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Rose Clippings

Join the Journey this Lent

March 1st – April 16th

5Week Study at Church of the Roses WEDNESDAYS MARCH 8 - APRIL 5 5 30 SOUP DINNER * 6 30 STUDY

Love your Muslim Neighbor as yourself

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ash Wednesday 3/1 World Day of Prayer 3/3 Lent First Friday Vespers Service 3/3 Flower Arranging Workshop 3/4 Young Adult Lunch @ Crepevine 3/5 Lenten Soup & Study Weekly 3/8-4/5 Voyagers Chili & Bunco 3/11 Daylight Savings Time 3/12 HEALTH FAIRE 3/12 New Member Class 3/19 Free Community Concert: SR Children's Chorus 3/19 Lent First Friday Vespers Service 4/7 Jesus said the first most important commandment is to: "Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength." (Mark 12:30) So how do we do that? How do we love God without having a tangible God "thing" to hold onto and squeeze and hug?

FROM THF

You might say we have each other to hug and take care of as God would want us to do. Or, we have Nature to go out and appreciate and praise God for her beauty. Or, we can share our resources with those in need. God smiles about all these ways of loving God.

Yet, I also imagine that our loving parent God would want us to love him/her by **communicating**. That is really all I want from my adult grown children. I LOVE it when they communicate how they are doing and what they care about and how their lives are going. As their mother, I feel blessed whenever they initiate or answer a call and talk. So I imagine God is very grateful for that as well and whenever we pray and tell God how we are doing and thank God for our blessings and lift up to God what we are concerned about in prayer, then God knows we love him. That is one great way to obey the first commandment from Jesus. Pray, pray, pray.

Listening for a word from God in prayer is another way to show your love of God. To accomplish the deep listening you must carve out time to be silent and truly listen. So – for the Lenten Season 2017, I suggest we all show God our love by praying unceasingly and by listening in prayer to the message God has for us these 40 days leading up to Easter. Remember: "What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!" (from the hymn: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus.) ~ Pastor Cindy*

I Happened to be Standing

by Mary Oliver

I don't know where prayers go, or what they do. Do cats pray, while they sleep half-asleep in the sun? Does the opossum pray as it crosses the street? The sunflowers? The old black oak growing older every year? I know I can walk through the world, along the shore or under the trees, with my mind filled with things of little importance, in full self-attendance. A condition I can't really call being alive Is a prayer a gift, or a petition, or does it matter? The sunflowers blaze, maybe that's their way. Maybe the cats are sound asleep. Maybe not. While I was thinking this I happened to be standing just outside my door, with my notebook open, which is the way I begin every morning. Then a wren in the privet began to sing. He was positively drenched in enthusiasm, I don't know why. And yet, why not. I wouldn't persuade you from whatever you believe or whatever you don't. That's your business. But I thought, of the wren's singing, what could this be if it isn't a prayer? So I just listened, my pen in the air.





Pictured above: The ordination and installation of new officers for 2017. Pictured at left: **Chris Nelle** gives the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch two thumbs up! Thank you volunteers! Pictured bottom left: **David Goodman**, CEO of Redwood Empire Food Bank receives a check for \$9500 from **Nancy Morgan**, **Pastor Cindy**, **Patty Sanders**, and **John Sanders** representing the Presbytery of the Redwoods' Pedal for Protein hunger program fundraiser!





This month, Chris Castro, MHS alumni and breakfast volunteer, created pancake art for Randy Pierce and Valentine's Day pancakes for the MHS students.



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Have you seen the positive changes to our landscape due to Rickey Baker's Eagle Scout Project? We now have a much more drought tolerant landscape near the sanctuary with lavender and cistus, two more raised garden beds, and the removal of three diseased trees. It looks great! Thanks again to Rickey and Troop 135!!!

B&G is in the very early stages of looking at a project to renovate the two bathrooms near Campbell Court. We need to determine how much the materials would cost, and if our B&G volunteers could help demo the area to save expense. How we would fund this is also an open question. Right now we're just working to get a cost estimate over the next couple months.

Steve Fenner, Chair

CHURCH & WORLD

We are looking for new members! Are you mission -minded? We meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at noon. Come check us out!

Jonathan Steele, Chair

DIRECTOR OF YOUNG ADULTS & FAMILY MINISTRIES



We are excited to announce we have taken Cassie Carroll under care to start the process of becoming an ordained Teaching Elder in the PCUSA.

This is the beginning of our journey with Cassie as she pursues becoming a pastor. Her liaison from our church to the Presbytery is Chris Rhodes. They will attend the next meeting of the Committee on Preparation of Ministry, where the committee will vote on whether or not to present her to the Presbytery meeting in May. Please continue to pray for Cassie as we partner with her in the journey.

FINANCE

Well with one month of the new year in the books we're off to a good start! Total revenue or donations came in over budget and over the same line from the prior year! That's terrific and let's pray this trend continues throughout 2017.

If you're not aware and at least 70 1/2 yrs old, check out making your contributions to the church directly from your traditional IRA. There could be some nice tax return advantages for you.

Chris Nelle, Chair

ROSEBUD PRESCHOOL

We are in the midst of working on fall registration. We have 23 children leaving for kindergarten or transitional kindergarten next year. Between current children adding additional days, siblings, and our waitlist, we know that we will be full again for the fall. The school will be closed for Spring Break from March 20 through March 24. We are already planning for the **Easter Egg Hunt** which will be held this year on **Saturday, April 8**.

Susan Jenkins, Director

MEMBERSHIP

Membership has scheduled a new members class for **Sunday March 19th** after the morning service. We will be talking to people we think may be interested, but also please talk to Cassie Carroll, Bill Morgan or any other committee member if you haven't heard from us and are interested in joining. Membership is also working with the Fellowship Committee in early planning for the Spring Fling scheduled for May 20th.

Bill Morgan, Chair

WORSHIP & ARTS

The seasons of Lent and Easter provide many opportunities for everyone to become involved in worship at Church of the Roses.

Lent begins with an Ash Wednesday service at 5:30 p.m. on March 1st. Ash Wednesday traditionally marks the start of a 40-day period of prayer, contemplation, and repentance, ending in the Easter celebration. This is an allusion to the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert to fast and pray and face temptation prior to his crucifixion. We will have an opportunity to tack our own prayers of repentance and hope to a cross.

There will be two Vesper services during Lent: March 1st and April 7th. Both are scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and will include music, prayer, a message from Pastor Cindy, and communion by intinction.

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

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.

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 and includes the burning of the prayers for repentance tacked to the cross on Ash Wednesday.

Easter is the celebration of Jesus' rising from the dead into Eternal Life. We will celebrate Easter with a choir cantata entitled *Believe*.

DEACONS

READY, SET, GO!

Your deacons started off the year with the officer's retreat at Westminster Woods on Saturday, January 14. Buddy assignments were distributed, objectives renewed briefly, and sign-up sheets for upcoming memorial services circulated. Off to a good start!

Jeanne Nussmeier, moderator, had a happy announcement to begin our February 14 meeting. Our church was the recipient of a 2017 Anne Penke Fund Grant for the Deacon's food pantry in the amount of \$1933.33. Big smiles all around and the biggest from Karen Bowles. This is great news considering that we gave out almost 3 times the amount of food bags in 2016 than we did in 2015.



DEACONS 2017

seated (I to r): Vivian Mazeski, Jackie Del Carlo, Marilyn Stark, Karen Bowles, and Jeanne Nussmeier standing (I to r): Ellen Marks, Jim Vick, Luu Maxwell, Kay Vick, Lucy Poindexter, Robert Cortez, Pam Ryan, Gary Smith, Yvonne Draper, and Nancy Taylor.



Three Memorials and the congregational luncheon took place in 8 days!! Many thanks to the wonderful cookie bakers of the church who stepped up to make comfort food for those who attended the memorials. Also, thanks to the Fellowship committee who provided lunch after the congregational meeting.

HEALTH FAIRE Sunday March 12th 11:30 am – 2:00 pm



3 John 1:2 (NRS) Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul.

Essence of the Rose Health Ministry is proud to announce that we will be hosting **Health For All Ages** – an informational interactive Health Faire on Sunday March 12th after worship from 11:30 am – 2:00 pm in Bowen Hall. Vendors will provide information and demonstration representing a variety of local Community organizations and resources that promote health and wellness of mind, body and spirit.

This Health Faire promises to be a festive, whole person event full of information, resources, movement, food and fun. A variety of topics will be covered, such as: Health Related Community Classes, Senior Resources, Assisted Living, Exercise and movement, Integrative medicine, Massage, Tai Chi, Music and Memory, Veterans Benefits, Care-giving, Health Systems, Children's Health, Mental Health and much, much more... The focus will be on promoting information that informs and supports whole person health.

Some of our vendors include: a Tai Chi Coach, Tweeten ElderCare, Integrative Medical Clinic, Northern California Center for Wellbeing, Council on Aging, Music and Memory - Dr. Yee, Brookdale Senior Living, Imagine You & What Matters - Sonoma County Coalition, Ken Bauer DDS, and the Redwood Caregiver Resource Center.

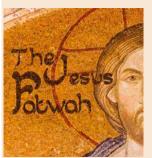
A lunch of snacks and appetizers will be provided at various stations around Bowen Hall.

Be Healthy! See you there!





Health Fair



JOIN US FOR THE <u>WEEKLY</u> LENTEN STUDY Beginning March 8th 6:30-8PM

The Jesus Fatwah: Love Your (Muslim) Neighbor as Yourself

Much of what passes as information about Islam is weed-like disinformation rooted in stereotype and watered by fear. In *The Jesus Fatwah,* Islamic and Christian scholars offer reliable information about what Muslims believe, how

they live out their faith, and how we all can be about building relationships across the lines of faith. Featuring 17 Islamic and Christian scholars, including:

Hans Küng (Islam: Past, Present and Future) Brian McLaren (Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road?) Eboo Patel (Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim) Stephen Prothero (God is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World--and Why Their Differences Matter) Feisal Abdul Rauf (What's Right with Islam Is What's Right with America)

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.



Book Club Thurs. March 16 3:30

Black Elk Speaks by John Neihardt

The story of an Oglala medicine man.

Copies in the Library

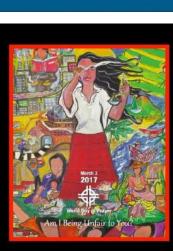
Voyagers will meet on Sat March 11 for a fun filled gathering of Chili and Bunco.
Meet at the home of Tim and Lisa Skelly (Una's son), 3945 Parker Hill Road, Santa Rosa. The house is about 7 houses south of Fountain Grove on Parker Hill.
4:30 for Conversation and Appetizers
5:30 for Chili and Conversation
6:30 for Conversation, Bunco and Dessert

Come One and All, RSVP to the callers



Your New Year's Resolution? To get some exercise!

It's easy every Monday at 10:00 in the Rose Room. You'll feel **Great!**



Favorite Film Series Thurs. March 23 2:00 p.m.

A Cold War Classic

"The Russians are Coming, The Russians are Coming,"

> World Day of Prayer Friday March 3 1:00 p.m.

> First United Methodist Church 1551 Montgomery Dr. Santa Rosa, CA

Written by Women Of the Philippines



Widow Support Group! 11:30 am – 1:00 pm Fourth Thursdays

Adel's Diner, 456 College Ave. SR Private room. Call or email the office, if interested.

Presbyterian Women Tuesday March 21 Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Lesson 7

Salad Potluck Lunch at Noon How Redwood Empire Food Bank Feeds the Hungry

Prayer Requests

Please include in your prayers

Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member

- 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.
- Please pray for the family of Norm Smith, as they mourn the passing of his father, Noel Smith, and his brother-in-law, Russ Gomez.
- Please pray for the family of Pastor Cindy whose aunt, Verda Tobin, passed away.
- Please pray for the family of Connie Norris who passed away January 2, 2017.

Those facing health issues

John Baker Judy Bello Dan Boland Bob Bunting Helen Burns Jim Chestnut Vern Cooper Ray Foreaker Wendy Galde Sheryl Gobble Ba Hoff Marilyn Hilen Vicki Lewis Helen MacKenzie Ted McCarthy Bill Moberly Marie Patchin Randy Pierce Albert Reil Virginia Rylett Pamela Sage Vera Patten Rhonda Patton Knoles Bob Simmons Ed St. John Ines Teague Bob Weber Helen Wikle

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.

CAREGIVER NEEDED FOR OUR MOM, Ba Hoff.

Compassionate, quiet, attentive person needed for 20 hours or more per week, in Santa Rosa. Prefer person referred by Church of the Roses member. Wages \$18+ to be negotiated per experience. Must be able to do lifting and supporting. Please contact Nate Scoble, (323) 227-1039 email: nmscoble@sbcglobal.net



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UPCOMING

FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES FEBRUARY 26th 2 PM SANTA ROSA REDWOODS CHORDSMEN

MARCH 19th 2 pm SANTA ROSA CHILDREN'S CHORUS Donations welcome. Admission Free.



Santa Rosa Children's Chorus

Carol Menke, Artistic Director Admisson is free but donations are welcomed.

Lent Vespers 5:30 pm



Meditative, Candlelit, Inspirational 45 minutes **Friday, March 3 Friday, April 7** Children welcome.

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