

Rose Clippings

November



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 1 – Interfaith Solidarity Service 7 pm at Congregation Shomrei Torah 2600 Bennett Valley Rd.
- Nov. 3 – Sacred Space 6pm
- Nov. 4 – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS—Fall back 1 hr.
- Nov. 9 – Parent Night Out 5:30-7:30 pm
- Nov. 10 – Voyagers at REFB 9-12pm
- Nov. 15 – Book Club "Can't We Talk" 3:30 pm
- Nov. 16 – Ladies Who Lunch at Adel's 11:30 am
- Nov. 18 – Stewardship Luncheon 11:30 am
- Nov. 18 – Writing Group?
- Nov. 20 – PW Bible Study and Luncheon
- Nov. 22 – THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER
- Nov. 24 – Boomers Whale Watching
- Nov. 25 – Open Forum on Labyrinth Proposal 11:30 am
- Dec. 3 – Sacred Space 6pm



Thank you to all the Volunteers who helped with the Habitat for Humanity build in October! **We are having another build day in November and in December.** Look for a questionnaire in the bulletin for preferred dates.

We bid farewell to Barbara and Don McElroy

The special anthem for Barbara composed by Allan Petker and performed by The Chancel Choir and members of the Sonoma Valley Chorale was beautiful! Thank you!!!

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Thanksgiving is more than a Turkey Day!

By Pastor Cindy

I am thankful for Thanksgiving. It is a holiday with a focus on gratefulness and gathering, not on materialism and getting the perfect gift. Sadly, in the U.S., our original Christmas focus on celebrating the Christ child has been taken over by the shopping industry. So Thanksgiving is now my favorite holiday. We are blessed to have this Holiday in our calendar. It wasn't until 400 years after the first Thanksgiving that it was made an official holiday on our calendars. And did you know turkey, dressing, and pumpkin pie was NOT on the first Thanksgiving menu?

The Thanksgiving feast dates back to November 1621, when the newly arrived Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians gathered at Plymouth for an autumn harvest celebration. Venison was on the menu because, according to the History channel, the Wampanoag guests arrived with an offering of five deer. It is likely that the colonists feasted on what they had grown with the help of their Native American neighbors. Local vegetables included onions, beans, lettuce, spinach, cabbage, carrots, peas, and corn. Fruits indigenous to the region included blueberries, plums, grapes, gooseberries, raspberries and cranberries, which Native Americans ate and used as a natural dye. Pumpkins would have been on the menu but not in the form of pumpkin pie because sugar was in short supply.

We all know that without the Native Americans showing the pilgrims how to grow food and forage for fresh fruit, those of us with Anglo-Saxon immigrant ancestors may not be here today because our family members from those past generations would have starved to death. Thanks to our indigenous neighbors whose ancestors loved their new neighbors and saved the immigrants who "invaded" from Europe, we are able to celebrate Thanksgiving here this month.

Our country was founded on the principle of welcoming immigrants. Remember George Washington said this: **"The bosom of America is open to receive not only the Opulent and respected Stranger, but the oppressed and persecuted of all Nations and Religions; whom we shall welcome to a participation of all our rights and privileges..."**

With gratitude for our country's blessings, let us pray for those who are in danger today as they flee their violent countries and try to find refuge in safer places to live. And also pray for our country to remember our history this Thanksgiving and have compassion for the new immigrants seeking shelter, food, and medical care, struggling to survive in a very harsh world.

Here are some prayers to share with your family and friends on Thanksgiving and all other times, too:

I bless this day in the fullness of good it already contains, in the many occasions it offers to listen deeply, to be of service to others, to express gratitude moment by moment and to keep my mind so filled with love, beauty and joy that no negativity can find even the tiniest crack in which to set foot.

I bless this day in the infinite opportunities it gives me to love: to love and bless every human I meet, every beast or bird I pass by, every plant I behold, for all are but the manifold expressions of the infinite Life that undergirds all.

Truly, I bless this day for the wonderful adventure it can become as I walk through it with the eyes of wonder rather than boredom, use every opportunity to express peace rather than irritation, and chose love over fear. Thank you, Life, for this day. – Pierre Pradervand

Earth Water Air and Fire combined to make this food. Numberless beings gave their lives and labor that we may eat. May we be nourished that we may nourish life. – Roshi Joan Halifax

Thank you for the wind and rain and sun and pleasant weather, thank you for this our food and that we are together. – Mennonite blessing

*For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.*
– **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

We Give Thanks to You by Ethel Faye Grzanich

As we bow our heads to pray, we give thanks to you God, for this Thanksgiving Day. We thank you, Lord, for our families, friends, and for all the blessings, both big and small, that you pour out on us each day. We give thanks to you for this food and for the hands that have prepared it.

We ask your blessings upon this meal: that it will nourish our bodies and refresh our souls. We give thanks to you for this wonderful time together, and for each one present here today. We ask you, dear Lord, let each one of us feel your love, comfort, and presence in our lives today and every day.

Let us not forget those who can't be here with us today. We give thanks to you for them, too. We miss our loved ones, Lord, but we are thankful for all the good times that we had with them.

We know, Lord, that this life is not all there is; that the best is yet to come if we live for you. So, help us each day to live our lives in ways that honor and please you. And we'll not forget to give you all the praise and glory. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

PERSONNEL

A fond farewell was given to Barbara McElroy last Sunday. Now we are blessed to have choir member, Linda Burille, as our Interim Choir Director. Linda is a choral and bell choir member who has been involved in choirs for much of her life. She will lead our choirs through Christmas as we continue the search for a permanent choir director. Please share your contacts if you know qualified church choir director candidates with Jim Taylor, or others on our Choir Director Search task force: Vicki Lewis, Joy Olson, Linda Burille, Kay Young, Steve Yeager, or Pastor Cindy.

Bajun Mavalwalla was recently hired as our audio/visual technician to develop the scripts of the worship services to project on Sunday mornings. Bajun is also a graduate student, works at a seed bank, is an owner at Hearthstone Tiny Homes and has served in the Military Intelligence dept. of the US army.



Dear Members,

I am retiring as **Memorial Facilitator**. If you are interested in either position or would like to learn more about what these jobs entail, please contact me at (707) 537-2256.

Thank you,
Gwen Christiansen



FINANCE

Results through September continue to reflect performance above plan/budget. By the time this Rose Clipping is out you will have seen our Stewardship Campaign kick off "movie".... hope you liked it! Trying something different and showing everyone just how much we do and why your continued financial support is so important.

Pledge cards have been mailed. Please circle your calendars for Sunday, November 18th when we'll enjoy our Stewardship Luncheon after the service. Thrive and provide!!!

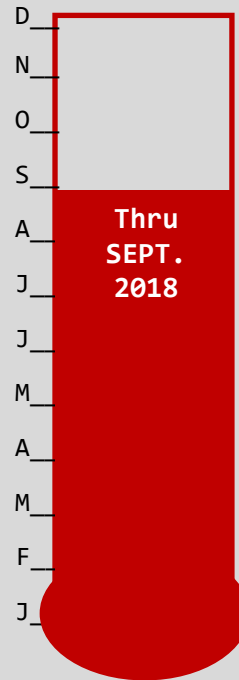
Thank you as always and never hesitate to ask me anything about our church's finances.

Chris Nelle, Chair

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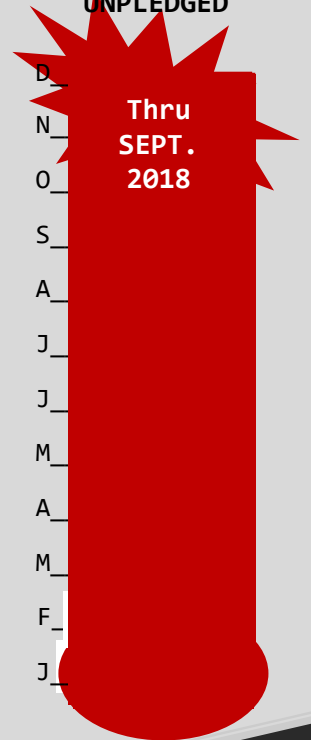
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GOAL

30,000

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WE ARISE!

The Habitat for Humanity
Benefit Concert in
October raised \$5,657 for local
rebuilding after the 2017 fires!
Thank you to all who supported
this wonderful cause!

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

B&G would like to remind everyone using the convection ovens to NOT use aluminum foil over a plate inside the oven. The foil gets sucked into the fan and shredded, sprinkling aluminum bits all over. We recently had to partially dismantle the oven to remove the aluminum stuck next to the heating elements.

Thanks!

Steve Fenner, Chair

WORSHIP

Now that we have celebrated and said our good-byes to Barbara and Don McElroy, we welcome Linda Burille as our interim choir and bell choir director. We continue a search for a permanent replacement for the irreplaceable Barbara.

The next Sacred Space worship service will be held on Saturday evening, November 3, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is an experiential service with lots of fun music and hands-on activities.

We are grateful to several new members who have stepped up to fill temporary and permanent positions as ushers and greeters. We are also grateful to all those who serve as liturgists on Sunday mornings, to our flower arrangers (Ellen Marks, Suzanne Hansen, and Joy Metzger), and to the projection and sound folks (Norm, Bajun, and Guy).

If you are interested in helping to decorate the sanctuary for Thanksgiving or Advent, please let one of us know. We will decorate for Thanksgiving on November 17th and for Advent and Christmas on December 1st. Watch for information about bringing in your creches later this month.

Kay Young, Chair
Worship Committee

Sacred Space

First Saturdays 6-7pm

Nov. 3rd and Dec. 1st

***Experience the Spirit
in a New Way!***

*Intimate, creative, meditative
refreshing, fulfilling*



AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO VOTE

Conceived in 1875 and delivered to the U.S. in 1885, the Statue of Liberty was a gift from France to commemorate an ideal we can barely recognize in 2018. Inscribed on the statue are these words:

*"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

Today we the people greet the huddled masses yearning to breathe free with incarceration, tearing apart families and treating those yearning to immigrate as something less than ourselves.

We have become a civilization that belittles victims of abuse

and celebrates the abusers. We disenfranchise those who do not share the ethnicity or political views of those in power. We are no longer a refuge, but an incinerator of the homeless and tempest-tossed.

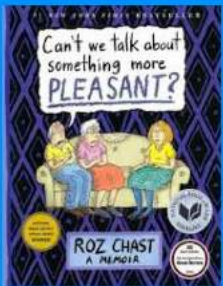
Yet we are a democracy, meaning that we the people are responsible for the actions of our leaders. Moreover, we are responsible for electing those who share our views of humanity and removing from office those whose values differ greatly from our own. We the people are not only given the opportunity to vote, we are expected to uphold our part as a member of this nation to elect leaders whose values most match our own. **Think of this. Vote.** It is not only a privilege, it is a civic responsibility. Try to discern the intentions and motivations of the candidates, and respond as if your life depended on it. Because someone else's life certainly does.

Submitted by Kay Young

ROSEBUD PRESCHOOL

The kids are enjoying the beautiful fall weather out in the yard. They have pulled out most of the summer garden as we get ready to convert it to a construction play area. We will continue to garden but have found that planting in soft pots allows more flexibility. We can place the pots in the sun or shade depending on the individual plant's needs. It also helps with weed control and more efficient watering. These changes came about as a result of a teacher in-service day where we learned about natural learning environments.

Susan Jenkins, Director



BOOK CLUB Nov. 15 at 3:30 PM

**Can't We Talk About
Something More Pleasant?**
By Roz Chast

**A cartoonist's memoir
about her parents.**
Copies are in our library.

New
Time



Revised
Format

WRITING GROUP

A Support Group for Writers
You may bring a short piece to share for feedback.

Third Sunday of the month at 11:30 in the Sunday School Room

INTERFAITH SOLIDARITY SERVICE

Congregation Shomrei Torah: 2600 Bennett Valley Rd
Thursday, Nov. 1 at 7:00 pm

Join us for Prayer and Fellowship in Solidarity with the Jewish Community in Pittsburgh and People of Faith Everywhere. Together we will mourn the dead, comfort each other and send a message of reassurance and hope:

America is better than this. We do not have to live in fear.

We can make a difference as people of faith.

HEALTH MINISTRY

It's that time of year! Get your flu shot.
you're over 65 years of age, ask for the
high dose fluzone vaccine.



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IN LIBRARY**

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SCREENINGS**



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Review**



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TAI CHI
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11 am

QI GONG
MONDAYS
12 PM



with Roger Wong



with Felipa Jones

**While Felipa recuperates, Qi Gong will be
led by student, Laurie Thomas.**
Thank you Laurie!

In Memorium

Virginia Rylett	01/02/2018
Nicolas St. Juste	01/02/2018
Franklin Lloyd	01/18/2018
Betty Thornton	03/13/2018
Helen MacKenzie	03/24/2018
Kathleen Ingram	06/01/2018
Theodore McCarthy	08/02/2018
Lenore Foster	09/28/2018

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From Oct. 29-Nov. 2, Amazon Smile will increase the donation rate!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*Please pray for the family of Lenore Foster who passed on September 28th.

*Please pray for the family of Dr. Ted McCarthy who passed on August 2nd.

Those with health issues

John Baker	Rhonda Patton Knoles
Jim Bauer	Polly Post
Bill Beaumont	Evelyn Radunich
Judy Bello	Mickey Marshall
Barbara Blinn	Bill Rathjen
Bob Bunting	Peter Ray
Patrick Butler	Fred Recknagel
Gwen Christiansen	Debbie Seat
Alice Crouch	Bob Simmons
Dick Draper	Bob and Marge Snater
Kyle Donaldson	Marisa Taylor
Barbara Flannery	Dr. Gershom Thompson
Ray Foreaker	Sylvia Turner
Felipa Jones	Bob Weber
Nancy Lee (daughter in law of Nancy Hansen)	Helen Wikle
Jason Montsier	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Jessica Morse	Jill White
Lucrecia Muñoz	Roger White
Jeanette Nichols	Michael and Katie Wolff
Marie Patchin	Jamie Yen
Carolyn Kenworthy	

Those serving in our military

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

THURSDAYS

NOON HOUR
OF PRAYER &
ENCOURAGEMENT



A Church of the Roses Tradition

Christmas is the season of giving!

Each year the Deacons organize the Giving Tree programs to help those in our community who are in need. This year the Deacons (with your help) will be partnering again with the YWCA to staff their Holiday Depot where they distribute gifts to the children of families associated with their many programs, including day care and the safe house for abused spouses.

The YWCA runs the only shelter in Sonoma County for battered spouses and their children. After they leave the shelter (the average stay is 8 to 10 weeks), they are followed by the YWCA to help them get back on their feet with housing, jobs, and child care.

We will have sign-up sheets available late in November for staffing the Holiday Depot during the week of December 17-21, and also for transporting the gifts from Heart Central (the Volunteer Center's gift clearing warehouse) to the YWCA.

We are going to ask the congregation to help us gather items to give to the families who come to pick up gifts, including toys in good condition, Christmas decorations, wrapping paper and ribbons/bows, children's books, and homemade cookies, (we will provide gift bags for these).

We are also sponsoring a Giving Tree with 50 hearts for gifts to children and the elderly which will be in Bowen Hall for three Sundays beginning December 2.

You know the routine: pick a heart, buy a present according to the age and interest of the recipient, wrap it, attach the heart, and return it to the Deacons for delivery to the Volunteer Center. If you would like to participate, but feel unable to shop, pick a heart and write a check to the Volunteer Center, and they will do the shopping and wrapping for you. As a third alternative, you can pick a Christmas card from the Giving Tree and contribute directly to the Deacons and we will use the funds to purchase gift cards for those needing a little assistance during the holiday season.

As always, Christmas is a very busy time for all of us, but we hope you will have enough time and energy to participate in these giving programs.

Nothing says Christmas like service to others!

ALTERNATIVE GIVING MARKET

Give a gift to people in need on behalf of your loved ones. Give gifts that keep giving!
**Look for the market after church
 at the beginning of December!**

THE MESSIAH

WE INVITE YOU TO THE FIRST LESSON OF THE ADVENT STUDY ON DEC. 2nd 11:30AM.

Following classes will be Wednesdays at 7 pm.

The Advent program consists of the music of **G.F. Handel** and the inspired old testament text. There will be participants guides and, always, the music! **Always, Music!!** *We invite all who love the well known music of the Messiah to come and know the texts of the music for the first time.*

VOYAGERS at REFB
Sat., NOV. 10th 9-12 pm
Join us at Kaffe Mocha
for Lunch.



Xercise



Exercise: you know it's good for you. But have you Xed it out of your life because you're getting along in years and don't think you'd be up to it?

The Stronger Seniors Video Exercise Program now happening in the Rose Room on Thursday mornings at 10:30 might be just right for you. Most of the exercises are done sitting in a chair! One of the best ways to keep you exercising is to do it with a friend.

So do invite a friend to join you some Thursday morning and give it a try!

3rd Fridays
11:30 am

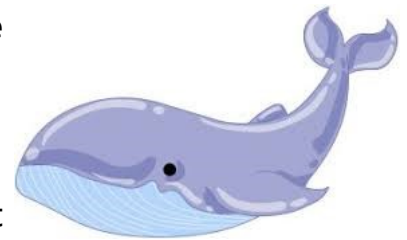


LADIES WHO LUNCH
RSVP to Marilyn Hilen 326-5478
NOVEMBER 16
@ ADEL'S

Join the
BOOMERS
WHALE WATCHING!
Saturday, Nov. 24th 10:30 a.m.



Boomers, come join us for a day of fun and play!! Tired of Thanksgiving turkey? Ready to escape the house? Come with us out in the clean fresh air searching to spot the kings of the ocean as they migrate south.



We will meet up at the church parking lot and caravan out to

Bodega Head, a well-known whale watching location. We will scour the seas from our vantage point (thar she blows!) and perhaps hike some of the trails around the open-space. Then, back down to the marina and Spud Point Crab Company for Clam Chowder and a Crab Sandwich. Yummm! How can you resist?

Need more info? RSVP? Contact Lindsay or Joy Olsen at olsen@sonic.net.

We'll have a WHALE of a good time! Huzzah!

Date: Saturday, Nov. 24

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: Meet at CoR parking lot, caravan out to Bodega Head

What to Bring: Dress warmly, gloves, water, binoculars, \$\$ for lunch

RSVP: by Nov. 19

Lindsay or Joy Olsen, olsen@sonic.net

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>November</div>				1 All Saints Day 7 AM MHS Breakfast 10:30 AM Senior Exer. 12 PM Comm. on Min. 12 PM Hour of Prayer 6 PM Bells Prac. 7 PM A.A. 7 PM Girl Scouts 7:30 PM Choir Prac.	2 Office Closed 7 AM MHS Breakfast 7 PM Gamblers Anon. 7 PM Korean Youth	3 6:30 AM Korean Prayer 6 PM SACRED SPACE
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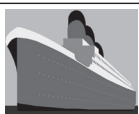
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**STEWARDSHIP
LUNCHEON
NOV. 18
11:30AM**



**Prebyterian Women
Tuesday November 20**

**Bible Study 10:30 a.m.
God's Promise
Lesson Three
Salad Pot Luck at Noon**

**PW
Thank
Offering
this
Month**

**Stronger Seniors
Exercise Program**

Do your Body some Good!

**Now on Thursday Mornings
10:30 AM in the Rose Room**

OPEN FORUM

Labyrinth Proposal

NOV. 25 at 11:30 a.m.



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