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Events at a Glance

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KICKOFF Wou're Invited THE CHURCH YEAR SUNDAY!

10:00 a.m.

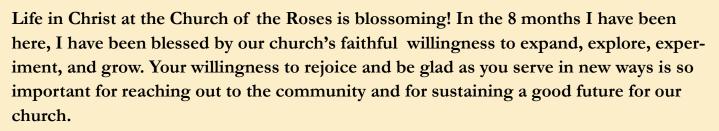
Happy 10th Anniversary Rosebud Preschool!

September 21,

Join us for worship and an ice cream social on Sunday, September 28th!

Happy Welcome Back to Church Kick-Off Sunday!

"This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" (Psalm 118:24)



During the summer months, the Church of the Roses Sunday services were very well attended and vital. We had many visitors and some have stayed! The Friday Noon Hour of Prayer had a small faithful group regularly praying for our church and each other. Prayer is making a difference in the life of our church and in our personal lives as well.

Just since last December, when I started my ministry here, the COR has been willing to support:

- a new mission trip to Haiti
- a new snack program for the Boys and Girls club
- new t-shirts to advertise our church with a new logo
- a new Wednesday breakfast program for summer school kids in June and July
- a new Pedals for Protein effort to raise money for food.
- a small but successful Vacation Church School week in August
- our own church-raised missionary, Monika Rhodes, (who felt called to serve refugee children in Texas in August.)
- hosting a new Spanish-speaking congregation at 2pm on Sundays

The Church of the Roses is clearly demonstrating our motto of: "*Reaching out with Nurtur-ing Love to all*." I trust God is very pleased! Now that school is back in session, we are even more active with:

- the MHS breakfast program feeding 120 students on weekdays
- hiring and orienting a new Director of Youth Activities
- new care programs offered by Stephen Ministry and Christian Education committee
- the Chancel and Bell choirs sharing beautiful worship music
- a continuing partnership with the Hispania Christiana congregation that meets here at 2pm on Sundays that developed over the summer.
- Deacons giving out many food bags to the hungry in our midst

The Welcome Back to Church Kick-Off Sunday is September 21st. We have some special plans for that day and look forward to your participation. We encourage church members with front yards to put our new yard signs out to invite your neighborhood to our Kick-Off Sunday. If you don't have a t-shirt already, please pick one up and wear it often to help the community connect with us when they see you.

The Rosebud Preschool 10th anniversary celebration, September 28, will be a special Sunday worship service and ice cream social. Don't miss it!

For October, we are planning an important course on Monday evenings on the topic of: **"Boundaries for Healthy Relationships"** led by Christian psychologist, Ron Bauer. The whole community will be invited to take advantage of this free course of six classes.

The Stephen Ministry is in the planning stages for a **Grief Recovery Support Group** to be offered in October after church services.

All these new blessed efforts to reach out even further with God's love to our church family, preschool, and neighbors give me great hope for the future! You are all expanding your generosity and care to more people in need locally and internationally. I am so proud to say I am your Pastor!

I have memorized the encouraging words in Philippians 4: 6-9: "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, * whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

My hope is that all of our church family members will all continue to participate in shaping the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of the Roses with the prayerful, praiseful, peaceful attitude of Philippians 4. Then our future together will be graced by God's hope, faith, and peace. Mix those ingredients with God's love and we are guaranteed an even more blessed church year in 2014-15!

Pastor Cindy



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.







Rev. Dr. Rebecca Young to Preach and Lead Forum on September 14

Church of the Roses is delighted to welcome back the Rev. Dr. Rebecca Young, Professor of Theology at Jakarta Theological Seminary in Indonesia, who will preach and lead a Forum after worship on Sunday, Sept. 14.

According to writer Pat Cole, Rebecca challenges students to see how Christ was at work in Indonesia even before the first missionaries arrived, and

she invites them to share stories from their cultures, hoping they will see God's hand in their history.

The interim Dean of the Seminary says: "Students love Becca for her friendly personality, but also for her exceptional ability to present complicated theological issues in understandable ways." This school year, Rebecca is teaching "Current Issues Affecting the Church," "The Lord's Supper," and "Women in Theology," as well as a class concerning the environment entitled "Creation Care"—a key issue in Indonesia where some 2,000 islands are expected to be underwater by 2030.

Indonesia is the fourth largest country in the world and is home to the world's largest religious Muslim population (85% of the population) with Christians comprising about 10%.

Rebecca has a bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary in Virginia, Masters in Public Health and Nutrition from the University of North Carolina, Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary in Georgia, and a Master of Philosophy and a doctorate from Fordham University in New York City. She is the daughter of COR's fondly remembered Interim Pastor (2002-2003), Rev. Betty Jean Young.

-Church and World Committee

Pedal for Protein

Bryce Wiebe, Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) staff, is riding in Redwoods Presbytery's Pedal for Protein: a 360-mile bike ride across

northern California September 20-25, 2014. Bryce will be adding the global dimension to nutrition for children suffering from poverty. The program currently works with organizations who are raising chickens, goats, rabbits and guinea pigs and through community gardens are tripling the plant protein available to the community's children.

Donation checks for riders can be made out to Presbytery of the Redwoods please put in the

memo line "P4P and rider/ congregation" you are supporting and mail to the presbytery office at 1226A Salvador Ave. Napa, CA 94558. Or donate on line at: <u>www.imathlete.com/donate/</u> <u>PedalforProtein</u>





Please pray for Monika Rhodes who has begun her work serving the refugee children on the border in Mission/McAllen Texas.

Here she is with

her host, **Rachel Bagley**, who is a good friend of Marge Dreger's. On this day they are working with Catholic Charities sorting through all the donations given to help the desperate refugees on the border. To read Monika's blog, visit <u>http://</u>

mcallenborderproject.blogspot.com/2014/08/ is-there-animosity-from-locals-towards.html

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Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark

- 1. Don't miss the boat.
- 2. Remember we are all in the same boat.

3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

4. Be fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

- 6. Build your future on high ground.
- 7. For safety's sake travel in pairs.

8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

9. When you're stressed, float awhile.

10. Remember the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.

11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

Buildings and Grounds

The floor waxing in Bowen Hall was successful. Thank you to everyone who showed up to help move items.

Signs have been ordered for the lawn that will advise the public that we use untreated well water to irrigate our lawn and gardens.

Church and World

The Church and World Committee has expressed appreciation to Dave Nelson and Gene Michel for their work in obtaining a grant of \$5,000 for the Montgomery High School Breakfast Program from the Community Foundation of Sonoma County and also to Alice Crouch for her assistance in securing a donation of \$2,500 for the Breakfast Program from Jean Schulz.

At its meeting on August 19, the Committee continued making plans for the September visit of Rev. Dr. Rebecca Young of Indonesia; discussed Alternative Christmas; planned to review current guidelines for World Communion Sunday; unanimously agreed to invite our friends in the Hispanic Church which meets at COR to appoint a liaison to C&W; and discussed possible new members for the Committee.

Finance

It has been a good summer from the finance committee's point of view. As of the end of July, contributions are \$11K over budget and we are right on budget for expenses. The committee is getting ready to start the budget process for 2015 and is continuing to work on the financial policies manual.

Worship

Summer is over, the choir is back, the Montgomery breakfast is in full swing and we are ready to celebrate Kick Off Sunday, September 21. Kick off Sunday will usher in the exciting church year ahead.

Beautiful yard signs are available for you to personally invite your neighbors to join us. Signs will be available for pick up in Bowen Hall after worship or at the office.

Deacons

We voted to contribute to the purchase of 12 new tables for Bowen Hall and also contributed to help replace money lost by stolen tools from our church gardeners.

Deacons continue to visit & stay in touch with members who are homebound & need assistance with meals. We continue to help those who need financial aid in our community, along with supplying numerous bags of food to the needy. Anyone in need please contact Randy & Diane Pierce!

Membership/Fellowship

We are helping with the September Kick Off on September 21st and considering the possibility of having a fall event at the church. A date for a new member class will be decided at next meeting.

Personnel

We look forward to welcoming a Director of Youth Activities. Our next meeting takes place Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 12:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE AND OFFICE UPDATES

Rosebud Preschool

Rosebud Preschool is celebrating its 10 Year Anniversary this year. We have invited all alumni families as well as current families to join us at church on Sunday, September 28th. Please plan to join us for an ice cream social and tour of the preschool after the church service.

Over 250 children have attended Rosebud since it began. It has grown from two teachers and a few children to six teachers and 30 children each day. And from a morning only program to a full day program. What a great measure of the impact the church has had in fulfilling its mission to the children of our community!

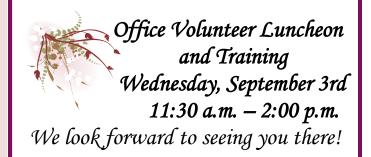
Christian Education

The Christian Ed Committee evaluated the Clean Water for All God's Children Vacation Church School program. We voted to augment the \$169.00 collected for Living Waters for the World to \$250.00 to support this good work. The Kerygma Bible Class on Romans will go back to meeting at 8:30 on Sunday mornings starting September 7. A Sunday Forum on Sept. 14 with Rebecca Young's report on Indonesia is planned. The Committee was asked to provide extra child care for the Sept. 28 Celebration of the Rosebud Preschool. Plans are in the works for an October class on communication boundaries led by Ron Bauer and also a grief recovery program to be offered by Stephen Ministries.

Session: We have approved the hiring of Emily Reeve as Director of Youth Activities. She will start on Wednesday, September 3rd.

Choir & Concerts

Choir practices begin September 4th! Please attend a practice if you're interested in joining Chancel Choir or Bellissimo. Hope to see you there! **Tentative schedule for the 2014-2015 Roses Concert Series is as follows: October 19**: Cantiamo **November 9**: SSU Jazz Band **December 21**: (?) **February 15**: Redwoods Chordsmen **March 8**: Roses Concert **April 19**: MHS Bands **May 17**: Song of Sonoma



A memorial service for **Mary Bodily** was held on August 27, 2014 . We thank her family for the generous donation to the church in her honor.

23 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!



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's time again! Voyagers' Community Clam Chowder Event

Saturday, September 27 at 4:00 p.m. is the time to gather at the home of Gene and Carole Michel, 190 Starboard Court, Bodega Bay. (Bodega Bay phone number is 875-9878.)

Each person should bring a can of white clam chowder to add to the chowder pot. Coffee and tea will be provided. If you wish to have any other beverages, please bring them. Callers will be contacting members about reservations, other food assignments and other details. Any questions, call Gene and Carole at 542-5572. Those who would like to hike

before the event should meet Una Skelly at 2:00 p.m. Call Una at 490-6945 or email her at <u>uskelly@gmail.com</u> for further details about the hike.

Presbyterian Women begins a new year of study and fellowship on **Tuesday September 16** Our new Horizons Bible Study is **Reconciling Paul** a contemporary study of 2 Corinthians by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty. Janice Holmes has copies available. Bible Study is at 10:30 followed by a salad potluck luncheon. Bring a not-too-big salad to share if you can. The rest will be provided. After lunch we will have the privilege of visiting with **Rebecca Young** who will tell us what a mission co-worker's life in Indonesia is like. Rebecca is the daughter of Betty Jean

Young who was once our much loved Interim Pastor.



We want to congratulate CHRIS RHODES on his new position as Director of Westminster Woods. Your leadership will be a blessing! We are very happy for you!

MHS BREAKFAST PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR DAYS OTHER THAN TUESDAYS! Contact Chris Rhodes if you can help! Thank you!

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: **September 27**, **October 11, November 15, December 20** For more information you can reach Joanne Del Castillo through her email

at: joannedelcastillo@comcast.net

Ramblin' Roses trip to Pomo RV Park and Campground in Fort Bragg from September 15 – 18

VOYAGERS FOOD BANK September 17th

Time to work at the Food Bank again from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. with dinner to follow at Charlie's on the Green. Callers will be calling you soon.

Voyagers: SRJC PLANETARIUM SAVE THE DATE 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

PW Coordinator meeting is planned for Sept. 2nd at 10:00 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and THANK YOU'S!



BIBLE STUDY DAY San Francisco **Theological Seminary Saturday September** 13 from 12:30 p.m. Presbyterian Women are looking forward to this year's Horizons Bible Study, Reconciling Paul by Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty. Irene Pak, who wrote

the Suggestions for Leaders for the study will be the speaker at the annual **Bible Study Day**. Attendees are encouraged to bring along a sack lunch and get together in Alexander Hall a bit early. The cost for the program is \$20.00. Reservations should be made online at the seminary website. We will carpool from

church at 11:00 a.m. Please let Joyce Cairns

know if you would like to attend.



Jonathan Bravo of Hispania Cristiana is the Coordinator of Landpaths' gardens.

Bayer Neighborhood Park and Gardens is a unique collaboration between Santa Rosa

Recreation & Parks and LandPaths. It is a 6-acre urban farm & city park-in-themaking in the heart of the Roseland neighborhood, 1 mile from Downtown Santa Rosa, with old barns, community gardens, and other agricultural aspects that are a joyful relief from the urban environment!



Thank you to Dick & Vera Patten, MaryAnn Iodence, Marilyn Stark, Jeanne Nussmeier, **Una Skelly and Bill Moberly** who put in a total of 45 hours over 3 days to help with MHS registration.

Going through knee replacement surgery was made easier as your prayers were felt and uplifting to me. What a blessing to belong to such a caring church. Thank you for those prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers, visits and delicious food. I'm filled with gratitude.

Margie Donaldson

Dear All,

What can I say except thank you for being such a special church family for Jack and me in good times and sad times. I moved into my new temporary abode five days ago and it has been a real challenge sizing down to 900 sq. feet, but I feel some hope now.

I don't know where the Lord is leading me so late in life, but I feel I need to be near my daughter now.

Thank you for the lovely farewell reception and the beautiful picture of the church which brings with it many fond memories.

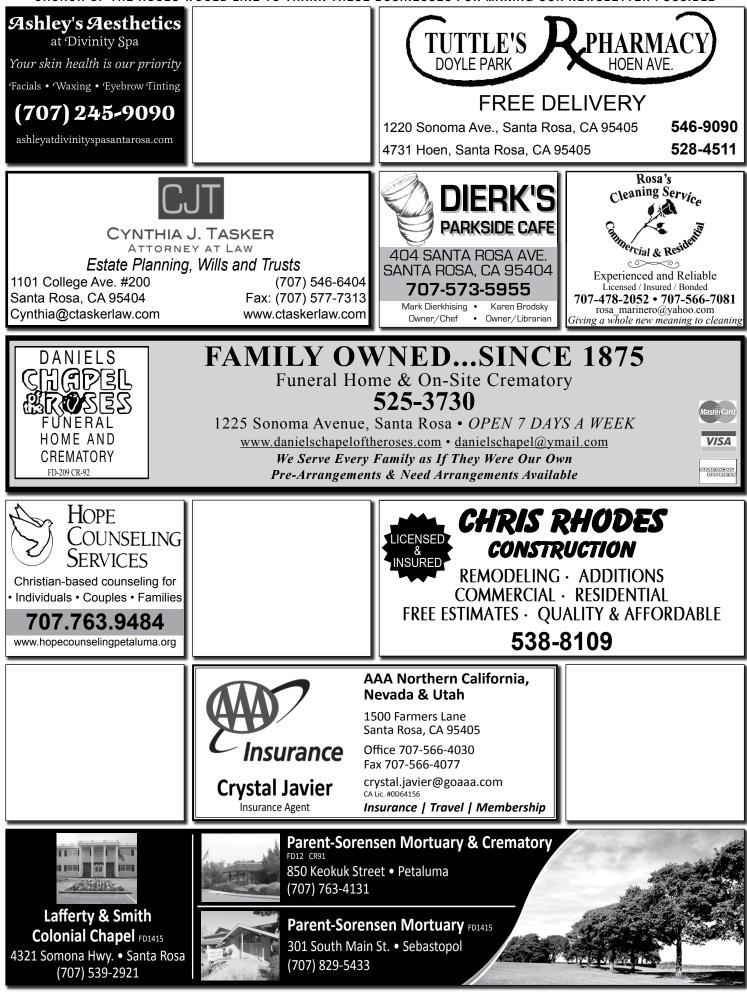
I miss you all so very much. Please stop and visit when you are in Ashland or passing through. Tel. 707-318-0609

> Love and prayers, Marilyn MacLean

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur- day
	1 Labor Day Office Closed 7:00 AM NO MHS Breakfast 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	2 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 8:30 AM Buildings & Grounds 10:00 AM PW Coord. Mtg 10:00 AM Staff Mtg CA 11:00 AM Staff Mtg. Bulletin 1:00 PM Membership/ Fellowship Meeting	3 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 11:30 AM Volunteer Luncheon & Updated Train- ing	4 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 12:00 PM Simply Friends 6:00 PM Bellissimo Practice 7:30 PM Choir Begins	5 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 12:00 PM Hour of Prayer	6
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UPCOMING EVENTS.



Presbyterian Women Tuesday September 16 Bible Study: 10:30 a.m. Salad Pot Luck: Noon

Rebecca Young: The life of a mission co-worker in Indonesia.



Horizons Bible Study Day at San Francisco Theological Seminary Sat. September 13 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. Irene Pak speaker on Reconciling Paul

September Book Club

Thurs. September 16

3:30 P.M

In the Library

Cat's Cradle

by Kurt Vonnegut

\$20.00 Register online at SFTS Website



Favorite Film Series September 25 2:00 p.m. in the Rose Room



A little boy's astounding story.



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