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Pictured Above: **Rev. Judy Slater** leading the workshop "How To Heal Trauma"
Bottom Left: **Guy Cottle** helps unload groceries brought to our evacuees by **Marissa Patrick**, owner of **Chick-A-Boom Vintage Clothing in Petaluma**. Thank you Marissa for making all of those trips! *Bottom Middle:* **Boy Scout Troop 32** pose with First Responders at the well attended Fire Relief Pancake Breakfast. *Bottom Right:* 3rd District **Supervisor Shirlee Zane** serves up pancakes!

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING
THANK YOU

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO HELPED OUT WHILE WE HOUSED EVACUEES. Some of you were evacuated yourself or lost your home and still greeted everyone with a smile and helped out where needed. Thank you for your donated goods, time, and funds! The unthinkable happened and your love made this tolerable for many of us.

God Bless You!



From the Pastor

Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation by Tithing 10% to the Church of the Roses!

By Pastor Cindy



Your church stood out in Santa Rosa during the fires and in the aftermath as a shining beacon of hope in the midst of the smoke and chaos. Let us do all we can to sustain and upgrade our church during this anniversary year of our protestant reformation. It is a perfect time to focus your giving and serving on our church so we can continue to give to the surrounding community in this important time of need.

This quote from our PCUSA Mission foundation connects our history with social justice education while honoring the command to love our neighbors:

"As Christians, our faith began with the followers of Jesus. But the beginning of our Christian faith as Presbyterian is in the Reformation. The Reformation marks something significant for us in this part of the universal church: the coalescence of our focus on the Holy Spirit's ongoing reform of us as a church and as individuals. Martin Luther helps us to understand and acknowledge that the institution of the church is not equal to God. We are called to worship the triune God alone, to claim Jesus Christ as Lord of the church, and to seek the ongoing sanctification of the Holy Spirit."

The Spirit of the Reformation has drawn Reformed con-

gregations into social justice. There is not a square inch of this world that does not belong to God and that God does not love. Presbyterians have long been marked by a passion for and commitment to education for just this reason. Learning how God's world works is an opportunity for praise. Learning about unjust, sinful situations and systems that could be righted and healed is an opportunity for glorifying God by honoring the commandments to love God and neighbor."

I challenge each of you to ponder: **Why has God put you on earth and why are you still here?** I now believe my "call" to be a pastor in Santa Rosa was based on God's providence knowing my social justice education and pastoral care disaster response experience would be used well when the fire-storm came.

My family has a long history of tithing 10% to the church even when my mother's family lived below the poverty line. Please consider obeying God's command to tithe 10% of your first fruits for the Lord this year so that our church's many expanding ministries will be valuable to the whole Santa Rosa community for years to come. The healing from the fires will take many years and we want to be an important part of that healing process for all affected.

Billy Graham once said,

"Remember this—you can't serve God and Money, but you can serve God with money."

It is also good to recall God's command in *Malachi 3: 10-12*: *"Bring the full **tithe** into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."*

Many people in our community continue to need us. Our Church and World committee is giving out thousands of dollars of disaster relief funds to the most needy in our church family and beyond thanks to the generous contributions we have been given. Let's continue to do all we can to be the shining beacon of hope for Santa Rosa far into the future.

Give (to our general operating funds) so your church can live!



Stewardship Sunday is November 12 with a Luncheon following the service!

COMMITTEE UPDATES

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

A group from B&G set up Bowen Hall in preparation for the Saturday October 21 pancake breakfast, which was organized by Boy Scouts Troop 32. The breakfast honored any first responders, and raised approximately \$20,500 for the North Bay Fire Relief fund. Over 900 meals were served. KRON channel 4 News cameras were on hand to film the tremendous outpouring of help for our community. (Some of the Boy Scout leaders were there helping even after they lost everything in the fire.) I'm proud of the Presbyterian church of the Roses and the important role we play in serving as a disaster assistance center, and an comforting place to help our city heal from the fire tragedy.

Steve Fenner, Chair

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our two Bible Classes will take a break at the start of Advent. For now they continue on Mondays @ 10 am: *New Testament*. Wednesdays @ 7 pm: *How Jesus Became God*.

MUSIC

The October Concert with *Cantiamo Sonoma* went forward as planned. All donations from this concert went to Redwood Credit Union's North Bay Fire Relief Fund in the amount of \$1025.00. Thank you for your support!

Come out and listen to Maria Carrillo High School Choir on December 3rd at 2 pm!

We are working hard on a new **Christmas Cantata for December 17th** called "What Kind of Throne" created by Tony Wood and Michael Farren. It is a very exciting new composition. Invite all your friends and family for this wonderful celebration of our Lord's birth.

Bellissimo rehearses at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings. An ability to read music is required (I can teach you how to play the bells). We currently have 14 ringers, so we are hoping to expand our set of bells. If anyone knows where we can borrow the fifth octave of bells (or where we can buy a used set at a reasonable price), please let me know.

The Roses Concert Series will include North Bay Symfonia, Santa Rosa Children's Choral Academy, Song of Sonoma, Four for His Glory, Folly, Maria Carrillo High School Jazz Choir and Maria Carrillo High School Songbirds.

The February 18, 2018 concert will be a fundraiser for FISH. So bring all of your friends and enjoy a great concert while donating to those people in need in Sonoma County.

Barbara McElroy, Music Director

ROSEBUD PRESCHOOL

The school was closed for a week and one day because of the fires. The teachers came in on the Monday of the second week and scrubbed the entire school. One of our families brought in an air

purifier. We reopened on Tuesday so that families could start to return to their routines and to provide the kids with a sense of normalcy. While many were evacuated, the school community was very lucky in that no staff or immediate families lost their homes. We are deep into our Fall curriculum. We are exploring apples, pumpkins, and leaves. We will spend most of November talking about Thankfulness.

Susan Jenkins, Director

PERSONNEL

Casslyne Carroll tendered her resignation on October 10, 2017 as Director of Young Adults & Family Ministries. She held the position for the past ten months.

"Cassie" has taken a full time position of Ministries Assistant at Westminster Woods effective October 28, 2017. She would like to continue to work on Sacred Space. She will remain Under Care of Presbyterian Church of the Roses as she moves forward to completing the requirements for ordination as a Presbyterian Pastor.

We wish Cassie well in her new position and look forward to see her continually active in our church life.

The Personnel Committee looks forward to getting back to a normal schedule in November after the events of October.

Jim Taylor, Chairman
Personnel Committee



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 the Deacons (with your help) will be assisting the YWCA in their program to provide Christmas presents for abused spouses and children. The YWCA runs the only shelter in Sonoma County for battered spouses and their children. After they leave the shelter (the average stay is 8 to 10 weeks), they are followed by the YWCA to help them get back on their feet with housing, jobs, and child care.

The Deacons will be providing the volunteers to retrieve approximately 200 presents from the Secret Santa program, deliver them to the YWCA on Third Street, and then be present at specified times to hand out the presents to the YWCA's clients.

These volunteer slots cover December 13 through 21
to pick up the presents from Secret Santa's Heart Central (on Airport Blvd.)
and deliver them to YWCA on Third St.,
and then staff the Holiday Depot on six days from December 14 through 21.

We will have sign-up sheets available in Bowen Hall after Thanksgiving
so that volunteers can pick a time when they are available.

In the case of staffing the Holiday Depot at YWCA,
we ask that each volunteer sign up for a two-hour period.

Also, sometime prior to December 14, the first day that Holiday Depot at YWCA will be open, **we will need a few volunteers to help decorate the space we are using for handing out the presents.**

Deacons will also be doing a few other things for Christmas, so stay tuned.

**BUY A PCOR
T-SHIRT!**



News from the Presbytery

**You're invited to the All Presbytery Retreat
November 10-11, 2017,
from noon on Friday to noon Saturday**

MINDFUL SELF-COMPASSION

What can it do for you, your ministry, and others in your life

- Do you have difficulty loving and accepting yourself?
- Do you encourage others to love themselves but have trouble loving yourself?
- Do you motivate yourself with criticism?
- Do you think self-compassion is selfish?

Based on work by Kristen Neff and Christopher Germer, Mindful Self-Compassion has proven vital to whole-hearted living. David Stoker, Bob Conover, & Natalie Moon-Wainwright are eager to share their gleanings from a Mindful Self-Compassion Intensive.

The retreat is open to everyone. For meals and/or lodging to the All Presbytery Retreat, Nov. 10-11, go to the presbytery website at www.redwoodspresbytery.org, opportunities or announcements. Please mail your registration & fee to the Woods. If you plan to attend but will not stay or eat at the Woods, please let the presbytery office know so we have a count. See you there!

PEDAL FOR PROTEIN

We are now over \$39,000 in fundraising for Protein for food pantries. Our goal is to go over last year's \$40,354. We can do this! Please make sure all your donations have been sent to the Presbytery office with P4P on the memo line and the rider you are sponsoring.



SHELTER FROM THE FIRES

**A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO THE COOKS,
DONORS, HELPERS & NIGHTWATCHPERSONS!**

During the devastating fires, people evacuated to the church from all over Santa Rosa, including some church members and most of the staff. Pictured below are some of the evacuees and their pets in the library, as well as some of our donors and cooks in Bowen Hall and the kitchen. Everyone was gracious and kind!

A Special Thanks to Diane Pierce, Craig Hayes, Raymond, Wayne Seamans, Pastor Cindy, Cassie Carroll, Guy Cottle, Chris Rhodes, Eddie Seamans, Norm Smith, Leslie Stone, Marissa Patrick, and many others!

Chris and Nancy Nelle (pictured above) helped cook and provide musical entertainment for the evacuees. A young family from Keysight cooked us a delicious turkey dinner one night. **Nancy and Bill Morgan** provided many air mattresses and then helped put together a beautiful puzzle.

**Our church has collected over \$11,000
for FIRE RELIEF. Thank you!**



Thank you



Finance Update

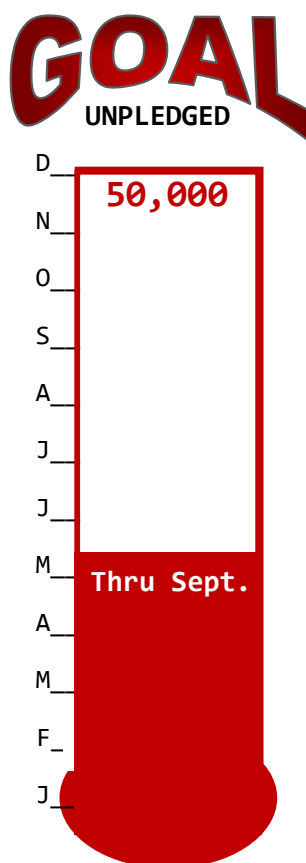
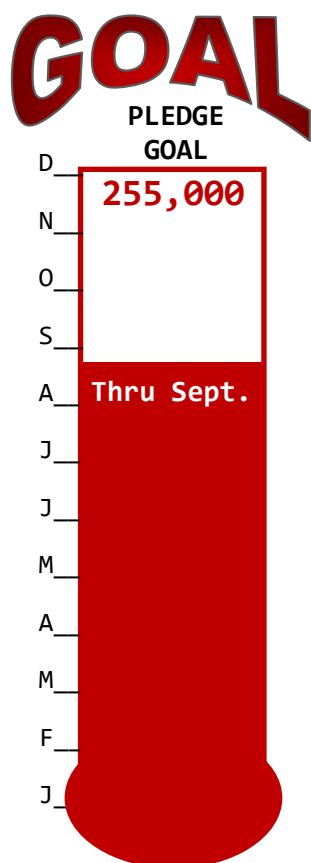
Thru September we are behind budgeted revenue and very hopeful that between now and the end of the year everybody makes certain that they fulfill their pledge promise. Non-pledged income has always come in largely at the end of the year and we are hopeful it is at least as much as last year.

We are also very hopeful that our stewardship campaign yields a bountiful harvest of new as well as increased pledges. We can be thankful that church leadership continues to manage expenses prudently. Through September we have spent less than budgeted. Much to be thankful for and much to have hope for

Chris Nelle, Chair



We have a new Girl Scout Troop at the church!



BOY SCOUT FIRST RESPONDER PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SAVE THE DATE!

STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 12 @ 11:30 am

**FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT—
MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR**

Sunday, December 3rd @ 2 pm

Free admission. Donations welcome.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF WRITING CLASS

will hold its first series of five writing classes **January 4th through February 11, 2018**. Join us after church services on Sundays to discover the writer in you with journaling, letter writing, story telling or continue a writing project you presently have. More details to come. ~ Judith Rivers-Moore

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ROSES HEALTH MINISTRY

People have really enjoyed David Chung's Saturday Tai Chi classes. Starting in November we will also be offering Qigong by Josepha Eveleigh at 12 noon in Bowen Hall! It is similar to Tai Chi but considered a "Healing Art" rather than a "Martial Art".

Qigong is a mind body healing art from China that incorporates slow rhythmic movements to bring the body into a state of harmony. Qigong can be practiced standing or seated depending on the health and strength of the student. Here are some specific benefits of a Qigong practice:

- Improves the metabolism, digestion, and elimination. Qigong is great for weight control, youthful appearance, and balanced energy.
- Stimulates the lymph system. Qigong builds a stronger immune system so you become less susceptible to viruses.
- Improves the circulation. Qigong soothes and aids conditions such as arthritis and chronic fatigue.
- Retards the aging process by giving the organs of the body an "inner massage." It restores body systems to healthy functioning.
- Reduces tension, blocks, and stagnant energy by increasing oxygen supply to your tissues.
- Lubricates the joints for pain-free movement and greater flexibility.
- Soothes the nervous system so you feel calm and serene.

A Qigong class lasts an hour and is comprised of a gentle warm up, followed by learning and performing a Qigong form, and then finishing with quiet cool down moves. Donations for the class are welcomed.

Josepha Eveleigh is in her late 60's and has been studying Qigong since her 20's. She is a certified Chi-lai Qigong Instructor, an A.C.E. (American Council on Exercise) Certified Personal Trainer and has been a teacher, public speaker, and retreat leader for many years. She moved to Northern California 10 years ago and has worked for The Airport Health Club in Santa Rosa teaching Qigong and Tai Chi for the last ten years.

2 FREE Classes MIND-BODY HEALING

Qi Gong
with
Josepha Eveleigh

**Mondays
12 pm–1 pm**

Enter through the parking lot or Office
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Tai Chi
with
David Chung

**Saturdays
10:30–11:30 am**

Enter through the parking lot



Church of the Roses was a sanctuary for evacuees from the fires. Above: Fabrics from around the globe on display for World Communion Sunday Pictured at right is Cantiamo Sonoma performing a benefit concert on October 22nd.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

- * Please pray for the Gobble-Skelly family as they mourn the passing of Lew Gobble on October 4, 2017.
The memorial will be November 11th at 11 am.
- * Please pray for the family of Joy Steele, who passed away on Sept. 15, 2017.
- * Please pray for the family of Albert Reil, who passed away in September.
- * Please pray for the families impacted by the Hurricanes.

Those who have lost their homes in the fires or are displaced, including:

Ray Alden and his daughter Merritt's family
Karen Bowles
Barbara and Don McElroy's family
Dede and John Keating and 3 families
Jo and Duane Mulder
Ward and Christie Page
Liz and Chris Rhodes
Marsha and Phil Sitzman
Jonathan Steele and his family
Lois Menschen
Carole and Gene Michel
Gwen Christiansen's son
Virginia Rylette's daughter
Marilyn Stark's daughter
Una Skelly's son

Those facing health issues

John Baker	Lucrecia Muñoz
Judy Bello	Marie Patchin
Bob Bunting	Virginia Rylett
Sheri Cohn-Harvey	Pamela Sage
Dick Draper	Rhonda Patton Knoles
Ray Foreaker	Bob Simmons
Wendy Galde	Marisa Taylor
Helen MacKenzie	Ines Teague
Ted McCarthy	Bob Weber
Gene Michel	Helen Wickle
Jason Montsier	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Jessica Morse	Jamie Yen

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, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

BIBLE STUDIES & PRAYER



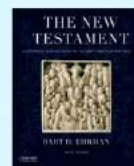
Presbyterian Women Tuesday, Nov. 21

Bible Study 10:30 a.m.
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At Noon

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VIDEO CLASS

THE NEW TESTAMENT



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Mondays @ 10 am

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Wednesdays @ 7 pm

THURSDAYS

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EVERY DAY IS A NEW DAY



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MEDIA TEAM

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REQUEST FOR COMMUNION SERVERS
You will be serving once every 3 months. Servers arrive half an hour early and meet in the library. During the service, they sit in the front row. Servers should have stable hands and feet. Please contact Felipa Jones via email or cell phone if interested.



PNO December 8th 5:30-7:30

ENRICHMENT

MONDAY QI GONG WITH JOSEPHA EVELEIGH 12 PM

Read more about this NEW opportunity on our Health Ministry page. Qigong is very similar to Tai Chi.

SATURDAY TAI CHI WITH DAVID CHUNG 10:30 AM

Get your chi flowing! Join this popular class!

BOOMERS!

HIKE AT ARMSTRONG WOODS NOV. 18!

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We'll meet at Church of the Roses at 10 AM for carpool/caravan *OR* meet us there around 11 AM at the visitor center. There is a charge of \$ 8.00 (\$7.00 for

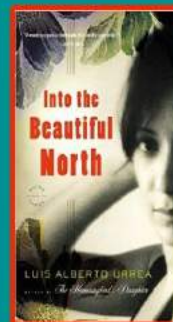


Favorite Film Series
Thursday Nov. 30
2:00 p.m.

Still Mine

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Book Club Thurs. Nov. 16
3:30 p.m.

Into the Beautiful North by Luis Alberto Urrea

A Mexican girl recruits men to return to Mexico from the USA
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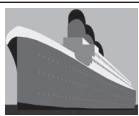
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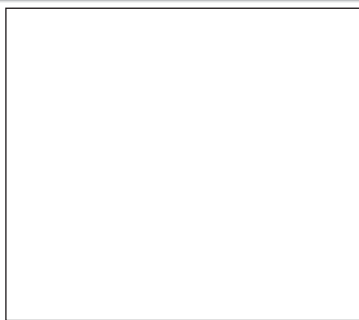


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UPCOMING



Roses Signature
Concert Series

Sunday
December 3
2:00 p.m



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Gail Bowers: Director

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