



# *Rose Clippings*

## Join Us During Lent!

### LENTEN BIBLE SERIES

*Prayer, Power, and Practices*

Wednesdays Feb. 25 – Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

led by Pastor Cindy in the Rose Room.

Childcare available by calling the church.

SOUP SUPPERS AT 6 PM

EASTER EGG HUNT at 10 am on March 28

PALM SUNDAY CANTATA at 10 am on March 29

MAUNDY THURSDAY 6pm on April 2

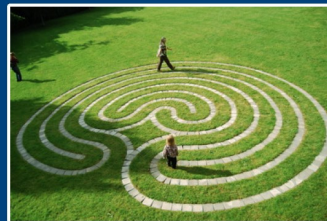
Soup Supper with hand-washing ceremony  
and communion in Bowen Hall.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE at 12 noon on April 3

EASTER SUNDAY 10 am on April 5

celebration with special music .

FRIDAYS HOUR OF PRAYER 12 noon every Friday  
except March 6 & April 3.



**Prayer,  
Power  
& Practices**

**Wednesday Evenings Feb. 25 - Mar. 25**

**Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. Pastor Cindy's Class 7:00 p.m.**





## Remnants of the Christian Church Give Us Hope During Lent

By Pastor Cindy Alloway RN MSN MDiv DMin

**L**ast week, as I was coming back from a 6 day trip to see the ancient ruins of the seven churches mentioned in the book of Revelation, I pondered what message the remnants of those churches might have for us in contemporary churches on another continent? Turkey is a beautiful country albeit much colder and snowier than I expected! And the seven churches tour filled my brain with new knowledge that I am still processing...



One of the insights I gained was a new awareness of the “eternal resilience” of the Church (with a big “C” for universal church). Although the Muslim state domination was evident everywhere we turned in Turkey, the tour sites were full of contemporary Christians touring from Japan, Germany, the US and Iran, of all places!

Still there were many reminders along the tour path that this land in Turkey had at one time been dominated by Christians (when Constantine was Emperor), and the Ottoman Empire was a relatively recent development in the 12<sup>th</sup> century. Some of the ruins we visited had artifacts dating back to the Bronze Age (3300 BCE)! The world evolves and changes but God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Our group was guided by a knowledgeable Muslim woman but our tour operator’s daughter, Dana, who is a Palestinian Christian, was also along on the tour to shep-

herd us. She was born into a Protestant Christian family in Palestine and recently graduated from UNC in Chapel Hill, NC. Dana told us about how she was struggling to find a Protestant church where she could worship in Istanbul. She shared that although her adjustment to life working in Turkey had been difficult at times, she thoroughly enjoyed being with the Christian tour groups. Shepherding Christian groups was satisfying her spiritual needs for Christian teaching and fellowship since we had devotions daily in a small group led by inspiring Christian pastors. Yet on our last day Dana was very sad to say farewell. But I expected she would cheer up when a new church group arrived from the US in a few days.

My friend, Pastor “Tillie,” a Presbyterian clergy colleague from Pennsylvania was on the trip with me. Her church is in the “hospice” phase of closing. She is faithfully helping them face the end of their church’s history. Although it was sad to think of her church closing, it was encouraging to see that a message in the ruins of Ephesus was that the Church truly is ETERNAL. The physical structure may be buried for thousands of years and re-discovered. And in the meantime the people still find ways to be the church in community with one another. Dana’s experience with church tour groups reminded me that the church is not the building. The Christian church is a family of Jesus followers who can be anywhere in the world and the church is there with them as God is with us always; even on a big tour bus in the snow in Turkey.

One of the main lessons we learn in this Lenten season is found in Psalm 103: “The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.” And despite our sinfulness and failures, “God removes our transgressions from us. As a parent has compassion for their children so the Lord has compassion for us. For God knows how we were made and remembers that we are **dust.**”

You don’t have to go to Turkey to remember that wherever you are, God is. Jesus loves you more than you can hope for or imagine. And he promises to never leave us or forsake us. The Christian

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Church will survive because God's love is ETERNAL. Psalm 46 states: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change...." As our churches grow and decline, God is with us through it all.

Hope you will join us, your resilient PCOR church family, for a blessed Lenten Season! The calendar is full of many opportunities to support your church in many inspiring ways. Don't miss out! We are eternally grateful to still be effectively working for Jesus Christ to build up the kingdom of God in the 21<sup>st</sup> century! Our Muslim guide taught us to say: **Güle güle** as a farewell. In Turkish it means: "Go with smiles." We all have reasons to smile because God is good!

Pastor Cindy

ABOVE: In Ephesus standing in the center of a temple built for the Goddess Artemis. Alexander the Great wanted to complete the construction of this temple to get his name on it. For more information see: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ephesus>



## Join us in Haiti May 28-June 5, 2015

Kathryn Culver gave a forum on her Duke Global Health research about healing interventions for Haitian orphans suffering from PTSD. Please contact Kathryn if interested in joining the mission trip.



Contact: Kathryn Culver

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(973) 216-7789



Easter Egg Hunt

March 28th  
10 AM



With CANTATA  
March 29th  
10 AM



April 2nd  
6 PM



GOOD FRIDAY  
April 3 12 noon



EASTER  
April 5 10 AM



## Around the Church!



ABOVE: **Robert Cortez** helps assemble bikes in Bowen Hall. RIGHT: Teens got involved in the Bike Assembly on Feb. 22. Our Director of Youth Activities, Emily Reeves, organized the Bike Assembly. Sixteen bikes were assembled. They were provided by the Salvation Army.



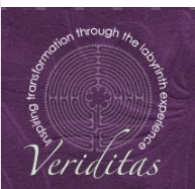
**Dawn Matheny**, daughter of the late Ray Matheny (faithful PCOR church member), will present a talk about the Labyrinth Way of Prayer. The

PCOR is exploring an idea for creating a prayer garden labyrinth in our front lawn as a gift to the community and an invitation to pray. Dawn is an expert on the labyrinth and the executive director of Veriditas.

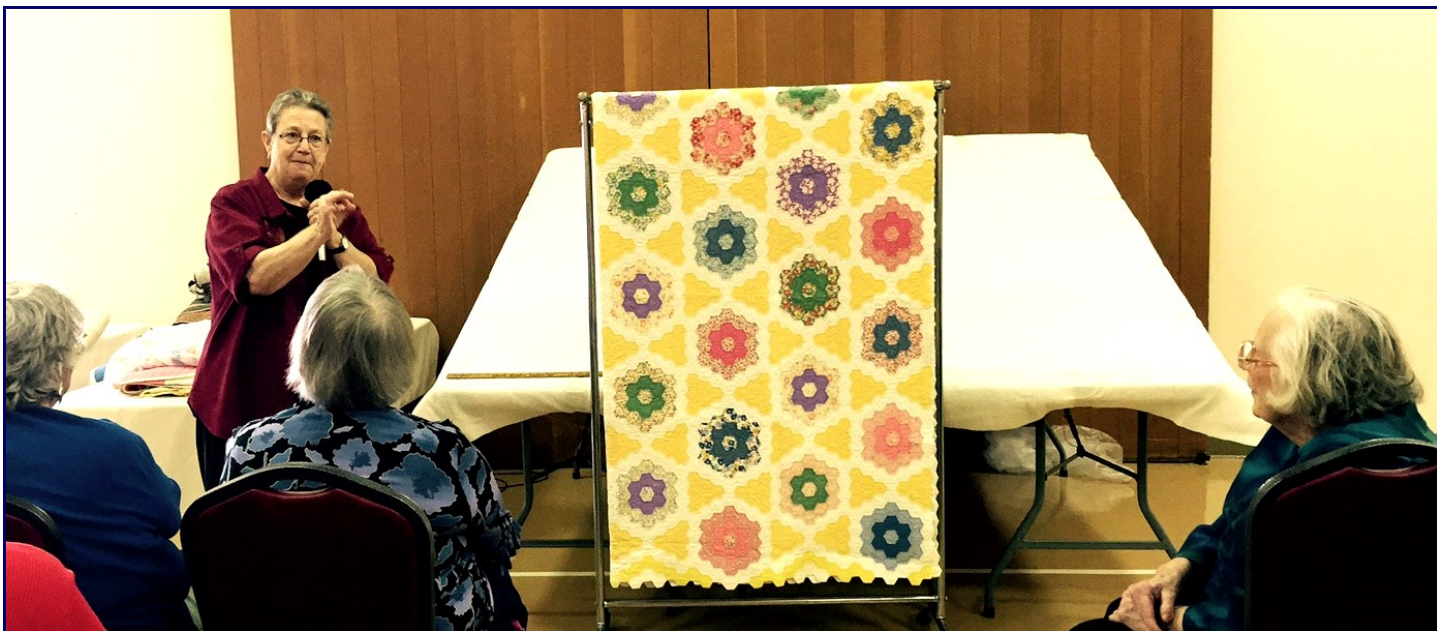
Dawn Matheny is a seasoned administrator who has worked for over 30 years, running programs in local government and non-profits. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from University of California in Santa Cruz, a Masters Degree in Counseling from Sonoma State University, and a Doctorate in East West Psychology from the California Institute of Integral Studies.

See **Veriditas.org** for more information.

**Dawn Matheny will be leading the Wednesday Lenten study**  
*The Labyrinth, A Path of Peace and Prayer on*  
**March 11, 2015 at 7 pm.**  
**Soup supper is at 6 pm.**







ABOVE: **Nita Pinney** worked hard organizing the Antique Quilt Trunk Show by expert **Julie Silber** (pictured below).







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

- Please pray for the family of Art Borchers, as they mourn his passing on February 8, 2015.
- Please pray for the family of Jeanne Nussmeier who are mourning the sudden death of Jeanne's daughter, Shannon Marie Williams, on January 20, 2015.
- Pray for the family of John and DeDe Keating who are mourning the death of John's father.
- Please pray for the family of Dan Ramage who passed away January 7, 2015
- Please pray for the family of Carla Edwards who passed away December 20, 2014.

### *Please pray for those facing health issues*

Robert McNutt  
Rev. Ted Crouch  
Pamela Sage  
Judy Bello  
Albert Reil  
Alan Reil



David Downard  
John Baker  
Lorraine Nichol  
Brooke Smith  
Ed and Fay St. John  
Bob Snater

### *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.



*My heartfelt thanks to everyone in my church family. The cards, food, prayers, concerns and love sent my way meant so much to me. I am on the road to recovery and should be back to my regular schedule by March. Blessings to everyone,  
Gwen Christiansen*



### **From Mourning to Joy .... GriefShare Support Group**

If it is hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, friend or job, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before.  
*"Going to GriefShare feels like having warm arms wrapped around you when you're shivering."*

We meet every Wednesday between Jan. 14—April 8 from 7-8:30 PM in the Adult Ed room. Enter through the parking lot. Stop in any Wednesday!

# COMMITTEE UPDATES



Last month, Pastor Cindy and I participated in the Power Day that Montgomery High School was holding in Bowen Hall. Power Day is a day to inspire kids that are academically in danger to focus on their school work and stay in school. It was very productive and inspiring. We also had a couple volunteer days in February including a bike assembly day for the Salvation Army and a workday at the Riddell Preserve with Land Paths, which were quite successful.

Coming up in March, we have another volunteer day at the Riddell Preserve and craft night for the youth. I am also excited to announce that I will be attending a Progressive Youth Ministry conference



held at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago. This conference will give me some more tools and inspiration in which to work with youth in a progressive way that is relevant to their lives.

Blessings, Emily Reeves



The finance committee is happy to report that January contributed income was over budget and

expenses were under budget, a good trend to begin the year. The audit committee is beginning the audit of the 2014 financials and the Gifts and Bequests Committee is beginning a review of our endowment investments to see if the performance can be improved.



It has been a quiet month at Rosebud in terms of the schedule if not in the actual classrooms. The kids are engaged in

exploring new science materials, participating in an archeological dig, and "cooking" for the teachers and each other in the play kitchen. The pre-K class welcomed new pets to their classroom. A beta fish and some tetras are now living in the fish tank purchased with some of our First 5 grant money.



There are three more concerts in this year's series. Bring all of your friends and family to these wonderful community concerts!

**March 15 – Santa Rosa Children's Chorus**  
**April 19 – Montgomery High School Bands**  
**May 17 – Song of Sonoma**



# COMMITTEE UPDATES



Fellowship will be helping the deacons with the soup suppers during lent.



Late in January letters were sent to members telling them about the new Deacon Buddy program and advising them of who their Deacon Buddy is. When your Deacon Buddy calls you, please assist him/her by helping to update our records regarding your name/address/email address/emergency contact, etc. This should take only 10 minutes or so. Be aware that if you go into the hospital, the hospital WILL NOT call Pastor Cindy or the church to let us know that you are hospitalized—that must be done by either you, a family member, or a friend. We are hoping to make it easier for all members to connect to the church and sources of assistance should they need them. If you wish to talk/consult with Pastor Cindy, please let your Deacon Buddy know so that Pastor Cindy can be advised to call/visit you. If you are homebound, your Deacon Buddy and Pastor Cindy can make an appointment to bring you communion.



We will be welcoming 9 new members into our church on March 1st. Dennis and Deborah Baker, Dielh Domingue, Ward and Christie Page, Sarah and Jake Parsons, Glenna Sutherland and Nancy Taylor. We will also be baptizing baby Jacob Parsons.



**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

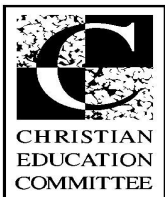
With Pastor Cindy's continuing commitment to and support for staff development and with Session's approval, the following conferences will soon be attended. First,

Youth Activities Director Emily Reeves will attend the March 19-21 Progressive Youth Ministry Conference in Chicago. This particular conference agenda uniquely matches Roses' needs in youth ministry.

Second, Business Administrator Cindy Larson will attend the ACS Technologies (Church Software) Conference in Dallas, TX from May 26-28, 2015. This conference provides not only essential software training for Cindy, but offers a host of tools and tips for the entire organization as we strive to achieve our ministry's goals.

Ruth Canniff, Administrative Assistant, recently attended a one day development session right here in Santa Rosa, about which

she was quite enthusiastic. The seminar focused on managing time, people and projects. She brought back useful information for both staff and committee chairs.



The Christian Ed Committee is happy about all the activities available to our congregation that are happening. Exercise for seniors every Monday a.m. and a video class about the New Testament Monday evenings, the Book Club and Film Series on 3rd and 4th Thursdays. On Sunday mornings there is the 8:15 Bible Class studying the Lectionary and after church there are Forums! Katherine

Culver told us about using yoga with troubled young people in Haiti. Soon pastor Cindy will share with us about her trip to Turkey. The Committee is working on presenting the same Vacation Church School curriculum we used last year but at a better time. We'll need lots of volunteers! During Lent we will be preparing food for the 6:00 p.m. Soup Suppers and Pastor Cindy will be leading us in a study of different ways to pray, every Wednesday evening February 25 to March 25.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Presbyterian Women March 17

**Bible Study 10:30**  
**Luncheon 12:15 p.m.**



**Speaker: Meg Easter Dawson**  
Home Program Development Manager  
**Valley of the Moon Children's Home**



**Now on Mondays at 7:00 p.m.**  
**until after Easter**

### The New Testament

Learn about the Scriptures  
from an historical perspective.

**Great Courses**  
**Video**

**Professor Bart Erhman**  
**is the teacher.**



**Book Club**  
**Thurs. March 19**  
**3:30 P.M**  
**In the Library**

### The Weird Sisters by Eleanor Brown

**A winsome story of sibling rivalry**  
**Copies in the library**



**Favorite Film Series**  
**Thurs. March 26**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
**in the Rose Room**

Windjammers meet for a salad bar  
before the movie

### Magic in the Moonlight

**A medium challenges a skeptic**



### ATTENTION VOYAGERS!

On **Friday, March 20th at 6:00 pm**, the Voyagers will be having a **BAKED POTATO BAR** and gathering in Bowen Hall. There will be hors d'oeuvres, baked potatoes and dessert served. Callers will be contacting members with further information and food assignments. If you have questions, contact Jeanne and Fred Recknagel, 887-9870.



*We would like to  
acknowledge  
Sam and Ann  
McClure for their  
generous donation*

*of new chairs for Bowen Hall.  
They are comfortable, beautiful and  
have brightened the hall. Thank you!*



The Boys and Girls Club need after-noon snacks. Please bring to the office healthy snacks such as string cheese, cream cheese, bagels, peanut butter, jam, snack bars, fruit..



### Easy Senior Exercise!

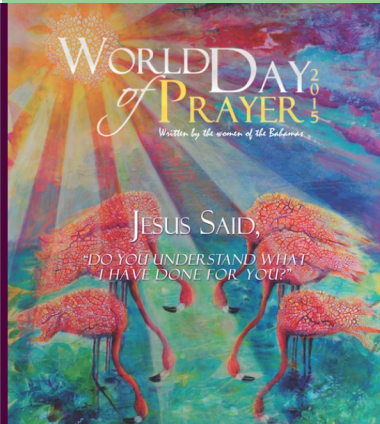
**Every Monday**  
**at 10 am in the Rose Room**

# MARCH 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Bible Study Class <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> Youth Council Meeting <b>1:30 PM</b> Hispanos Cristianos	<b>2</b> Office Closed <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>10:00 AM</b> Senior Exercise <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> New Testament Study	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>8:30 AM</b> Buildings & Grounds <b>10:00 AM</b> PW Coordinating Mtg <b>12:30 PM</b> Membership Meeting <b>1:30 PM</b> Fellowship Meeting	<b>4</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Mtg. <b>11:00 AM</b> Bulletin Mtg. <b>6:00 PM</b> Soup Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> GriefShare <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Prayer Series	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>12:00 PM</b> Simply Friends <b>6:00 PM</b> Bellissimo Practice <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>6</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>1:00 PM</b> <b>World Day of Prayer</b> at First Methodist Church	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Bible Study Class <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>1:30 PM</b> Centro Cristiano Hispano	<b>9</b> Office Closed <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>10:00 AM</b> Senior Exercise <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> New Testament Study	<b>10</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>8:30 AM</b> Buildings & Grounds <b>10:00 AM</b> PW Sewing <b>12:30 PM</b> Personnel Library <b>4:30 PM</b> Worship Committee <b>7:00 PM</b> Deacon's Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Mtg. <b>11:00 AM</b> Bulletin Mtg. <b>6:00 PM</b> Soup Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> GriefShare <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Prayer Series	<b>12</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>12:00 PM</b> Simply Friends <b>6:00 PM</b> Bellissimo Practice <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>12:00 PM</b> Hour of Prayer	<b>14</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Handicapped
<b>15</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Bible Study Class <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> Stephen Ministry <b>11:30 AM</b> Youth Council Meeting <b>12:30 PM</b> Concert Setup <b>2:00 PM</b> Roses Concert	<b>16</b> Office Closed <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>10:00 AM</b> Senior Exercise <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> New Testament Study <b>7:00 PM</b> PW Evening Bible	<b>17</b> Rose Clippings Deadline <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>8:30 AM</b> Buildings & Grounds <b>10:30 AM</b> PW Bible Study & Luncheon <b>7:00 PM</b> Christian Edu. Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>18</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Mtg. <b>11:00 AM</b> Bulletin <b>6:00 PM</b> Soup Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> GriefShare <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Prayer Series	<b>19</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>12:00 PM</b> Simply Friends <b>3:30 PM</b> Book Club Meeting <b>5:00 PM</b> Finance Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Bellissimo Practice <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>20</b> Voyagers Baked Potato Bar <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>12:00 PM</b> Hour of Prayer	<b>21</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Knox Church Fundraiser
<b>22</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Bible Study Class <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship <b>1:30 PM</b> Hispanos Cristianos	<b>23</b> <b>NO MHS Breakfast</b> Office Closed Rosebud Pre-K Closed <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>10:00 AM</b> Senior Exercise <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> New Testament Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Preschool Board Meeting	<b>24</b> <b>NO MHS Breakfast</b> Rosebud Pre-K Closed <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>8:30 AM</b> Buildings & Grounds <b>10:00 AM</b> PW Sewing <b>5:30 PM</b> Church and World <b>7:00 PM</b> Session Meeting	<b>25</b> <b>NO MHS Breakfast</b> Rosebud Pre-K Closed <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>10:00 AM</b> Staff Mtg. <b>11:00 AM</b> Bulletin Mtg. <b>6:00 PM</b> Soup Supper <b>7:00 PM</b> GriefShare <b>7:00 PM</b> Lenten Prayer Series	<b>26</b> <b>NO MHS Breakfast</b> Rosebud Pre-K Closed <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>12:00 PM</b> Simply Friends <b>2:00 PM</b> Favorite Film Series <b>6:00 PM</b> Bellissimo Practice <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Practice	<b>27</b> <b>NO MHS Breakfast</b> Rosebud Pre-K Closed <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>12:00 PM</b> Hour of Prayer	<b>28</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> set up <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>Rosebud Easter Egg Hunt</b>
<b>29</b> <b>8:15 AM</b> Bible Study Class <b>10:00 AM</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Worship <b>11:30 AM</b> Youth Council Meeting <b>1:30 PM</b> Hispanos Cristianos	<b>30</b> Office Closed <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>10:00 AM</b> Senior Exercise <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>7:00 PM</b> New Testament Study	<b>31</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>8:30 AM</b> Buildings & Grounds				



## UPCOMING EVENTS...



AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**FRI. MARCH 6  
1:00 P.M.**

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH  
1551 MONTGOMERY DRIVE

ALL ARE WELCOME.



## Join us in Haiti

**MAY 28-JUNE 5, 2015**

Serve the Lord in Haiti with the Presbyterian  
Church of the Roses in partnership with  
Foundation for Peace.

Everyone ages 18 years and older welcome.



Rosa Signature  
Concert Series

Sunday

March 15

2:00 p.m.



### Santa Rosa Children's Chorus

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

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