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# *Rose Clippings*



HE IS RISEN!



# I Love to Tell the Story!

*By Pastor Cindy*



**It is Easter time once again! Time to tell the Easter story! Every year it is such a blessing to be able to tell the story of Christ's dying and rising again. Isn't it reassuring and the most hopeful of all stories?**

When we hear other stories of death and tragedies in the news they evoke such sadness! And we should pray and be very concerned while trying to do something to alleviate the world's suffering wherever we can. Yet the story we cling to for hope is the story of Jesus. Through his words and deeds we learn what God is like and how God wants us to be for one another and the world. The way Jesus suffered and died was tragic but temporary. In just three days Christ rose in an even more magnificent way than the Phoenix who rose out of the ashes in Greek mythology.

Jesus is resurrected to reassure us that eternal life is real and a gift of love from God our creator and sustainer. None of the other great religions have a similar story of self-giving sacrifice and resurrection. Jesus Christ is unique among all the revered prophets and faith leaders in the world in his self-giving love and in his resurrection victory over death.

Hinduism faith is known as "timeless," with a collection of sacred texts known as *Sanatana Dharma*, "The Eternal Teaching." This belief system does not originate with one person but with many gods and goddesses. Hindus believe in reincarnation for the soul to mature.

Judaism is still waiting for the Messiah to come. The teachings originate from the leaders

of Israel beginning with Abraham and Moses. And the sacred text of the Torah guides the understanding of life after death. The general belief is that the

dead will be resurrected at the coming of the Messiah in the end of days.

Buddhism originated in India but has spread around the world. The tradition traces its origin to Siddhartha Gautama, who is known as the Buddha (literally the "Enlightened One"). Siddhartha observed the suffering in the world and set out to find an antidote. Through meditation, he attained an enlightened state that marked the end of attachments and a release from the cycle of rebirth (or reincarnation) which causes suffering.

Islam believes that Mohammed was the most divinely inspired of all the prophets who revealed Allah's truth in the Quran. This faith incorporates aspects of Judaism and Christianity. It respects the holy books of these religions along with the prophets: Abraham, Moses, and Jesus. Muhammad identified Abraham as Islam's ancient patriarch and traces its heritage through Abraham's son Ishmael.

In all these faith traditions, there are many common beliefs. But no other belief system has a sacrificial savior who is the Son of God, Prince of Peace, as Jesus Christ. Our faith is unique in having a Savior whose miracles and relational stories of healing and redeeming show us how deep God's love is for all of creation.

Dr. Norman Geisler, the President of the Southern Evangelical Seminary writes: "*Events surrounding Christ's death were miraculous.*"

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This included the darkness from noon to 3 pm. (Mark 15:33) and the earthquake that opened the tombs and tore the temple veil (Matt. 27:51–54). The attitude he maintained toward his mockers and executioners was miraculous, saying, 'Father forgive them, for they know not what they do.' (Luke 23:34). The way he died was miraculous. As Jesus said, 'I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord' (John 10:18). At the very moment of his death he voluntarily dismissed his spirit. 'Jesus said, 'It is finished.' he bowed his head and gave up his spirit' (John 19:30)...**The crowning miracle of Jesus' earthly mission was the resurrection.** It was not only predicted in the Old Testament (Psalms 2,16), but Jesus predicted it from the beginning of his ministry: He said, ' 'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.' . . . But the temple he had spoken of was his body' (John 2:19,21; Matt.12:40–42). Jesus demonstrated the reality of his resurrection in twelve appearances over forty days to more than 500 people."

So let us proudly tell the story of Jesus and his love to all who need reassurance of God's love and care for them. Remember the hymn?

***I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.***

*Refrain*

***I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.***

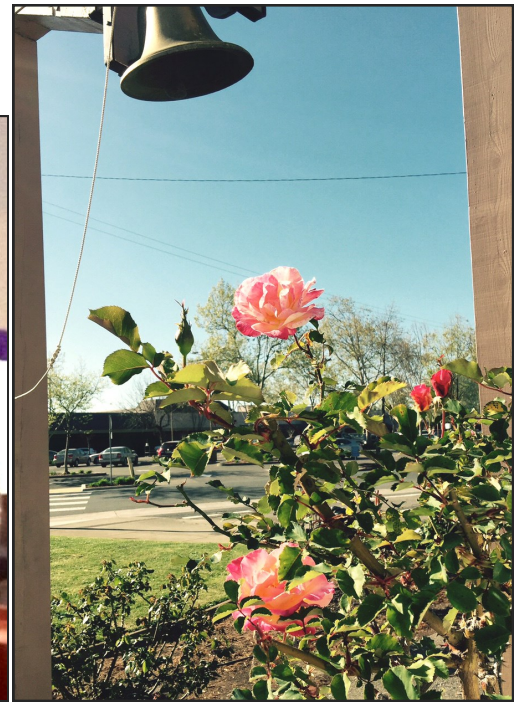
The story behind the poetry for this hymn is very inspiring! "Arabella Katherine (Kate) Hankey was born in London. Early in her life, she developed a fervent evangelistic zeal and started a Bible class for the girls in her neighborhood. In her thirties, Kate became seriously ill and it was during the lengthy period of recovery that she wrote [The Old, Old Story](#), a long poem about Jesus. The complete poem was first published in 1867. From this poem came the hymn: "[I Love To Tell the Story](#)."

Happy Easter! May you feel God's love and resurrection hope even more fully this month and always.

 <p><b>Join us in Haiti</b></p> <p><b>May 28-June 5, 2015</b></p> <p>Donate toothbrushes, toothpaste and underwear for children and teens. Please contact Kathryn if interested in joining the mission trip.</p>	<p><b>Haiti</b> <b>TROPICAL FIESTA</b></p> <p>Sunday, Mar. 29  \$10</p> <p>11:30 am</p> <p>Enjoy a delicious meal of Tropical Chicken, Beans &amp; Rice while supporting our upcoming mission trip to a Haitian orphanage. If you can't join us in Haiti, join us for lunch!</p>
<p>Contact: Kathryn Culver kathryn.culver@duke.edu (973) 216-7789</p>	



# We are Blooming!



**Above:** Pastor Cindy enjoyed baptizing Jacob Parsons.

**From left to right:** Nancy Taylor, Dieph Domingue, Christie Page, Pastor Cindy holding newly baptized Jacob Parsons, Sarah Parsons, Jake Parsons, Deborah Baker and Dennis Baker. Not pictured but also accepted into membership by the Session: Glenna Sutherland, Ward Page.



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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Deborah Baker** – Deborah is from Jamestown, New York and is a Family Nurse Practitioner. She does palliative and pulmonary care for older adults. She will join by *Letter of Transfer*. Her interests include music, singing, horses and gardening. She has volunteered for choir, children's choir and as a Parish nurse. She is interested in the Church and World Committee and the Worship and Arts Committee at COR.

**Dennis Baker** – Dennis is an Engineer who works in Oregon during the week and is from Downey, California. He will join the church by *Letter of Transfer* from Petaluma First Presbyterian. His interests include music, playing and building guitars, and rugby.

**Dieph Domingue** (Jeff) – Dieph is here from Haiti and attending SRJC, majoring in business. He was the secretary of an Adult Education School in Ganthier, Haiti. Dieph is already a choir member and helps with the youth activities at COR. He is co-leading the mission work trip to Haiti in May.

**Christie Page** – Christie is a nurse and is from Tulsa, Oklahoma. She will be joining the church by *Reaffirmation of Faith*. She loves music and cooking. She has two adult children. She is interested in Parish Nursing.

**John Ward Page** – Ward was baptized here at the Presbyterian Church of the Roses in 1953. He is involved with the Buildings and Grounds committee. He will be joining by *Reaffirmation of Faith*. Christie is Ward's wife.

**Jake Parsons** – Jake is from Phoenix, AZ and is a kitchen manager at Washoe House. Jake is interested in the Buildings and Grounds Committee. He will be joining the church by *Reaffirmation of Faith*.

**Sarah Parsons** – Sarah is from Phoenix, AZ and is a retail store manager for Petaluma Creamery. She will be joining the church by *Reaffirmation of Faith*. Jake and Sarah's adorable son, Jacob, will be baptized on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Glenna Sutherland** – is *Reactivating* her membership. She is an Art Historian from Glenwood Springs, Co. and a therapeutic riding instructor. She enjoys horses, riding, art, architectural history, knitting, quilting.

**Nancy Taylor** – Nancy is from Alexandria, VA. She is a nurse. She will be joining the church by *Letter of Transfer*. She is interested in Music and tennis and has done volunteer work with Presbyterian Disaster Relief after hurricane Katrina. She sings annually in the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Vocal Concert. She also sings in the COR choir. She is interested in Membership, Fellowship, and Worship and Arts at COR.



## Prayer Requests

*Please include in your prayers*

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



- ♦ Please pray for Dave Nelson as he mourns the death of his brother in Oregon.
- ♦ Please pray for the family of Sally Henderson who are mourning her passing on March 13, 2015.
- ♦ Please pray for the family of Thomas Peugh as they mourn his recent passing.
- ♦ 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 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  
Sharon Sorani

*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.

### *Thank you!*

We are so very grateful to you, Connie, Pastor Cynthia and the entire Church for helping the kids. It takes a Village and we have the Best Village Ever—thanks to your commitment and dedication to the kids.

Thank you my friends,  
*Dr. Mary Bates, CEO*

Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Santa Rosa



The Boys and Girls Club needs funding and afternoon snacks!

Please bring to the office monetary donations and healthy snacks such as string cheese, cream cheese, bagels, peanut butter, jam, snack bars, fruit..

# COMMITTEE UPDATES



Income for the first two months of the year was \$8K under budget, not unusual for the first part of the year when we are working on

taxes. Expenses are also under budget, but quarterly expenses due in March will keep expenses on budget. So, now is a great time to send in your pledge if you are planning to make a single pledge payment for the year. The audit committee is making great progress on the 2014 audit and should be done soon – great work team!



## Worship Committee

We are busy leading the congregation through Lent into Easter with soup suppers on

Wednesday nights, fol-

lowed by Pastor Cindy's class on prayer; a Palm Sunday service led by the choir cantata; Maundy Thursday hand-washing, soup supper and communion service; Good Friday prayer service; and our Easter Sunday celebration.

The Santa Rosa Children's Choir presented an outstanding concert on March 15th, and there will be two more concerts this season on April 19th and May 17th. Our choir is participating in a workshop on March 21st with composer Rosephanye Powell and singing under her direction at St. Andrews Church in Sonoma on March 22nd. Liturgists and communion servers are in place for the year, but after Easter, we will be recruiting and training additional ushers.

## Buildings and Grounds



Thanks to a very generous donation, we'll be able to buy another 100 chairs for Bowen Hall. Thank you!



Our Director of Youth is in Chicago attending the Progressive Youth Ministry Conference at Fourth Presbyterian Church.

This conference deals with issues of how to better connect with youth, how to incorporate progressive theology, and how to deal with issues of race and gender. These are topics that are greatly important to the youth of today, and the ability to find a way to approach these subjects in a progressive, Christian, and real way is vitally importance to modern American Christianity if we want youth to respond positively to the church. Seasoned and competent youth pastors are hosting the event who will provide some excellent guidance, motivation, and ideas for how we can shape our Youth ministry.



We are busy exploring the themes of Spring and Easter with a smattering of St. Patrick's Day. Pre-K

is learning about the letter P so we are also enjoying wearing our pajamas to school for an entire week! Small changes in routine can add a great deal of fun to our days. We are closed for a week at Spring Break and the teachers will spend the time refreshing both themselves and the classrooms.



## PERSONNEL

The summer months will soon be upon us when folks get away for vacation and family time. If you have given thought to helping out in the church office and prefer to perform

administrative tasks rather than receptionist tasks, please let Administrative Assistant Ruth Canniff know.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES



### Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee served refreshments for a March memorial in Bowen Hall. This committee is assisting with the Lent soup supper on March 25, 2015. Cookies were donated to the Children's Choir Concert. We invite volunteers to serve in the refreshment and coffee hour on Sundays. Please contact the church office or Fellowship committee for more information.



### MUSIC Notes

The Montgomery High School Jazz Band will be performing a full concert as part of the Roses Signature Concert Series on April 19, at 2 pm.

The concert will be held at the church.

The Jazz Band, under the direction of Erik Ohlson, has 18 members and is separate from the pep and marching bands, although most of the instrumentalists are in all three ensembles.

The concert is free with donations welcomed. This concert is a fundraiser for the Montgomery High School Band Department. The proceeds will be used to purchase music for the jazz groups, jazz focused mouthpieces and reeds for the wind players and replacement of strings, drumheads, and cables.



### Membership Committee

Membership welcomed nine members into the church on March 1, 2015. The next member class is scheduled for May 3.

Fellowship, Membership, Marjorie Cortez, Bob Flandermeyer and Pastor Cindy are planning our Spring Fling which will take place May 30th. It is a fundraiser for the church and consists of a luncheon, fashion show, six artists' work, art demonstration, wine tasting and silent auction.

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Save the date! **May 30, 2015**

**12 pm — 4 pm**

# Spring Fling!

**FOOD & FUN**

**FASHION SHOW  
WINE TASTING**

**SILENT AUCTION  
ART SHOW & DEMO**



Presbyterian Women  
Tues. April 16, 10:30 a.m.

## At Varenna

Bring a sandwich!

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

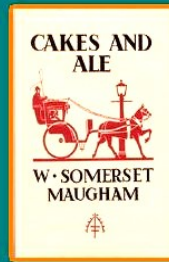


## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Book Club

Thurs. April 16 3:30 P.M

## Cakes and Ale, or the Skeleton in the Cupboard



The Classic 1930's Novel by  
**Somerset Maugham**



### VOYAGERS

On April 18<sup>th</sup> will be  
gathering in Bowen  
Hall at 5:30 pm to  
play Bunco and enjoy  
yummy finger foods  
– hors d'oeuvres and

desserts. Callers will be contacting  
members with more information. *Please  
call Jackie Spahr, 753-1007, with questions.*



Favorite Film Series

Thurs. April 23

2:00 p.m.

in the Rose Room

## The Theory of Everything

The inspiring story of  
Jane and Stephen Hawking



### Easy Senior Exercise!

Every Monday

at 10 am in the Rose Room



### VOYAGERS VOLUNTEER!

We will be volunteering  
at the **Redwood Food  
Bank** on **April 29th,**  
**5 P.M.** until approxi-  
mately 7 P.M. Dinner to follow for  
those who wish to attend. Callers  
will be calling soon and have infor-  
mation on dinner plans. Hopefully  
we will again have a good turn out  
as they really appreciate our church  
and the help we give them.

### Thank you!

*Thank you to Boy Scouts Troop 32!  
In addition to paying for the use of Bowen  
Hall for the pancake breakfast, Troop 32  
also generously donated \$500 for the  
Montgomery High School breakfast  
program. We appreciate the support!*

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# APRIL 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
			<b>1</b> 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 10:00 AM Staff Mtg. 2:30 PM Companions 7:00 PM GriefShare	<b>2</b> 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 12:00 PM Simply Friends 6:00 PM Bellissimo Practice 6:00 PM <b>Maundy Thursday Service</b> 7:30 PM Choir Pr.	<b>3</b> 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 12:00 PM <b>Good Friday Service</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:15 AM Bible Study Class 10:00 AM Worship - <b>EASTER</b> 1:30 PM Hispanos Cristianos	<b>6</b> Office Closed 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 10:00 AM Senior Exercise 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM New Testament Study	<b>7</b> 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 8:30 AM B & G 10:00 AM PW Coordinating Mtg 12:30 PM Membership Mtg. 1:30 PM Fellowship	<b>8</b> 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 10:00 AM Staff Mtg. 11:00 AM Bulletin Mtg. 7:00 PM GriefShare	<b>9</b> 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 12:00 PM Simply Friends 6:00 PM Bellissimo Practice 7:30 PM Choir Practice	<b>10</b> 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 12:00 PM Hour of Prayer	<b>11</b> 11:00 AM PEO
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<b>19</b> 8:15 AM Bible Study Class 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Stephen Ministry 2:00 PM <b>Roses Concert MHS Jazz Band</b>	<b>20</b> Office Closed 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 10:00 AM Senior Exercise 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM New Testament Study 7:00 PM PW Evening Bible	<b>21</b> 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 8:30 AM B & G 10:30 AM PW Bible Study & Luncheon 7:00 PM Christian Edu. Meeting 7:00 PM <b>Neighborhood Watch</b> 7:30 PM Boy Scouts	<b>22</b> 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 10:00 AM Staff Mtg. 11:00 AM Bulletin Mtg.	<b>23</b> 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 12:00 PM Simply Friends 2:00 PM Favorite Film Series 6:00 PM Bellissimo Practice 7:30 PM Choir	<b>24</b> 7:00 AM MHS Breakfast 11:00 AM PEO Luncheon 12:00 PM Hour of Prayer 1:00 PM Nominating Committee	<b>25</b>
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

**April 21 at 7 p.m. Bowen Hall**

Come meet your neighbors from Patio Court, Franquette and Spring Creek Dr. Learn how a Neighborhood Watch works. A representative from the Santa Rosa Police Department will be here to make a presentation and answer any questions you may have.

**Neighbors looking out for each other!**



## 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.



Sunday  
April 19  
2:00 p.m.

Church  
of the  
Roses  
2500 Patio Ct.  
Santa Rosa,  
CA 95405



## Montgomery High School Jazz Band

Erik Ohlson: Director

**This concert is a fundraiser**

**for the M.H.S. Jazz Band**

Admission is free. Donations are welcomed.



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