the Director of Young Adult and Family Ministries. The recommendation was presented at the November 29 Session Meeting and approved.

Cassie will be starting in the position on December 1, 2016. Be sure to welcome our new staff member when you see her.

The Personnel Committee, Linda Burille, Robert Cortez, Gene Michel, Jim Taylor, and Roger Wong want to take this opportunity to wish all a Blessed Christmas and Abundant New Year!



Cassie Carroll, MDiv. has recently graduated from The Seattle School of Theology & Psychology. Before her time in Seattle, she spent five years as the Director of Youth Ministry at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church. She spent her formative years growing up at Westminster Woods, where her grandparents and parents worked year round.

Now she is taking some time to rest, from her time in seminary, before diving back into full-time ministry. She has started a project called *The Listening in Place Project* where she is traveling throughout the US collecting stories from those that are thinking outside the traditional Church box. Cassie's hope for the future is to become ordained with the PCUSA. Check out more about Cassie by visiting cassie-carroll.squarespace.com

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Finance

Finance last met on 11-15 to review October financials as well as results to date of the Stewardship Campaign. Results for the year thru October show a very modest profit but below budget and below the necessary amount to make loan payments without tapping into our reserves. We are hoping for a banner finish to the year with very good results for November and December. As the year end nears, any and all of your generous gifts to PCOR would be greatly appreciated.

Stewardship campaign results are coming in but we still need to hear from members. Thank you to all of you who have already pledged. If you haven't returned your pledge card please do so as soon as possible. While we very much appreciate the donations from those of you who prefer to not pledge, by providing a comfortable amount you feel certain you can give in a pledge, it sure makes managing our church easier when we have at least an idea of what to expect in revenue. Finance will meet again on November 29 to finalize the 2017 budget prior to submission to session for approval. Hearing from all the members about their 2017 giving intentions prior to the last session meeting (Dec 20) when the budget will be approved is our best wish come true, thank you.

As always, should you have any questions never hesitate to talk to me. My home phone is 527-0576. Thank you,

Chris Nelle, Committee Chair

Membership

Membership will meet December 6th for the last meeting of the year. The first of the year 2017 there will be a new Chair of Membership who will continue to nurture our members and to increase the membership in the church. I want to thank the members of my committee for their support and help over the years that I was chair.

Jeanette Bauer, Committee Chair

Session Meeting on November 29

The session has voted to approve a landscaping project proposed by an Eagle Scout and carefully vetted by the Building and Grounds Committee. The Finance Committee reported that the Stewardship campaign is going very well; Committee is contacting former pledgers who have not yet pledged. So far, among our church's 115 giving units, 44 have increased their pledges.

The session voted unanimously to hire seminary graduate Cassie Carroll to serve as part-time Director of Young Adult and Family Ministries beginning December 1. Cassie will be taking classes at San Francisco Theological Seminary to obtain credentials for PCUSA ordination.

Pastor Cindy will be leading a science and theology study/discussion "Painting the Stars" for seven weeks beginning Wednesday, November 30 at 7 p.m. She reported on her pastoral ministry visits and described the Presbytery Leadership Cohort which meets regularly at Church of the Roses. She also led a discussion about revitalizing the church in the 21st century.

The Nominating Committee will be seeking candidates for two vacancies on the Board of Deacons. The Giving Tree project helps veterans and the Boys & Girls club this year. Following discussion, the session declined to pass an overture from the Board of Deacons banning alcohol at all events on church property.

Health Ministries Chair and Nurse Practitioner Deborah Baker reported that she will be facilitating "brown bag" medication reviews starting in January. The Committee is also sponsoring a three week series on "Being Mortal," which will include viewing a film.

The Church & World Committee will be receiving Alternative Christmas contributions to four organizations, including Doctors Without Borders and Haiti's Hope House orphanage.

COMMITTEE UPDATES



As the winter months approach, the preschool is busy prepping for Christmas. We have cards to make, gifts

to paint and gift bags to decorate. We are looking forward to our first ever Holiday Craft Night/Potluck on Thursday, December 15 from 5:30 until 7 pm. This is a joint event with the church and everyone is invited to join the school families and teachers in Bowen Hall. Just bring a dish to share.

We will be closed from Monday, December 26 through Friday, January 6. We will start off the new year with a "Trip Around the World" as the children learn about children and families beyond their community. We also will celebrate the 100th day of school mid-January. The pre-K kids count each school day to see how close they are getting to the party!

Church & World

Funds recently allocated from the Church and World budget and distributed include: Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta (Indonesia) \$600; Westminster Woods \$800; F.I.S.H. \$750; Habitat for Humanity \$750 (for fire victims); and Drs. Les and Cindy Morgan \$450 (Bangladesh) of an \$1800 annual pledge. A scholarship (\$1500) for a Santa Rosa Junior College student was awarded to Philippe Kodjale.

During its meeting on November 29, the Committee agreed, following discussion, to use remaining local mission funds to purchase Lucky grocery store gift cards in the amount of \$20 to be distributed to Montgomery High School Breakfast participants. Pastor Cindy will be in charge of distribution. It was also agreed to donate the 'Roses portion of the Peace and Global Witness offering in the amount of \$256 to Doctors Without Borders.

Anita Pinney has prepared the signs and donor cards for Alternative Christmas. The congregation will be able to contribute on December 4 and 11 to: Hope House Orphanage (Haiti); Doctors Without Borders; Church World Service; and Presbyterian Mission (PCUSA).

Buildings & Grounds

A Boy Scout from troop 135 is planning an eagle project that will help landscape part of the church. Ricky Baker has drawn up a plan that will be reviewed by Session. It will landscape the corner near the sanctuary with colorful, drought tolerant shrubs, construct two more raised garden beds, and remove three diseased trees from church property. The church appreciates this volunteer help, which will help beautify or church and reduce water usage.

Thanks Ricky!

Steve Fenner, Committee Chair

Christian Education

A Journey of Memories, a devotional Advent Calendar will be distributed on Nov. 27, the first Sunday in Advent. Pastor Cindy's Painting the Stars class will begin on Wednesday November 30 at 7:00 p.m. The Old Testament video class has completed the first 6 lessons and will resume in January. Diane Osten is already making plans for next summer's Vacation Church School. The theme this year is about Paul and the underground Christians in Rome. We are happy to announce that Chelsea Howard will be the new Sunday School Teacher every week. We are excited about all the gifts she brings to this role.

Anita Pinney, Adult Ed Co-Chair

Dear Friends of the Church of the Roses,

Thank you for the prayers, concerns, and beautiful cards with your words of love, compassion and sympathy for our beloved Marti.

With special thanks to Pastor Cindy for presenting and delivering a beautiful memorial service which eased our broken hearts.

Thank you, Gwen Christiansen for coordinating the many things that make up a memorial service.

A thank you to the Deacons for serving coffee, tea and food for the reception. Another thank you for Ruth Canniff for designing and printing the programs. I am truly blessed to be a member of the Church of the Roses Family.

Mike Sepulveda





Top left: **Chelsea Howard** is our new Sunday School Teacher. Welcome! Top Center: New members gathered at Pastor Cindy's home. Top Right: Deacons toured the Boys & Girls Club. Bottom Left: **Philippe Kodjale** received our SRJC student Scholarship. Bottom Right: **Andrew Kang Barlett** from the PCUSA General Assembly office of the Presbyterian Hunger Program spoke at the Interfaith Sustainable Food Collaborative annual fundraiser on October 20th. A team from PCOR was in attendance.

Essence of the Rose Health Ministry

A HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM INVITATION: The current Health Ministry Team members include Deborah Baker, Christie Page, Ann Wong, Valerie Marron, Felipa Jones, Bob Yee, and Cindy Alloway. Our active and diverse Team meets monthly on the second Sunday of each month after worship. If you have an interest in health and healthy lifestyle please feel welcome to join us in helping to plan activities and events. All are welcome!

NEW SERVICE DURING BLOOD PRESSURE

SCREENING SUNDAYS: Approximately 30% of hospitalizations amongst older adults are related to medication issues of one type or another. Many factors contribute to the underlying causes of medication misadventure. If you have questions about any of your medications, you may bring them to Deborah on the 4th Sundays after worship for evaluation, review and instruction. She will help you understand why you are taking some of the medications you are on; help you determine if they are effective for you; or help you develop an outline of what to ask your healthcare provider about your medications and whether your medication regimen can be streamlined.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK2670>

A "BEING MORTAL" SERIES EVENT: The Essence of the Rose Health Ministry, Christian Education Committee and the Book Club are happy to announce that our next special congregational event will be held in January. This event, designed as a series, will be held on 3 Sundays, January 8th, 15th, and 22nd, after worship. The series is an exploration of life and how to live it well even with chronic disease. The central focus will be Atul Gawandes's book, *"Being Mortal"* and each attendee will receive a copy of the book or its synopsis. Week one, attendees will view the PBS film *"Being Mortal"*. Week two will be an interactive discussion related to the film and the book, as well as the concept of palliative care and how informed choices in health care can help define not only how we ultimately die, but how we live fully until the end. Week three will be a workshop designed to help attendees begin the process of creating an Advance Directive for Health Care. Each week builds on the other but could be attended separately as desired. A simple lunch will be served. Please look for additional information and flyers, coming soon. This series will be open to the community; so discuss it with friends and neighbors and invite them to come! It promises to be a discussion that challenges participants to examine how they think about what really matters in life -all the way to the end.

CAREGIVING NOTES

By **Felipa Jones**, *Bachelor's Science in Nursing and Health Education*

Being a caregiver for a family member or a close friend can be both a blessing and a gift that enriches our lives, as well as challenging and stressful. The Caregiving Resource Center online provides valuable information summarized here.

Caregiver stress is the emotional and physical strain of caregiving. **Caregiver burnout** is a state of physical, emotional and mental exhaustion often associated with a change in attitude – from positive and caring to negative and unconcerned. Some signs of caregiver burnout include:

- Withdrawal from friends, family and loved ones
- Loss of interest in activities previously enjoyed
- Feeling blue, irritable, hopeless and helpless
- Changes in appetite, weight or both
- Changes in sleep patterns
- Getting sick more often
- Emotional and physical exhaustion
- Feelings of wanting to hurt yourself or the person for whom you are caring
- Lack of energy, or overwhelming fatigue
- Difficulty coping with everyday things : Irritability
- Headaches, stomachaches, and other physical problems

HOW TO PREVENT CAREGIVER BURNOUT?

Have realistic goals and expectations

- Accept your feelings. Having negative feelings (like frustration or anger) about your responsibilities or the person for who you are caring is normal. It does not mean you are a bad person or a bad caregiver.
- Set realistic goals, accept that you may need help with caregiving, and turn to others for help with some tasks.
- Be realistic about your loved one's disease, especially if it is a progressive disease (like Alzheimer's).
- Know your limits and be honest with yourself about your personal situation.
- Educate yourself. The more you know about the illness, the more effective you will be in caring for the ill person.
- Develop new tools for coping. Lighten up, accentuate the positive, and use humor to help deal with everyday stresses.

Find ways to feel empowered.

- Embrace your caregiving choice. You have made a conscious choice to provide care. Focus on the positive reasons behind that choice. These deep, meaningful motivations can help sustain you through difficult times
- Focus on the things you can control, instead of stressing out over things you cannot control
- Celebrate the small victories. Your efforts matter. You don't have to cure your loved one's illness to make a difference.
- Don't underestimate the importance of making your loved one feel more safe, comfortable and loved!
- Get the appreciation you need. Feeling appreciated can help accept a stressful situation and enjoy life more.
- Imagine how your loved one would respond if he or she was healthy about the love and care you're giving.
- Remind yourself that the person would express gratitude if he or she was able.
- Applaud your own efforts. Remind yourself of the good you're doing. Some make a list of all the ways their caregiving is making a positive difference.
- Talk to a supportive family member or friend. Pray.

Ask for help

- Speak up. Don't expect others to automatically know what you need or how you're feeling. Get a dialogue going.
- Spread the responsibility. Set up a regular check-in. Ask a family member, friend, or church member to call you on a regular basis (every day, week, etc.) to help you spread status updates and coordinate with other family members
- Say "yes" when someone offers assistance. Be willing to relinquish some control. Learn to not micromanage, insist on doing things your way, or give orders.
- Take advantage of social and professional resources: Talk to a professional – therapist, social worker, clergy member. Join a caregiver support group. Home health services – aids and nurses for short-term care, if your loved one is acutely ill, Adult day care, or other respite care services, Caregiver support services, Agency of Aging, National organizations

Give yourself a break

Maintain your personal relationships, Prioritize activities that bring you enjoyment, Find ways to pamper yourself
Make yourself laugh, Get out of the house.


Take care of your health

Keep on top of your doctor visits, Exercise, Meditate, Eat well, Don't skimp on sleep

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DECEMBER 2016				1 MHS Breakfast 12:00 PM COM 7:00 PM Choir Practice	2 MHS Breakfast 12:00 PM Hour of Prayer 5:30 PM JAZZ VESPERS 7:00 PM Korean Youth Group	3 6:30 AM Korean Prayer 5:30 PM Voyagers Christmas Potluck
4 8:00 AM Korean Worship 9:00 AM Ukulele 10:00 AM Worship 11 AM Alternative Christmas Gift Market 2:00 PM COMMUNITY CONCERT: SONOMA COUNTY CHAMBER SINGERS	5 MHS Breakfast Office Closed 10 AM Senior Exercise 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	6 MHS Breakfast 8:30 AM B&G 10:00 AM PW Coordinating Mtg 12:30 PM Fellowship Mtg. 1:30 PM Membership Mtg.	7 MHS Breakfast 10 AM Staff Mtg. 6:00 PM Bells Practice 7:00 PM "Painting the Stars" Bible Study	8 MHS Breakfast 7:00 PM Choir Practice	9 MHS Breakfast 12:00 PM Hour of Prayer 7:00 PM Korean Youth Group	10 6:30 AM Korean Prayer 10:30 AM Memorial Mel Jones 1:00 PM Setup Troop 135 Eagle Scout Ceremony
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 Janice Hall, Director
Sunday
Dec. 4
2:00 p.m.
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The Precious Gift is Given



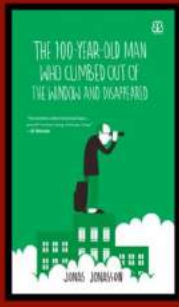
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December 25
 50% Supports retirees in need
 50% Supports Ethnic Schools

Alternative Christmas
 December 4 & 11
 Honor your friends and family with gifts that make a difference.
 CHURCH WORLD SERVICE
 DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS
 PCUSA MISSION
 HOPE HOUSE HAITI ORPHANAGE



My Alternative Christmas Shopping List
 December 4 & 11, 2016

Book Club
Thurs. Dec. 15 3:30 p.m.




the 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window And Disappeared
A comic novel by Jonas Jonasson

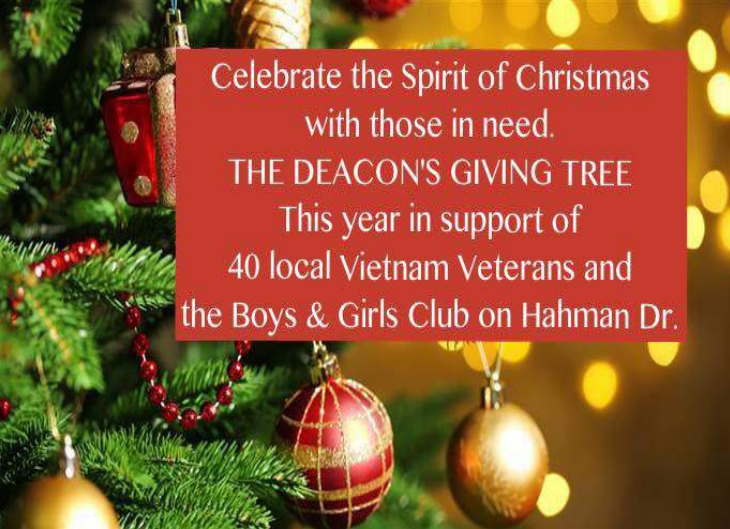
Bowen Hall
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.



Get to know our pre-school neighbors.

Roses / Rosebud Christmas Crafts and Pot Luck Dinner Night
Thursday December 15





Celebrate the Spirit of Christmas with those in need.
THE DEACON'S GIVING TREE
 This year in support of 40 local Vietnam Veterans and the Boys & Girls Club on Hahman Dr.



WIDOWS MINISTRY

Widow Support Group!

11:30 am – 1:00 pm
 Fourth Thursdays of the month
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Jan. 8, 15, 22 after church



Atul Gawande

Journey to Joy!

December 16, 2016—Glaser Center—7:30 P.M.

547 Mendocino Ave. Santa Rosa, CA

December 17, 2016—First-United Methodist Church—7:30 P.M.

1551 Montgomery Dr. Santa Rosa, CA

December 18, 2016—Presbyterian Church of the Roses—3:00 P.M.

2500 Patio Court Santa Rosa, CA

All proceeds to go to

F.I.S.H.



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PAINTING THE STARS

Science, Religion and an Evolving Faith

Advent Study with Pastor Cindy
Wednesdays at 7 pm
beginning Nov. 30th

Enter through the parking lot.

JAZZ VESPERS

Dec. 2,

Epiphany
January 6

FIRST FRIDAYS 5:30 PM | CHILDREN WELCOME

Presbyterian Women

Tuesday, December 20

Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Luncheon
12:00 noon



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