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*Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.*

Isaiah 43:19



Christina Rivas

God Always Makes a New Way!

Happy Kick-Off of the Church Year! This is the time of year when churches all around the US “kick-off” their activities and plans for the church year. Officially, the church year begins with Advent, but the church stewardship season, programs, concerts and other activities typically begin this time of year and run through next June 2015.

I am happy to report that our Church of the Roses has a few “new things” to launch this church year! The various committees and groups have embraced an understanding that “doing a new thing” is good for the church’s future. That doesn’t mean we quit doing all the good things we have done in the past that still nurture and develop the church. But it means we will also promote “new things” that are inspired by the love of God and strive to meet the needs of the local congregation and community.

Reverend T.D. Jakes, at the 2014 International Pastors and Leadership Conference said, "If God gave you two or five talents and when you came back you still had what he gave, you didn't lead. If you're not making any change, you're just taking up space."

This theology applies not just to pastors but to the church as a whole. During 2014-15 let's ask: Is the Church of the Roses just “taking up space” in Santa Rosa? Or is the COR creatively connecting to the community in a way that promotes the love of God?

Rev. Jakes asks, "What do you disturb? When you walk in somewhere, what do you change? Are you the pebble that was thrown into the pond that never made a ripple? Your presence should disturb the tranquility of the moment...change some things, stop being so passive!"

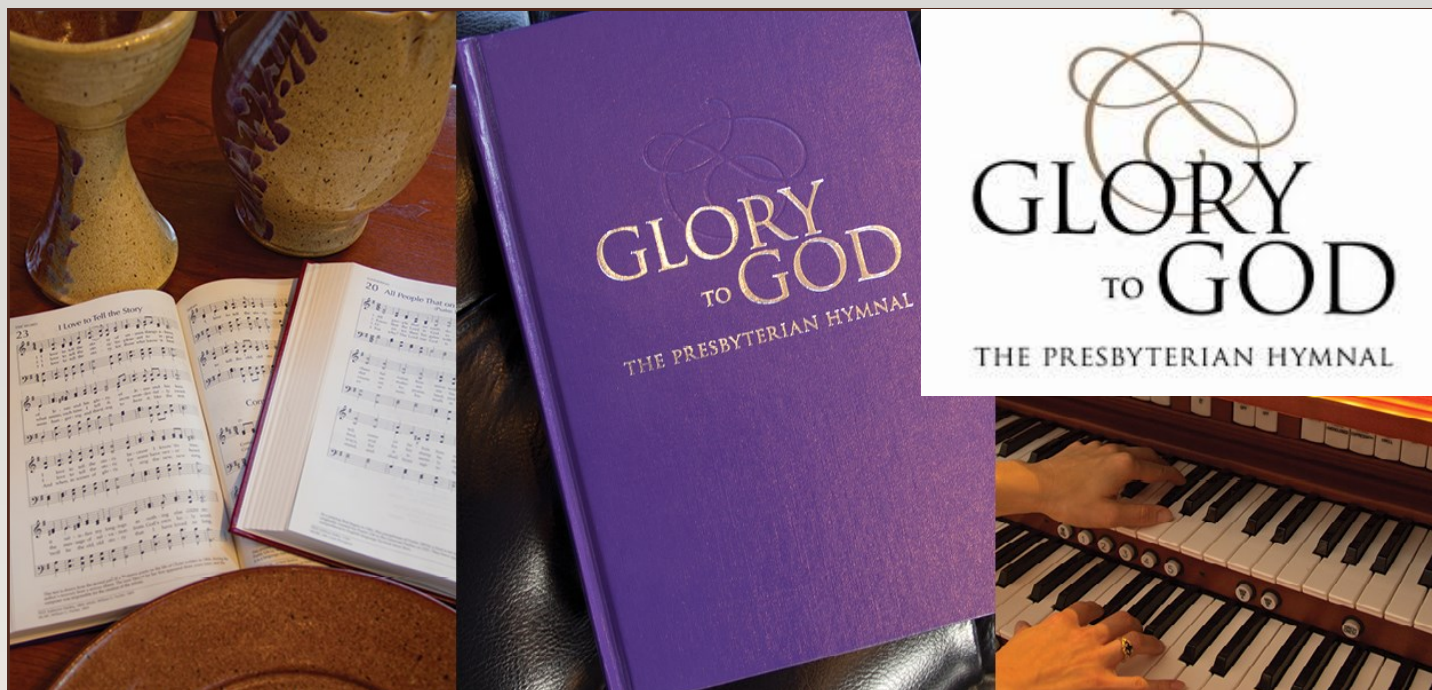
How can the Church of the Roses be a pebble that makes a ripple in the pond of Santa Rosa and beyond? I would love to hear your thoughts about this and what new way you believe God is leading us to follow as a church and as disciples of Jesus Christ. May God's grace and peace and the faith of Isaiah lead our way.

Pastor Cindy



The new edition of the Presbyterian hymnal is here!

Some of the old classics like “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” are back! With your help, Presbyterian Church of the Roses is acquiring the new Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*. Please consider donating one or more hymnals for the church, which you may dedicate in someone’s honor or memory.



Each hymnal is a \$20 donation. Please order the number of hymnals you would like and how they should be dedicated. Donations will be collected when hymnals arrive.

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The Church family had a great time eating roasted veggies from the gardens of Bayer Farms/Landpaths after church on August 31st.



The MHS Breakfast Program is in full swing!



Emily and Chris Rhodes who is the chair of our new Youth Council.

Session

August Meeting Highlights

Motions Approved –

- Fund raising for “Pedal for Protein” (which is a Presbytery fundraiser for the Food Bank.)
- John Bell, a Church of Scotland pastor and hymn composer, will present 3 workshops on Friday night and Saturday July 10-11, 2015. He will preach on Sunday July 12, 2015, pending the participation of two other churches who agree to share the cost. It was also approved to allow books and cd’s to be sold during his presentations.
- The hiring of Emily Reeves by the personnel committee to be our Director of Youth Activities effective September 3, 2014 for 15 hours a week.

Other Business –

- We are applying for grants to support the Montgomery High Breakfast Program from Bank of America and the Margaret V Ping Fund.
- Ron Bauer will be presenting a class on: “Boundaries: Getting Control of Your Life”.
- Finance reported that our church budget is \$11,000 in the black as of the July financial report
- Pastor Cindy will be visiting family between 9/30/2014 and 10/3/2014. She will be at a Synod meeting in Burlingame as a commissioner from the Presbytery of the Redwoods to the Synod of the Pacific from 10/8-10.
- Stephens Ministry will be hosting a support group in November called “Grief Share.”

September Meeting Highlights

Your Session is working hard. Here are a few highlights from the last meeting to keep you informed:

- A new committee was approved called the "Youth Council." It will support, mentor, and assist with the work of the Director of Youth Activities. Currently the committee members are: Chris Rhodes (chair), Liz Rhodes, Kim Seamans, Eddie Seamans, Robert Cortez, and Pastor Cindy.
- The Stephen Ministry received approval to develop a Grief Recovery support group series of meetings. They will begin in November.
- The session approved the fundraising components within the two Christmas season programs: Alternative Gift Market, and The Giving Tree.
- The treasurer, Gene Michel, reported that our trends in giving have been generous in 2014.
- The Deacons reported that the Giving Tree program will provide a special Christmas for 70 needy families this year.
- Barbara McElroy presented the reasons our church will benefit from having the new PCUSA hymnal. Approval was given to move forward with the project.

Choir & Concerts

The Chancel Choir and Bellissimo are off to a great start! Each group has several new members joining us in praising the Lord! And our doors are always open to anyone wishing to join us. Bellissimo (bell choir) meets at 6 p.m. on Thursday evenings in the Sanctuary and Chancel Choir meets at 7:30 p.m., also in the Sanctuary.

Chancel Choir has started work on "The City of Light", a wonderful Christmas Cantata written by Tom Fettke & Bruce Greer. In addition, we are blessed to praise God every Sunday during worship.

Bellissimo has a number of exciting hand bell pieces planned for the church year. We play about one a month for the morning services.

Yours in Christ, Barbara McElroy

Rosebud Preschool

Our fall session has begun with many new faces. We are learning each other's names and developing a rhythm to our day. For many children, this is their first experience in group care. We are looking forward to our Fall Festival which is scheduled for Saturday, October 25th from 10 until 12.

We are happy to report that we have been awarded a grant that will allow us to purchase some much needed science equipment and supplies along with other materials that will improve the overall preschool environment.

Buildings and Grounds

The major item was fixing a problem with the irrigation system, which had a valve stuck in the "open" position. B&G had two valves replaced, and fixed a hole in the drip system. We also reduced the lawn watering to once a week, and are placing signs letting our neighbors know we're watering with well water, and not city water.

Finance

Finance is happy to report that as of the end of August, we are \$15K ahead of budget for contributions and \$6K under budget for expenses. We have begun work on forming a stewardship committee (Would you like to join? Please talk to Bill.) and the 2015 budget process is underway. The committee is also continuing to work on an updated financial policy manual for the church.

Youth Activities



Hi! I am Emily Reeves, the new Director of Youth Activities here. I am very excited to be working with the church and incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be get-

ting to know the youth of this community. I have been attending the MHS breakfast program on Wednesdays and getting to know the youth there. I have also been asking the students what kind of activities they would be interested in, and working with a wonderful Youth Council to plan activities and programs that meet the needs of the youth and of our church. I will also be helping Pastor Cindy in leading worship and welcoming young adults who attend Sunday morning worship service.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Membership/Fellowship

There will be a New Member Class for those considering joining or wanting to learn more. It will be held on October 12th after worship. Fellowship will provide lunch.

Personnel

Our new Director of Youth Activities, Emily Reeves, began her job on Wednesday September 3. She has had the opportunity to experience further orientation with Pastor Cindy and to meet some of the Montgomery High School students who attend the breakfast. Emily has assisted in several Sunday worship services.

Deacons

It has been a busy summer with our "outreach" to the community with financial assistance. Fall is beginning and Deacons is in the early stage and looking forward to the start of our "Giving Tree Season"

Christian Education

Special plans were made for the 10th Anniversary of Rosebud Preschool worship service so that the children would have a good experience in Sunday School. We are also planning adult forums for the new church year. The first one was with Rev. Dr Rebecca Young of Indonesia and it was well attended. We are also sponsoring a Boundaries Workshop by Ron Bauer, LMFT.

Montgomery High Breakfast

Cindy Larson has recently started supplementing the breakfast shopping with items from the Redwood Empire Food Bank. Currently all produce and bread are free at the Food Bank. There are also items for purchase that were donated by the manufacturers, and we pay just the freight costs. For example, we recently picked up a case of Luna Bars for just \$5.00! That works out to 1.5 cents apiece.

Worship

The new hymnal, *Glory to God*, has been approved. On October 19th at 10 am we will have a bilingual worship service combined with our Centro Cristiano Hispano Congregation.



The family and I are appreciative of the many cards and visits Paul received during his illness, as well as the cards and meals provided since his death.

We are also grateful to the Deacons for serving at the memorial and all the "cookie bakers" who provided dessert.

With Appreciation,

Karen Bowles

(Katy, Bob and Brad)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Yoga

(Easy!)



Saturday Mornings at 11:00 a.m
Starting October 4



Chris Rhodes, Nancy and Bill Morgan have completed their Pedals for Protein six-day bike ride in good form! We are very proud of them for helping our Presbytery raise almost \$20,000 for protein to add to the Food Bank inventory. Pictured at left is Chris Callahan ringing in the riders.

Grief Recovery Support Group
hosted by Stephen Ministries
will begin in November.
www.griefshare.com

The **Handicapables Group** is inviting all seniors in need of a meal, social interaction and entertainment to their gatherings. They meet in Bowen Hall on the following dates: **October 11, November 15, December 20** For more information you can reach Joanne Del Castillo through her email at: joannedelcastillo@comcast.net



MHS BREAKFAST PROGRAM
could use more help! Contact
Chris Rhodes at 484-4189 or email
rhodes@sonic.net



MAILCHIMP! If you haven't been receiving our weekly emails and would like to, please give the office your email. Thank you!

T-SHIRTS LEFT! Come by the office or pick one up after worship. The donation is about \$10. We would love to see you wear them around town!



Hour of Prayer and Encouragement! Every Friday, 12 noon to 1pm in the sanctuary. Come with your prayer requests, listen to meditative music, hear the reading of reassuring scriptures read, pray for our church, or pray silently in the stillness of our beautiful candlelit sanctuary.

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Voyagers: SRJC PLANETARIUM
Sunday, Oct. 12th at 1 p.m.
The program will be "Planet Mars" – Should be very interesting!!!
Please call Jeanne and Fred Recknagel for more details, 887-9870



The Boys and Girls Club continue to need assistance with their afternoon snack time. Please bring to the office healthy snacks such as string cheese, cream cheese, bagels, peanut butter, jam, jelly, snack bars and fruit.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Helen Anderson's memorial service was held at Spring Lake Village Chapel last Tuesday, September 23rd. Please keep her niece, Beverly Mueller, and the whole family in your prayers for comfort during their grieving.

Ruth Bamesberger passed away on September 3rd. Her service was Friday, Sept. 26th at the Chapel of the Chimes on Santa Rosa Avenue. Her daughter, Pamela Dunkelberger, lives in Overgaard, AZ.

Frank Metzger passed away on Sunday, September 21st. There will not be a memorial service.

Jack Page passed away on Sept. 22nd in his home. His memorial service will be in our church. The date and time is pending. Please keep his son, Ward, and daughter, Kristy, in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their father.



Prayer Requests: Please include in your prayers
Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member

- Please pray for the family of Helen Anderson, longtime member of this church and aunt of Beverly Mueller, who died Sept. 14th at the age of 102. The service will be Tues. Sept. 23rd, 2:00 pm at Spring Lake Village Chapel.
- Please pray for the family of Paul Bowles who passed away on Sept. 13th.
- Please pray for the family of Mary Bodily who passed away on Aug. 20th.
- Pray for the family of Patricia Fuller.

Those facing health issues

- Please pray for Don Marshall who underwent knee replacement surgery.
- Please pray for Albert Reil who has severe diabetes and Alan Reil who has pancreatic cancer. Former stepson and stepbrother of Don McElroy.
- Requesting prayers for healing and a new kidney for Eric Vornheder, the husband of Shirley Weber's granddaughter who lives in Ohio.
- Please pray for Pat Ward at Creekside Rehab Hospital.
- Requesting prayers for David Downard, friend of the Steele family, as he recovers from a liver transplant.
- Please pray for Pamela Sage as she deals with malignant cystic infundibular carcinoma.
- Please pray for John Baker, Gene Michel's nephew.
- Please pray for Arlene Consoli, friend of Jonathan Steele, who is suffering from severe back problems.

Those serving in our military

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, US Navy Jason Imbimbo, 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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 <i>Choir party after church @ Morgan's</i> World Communion Sunday 8:30 AM Kerygma Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship 1:30 PM Hispania Cristiana	6 Office Closed 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 6:30 PM Boundaries Workshop 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	7 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 8:30 AM Buildings & G. 10:00 AM PW Coordinating Mtg 10:00 AM Staff Mtg. 11:00 AM Staff Mtg. B 1:00 PM Membership/Fellowship	8 Pastor Cindy gone Synod 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 3:30 PM Voena Choir 5:00 PM Nami Board Meeting	9 Pastor Cindy gone Synod 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 12:00 PM Simply Friends 6:00 PM Bellissimo Practice 7:30 PM Choir Prac.	10 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 12:00 PM Hour of Prayer	11 9:30 AM Handicapables
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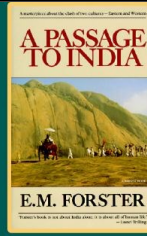
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Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery for the Redwoods



Fall Gathering 2014

Sat. October 4 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
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