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Above: Some of the Buildings and Grounds Committee enjoying coffee and donuts, **Dale Trowbridge Randy Pierce, Bob Wills, Ray Alden, Gary Smith, and Hal Sneath.**



Left: Oct. 7th Jazz Vespers crew, **Mary Baum, Kris Teixeira, Russ and Susan Kerby, Deborah Baker,**

THE SEED

by Elaine B. Holtz

With the seeds of the sunflower running
through my hands,
I saw and felt the oneness of it all.
For it is in the understanding of the seed that
we see all. For we are all,
all of the great divine the great process.
Each and every form of life on this planet
forms first within a seed.

Perhaps even the big bang itself was a
cellular explosion of the continuum of seed.

The great mystery is a simple fact:
We are all of seed.

Our fractionations and habitations
may be different,

But our beginnings and needs
are pretty much the same.

All life as we know it experiences various
forms of transformation.

All have their beginning time,
their in-between time and their final time.

There is no need to know anything
beyond the truth of the seed.

We are of one source.

Praising God for the Reformation!

By Pastor Cindy

"There is not one blade of grass, there is no color in this world that is not intended to make us rejoice."

~ John Calvin

According to history.com, the Protestant Reformation is: *"the 16th-century's religious, political, intellectual and cultural upheaval that splintered Catholic Europe, setting in place the structures and beliefs that defined the modern era."*

It started with Martin Luther, an Augustinian monk in Wittenberg, Germany when he composed his "95 Theses." The theses protested the pope's sale of indulgences among other "reforms" that Luther proposed to the Catholic church. Twenty five years later John Calvin joined Luther's movement from Geneva and the design of the Presbyterian form of church government was born.

October 30th was our PCUSA Reformation Sunday. Reformed Theology is how we describe our Presbyterian Church USA theology. It includes answers to this question:

"What are human beings created to do?" Reformed theology says that human beings are created to *"know God and enjoy [God] forever."*

In our confessions, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) expresses the faith of the Reformed tradition including the affirmation of the majesty, holiness and providence of God who creates, sustains, rules and redeems the world in the freedom of sovereign righteousness and love. Related to this central affirmation of God's sovereignty are other great themes of the Reformed tradition:

- The election of the people of God for service as well as for salvation.
- Covenant life marked by a disciplined concern for order in the church according to the Word of God.

- A faithful stewardship that shuns ostentation and seeks proper use of the gifts of God's creation.
- The recognition of the human tendency to idolatry and tyranny, which calls the people of God to work for the transformation of society by seeking justice and living in obedience to the Word of God.

Another major contributor to Reformed theology was John Calvin, a lawyer who converted from being a priest in Roman Catholicism. In exile in Geneva, Switzerland, Calvin developed the Presbyterian pattern of church government, which vests equal governing authority (along with ministers) in elected members known as elders. The word Presbyterian comes from the Greek word "presbyter" for elder.

As we celebrate this season of Thanksgiving, let us thank God for the Reformation and remember all the sacrifices our historic church leaders made so that we can now worship God in the "reformed" manner of freedom, equity, justice, and peace.

Here is an excerpt of John Calvin's prayer before sleep that shows his deep devotion to God:

O LORD GOD, who hast given the night for rest, as thou hast created the day, grant, I pray, that my body may so rest during this night that my mind cease not to be awake to thee, nor my heart faint or be overcome with torpor, preventing it from adhering steadfastly to the love of thee. While laying aside my cares to relax and relieve my mind, may I not, in the meanwhile, forget thee, nor may the remembrance of thy goodness and grace, which ought always to be deeply engraven on my mind, escape my memory. But since this day has not passed away without my having in many ways offended thee through my proneness to evil, in like manner as all things are now covered by the darkness of the night, so let every thing that is sinful in me lie buried in thy mercy.

Hear me, O God, Father and Preserver, through Jesus Christ thy Son. AMEN.

**We would like to thank
CHURCH OF THE ROSES
for your unwavering support in
our efforts to raise funds for
local hunger programs.**

**Thank you! Thank you!
Your Pedal for Protein Team,**



**Nancy Morgan
Bill Morgan
Chris Rhodes**

Dear Friends,

Hello! This is Kevin Murphy in Bloomington, Indiana. I was one of the cyclists from the deCycles Pacific Coast bike trip this past summer.

I want to sincerely thank each and every one of you for opening up your church for all of us exhausted cyclists. This trip for me was life changing, and you made the off road experiences of deCycles that much more memorable. My thanks and prayers out to you all! We will always remember your generosity and warm hospitality.

Sincerely,

Kevin Murphy
Bloomington,
Indiana



**OFFICE IS CLOSED
NOVEMBER 23 AT NOON
NOVEMBER 24TH
AND NOVEMBER 25TH
Happy Thanksgiving!**

Thank you from Dieph!

Dear Presbyterian Church of the Roses,

On behalf of my family, Domingue, I would like to express my appreciation to the Presbyterian Church of the Roses and also for Pastor Cindy Alloway and all the Church and World committee members for the scholarships and everything else that the church provided toward my education.

Appreciation is also felt for the genuine love and concern from all the church family members who have helped me at the time I needed it most, whether it be the cards, notes, financial help or other various gifts. To be honest, these past couple months have been the longest months in my life but your help comforted me.

I thank God every day for putting you in my life. Thank you again for everything, for trusting me, and for sharing your blessings with me. I am praying that God never stops pouring his blessings upon you all.

Your help will not be in vain. One day I hope to make you very proud of me and of the success you have helped me achieve.

Have a blessed day! *Dieph Domingue*

Good News & Gratitude!

**We are thrilled to share the good news that
we have recently received two grants!**

**Our Montgomery High School Free Breakfast
Program was awarded a \$5,000 SR CHOICE
Mini-Grant from the City of Santa Rosa's
Anti-Gang**

Violence Prevention Department.

**Our Health Ministry has been awarded
the Synod Sub-Committee Hilda V. Thompson
Trust Fund Grant in the amount of \$3,000.**

God is Good!

Sharing

Sharing A Story

by Jeanne Nussmeier

Christmas is just around the corner and I would like to share a new tradition I have started in my family to celebrate the spirit of the season. I have always known that children inherently understand the receiving part of the Christmas holiday. The giving – not so much, and to me though harder to appreciate, it is also the more important lesson.

So two years ago, I adapted the Alternative Christmas Giving, sponsored by our church and coordinated by Anita Pinney, for my project. After our holiday dinner and before the traditional gift exchange, I took my grandchildren, ages 7, 8, 9 & 10, to another room. Each child got the brochure and \$25 play money. They could choose the project they wanted to support after each was explained and discussed. They could give one lump sum or divide the cash up by placing their contribution on the name of the charity. I was pleased with how seriously they took their decision and impressed by their decision of the merits of each. Needless to say I funded their decisions. The idea of helping others was a real and serious commitment.

I look forward to this year's gifting. The kids are older and more verbal. The first year they all joined the oldest grandchild's preference which was wells in Mexico. The second year, blankets for the homeless was the winner but some split their assets to help other pet projects. They've enjoyed it as much as I have and I do think giving to others has become a meaningful reality.

JESUS LOVES ME (Senior Version)

submitted by Bill Moberly.

Author unknown.

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.
(CHORUS) YES, JESUS LOVES ME.
YES, JESUS LOVES ME.
YES, JESUS LOVES ME,
FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.
(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song..
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."
(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.
(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.

Alternative Christmas at PCOR

December 4 & 11, 2016

It begins with a Shopping List. There you can choose worthy causes to support in honor of your family and friends. This year the list will include:

- **Church World Service** for Blankets, Chickens and Child Nutrition;
- **Doctors without Borders** for Immunization Medicine and Women's Health Care;
- **PCUSA Mission** for Garden Tools, Jerry Cans for water and Kitchen Kits;
- **Hope House Orphanage in Haiti** to supply

Food and Water for the children and Purchase Supplies needed to repair their hurricane damaged roof. After you have made your choices there will be attractive greeting cards available to send to your family and friends.

Redwood Presbytery Hunger Task Force

will be on hand also with great equal Exchange food and gift items.

Watch for your shopping list in the bulletin and be sure to bring your check book! All contributions on the list are tax deductible and will be recorded with your other church contributions .



The

A Church of the Roses Tradition



Giving
Tree

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 40 veterans will receive a large basket of food and you will have the opportunity to give to the Boys and Girls Club across the street. Food for the veterans will be purchased with funds from the Deacons' treasury that you have so generously donated to throughout the year. **The Giving Tree will be up from November 27th to December 11th.**



Prayer Requests

Please include in your prayers

Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member

- * Please pray for the family of Fay St. John who passed away recently.
- * Please pray for the family of Alan Reil (Don McElroy's stepbrother) who passed away recently.
- * Please pray for the family of Ann McClure as they mourn the passing of her son-in-law, Royce Waltrip, on October 1, 2017.
- * Please pray for the family of Bill Condon who passed away September 17th.
- * Please pray for Chris & Sam Imbimbo as they mourn the loss of a family member.

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 McCarthy
Bill Moberly
Marie Patchin
Randy Pierce
Albert Reil
Virginia Rylett
Pamela Sage

Barbara Saunders
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.

*In Recognition of All Saint's Day
We remember our beloved church
members who have passed away.*

Ed Le Du ~ November 15, 2015

Joseph Marzak ~ December 5, 2015

Mary Alice Harker ~ December 8, 2015

John Palmer ~ December 27, 2015

David Browne ~ February 26, 2016

Carole Somer ~ March 28, 2016

Mary Olson ~ April 3, 2016

Donald Ultley ~ April 23, 2016

Karla Moberly ~ June 29, 2016

Ralph Sinclair ~ July 2, 2016

Thomas Wikle ~ July 15, 2016

William Condon ~ September 17, 2016

Worship

**The next Jazz Vespers
Service will be held**

November 4th at 5:30 p.m.

- Great instrumental and vocal musicians
- Easy sing-along music
- Family-friendly atmosphere
- Contemplative time
- Informally delivered message by Pastor Cindy

Kay Vick is our new flower coordinator.

Remember to sign up on the flower calendar to honor important milestones in your family. We are exploring possible flower-arranging classes for those who would like to participate in this ministry.

Felipa Jones is scheduling communion servers for 2017. If you would like to serve communion and were not serving on a team this past year, please let Felipa know of your interest.

We will be arranging Thanksgiving decorations in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 19th. At 10 a.m. on the following Saturday, November 26th, we will begin to prepare the sanctuary for Advent. If you are interested, please come and join us.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Buildings & Grounds

With colder weather coming soon, we would like to remind everyone to exit Bowen hall using the left hand doors, and make sure it closes securely. We are investigating a PG&E energy audit to help us save energy and money. This will help.

B&G is also working with a Boy Scout from troop 135 to do an eagle project that would re landscape the corner area near the sanctuary. We would like to improve the appearance of this area and use drought tolerant plants, plus add a couple more garden beds. The final design will be reviewed with Session before work begins.

Steve Fenner, Committee Chair

Christian Education

A new video class on the Old Testament led by noted Bible scholar Amy-Jill Levine has started on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm and will continue until Pastor Cindy's class, *Painting the Stars*, will begin on Wednesday evenings during Advent. We are willing to make these two classes available during the day if there is sufficient interest.

A new Sunday School teacher, who will provide a regular Sunday class for children, is expected to be approved by the Session on October 25. To provide some fun activity for kids and even adults we have parachutes on order! Ask Diane Osten about their potential. No airplanes are involved.

Anita Pinney, Adult Ed Co-Chair



The children are exploring the changes in the yard that are the result of the change in season. Some days, it looks like

it is raining leaves! Our winter garden is in progress. We have fava beans as a cover crop in part of it and a variety of greens in the rest. We are experimenting with carrots in two of our containers. Fall is a busy time at the school with our Fall Festival and Book Fair, our Thanksgiving activities and the first of our parenting workshops.

Susan Jenkins, Director

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Finance

Through September our revenue (which is mostly our pledged and non-pledged donations from our members) is still lagging behind expectations. Please, please be mindful to keep your pledges up to date. We continue to keep expenses below budget and below last year's expenses.

To get back to our expected 2016 financial results we'll need the last quarter of the year to be a wondrous demonstration of our member's generosity.....

Thank you,
Chris Nelle, Committee Chair 527-0576

Personnel

The committee is presenting Chelsea Howard, as Part-time Children's Program Coordinator/Teacher, to Session for approval on Tuesday October 25. She lives in the immediate neighborhood and will be a welcome addition to the church staff.

The committee is recommending to Session a part-time Director of Young Adult and Family Ministries be hired. A candidate was interviewed by the Committee. To continue the search, there is a classified job listing on Craig's List. The Committee's goal is to end the job search by our next meeting and have a candidate to present to the Session at their November meeting.
Next meeting: November 8.

Jim Taylor, Committee Chair

Membership

On October 16th we received three new members into membership of the church: Cassie Carroll, Vicki Lewis and Philippe Kodjale. Welcome folks!

Jeanette Bauer, Committee Chair

Music

The Chancel Choir will once again be joining with First United Methodist Church (and others) in singing a beautiful Christmas Cantata called "Journey to Joy". We are excited about this opportunity to share the Christmas message with you and our community! Hopefully to another packed house!

We rehearse on Thursday evenings; 6:00 p.m. for Bellissimo and 7:30 p.m. for Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary. Please join us!

SAVE THE DATE: Beautiful music for the season at our next Free Community Concert with **Sonoma County Chamber Singers Dec. 4th at 2 pm.**

SAVE THE DATE FOR CANTATA PERFORMANCES:
December 16, 17, 18

Deacons

The Deacons are already working on the Giving Tree program. This year's program will be different, and we will be targeting our efforts towards veterans (food baskets) and the Boys & Girls Club (items such as craft supplies, soccer balls, books, etc.) As always, the Deacons will be asking for the congregation's assistance in making this happen. A tour of the Boys & Girls Club will be given on Sunday, November 20, from 11:15 to noon. The Giving Tree will be in Bowen Hall on November 27, December 4 and December 11. Information about the changes and how you can help will be coming out soon.

Stephen Ministries

Four new Stephen Ministers will have finished their fifty hours of training and be commissioned during worship on Sunday, November 6th. Please welcome Jonathan Steele, Pamela Sage, Felipa Jones, and Tony Burille to this important ministry.

Essence of the Rose Health Ministry



Medicare Open Enrollment has started again for this year. Medicare's open enrollment period is always October 15th - December 7th

- Do you have questions regarding your Medicare benefits?
- Are you in the best plan for your needs?
- Should you enroll in a Medicare Advantage Plan?
- Are you properly enrolled in Medicare part D?
- What are the costs associated with the various options?



HiCAP – (Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program) is a **FREE** unbiased resource for Seniors that provides educational seminars and individual counseling regarding the best Medicare and Insurance options for you.

There will be a free Medicare Annual Changes and Choices seminar at the Santa Rosa YMCA, 1111 College Avenue, Santa Rosa on November 14th from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm where you will be able to ask questions and get further information.

- Get educated so you can make informed choices
- Learn which Part D premiums & formularies are changing
- Understand Advantage Plan changes
- Learn how to pay less for your medications
- Understand Advantage plans and your Medicare

If you are unable to attend at this time, but still have questions, please consult the HiCAP event calendar for more seminar locations, dates and times at: <https://senioradvocacyservices.org/hicap>

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11:30 – 1:00 pm
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(Normally held on the 4th Thursday of the month.)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Reformation Sunday 8:00 AM Korean Worship 9:00 AM Ukulele 10:00 AM Worship- Cassie Carroll, MDV 11:30 AM "Don't be Spooked by Estate Planning" with Tricia A. Schindledecker and Linda Burille	31 MHS Breakfast Office Closed 10:00 AM Senior Exercise 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	1 NOVEMBER All Saints Day MHS Breakfast 8:30 AM B&G 12:30 PM Fellowship Meeting 1:30 PM Membership Meeting	2 MHS Breakfast 10:00 AM PW Coordinating 10:00 AM Staff Mtg. 3:30 PM Voena 5:15 PM SM Peer Supervision 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training 7:00 PM Video Class: Old Testament's	3 MHS Breakfast 6:00 PM Bells Practice 7:30 PM Choir Practice	4 MHS Breakfast 12:00 PM Hour of Prayer 5:30 PM Jazz Vespers 7:00 PM Korean Youth Group	5 6:30 AM Korean Prayer 10:00 AM Voyagers Redwood Empire Food Bank
6 Daylight-Saving Ends 8:00 AM Korean Worship 9:00 AM Ukulele 10:00 AM Worship - All Saints 11:15 AM Deacon's Tour of Boys and Girls Club 11:30 AM Forum: Tour of Ireland	7 MHS Breakfast Office Closed 8:00 AM No Pre-K. Inservice 10:00 AM Exercise 1:00 PM Setup 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	8 WE ARE A POLLING PLACE MHS Breakfast 8:30 AM B&G 10:00 AM PW Sewing 4:45 PM Worship Mtg 7:00 PM Deacon's Meeting	9 MHS Breakfast 10:00 AM Staff Mtg. 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training 7:00 PM Video Class: Old Testament	10 MHS Breakfast 6:00 PM Bells Practice 7:30 PM Choir Practice	11 NO breakfast Retreat at Westminster Woods Veterans Day 12:00 PM Hour of Prayer 7:00 PM Korean Youth Group	12 Retreat at Westminster Woods 6:30 AM Korean Prayer
13 8:00 AM Korean Worship 9:00 AM Ukulele 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Stewardship Luncheon	14 MHS Breakfast Office Closed 10:00 AM Senior Exercise 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	15 MHS Breakfast 8:30 AM B&G 10:30 AM PW Bible Study & Luncheon 12:30 PM Personnel 5:30 PM Finance MTG 7:00 PM Christian Edu. Meeting 7:30 PM Boy Scouts	16 MHS Breakfast 10:00 AM Staff Mtg. 3:30 PM Voena 5:15 PM SM Peer Supervision 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training 7:00 PM Video Class: Old Testament	17 MHS Breakfast 10:00 AM Leadership Cohort 11:30 AM Widow Support Group 3:30 PM Book Club 6:00 PM Bells 7:30 PM Choir Practice	18 MHS Breakfast 12:00 PM Hour of Prayer 7:00 PM Korean Youth Group	19 6:30 AM Korean Prayer 9:30 AM Handicapped
20 8:00 AM Korean Worship 9:00 AM Ukulele 10:00 AM Worship 11:20 AM Deacons Tour of Boys & Girls Club after church	21 NO breakfast Office Closed 10:00 AM Senior Exercise 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	22 NO breakfast 8:30 AM B&G 10 AM PW Sewing 10:00 AM Staff Mtg. 12:00 PM Church and World 7:00 PM Session	23 NO breakfast OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON 7:00 PM Video Class: Old Testament	24 Thanksgiving Day NO breakfast OFFICE CLOSED P.Sage Thanksgiving	25 NO breakfast OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM Korean Youth Group	26 6:30 AM Korean Prayer
27 ADVENT BEGINS 8:00 AM Korean Worship 9:00 AM Ukulele 10:00 AM Worship - 11:15 AM Healthy BP Screenings 11:30 AM Health Ministry Meeting	28 MHS Breakfast Office Closed 10 AM Exercise 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Pre-school Board Meeting	29 MHS Breakfast 8:30 AM B&G	30 MHS Breakfast 10:00 AM Staff Mtg. 3:30 PM Voena 7:00 PM Awakening the Stars SERIES	1 December MHS Breakfast 6:00 PM Bells Practice 7:30 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

2016-2017 Season Roses Signature Concert Series

Concerts take place on Sundays at 2 pm.

Dec. 4 - **Sonoma County Chamber Singers**

Feb. 26 - **Redwood Chordsmen**

March 19 - **Santa Rosa Children's Chorus**

April 23 - **Song of Sonoma**

May 21 - **New Horizons Swing Band**

All are welcome! Performances are free of charge. Donations are appreciated!

VIDEO BIBLE CLASS!

**Wednesdays
7 pm**



***"Interpreting the Old Testament's
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**VOYAGERS at
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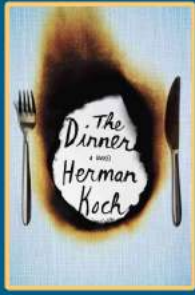
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Salad Pot Luck Lunch 12:15

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Pastor Cindy will tell us
about her trip to India

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