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WE ARE MADE FOR GOODNESS. WE ARE MADE FOR LOVE.
 WE ARE MADE FOR FRIENDLINESS.
 WE ARE MADE FOR TOGETHERNESS.
 WE ARE MADE FOR ALL OF THE
 BEAUTIFUL THINGS THAT YOU AND I KNOW.
 WE ARE MADE TO TELL THE WORLD THAT THERE
 ARE NO OUTSIDERS. ALL ARE WELCOME:
 BLACK, WHITE, RED, YELLOW, RICH, POOR,
 EDUCATED, NOT EDUCATED, MALE, FEMALE,
 GAY, STRAIGHT, ALL, ALL, ALL. WE ALL BELONG
 TO THIS FAMILY, THIS HUMAN FAMILY, GOD'S FAMILY.
 - DESMOND TUTU



The *Montgomery High School Free Breakfast Program* ended on June 3rd. Pictured is the Friday Volunteer Breakfast Crew. *Bottom left:* Our *Haiti Mission Team* *Bottom right:* The Egyptian themed *Vacation Church School* was fun for both the volunteers and the children!
THANK YOU TO ALL THE HARD WORKING VOLUNTEERS AT CHURCH OF THE ROSES! 





WEEPING WITH THOSE WHO WEEP

By Pastor Cindy

Jesus calls us to ***“weep with those who weep.”***

So I responded to an invitation to represent our church at two interfaith worship services that were held in memory of the Orlando mass shooting victims last week. One was held last Wednesday at the Center for Spiritual Living and the other was held on Thursday at the Congregation Ner Shalom in Cotati. (I was the only Presbyterian pastor present at the Cotati gathering. There were three PCUSA pastors represented at the Santa Rosa gathering). Both of these services were “interfaith” with music and words shared from Jewish, Christian, Unitarian, and non-denominational congregations. Before I spoke, two Muslim leaders talked about how the Quran does not condone violent behavior towards gay people. IN fact it says: ***“None of you truly believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself.”***

This quote is very similar to Christ’s command to: ***“Love your neighbor as yourself.”*** Both memorial services were very comforting, spiritual, solemn and beautiful. There were many tears shed as prayers were lifted up to God for healing of the victims, their families, and our nation. All the names of the victims were read. Photos of each one were posted and candles were lit. The talk I gave at the memorial service in Cotati follows:

I am a Presbyterian Pastor, a Child Mental Health Therapist and a Forensic Nurse. But of all the roles in my life, my role as a mother of three is my favorite. As the names and ages of the Orlando shooting victims were read, I realized my three children are older than the majority of the victims. I sobbed because those who died are our children in our one global family.

I am thankful to be here in this gathering, as

we support one another, to grieve the tragic loss of 49 beautiful innocent lives, to memorialize our brothers & sisters whose time on earth was cut short, and -- to reflect upon what our response might be at this time in our country’s history.

When I respond from my faith background I remember the words of Jesus, dying on the cross, an innocent victim of evil. He pleaded to God on behalf of his tormentors: “Forgive them for they know not what they do....”

Clearly the Orlando massacre was an act of inhumane insanity. As the sister of a Vietnam war casualty, who took his own life, and as a Child and Adolescent Mental Health therapist, I resonate with the words of Chief Dan George who said, “The only thing necessary for tranquility in the world is for EVERY child to grow up happy and healthy.”

Chief George understood that the roots of hate and violence are planted during childhood. It is time to seed the world with tranquility and heal every child from the damaging effects of growing up in a culture of hate, violence and intolerance. It is time to transform our country by teaching the young and the old and all who will listen the ways of peace, the joys in diversity, and the healing that comes with forgiveness.

We are created to be: healing vessels of love for one another..... BE as you were created to be and spread the seeds of Divine peace across our sorrowful land. Remember: ***“Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called Children of God!”*** (Matt. 5:9)

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AROUND THE CHURCH



The **Montgomery High School Special Education** class held their high school graduation in our sanctuary on May 27th. These students work at the church on Thursday mornings, as part of *Santa Rosa City School's Workability Program*.



Pictured top left: Jenny enjoys making her sister into a mummy during VCS. *Pictured top right:* **Pastor Cindy** as an Egyptian pharaoh and **Bill Morgan** as Joseph. They added a dramatic flair to Vacation Church School 2016!



Pictured left: Our new member **Suzanne Hanson** with her family.

Dieph Domigue expressed immense gratitude for all the support and friendship he received while here at the Church of the Roses. He participated in as many activities here as he was able: Chancel choir, Music and Memory classes, mission trips, and youth activities. He also became a huge fan of the Golden State Warriors!




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Church of the Roses received a plaque from the **Girl Scouts** in gratitude for the many years of support and commitment.



Our Community Garden is bursting with kale and lettuce!

The **All Church Picnic** was a success! Children played on the jumpy and everyone else enjoyed great food and company!



Check out the PCOR Video Library In the Rose Room

DVDs and Videotapes and CDs on Religion and Philosophy, History, Archeology, American Topics, Exercise and even some Fun Movies. Just fill out a borrowing slip in the CHECK OUT box and enjoy.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Church and World



Dr. Bernie Adeney-Risakotta to Preach July 24

Church of the Roses is delighted to welcome Dr. Bernie Adeney-Risakotta back to our pulpit. He is a Presbyterian Mission Co-worker and Professor of Religion, Ethics and Social Science at universities in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. He was recently featured in the PC(USA)'s *Mission Crossroads* concerning his response to a radical Muslim cleric—some of whose students had been suicide bombers—and a younger Muslim known for his anti-Christian/anti-American writings during a university panel discussion with over 500 students in attendance.

Bernie writes: “During the question and answer period, I felt strong emotions rising within me. I knew I had not effectively addressed the imagination of reality, which the other speakers had presented so passionately [their indictments of Western capitalism, economic inequality, violence, racism, promiscuity. . . slavery, crime ... war, homosexuality. . . human trafficking (and many others).] . . . Those who observed closely could see smoke beginning to seep out of my ears. The moderator invited me to speak again.

“For half a minute I was silent. Then I said quietly:

‘You know brothers and sisters, America is much

worse than you imagine. . . All of the terrible things presented by the other speakers about the West are true . . . But the West is also much better than you imagine. There is amazing goodness and beauty in the peoples, cultures and civilizations of the West. . . The other speakers have only compared the worst crimes and problems of the West with the noble teachings of Islam. That is not fair.

“Are there no crimes and problems in Muslim societies? . . . All countries have both beauty and ugliness in their history. . . you should compare teachings with teachings, ideals with ideals, crimes with crimes, social problems with social problems. It is not fair to compare the worst crimes of one with the best teachings of the other. . . There is good and evil in all of us, as well as in all of our histories. Islam is now part of the West, and the West is part of all of us in this room.’ . . . I concluded by saying: ‘Brothers and sisters, I am a Christian and an American. Am I your enemy?’ I sat down. In that large hall, you could have heard a pin drop. . . When I left the campus, the dean thanked me with tears in his eyes. He said, ‘What you said is something we badly needed to hear.’”

We look forward to what Professor Bernie will have to say to us on July 24.

Alice Crouch, Church and World

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COMMITTEE UPDATES



The Christian Ed Committee thanks all who helped make this year's Egyptian Vacation Church School a success. Diane Osten did a superlative job of organizing it all.

We plan to do the same program next year adding some new touches. Diane says we need a parachute!

We are happy to announce a new Bible Class on Monday evenings at 7:00, studying *The Making of the New Testament Canon* with Professor Bart Ehrman. Pastor Cindy will lead a new class on science and theology called *Painting the Stars* starting September 14.

Coming soon: A Sunday Morning Forum with Steve and Julia Fenner about their trip to Japan and one with Don and Mickey Marshall about working in Afghanistan.



Membership

Membership is in process of planning a new member class which will take place September 25th after the church service.

Saturday, May 21st we had our Spring Fling. Membership was in charge of the fashion show which went very well. The models were: Margie Donaldson, Jackie Spahr, Lesley Stone (Diane Pierce's daughter), eanne Recknagel, and Susan Boden (Jeanne's daughter). Nancy Taylor did a terrific job as moderator. The fashion show was presented while we served a delicious lunch.

There was a silent auction, Bob Sorani's sculptures, the Marshall's plant sale. Bird's Nest had a table with samples for sale from their store. The preschool displayed much of their art work. Also, we had wine and beer tasting.



We are adjusting to the new combinations of kids and slower pace of summer. Some kids are gone for the summer and will

return in the fall. Kids and teachers come and go on vacation. Some kids drop in for just a day or two. And new kids are joining us throughout the summer. Each day is a new adventure as we spend time in water play, caring for our garden and exploring our summer themes of camping, ocean, space and dinosaurs.

Buildings & Grounds

Our church garden is doing very well. Please help yourself to fresh kale and lettuce! We'll have tomatoes a little later this summer. What our congregation doesn't use we'll donate.

We plan to have the floors waxed the first week of August, so there will be some disruption as we move furniture. You will also notice some repair work outside of the Bowen hall entrances for dry rot within the walls. This will be done later this summer before the rains begin again.

Thanks again to all the B&G volunteers that keep the church looking so good! They do a great job every Tuesday. Join us if you'd like. ~ Steve Fenner



Deacons continue to help church members and the

community throughout the summer! We talk with our buddies and help them out, we provide food via the food bags and ready to eat meals, and when possible we help with other forms of assistance or direction to aide. Thanks to you and your generous donations to our community, we can continue to help those in need!!

We all need shelter and food all year long!!

BIKE TO CHURCH — AUGUST 14th!



The 2016 Pedal for Protein campaign is live at www.imathlete.com/events/PedalforProtein.

We are excited to have a brand new 5 day route starting in Mendocino the day after the September Presbytery meeting, September 18. The ride will go to Ukiah, Middletown, Davis and Rockville. At Davis we will be hosted by Davis Community (Presbyterian) Church, thanks to Roger Hull and Frank Hamilton. A private tour of the US Cycling Museum in Davis is planned. Our last day at Rockville, Thursday 9/22 will offer four loop rides from 10 to 48 miles. Let's ride and raise funds for Protein for our local food pantries. Last year we raised \$33,654! *How much can we raise this year?*

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Finance

Through May we are operating just a little below breakeven (in the negative) as revenue (contributions) remains lower than budget. We have operated through the first 5 months by using less expenses than budgeted so our net is less impacted from the lower than budgeted revenue. Members continue to support the church with contributions. The main source (80%) is from members who pledge to the church an amount they promise to provide the church each year and then remit those pledges on a regular schedule (weekly, monthly, etc.). But about 20% of our contributions come from members who choose not to pledge/promise but rather contribute as they can throughout the year. This has been a steady and important part of the churches finances. However, the bulk of the non-pledged contributions tend to come in during the last few months of the year. If those members making their contributions via the non-pledged method could try and contribute more evenly throughout the year it would be greatly appreciated, thank you.

Available cash reserves remain adequate to support our operations. But, you must know that we repay our mortgage with surpluses or profits, so to the extent we are not generating surpluses or profits we are repaying our loan by tapping our cash reserves. We must find a way to reverse this trend.

Session

Session Meetings in May and June

During the Session meeting in May, the Session voted to: proceed with the removal of dry rot on or above Bowen Hall and to wax the floors in Bowen Hall. In June Session voted to: discontinue serving wine during Communion (in response to a request from the Board of Deacons); establish a Capital Reserve Fund with \$8,000 from the long standing Pluth Reserve Account and \$5,000 from the estate of Carole Somer; delete (at their request) the Buxtons—Charles, Janet, Michael, and Ashley—from our membership roll. (They moved far away.)

It was also noted that Personnel has decided to delay hiring a Director of Family Ministries for the present time.

Pastor Cindy shared material from the County which she received during a training concerning mandated reporting of child and elder abuse—including financial as well as physical abuse.

There is a new Bible Study class on Monday evenings “History of the Bible: The Making of the New Testament Canon.”

Alice Crouch, Clerk of Session

Pastor Cindy attended the **MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING** presented by the *Sonoma County Health and Human Services* on Friday, June 24th. She enjoyed being updated on the laws about reporting signs of abuse to protect children and the elderly. She was also happy to see volunteers and leaders from other churches who cared to learn more about how to keep our children and elderly safe.

Our church is highly invested in keeping our community safe so Pastor Cindy wanted to learn more about the services our county offers and how the county can support our most vulnerable citizens; children and the elderly. (She will be sharing the training with the Session and Deacons at their upcoming meetings.)

Even though volunteers are not “mandated reporters” the information on when and how to report abuse is helpful if you are a family member, neighbor, a friend, or just an acquaintance of someone who is in need of extra support from our county’s protective services. They said the families who get connected to the county are often very grateful for the help in parenting, caregiving, counseling, and even extra financial help may be made available to them as a result of a report that someone is in need of help. It might seem scary but they said reporting what you see that might be signs of abuse or neglect can connect the family to very helpful services they would not have benefited from otherwise.

If you know an elderly person who is being taken advantage of financially, or being isolated away from others or mistreated in an adult facility, or a child who is being neglected or abused, you can help the suffering end by calling **anonymously** 211 or health and human services and get them connected to those who can help.

All reports are kept CONFIDENTIAL!



Prayer Requests

Please include in your prayers

Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member

- ◆ Please pray for the family of Richard Hatch (*Bill St. John's friend*), who passed away May 7th.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Don Utley, who passed away April 23rd.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Mary Olson, who passed away April 3rd.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Carole Somer, who passed away March 28th.

Please pray for those facing health issues

John Baker
 Judy Bello
 Dan Boland
 Jim Chestnut
 Gwen Christiansen
 Vern Cooper
 Jackie Del Carlo
 Wendy Galde
 Krissy Healy

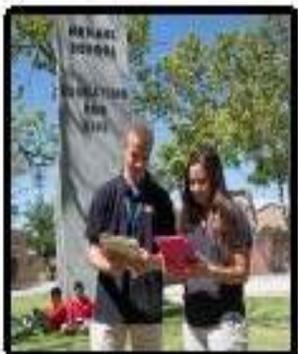
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 Rhonda Patton Knoles
 Ed and Fay St. John
 Ines Teague
 Beverly Wallstrum

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, Alaska and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center.

MHS Volunteers needed on Tues. 8/9 and Wed. 8/10 at 8-10:30 am and the first day of school, Wed. 8/17 at 7:15-8:30 Let the church office know if you can help the school on one of these days! Thank you. **Save the date: MHS BREAKFAST begins WED. AUG. 17TH.** If you plan on being a breakfast volunteer and have not filled out and signed a volunteer criminal background check form, please do so. We need your name, birthdate, address and signature.



Menaul School thanks you for all those soup coupons. They get thousands of dollars worth of equipment thanks to all the coupon savers. Campbells Soups no longer have a coupon program so save your Box Tops for Education on a variety of products now and trim them neatly for Souper Woman Connie! There's a basket for them on the kiosk in Campbell Court

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<h1>JULY 2016</h1>						1 7:00 AM DeCycles Breakfast 12:00 PM Hour of Prayer	2 6:30 AM Korean Prayer
3 8:00 AM Korean Worship 9:00 AM Learn the Ukulele 10:00 AM Worship - Independence Day Service	4 Office Closed 10:00 AM Senior Exercise 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	5 8:30 AM Buildings & Grounds	6 10:00 AM Staff and Bulletin Mtg. 12:00 PM Planning Luncheon	7	8 12:00 PM Hour of Prayer	9 6:30 AM Korean Prayer	
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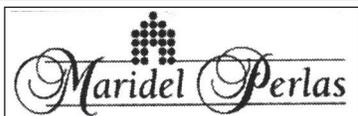
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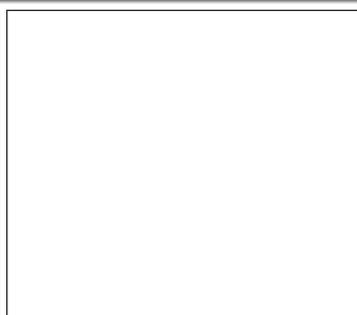
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Voyagers Sunday July 17 2:00 p.m.

Forever Plaid

At 6th Street Playhouse

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Tickets are available on a first come basis.

Reservations with a check, made payable to 6th Street Playhouse, must be in by Friday, July 11th.

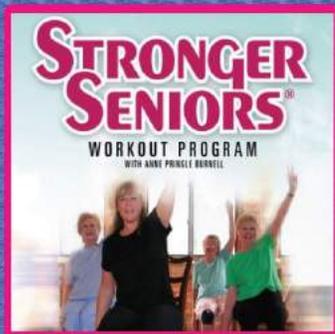
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Favorite Film Series

Thurs. July 28

2:00 p.m.

He Called Me Malala

A Documentary about the girl who nearly died supporting girl's education

Family Fun Movie Nite



Mulan

From a Chinese Legend

Wednesday August 10 6:30 PM

In the Rose Room Theater

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Thurs. Aug. 25 at 2:00

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