

November ROSE CLIPPINGS

A THANKSGIVING POEM

May your stuffing be tasty,
May your turkey plump,
May your potatoes and gravy
have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious
and your pies take the prize,
and may your
Thanksgiving dinner
stay off your thighs!



SPECIAL NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 1st— All Saints Day, Healing Service, New Member Class
13-14th— All Redwood Presbytery Retreat at Westminster Woods
14th— Voyagers volunteer at REFB
15th— Stewardship Luncheon
22nd— THANKSGIVING SERVICE, Forum: Myanmar & Vietnam
Border, Giving Tree, Surviving the Holidays Grief Seminar,
Blood Pressure Checks
29th— Advent begins

WEEKLY EVENTS

- Mondays: Senior Exercise
Wednesdays: Grief & Loss Support, World Religions
Thursdays: World Religions
Thursdays: Bells & Choir Practice
Fridays: Noon Hour of Prayer & Encouragement
Sundays: Kerygma Bible Study, Learn the Ukulele, Worship

NOTE: No film during Nov. or Dec. See more events on calendar.



Top Left: The church gave Pastor Cindy a surprise birthday party after the service October 25th!
Top Right: The Blessing of the Animals at Montgomery Village was a fun neighborhood event!



Signposts of a Financially Healthy Congregation

by Pastor Cindy

There is that old family saying: “When Mom’s happy everybody’s happy!” Happiness is contagious. A new study on happiness showed that people are happier when they attend church regularly. That makes sense doesn’t it? We are here for each other and we help one another in the ups and downs in life. Our worship service inspires us to sing and remember God’s unconditional love for us. Laughter permeates our Bowen Hall on Sunday mornings and often in the middle of church services, too. The reminder of God’s love brings joy and happiness. And so does giving of our tithes and talents! Many studies show that giving promotes cheerfulness. As the scripture says in 2 Corinthians 9:7: “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Our PCUSA church resource website offers a helpful manual to the churches about stewardship and giving. The guide is meant to enhance the financial health planning for our church’s future.

Financial health includes our understanding of God’s goodness and our financial decisions are a signpost of our commitment to the future of the church. Here are signposts (listed in the manual) that identify a financially healthy congregation.

SIGNPOSTS

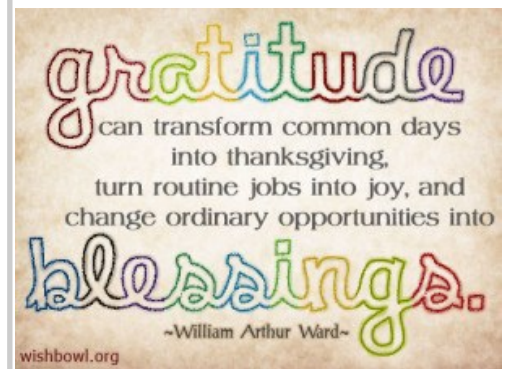
- Understands that all giving, of ourselves as well as our financial resources, is in response to God’s goodness and generosity. God gives, then we respond, and we spend our lives learning and growing in our responses.
- Discusses money in the context of worship instead of considering money a disreputable subject that should not be confused with the sacredness of worship. This distinction does not exist within Christ’s church.
- Understands that the offering is an integral part of corporate worship. Just as we bring our gifts of wine and bread to God’s table, we present ourselves as an offering through our financial gifts.
- Talks about money openly and candidly in all aspects of the church’s life, realizing that how we use our money says a great deal about our values and priorities.
- Engages in mission beyond its own doors and interprets this mission (both local and worldwide) through a planned year-round program. When people know how their money is used to do God’s work, they are reinforced in their giving.
- Plans long-range for its program objectives and financial needs. Budget development is a long-term process.

Stewardship is how we live out our calling as followers of Christ. Stewardship giving is what we do after we say we believe. Even though the Church of the Roses is just 62 years old, it will thrive for at least another 60+ more years of faithful ministry if we are faithful in our giving so our church remains strong.

Help the happiness continue by filling out and bringing in your pledge card on Sunday, November 15th for our Stewardship Commitment Celebration Sunday. Plan to join us after the worship service for a delicious luncheon including an informative program on how our church is using the funds we now have and the hopes and dreams we all have for a happy and healthy future. Thanks to God's grace and love we have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving Season!

(for more information on the happiness research:

A recent study by the Austin Institute for the Study of Family and Culture found that a strong correlation exists between religious affiliation and personal happiness, 45 percent of people who attend a religious service weekly say they are 'very happy,' while only 28 percent of those who 'never' attend said the same. Similar studies have found that people with faith have higher levels of 'life satisfaction' and are better able to cope with difficult situations. See more at: <http://newtestamentjaci.org/2015/05/03/religious-people-much-happier/#sthash.5KT4sAM7.dpuf>



The November Sermon Series will be on Gratitude and Blessings.



Subscribe to Pastor Cindy's Blog! <http://pastorcindysblog.blogspot.com>



This collage is made up of photos taken from Pastor Cindy's birthday party, a Voyagers' dinner, the Blessing of the Animals, the Boy Scouts cleaning out the Community Garden and the Boys and Girls Club sign across the street thanking our church members for their donations of healthy food.



November is Diabetes Awareness Month

Diabetes is a problem with your body that causes blood glucose (sugar) levels to rise. It is also called hyperglycemia. Type 2 Diabetes is the most common form of diabetes.

In type 2 diabetes, your body does not use insulin properly. This is called insulin resistance. At first, the pancreas makes more insulin to make up for it. However, over time your pancreas isn't able to keep up and can't make enough insulin to keep your blood glucose levels normal.

When glucose builds up in the blood, instead of going into the cells (where it can be used for energy) it can cause problems. Right away your cells may be starved for energy. Over time high blood glucose levels may hurt your eyes, kidneys, nerves or heart.

Some people with type 2 diabetes can control their blood glucose with healthy eating and being active. Your doctor may also prescribe oral medications or insulin to help keep your blood glucose levels within a normal range.

Some groups have a higher risk for developing type 2 diabetes. Type 2 diabetes is more common in African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, and Asian American/Pacific Islander, as well as the aged population.

If you have been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, follow your doctor's orders with your medications, limit the carbohydrate (the starchy stuff) in your meals, and get regular exercise! Walking is one of the best exercises you can do!



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On October 18th the Korean American Presbyterian Church congregation, that is now called **Grace Community Church**, was commissioned during their worship service at 8am by leaders from their presbytery. Five church leaders from the Church of the Roses also attended.

It was a lovely service in both Korean and in English. Pastor Cindy gave a short presentation about the tradition of connectionalism in the Presbyterian church's history.

The Reverend Jung Lee is leading this new church planting. The new congregation is very grateful to the Church of the Roses for hosting them as they begin their ministry in our building. And we see it as a mutual blessing to have this congregation forming and worshipping in our sanctuary. God is good and calls us to share our resources with others. Thanks be to God for our new Korean Presbyterian friends. May God bless and watch over them as they too seek to grow as we do in our congregation.

Top 10 ways to Live as Faithful Christ Followers

(according to James 1)

- #1 Be Generous in your Giving acknowledging that everything you have comes from God.
- #2 Think of yourself as one of the first fruits of God. You are God's cherished beloved child.
- #3 Be quick to listen.
- #4 Be slow to speak, and slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.
- #5 Rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank wickedness.
- #6 Welcome with meekness the implanted Word of God that has the power to save your souls.
- #7 Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers; you will be blessed.
- #8 Bridle your tongue.
- #9 Care for orphans and widows.
- #10 Keep yourself unstained by the world.

Faith and Health Reminders from the Bible

"Spend your time and energy in training yourself for spiritual fitness. Physical exercise has some value, but **spiritual exercise** is much more important for it promises a reward in both this life and the next. This is true and everyone should accept it."

(1 Timothy 4:7-9 (NLT))

"A peaceful heart leads to a **healthy body**; jealousy is like cancer in the bones."

(Proverbs 14:30 (NLT))

"Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. Then you will have **healing** for your body and strength for your bones."

(Proverbs 3: 7-8 (NLT))

"Jesus said, Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find **rest for your souls**."

(Matthew 11:28-29 (NLT))



A big thank you to Jeanette Bauer and Cindy Goede for putting together the beautiful new photo directory and for all of you who volunteered to work at a table!

Beginning of Advent is November 29th

We will be giving Advent
Calendars out to each member:

[https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/
environment/2015_advent_calendar.pdf](https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/environment/2015_advent_calendar.pdf)

All Presbytery of the Redwoods Presbyterian Church Retreat at Westminster Woods

All are invited to attend: **November 13-14th**

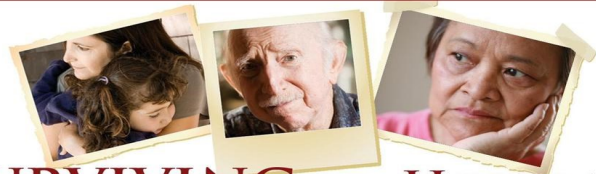
Retreat Theme—Living the Daring Life:

Stepping Into the Arena of God's Adventure

How might we release our attachment to the way things have been and open ourselves to what the Spirit of the living God might be doing next in our lives?

Contact Pastor Cindy for more information.

Help for those dealing with grief during the holidays



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there's hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again.



**November 22nd
12 pm – 2 pm**

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**NEW LITURGIST TRAINING
& REVIEW FOR CURRENT LITURGISTS
November 8th at 11:30 pm
In the Rose Room**



Prayer Requests

Please include in your prayers

Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member

- ♦ Please pray for the family of Steve Cairns who passed away on October 3rd.
- ♦ Please pray for the family of Eloise Stephan who passed away Sept. 30th.
- ♦ Please pray for the family of Sam McClure as they mourn his passing on Sept. 20th.
- ♦ Please pray for the family of Doris Peterson as they mourn her recent passing.
- ♦ Please pray for the family of Joyce Beckner as they mourn her passing on Aug. 24th.

Please pray for those facing health issues

John Baker
Judy Bello
Dan Boland
(Kathryn Fenner's friend)
Krissy Healy

Chris Hilen (undergoes
heart surgery Nov.5)
Sam Imbimbo
Ron Kram
Marie Patchin

Albert Reil
Alan Reil
Pamela Sage
Carole Somer

Those serving in our military

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver,
Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, U.S. Army, Fort Lewis, WA. David continues to serve in the Army
as Chief of Cardiology at Madigan Hospital.

In Recognition of All Saint's Day

We remember our beloved church members who have passed away.

Rev. Rit Anderson ~ November 16, 2014

Carla Edwards ~ December 20, 2014

Dan Ramage ~ January 7, 2015

Art Borchers ~ February 28, 2015

Thomas Peugh ~ March 2015

Sally Henderson ~ March 28, 2015

Jack Gaffney ~ March 31, 2015

Rev. Ted Crouch ~ April 8, 2015

Bill Fuller ~ May 31, 2015

George Menchen ~ July 14, 2015

Sara Alden ~ July 21, 2015

Genevieve Grand ~ August 6, 2015

William Smith ~ July 31, 2015

Joyce Beckner ~ August 24, 2015

Doris Peterson ~ September 2015

Sam McClure ~ September 20, 2015

Eloise Stephan ~ September 30, 2015

Steve Cairns ~ October 3, 2015

COMMITTEE UPDATES



Worship Committee

Barbara McElroy has agreed to videotape short (30 second) committee announcements that would be projected on the screens prior to the worship

service. These might be about upcoming events or about additional ways to be involved in the life of the church. Besides providing information about events like the Stewardship lunch and decorating for Advent, they will introduce the congregation to the people to talk to regarding various programs in the church. The Blessing of the Animals was a really fun event at Montgomery Village. We were visited by the four-legged members of our church family as well as many other people in the community. Important Dates for worship at the church:

Sunday, November 1st--All Saints Day, a special communion service and an emphasis on healing and wholeness. Saturday, November 21st—Preparing the sanctuary for Thanksgiving. Saturday, November 28th—Preparing the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Christian Ed Committee is happy to report that the new children's *Grace and Gratitude Curriculum* has arrived. The teachers are happy to have good up to date material. The Literacy for

Religion Class continues with much enthusiasm on the part of participants. Come Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. or Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. even if you missed earlier classes. You can borrow the disc to watch at home. We've learned about Hinduism and Buddhism so far. The Favorite Film Series will be on vacation for the holiday season but new films are coming in January. Suggestions are welcomed.

Finance

At the end of September we are \$37K below budget in revenue and \$13K below

budget in expenses. We still believe that the revenue will improve in the last three months of the year. The stewardship campaign is off to a good start with a plan to receive pledge cards by November 15th and celebrate with a lunch after church. The 2016 budget process is underway and committees are working on plans for next year.



Fellowship Committee

We will be hosting the Stewardship Luncheon on Nov. 15th, 2015. Luncheon will be served after the Sunday service. ALL ARE WELCOME. If you like to socialize, cook, and serve let us know. Volunteers are greatly appreciated. Jean Leuty, chairman



Membership

We have a new membership class on November 1st after church. There is more interest from visitors. Remember that Thanksgiving and Advent is a good time to invite neighbors and friends to come to church. Thank you for being a welcoming community!



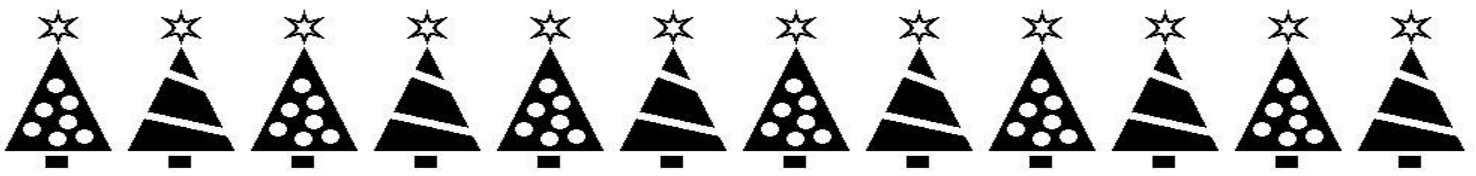
Rosebud Preschool

The school year is rolling along. We are exploring the Fall season and all that entails. Fall lends itself to many sensory experiences – the taste of pumpkin puree and apples, the smell of pumpkin pie spices, the texture and slippery insides of our pumpkins, and the changing color of the leaves in our play yard. We are using leaves in art projects and for gross motor activities that involve scooping and raking.



We haven't even celebrated Halloween and Thanksgiving yet, but

Deacons are already planning and working on the Giving Tree. Due to a change at Catholic Charities, this year we will manage the gifts a little differently, but we will still have ornaments available and will ask the congregation to help the Deacons buy gifts for children. As always, your help is vital to making the Giving Tree work, and we thank you in advance for your support. **We will have the Giving Tree with ornaments available on November 22, 29 and December 6, and will be delivering food boxes on December 12.** If you are able to help with preparing or delivering food boxes, we will have sign-up sheets available near the Giving Tree. Thanks again, and may you all know the joy that comes with service and have a joyful Thanksgiving and Christmas.



The

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 80 families will receive a large basket of food and many more will receive gifts. Food will be purchased with funds from the Deacons' treasury that you have so generously donated to throughout the year.

There are many ways you can participate in this important program:

- Church members may volunteer to purchase gifts for children by taking ornaments from the Giving Tree in Bowen Hall on Sunday, **November 22nd**, Sunday, **November 29th**, and Sunday, **December 6th**.
- Gender and ages are on each ornament so that appropriate gifts may be purchased. Each gift should cost no more than **\$20.00**. This year things are a little different. **Please do NOT wrap the gifts**. Bring gifts to the church office as soon as possible for storage and delivery.
- Church members may contribute cash rather than shop. This is very much appreciated. Come to the Giving Tree and the Deacons will assist you. ***Please have your gifts/cash into the church office by Dec. 8.***



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Friday, December 11 – Divide food into baskets

Saturday, December 12 – Deliver food to the families

This is a wonderful event showing our caring Christian commitment! Please help us make it a success again this year! If you wish to help, please talk to a Deacon at the Giving Tree table after services, or call Diane or Randy Pierce at (707) 953-8187. There will be sign-up sheets available at the Giving Tree along with instructions on the purchase and delivery of gifts.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support of this cause.

~ The Deacons of the Presbyterian Church of the Roses



The Chancel Choir is working on Tom Fettke's "One Incredible Moment". We are excited to be singing this wonderful cantata with three other church choirs: First

United Methodist, Bethlehem Lutheran and Faith Lutheran.

Dec. 18th at First United Methodist 7:30 pm

Dec. 19th at Bethlehem Lutheran at 7:30 pm;

Dec. 20th at Church of the Roses at 3:00 pm

Put these dates on your calendar and help us support FISH with your donations. Note the following dates on your calendar as well.

Roses Signature Concert Series

Dec. 18, 19, 20 – Combined Church Choirs Cantata

February 28 – Redwood Chordsmen

March 13 – Santa Rosa Children's Chorus

April 10 – Sonoma State University Jazz Band


May 22 – New Horizons Swing Band

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day Communion Sunday Daylight-Saving Time Ends Rose Clippings 8:00 AM Korean Worship 8:15 AM Kerygma Bible Study 9:00 AM Learn the Ukulele 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM New Member Class with lunch	2 MHS Breakfast Office Closed 10:00 AM Senior Exercise 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	3 MHS Breakfast 8:30 AM Buildings & Grounds 10:00 AM PW Coordinating Mtg 12:30 PM Fellowship Meeting 1:30 PM Membership Meeting	4 MHS Breakfast 10:00 AM Staff Mtg. 11:00 AM Bulletin Mtg. 4:00 PM Grief & Loss Support Group 4:00 PM Voena Rehearsal 7:00 PM Cultural Literacy for Religions	5 MHS Breakfast 9:30 AM Cultural Literacy for Religions 12:00 PM Simply Friends 6:00 PM Bellissimo Practice 7:30 PM Choir Practice	6 MHS Breakfast 12:00 PM Noon Hour of Prayer	7
8 8:00 AM Korean Worship 8:15 AM Kerygma Bible Study 9:00 AM Music & Memory Workshop - Learn the Ukulele 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Liturgist Training & Review	9 MHS Breakfast Office Closed 10:00 AM Senior Exercise 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	10 MHS Breakfast 8:30 AM Buildings & Grounds 10:00 AM PW Sewing 12:30 PM Personnel 4:30 PM Worship Committee 7:00 PM Deacon's Mtg.	11 NO Breakfast Veterans Day 10:00 AM Staff Mtg. 11:00 AM Bulletin 4:00 PM Grief & Loss Support Group 7:00 PM Cultural Literacy for Religions	12 MHS Breakfast 9:30 AM Cultural Literacy for Religions 12:00 PM Simply Friends 6:00 PM Bellissimo Practice 7:30 PM Choir Practice	13 MHS Breakfast 12:00 PM Noon Hour of Prayer	14 9:00 AM Voyagers Voyagers volunteer at REFB
15 8:00 AM Korean Worship 8:15 AM Kerygma Bible Study 9:00 AM Music & Memory Workshop - Learn the Ukulele 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry 11:30 AM Stewardship Luncheon	16 MHS Breakfast Office Closed Rose Clippings DEC. & JAN. FIRM DEADLINE 10:00 AM Senior Exercise 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM PW Evening Bible	17 MHS Breakfast 8:30 AM Buildings & Grounds 10:30 AM PW Bible Study & Luncheon 7:00 PM Christian Edu. Meeting 7:30 PM Boy Scouts	18 MHS Breakfast 10:00 AM Staff Mtg. 11:00 AM Bulletin Mtg. 4:00 PM Grief & Loss Support Group 4:00 PM Voena Rehearsal 7:00 PM Cultural Literacy for Religions	19 MHS Breakfast 9:00 AM Leadership Cohort 9:30 AM Cultural Literacy for Religions 12:00 PM Simply Friends 3:30 PM Book Club 5:00 PM Finance 6:00 PM Bellissimo Practice 7:30 PM Choir	20 MHS Breakfast 12:00 PM Noon Hour of Prayer	21 9:30 AM Handicapped
22 Giving Tree goes up 8:00 AM Korean Worship 8:15 AM Kerygma Bible Study 9:00 AM Learn the Ukulele 10:00 AM Worship - Thanksgiving Service 11:15 AM BP Screenings 11:30 AM Adult Forum: Thailand with Allison Rhodes 12:00 PM Surviving the Holidays	23 NO Breakfast Office Closed 10:00 AM Senior Exercise 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting	24 NO Breakfast 8:30 AM Buildings & Grounds 10:00 AM PW Sewing 5:30 PM Church and World 7:00 PM Session Meeting	25 NO Breakfast Office Closed at noon Rosebud Closed 10:00 AM Staff Mtg 11:00 AM Bulletin 6:00 PM Bellissimo Practice 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Cultural Literacy for Religions	26 NO Breakfast Office Closed Rosebud Closed Thanksgiving Day	27 NO Breakfast Office Closed Rosebud Closed	28
29 Advent , Rose Clippings 8:00 AM Korean Worship 8:15 AM Kerygma Bible Study 9:00 AM Choir Practice 9:00 AM Learn the Ukulele 10:00 AM Worship	30 MHS Breakfast Office Closed 10:00 AM Senior Exercise 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<div>November 2015</div> <div>Save the date for Voena Children's choir concert at 5:30 on December 16th in Bowen Hall and the Christmas Cantata on Dec. 18, 19 & 20th. See page 8 for more information.</div>				

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Presbyterian Women

Tuesday Nov. 17

Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

Salad Pot Luck Lunch 12:15 p.m.

Thank Offering

Refugees: Where to? What Next?

A film by Alice and Ted Crouch

Music By John Denver



Presbyterian Women to View

Crouches' Short Refugee Film

"Where to? What Next?"

At the noon luncheon meeting of Presbyterian Women on November 17, Alice Crouch will present a brief film she made for the PCUSA using husband Ted's pictures.

During Ted's ministry with refugees in the 1980's, he represented the Presbyterian Church USA on two trips to visit refugee

camp in Asia and in Europe. Looking at his pictures from those trips, Alice had the idea of creating a video using his pictures and the music of John Denver to tell the story of the refugees' journeys and the groups who were helping them.

Says Alice, "It took over a year of trying, but I was able to receive permission from John Denver's organization to use his music on the video (later converted to a DVD). The idea for the title came from the end of Carl Sandberg's long poem "The People, Yes."

In the darkness with a great bundle of grief the people march.

In the night, and overhead a shovel of stars for keeps, the people march: "Where to? what next?"

~ Guests are welcome to attend ~



These grads thank you!

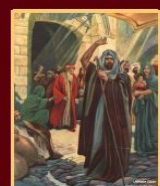
Look what your support has helped accomplish! For over 20 years, PW and Connie Norris have overseen the support for the Menaul School, an independent faith-based college prep school in New Mexico. Every one of these grads is off to a university. **Keep saving your Campbell's labels and General Mills Box Tops!**



Graduating Class of 2015

VOYAGERS: Time to help again at the Food Bank! Saturday November 14th 9:00 am until noon

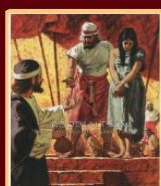
Lunch is not planned but hopefully some of you can make plans to go together!! Have fun! Callers will be in touch but any further questions please call Louise Uteley, Thank You!



A Bible Study for our time.

Amos & Hosea:

Boundaries, Tough Love, Amazing Grace



Sunday Mornings 8:15

GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesdays
4-6 pm



Help and encouragement after the loss of a spouse, child, family member, or friend to death, dementia or separation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Book Club

Thurs. NOV. 19 3:30 P.M



The Sisters Brothers by Patrick DeWitt

A Darkly Comic Western

Copies in the Library



MUSIC & MEMORY WORKSHOP

Learn the Ukulele!

Sundays at 9 am
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