



# Rose Clippings

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**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make last month's events a success! Our Community Easter Egg Hunt, Haiti Mission Fundraiser, Neighborhood Watch, PEO Luncheon, Painting, and Community Garden launch wouldn't have happened without your help!



In April, we celebrated the many years of service to our church by **Delores Dewhurst**. The PCOR appreciates all her service as an elder, deacon, Clerk of Session, and choir member for over 30 years. We feel very blessed by her and wish

her a fond farewell as she moves to Maryland to be closer to family. **We will miss you very much, Delores! Godspeed and traveling mercies!**

**JOIN US IN MAY!**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

**COMMUNITY GARDEN HELP**

**GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP**

**PHOTO DIRECTORY SIGN UPS after church!**

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*We will need your help June 8—June 12.*

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**May 17 Song of Sonoma!**

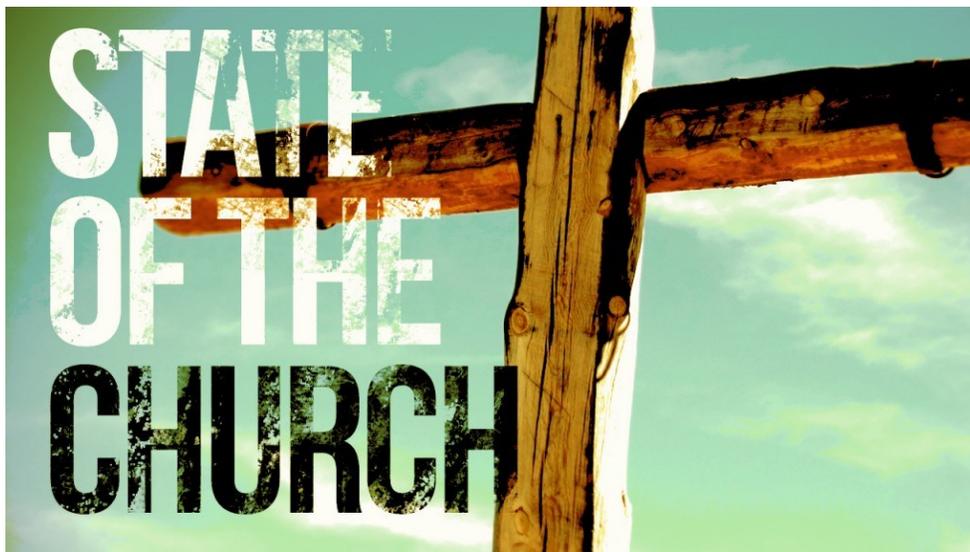
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**SPRING FLING! - May 30**





By Pastor Cindy

The state of the church around the world might seem hopeless when you watch the world news. The Isis destruction of Christian houses of worship and treasured Christian artifacts, the oppression and killing of Christians in Africa and the Middle East, all are very disturbing current events. It seems barbaric to see these tragedies happening as they did in the past during the crusades. When I was in Turkey I saw many Muslim and Greek temple artifacts that had been damaged by Christian crusaders.

History seems doomed to repeat itself unfortunately. George Bernard Shaw once said, “If history repeats itself, how incapable must man be of learning from experience.”

Wikipedia reminds us about the massacres that occurred during the first crusades that remain in historical records. “The First Crusade was part of the Papal response to the Muslim conquests, and was followed by the Second to the Ninth Crusades. The Roman Christian crusade was political more than religious-based and the first major step towards reopening international trade in the West since the fall of the Western Roman Empire. The Crusaders arrived at Jerusalem, launched an assault on the city, and captured it in July 1099, massacring many of the city's Muslim, Christian, and Jewish inhabitants.”

(For more information see: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First\\_Crusade](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Crusade))

Isis is reflecting on this history as they proclaim an aim to conquer Rome. Yet the people joining Isis are not all Muslim. They are those who feel hopeless about their own lives so they look for ways to get power, fame, and fortune. James Reese, CNN Global Affairs Analyst, stated that ISIS members are using Islam as a shield but most are not true Muslims. He said as they analyze those joining Isis, they discover that some purchased the book: “Islam for Dummies” to learn what they are supposed to say to impersonate having the Muslim faith. Nevertheless, Isis is using desperate means to get attention. Evil does exist in this world. Yet it should not make us feel hopeless about the survival of Christianity, but rather inspire us to be more prayerful, ecumenical, and trusting in God.

When I am feeling scared by the news and hopeless about the state of our earth that God planned to be a kingdom of peace “on earth as it is in heaven,” I turn to reassuring scriptures such as these:

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*For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39).*

*But You, O Lord, are a shield about me, My glory, and the One who lifts my head. (Psalm 3:3)*

*And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. (1 John 5:14-15)*

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)*

*Not by might nor by power but by my Spirit says the Lord God Almighty. (Zechariah 4:6)*

*Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid of them! The Lord your God will go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor forsake you. (Deut. 31:6)*

May your faith never fail and may you always trust in these words knowing that our almighty God is more powerful than any evil on earth. The good news we can trust in the face of terror is that **God's love will win in the end**. So be optimistic about the state of the church and let God's love flow out from you to each person you meet proving that God's love is powerfully real in the world today.



**Pastor Cindy was in the Press Democrat!** Read her article at <http://www.pressdemocrat.com/opinion/closetohome/3847353-181/close-to-home-our-role>

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Our church is blooming!  
We deeply appreciate the efforts of our  
Buildings and Grounds Committee!  
Thank you!

# There is a lot happening at PCOR!



The fundraiser for the Haiti mission trip was a fun success! Thanks from the Church and World committee and to all who volunteered and donated!



Photo bottom left: We are grateful for all the help launching our community garden! **Phil Weil** of Temple Beth; **Ami William Anderson** of Troop 135; **Kirk and Alec Leihopple** Troop 135; **Jonathan Bravo** and **Ignacio Rincon** of our Hispanos Cristianos congregation; **Don Marshall**; **Dieph Domingue**; **Emily Reeves**, Director of Youth; **Kitten**, friend of the church; **Pastor Cindy Alloway**, **Renata Langis**, of the Interfaith Sustainable Food Collaborative. We are also grateful to **Deborah Baker's** three sons (front page) who constructed the planter boxes. *Thank you!*

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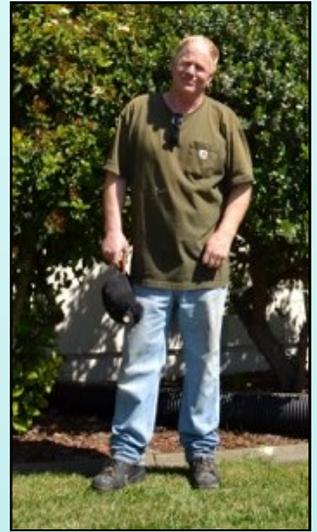
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# There is more happening at PCOR!



Pictured at left: Some of the crew that helped create the beautiful PEO Luncheon. **Pat Sneath, Lillian Pierce, Evelyn Bunting, Nita Pinney, Janice Holmes.** Not pictured are **Dick and Vera Patten** and the others who helped prepare and clean up. Great Work!



We are grateful to **Steve Desbiens**, our volunteer painter for working hard on the church's exterior and for encouraging us to have the paint and supplies donated by Kelly Moore. Thank you Steve and Kelly Moore Paint!



The Easter Egg Hunt and Activities was a big success! Pictured left: **Nancy Hansen** with her grandchild.



If you have not been receiving our weekly announcements via email and would like to, please send a request to [ruth@churchoftheroses.org](mailto:ruth@churchoftheroses.org)

Some of our neighbors from Spring Creek Dr., Patio Court and Franquette Rd, gathered in Bowen Hall to listen to a representative from SRPD as she explained how a Neighborhood Watch program works.



## Volunteer May 3 and 10 To join the fun!

Clean Water for all God's Children  
Vacation Church School  
**June 8 -12 at Roses**



June 8 to 12  
9 am -12 pm  
For children  
ages 4 to 10  
Register by May 25  
**\$5**



# Prayer Requests

*Please include in your prayers*



*Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member*

- Please pray for the family of Amy Tompkins as they mourn her mother, Mary Deaver Slater, who passed away on April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Please pray for the family of Ted Crouch as they mourn his passing on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for the family of Jack Gaffney as they mourn his passing on Mar.31<sup>st</sup>.
- Please pray for Dave Nelson as he mourns the death of his brother in Oregon.
- Please pray for the family of Sally Henderson as they mourn her passing, Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Please pray for the family of Thomas Peugh as they mourn his recent passing.
- Please pray for the family of Art Borchers who passed away 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.

*Please pray for those facing health issues*

Robert McNutt

Pamela Sage

Judy Bello

Albert Reil

Alan Reil

David Downard

John Baker

Joyce Beckner

Lorraine Nichol

Brooke Smith

Ed and Fay St. John

Bob and Marge Snater

Marie Patchin

Mary Olson

Sharon Sorani

Helen McKenzie

Julie Marquette

Bill Moberly

Dan Christian's family

Krissy Healy

Randy Pierce

*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.



Christie Page, RN MSN

**We have a new Faith and Health Ministry starting in May led by Deborah Baker and Christie Page (both have Masters of Science in Nursing degrees). There will be a service of Healing and Wholeness on the 24th of May during worship.**



Deborah Baker, RN MSN

# COMMITTEE UPDATES



The committee is happy to report that our mortgage balance is down to approximately \$138K, and we will soon be making another \$5K supplemental principal pay-down. The March financial report shows a year-to-date deficit of \$8K, not unusual early in the year. But as mentioned last month, it would be very helpful if people who make a single payment on their pledge at the end of the calendar year could adjust their schedule and make this payment in the coming months.



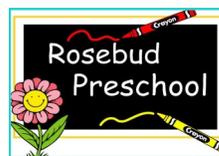
## PERSONNEL

Emily Reeves has contributed much to the Presbyterian Church of the Roses in the past 8 months. Thanks to her involvement with the youth we have: connected with the Green club at MHS and she has taken small groups of students to volunteer at Landpaths Bayer farms on Saturdays. We have learned through her participation with the high school's Power Day that the majority of the kids who come to our free breakfast identify themselves as Catholic and many of the other 25% are "agnostic." Yet we can provide support for them in other ways if not in worship services. The Youth Council has done a fine job supporting Emily's work with the youth and developed a bicycle construction event for the Salvation army and a cookie-baking/movie watching Christmas party that was well attended. The Hispanos Cristianos church group youth have also connected with our church through these events. Emily recently attended a Progressive Youth Ministry conference in Chicago and shared the knowledge gained in her report this month. And Emily has established our connection with the Interfaith Sustainable Food Collaborative that has inspired us to start a community garden. All in all it has been a good year of learning through having a part-time Director of Youth Ministry on staff. Pastor Cindy will be attending the Festival of Homiletics in Denver May 11-15 to gain even more knowledge for creative preaching.



Hi there! Emily, the Youth Director here. Last month, I went to a progressive youth ministries conference in Chicago.

There I learned a lot of really great progressive theologies to teach kids that are relevant to their lives. We had many discussions on how to incorporate race and gender into a progressive Christian theology, topics that are very important in contemporary culture. We are also happy to announce that our community garden is getting started! We've already started getting it ready, with the help of church members from our congregation, Jonathan Bravo and friends from the Hispanic congregation, and some boy scouts who are looking to get involved. We hope to reach out to some of the breakfast kids and inspire them to help out, too!



We are celebrating Spring in many ways. We have pulled out the remains of our winter crops, turned over the soil and have planted our garden. We are watching our painted lady caterpillars as they go through their process to become butterflies. We are feeding our silk worms and are continually amazed at how fast they grow. As part of our plans to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, we have installed touch-free faucet adapters that turn on the water only when we need it. The kids are also working on projects to turn items we would normally throw away into new, useful ones.



## Fellowship Committee

The Easter after service fellowship hour was a beautiful event. Thank you to Karen Bowles and all Fellowship Committee members. The Fellowship Committee served refreshments after the Montgomery High Jazz Concert at the church on April 19th. On May 30th, food will be prepared for the upcoming Spring Fling.

**NOMINATING** The 2015 Nominating Committee met for the first time on April 24, 2015 to begin considering candidates for the 2016 slate of officers. If you have suggestions for the Nominating Committee to consider, please contact Nancy Hansen. Phone : 544-8676

# COMMITTEE UPDATES

## MUSIC



What a wonderful spring we are having singing praises to God. The Choir has been blessed to sing with Dr. Rosephanye Powell in March

at St. Andrew Presbyterian! Then we had the privilege of singing "The Power and the Glory" by Doug Holck on Palm Sunday. To top that off, we were blessed to sing to the glory of God with all of you on Easter Sunday and to listen to the fabulous "Bellissimo".

On another note; there is one more concert in this year's concert series. We are thrilled to present a newcomer to the series "Song of Sonoma" under the direction of Sharon Carlson. "Song of Sonoma" is a proud member of the "Sweet Adelines." Come hear what promises to be a joyful, fun concert!



The Christian Ed Committee is making plans for **Vacation Church School June 8 -12**. We will use the **Clean Water for All God's Children** program we used last

year and most of the leaders from last year are ready to go again. We will need many helpers: registrars, group leaders, craft people, games experts, singers, snack makers etc. Watch for a planning meeting soon and come see what you would like to contribute to the fun. With our need to conserve water this program is perfect!

## Mother's Day event at Church of the Roses!



**Sunday, May 10th at 7pm in the Rose Room**  
**Girl Rising documentary (103 minutes)**  
 Requesting donations of crayons and Band-Aids for Haiti Children's Homes

From Academy Award-nominated director Richard E. Robbins, Girl Rising journeys around the globe to witness the strength of the human spirit and the power of education to change the world. Viewers get to know nine unforgettable girls living in the developing world: ordinary girls who confront tremendous challenges and overcome nearly impossible odds to pursue their dreams. Prize-winning authors put the girls' remarkable stories into words, and renowned actors give them voice.

## HELP IS URGENTLY NEEDED ON THE SOUNDBOARD

We would like to train 2 people to join us on the soundboard. **Ladies are also welcome!** – You don't need to know the technical stuff, only the operational part and we will work with you till you feel comfortable with the board.

**Please call or contact Hall Sneath 578-7143.**



There will be a new member class on May 3rd after church service. We are preparing for a new pictorial directory. We will begin sign-ups after church starting May 3rd and will continue sign ups each Sunday in May. See the announcement on page 9 for time slot choices. Preparation for the Spring Fling is in full swing!



At our April meeting we discussed the events of Lent and Easter, noting things that went well and things we might improve on. We were pleased with the attendance at the Wednesday soup suppers and series on prayer. We all agreed the performance of the cantata on Palm Sunday allowed guests to experience an ordinary service on Easter, which was enjoyed by a full sanctuary. We also echoed comments heard at Christian Education that we need to be mindful of transportation for people to evening services and events. We heard from Ray Alden and Jim Spahr about the scarcity of folks who are trained on the sound board (only three), and the projections (only two), and creating scripts for projections (only one). A training will be set up after church to offer these opportunities to others as a way to participate and serve the congregation. We look forward to Jane Spahr leading worship on June 14<sup>th</sup> and John Bell leading worship on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

# MAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Rosea Signature  
Concert Series

Sunday

March 17

2:00 p.m.

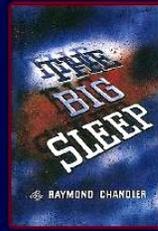
Women  
Singing  
for  
Joy!



## Song of Sonoma Chorus

A Women's Barbershop Chorus  
Sharon Carlson: Director

Admission is free but donations are welcomed.



**Book Club**  
Thurs. May 21 3:30 P.M  
**The Big Sleep**  
by Raymond Chandler

**A complex mystery novel  
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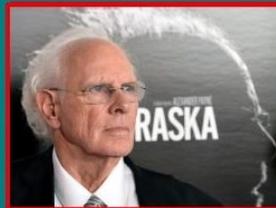


The Bravo Family

## Presbyterian Women Tuesday May 19

Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.  
Lesson Nine  
Salad Potluck Luncheon 12:15  
Birthday Offering Dedication

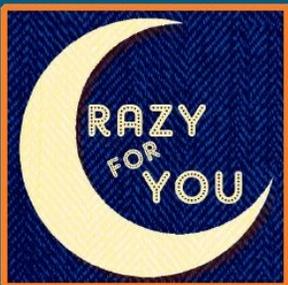
# Getting to Know our Hispanic Neighbors



Favorite Film Series  
Thurs. May 28  
2:00 p.m.  
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**New Support Group: May 6 to August 5  
(excluding May 27). Enter through parking lot.**



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family album  
**PORTRAIT  
SIGN-UP**

## Photo Directory Sign-ups Begin in May!

It's time for a new  
photo directory! Lifetouch will be here on  
**Tuesday June 2, Wednesday June 3, and  
Saturday June 13.** Choose your time slot  
between 11 am—6:50 pm. Please sign up  
Sundays after church in May or call the  
church office 542-4272.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MAY 2015</b>					<b>1</b> 7 AM MHS Br. 12:00 PM Hour of Prayer	<b>2</b> 2:00 PM Ted Crouch Memorial
<b>3</b> 8:15 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM New Member Class 1:30 PM Hispanos Cris.	<b>4</b> Office Closed 7 AM MHS Brkfst 8:15 AM MHS IB English 10:00 AM Senior Exercise 7 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM New Testament	<b>5</b> 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 8:30 AM Build. & Grounds 10:00 AM PW Coordinating 10AM Staff 11AM Bulletin 12:30 PM Fellowship Mtg. 1:00 PM MHS IB English 1:30 PM Membership Mtg.	<b>6</b> 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 7:00 PM Grief- Share Begins	<b>7</b> 7 AM MHS Brkfst 12:00 PM Simply Friends 6:00 PM Bellissimo Practice 7:30 PM Choir Pract.	<b>8</b> 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 12:00 PM Hour of Prayer 3:00 PM Setup AVID 6:00 PM AVID	<b>9</b>
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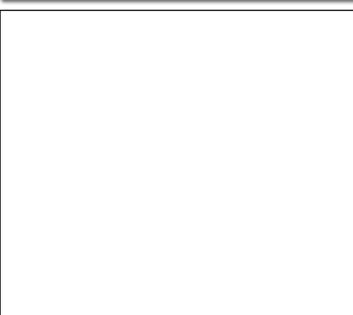
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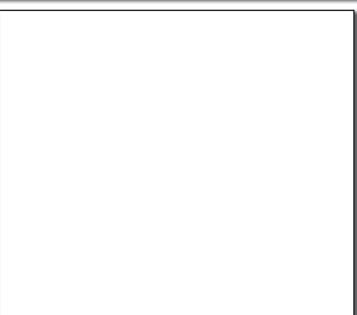
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donation

**Sat. May 30**

**12 – 4 pm**

**Luncheon**

**Art Show & Sale**

**Art Demo**

**Silent Auction**

**Fashion Show**

**Wine Tasting**

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