



# Spring

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**Join us Sundays @ 10 am**

in the sanctuary or watch the  
Livestream on our Facebook page.  
Or at [www.churchoftheroses.org](http://www.churchoftheroses.org)



**Sundays 7:30 – 8 am**

Listen to Pastor Cindy's  
Sermons on KSRO 103.5 FM.

<https://www.ksro.com/show/presbyterian-church-of-the-roses/>

*Join our Friday mailing list  
for Zoom links and more.*

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We welcomed two new members in March! Pictured above left to right: Membership Chairperson, Kim Seamans, Melissa Henry, Dorothy Lecel, and Pastor Cindy.

## Good Friday Concert

Church of the Roses presents:

### Requiem

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Good Friday Concert  
April 15, 2022 • 7:30 pm

Carol Menke, Conductor  
Cantiamo Sonoma & Church of the Roses Chancel Choir  
with Orchestra & Soloists

Church of the Roses  
2500 Patio Court  
Santa Rosa, CA

**Suggested Donation**  
(taken at the door)



## Join us for Lent & Easter

**Lenten Bible Study ~ Mondays by Zoom 3/21—4/11**

**Maundy Thursday ~ April 14 at 5 pm**

**Good Friday Concert, Requiem ~ April 15 at 7:30 pm**

**Easter ~ April 17 at 10 am**

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# Lenten Bible Study

## New Testament Apocrypha on Zoom

Mondays at 7:00 pm

March 21

March 29

April 4

April 11

Check weekly news email  
for Zoom link.



**1. Thecla: Independent woman of the Apocrypha:** This is a study of the Acts of Paul with a focus on his disciple, Thecla, who is one of the most interesting women in early Christian writing. Although she likely did not exist in real life, she represents many women who did, and her story gives us a powerful look at the role of women in early Christian society.

**2. The Acts of Thomas and Mission to India:** How did Christianity get to India? Did Thomas really travel across the Middle East and preach the gospel in South Asia? Historians debate these questions and more, but regardless of the literal truth, the Acts of Thomas provides spiritual guidance about humanity's place in the world and challenges us to liberate ourselves.

**3. Revelations that Didn't Make it into the Bible:** The New Testament Book of Revelation is not the only apocalypse narrative from the first centuries of the Common Era. In this lecture, you'll explore the content and theology of several other Christian apocalypses and consider why the Revelation to John made it into the canon while the many other apocalypses did not.

**4. Apocrypha after the New Testament:** Although the New Testament was codified in the fourth century, apocryphal books continued to be written into the Middle Ages. Round out the course by surveying the later Christian apocrypha and witness the way the creative flourishing of Biblical writing continued through the Middle Ages and even into the present.

*Download the Lent Calendar or Lent Devotions from our  
homepage at [www.churchoftheroses.org](http://www.churchoftheroses.org)*



# Hasta Luego Amigos!



Dear Church of the Roses Family,

It is with all the love and respect in my heart that I bid you farewell. The last 8 years have been full ones! I have enjoyed being your office manager and friend. We have surfed the waves of joys and losses with tears and laughter. Together we lost friends, homes, animals, health, family. Together we celebrated new friends, pets, babies, books, recipes, hobbies, and sunsets. We learned to adapt to a changing climate and a pandemic. We survived, continued to plant seeds of hope, and are watching them sprout this Spring. I wish I could

stay for this harvest but the Holy Spirit is calling me elsewhere. Please know that you have helped to open my heart wider and I am forever grateful. Love begets love. Thank you.

***Until we meet again!*** Your Friend, Ruth (My personal email is available at the office.)



*A little late due to Covid but no less special! We celebrated Scout Day, Bill St. John's 55 years as a scout and Parker Gabbert's Eagle Project which updated, sealed, and beatified our Community Garden. Thank you Parker! - Photos by Lindsay Olsen*



Thank you to the Girl Scouts, Donors, Boomers, and Helpers that are putting together the Blessing Bags for the homeless!





# MEMBERSHIP



Please give a warm welcome to new members **Melissa Henry and Dorothy Lecel.**

The Membership Committee is beyond pleased to invite you all to enjoy our new Church of the Roses sign on the front lawn! **Many thanks to the Bauers and the Bashams for making this much needed upgrade possible!** Thank you also to Si-gnarama for the manufacture and installation.

## We Have A New Sign!



A LIONS COLLECTION BOX IS IN CAMPBELL COURT FOR ITEMS LISTED BELOW

- **BROKEN GLASSES** - recycled for cash for vision programs
- **SUNGLASSES** - prescription and non-prescription
- **OTC "READERS"**
- **OLD CELL PHONES** - also recycled for cash for vision programs
- **USED HEARING AIDS** - sent to Ear of the Lion near Fresno where they are refurbished and distributed to low-income clients (a great program).

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! JOIN A MHS BREAKFAST CREW!

**Are you available to help cook, prep, or wash dishes?**

**THURSDAYS NEED HELP  
7:30-8:30**

Contact the church office if you would like to try it out! No obligation!





# BOOMERS - Feb. 2022

## Jenner Headlands





# MUSIC DIRECTOR

The choir and I were grateful to come back and rehearse in our regular three rows! It felt good after rehearsing scattered throughout the pews to achieve the necessary distancing last month. The choir continues to be good-natured about my handing them one piece of new music after another, for which I am very grateful! We're looking forward to the season of Lent and its culmination on the evening of Good Friday with our presentation of the Fauré Requiem.

I hope you were able to attend the *Cantiamo* concert on Sunday, March 6th. We had to cancel this concert two times already - once for an atmospheric River that prevented some of our singers from being able to get to the concert, and the other because of the health directive from the County in January preventing large gatherings. We were thrilled to be able to finally offer a variety of wonderful choral music in concert.

There's one more musical thing about to happen here ... in mid-March you may hear the lovely sound of children's voices wafting through the halls at church! After 20+ years of rehearsing at the Church of the Incarnation Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons, the Santa Rosa Children's Choral Academy is moving to the Church of the Roses. We are very happy to be moving and look forward to a long association here! We are grateful to have survived the pandemic though our numbers are fewer now than ever - so if you know any children that love to sing, please send them our way! Have them come see me at church or send me an email at [carol@churchoftheroses.org](mailto:carol@churchoftheroses.org) ~ Carol Menke

## *Good Friday Concert – The Fauré Requiem*

*"Music is God's gift to man, the only art of heaven given to earth, the only art of earth we take to heaven."*  
– Walter Savage Landor

This year we are honored and blessed to offer our community a moving, sacred concert production of Fauré's Requiem, conducted by our own Carol Menke with Cantiamo Sonoma and Chancel Choir.

This blessing comes with a commitment from us. The production cost will be in the neighborhood of \$3,000. God has provided us with an opportunity to reach out to the community, now we need to make it happen.

If you are able, please contribute what you can to underwrite this program, bringing the voice of God to the ears of man.



	YES! I AM A ROSES SUPER-HERO! HERE IS MY GIFT FOR THE	
	<b>GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT</b>	
	Amount _____	_____
	Presbyterian Church of the Roses 2500 Patio Court Santa Rosa, CA 95405	Super-Hero _____

# CHURCH & WORLD

## **PCOR Sponsors SF Exploratorium Visit by Santa Rosa Kids**

By Guy Cottle

The big yellow bus arrived in front of Burbank Elementary School at about 8:30am. A quick head count confirmed twenty-six students, ages ten to eleven, five parent chaperones, and myself—Mr. Cottle. We noisily boarded the bus and our adventure began. We were headed to the San Francisco Exploratorium, a museum that features hands-on science exhibits. The Exploratorium has over six hundred displays that allow students to make observations, test hypotheses, and conduct experiments.

Ricky and Orion sat next to me on the bus. It was a real treat. They kept me entertained by debating about who could design the best restaurant. Ricky, whose nickname is Racoona, imagined a restaurant in which raccoons worked as waiters. When Orion pointed out that raccoons don't speak English, Ricky had an answer. He said, "Oh, my waiters have translation mics strapped to their chins." For some reason, Orion's waiters had eyeballs all over their arms. Ricky said "gross" and Orion explained, "Oh, the eyeballs are plastic and besides they wear long sleeve shirts when they work." It went on like this, back and forth, for the whole trip.

As we neared SF, I announced that everyone should get ready to hold their breath because we were approaching a tunnel. To my surprise, many of my students were not aware that if you hold your breath through a tunnel then you get to make a wish. Our bus became suddenly tranquil and quiet as we cruised through the Robin Williams Tunnel. Immediately past the tunnel, the San Francisco skyline came into view. We all "oohed" and "awed" as one.

For homework that night, our Burbank fifth graders wrote letters about their favorite science exhibits. Everyone seemed to have a different favorite.

Daniel wrote, "One exhibit showed how electricity worked. If you hold hands between two metal posts

then music plays because the electricity travels through your skin. Vanessa was wearing gloves so it wouldn't work for her."

Aizza wrote, "I saw a toothpick skyscraper. The man started building it when he was 14 years old and he is still building it now, 47 years later."

Jasmine wrote, "I loved the spinning sand exhibit. I was so busy playing with the sand that I didn't even know that my group had left me."

Ashlyn wrote, "There was a model of the moon that was bigger than our school. The tour guide said that all the craters were exactly in the right place, just like the moon."

Kimberly wrote, "I learned how butterflies can fly. There was this one exhibit where you had to flap the butterfly's wings to make it fly and then flap one side or another to make it turn."

Ricky wrote, "I saw a man dissecting a cow's eye. I learned that most animals have a green slimy thing in the back of their eye that allows them to see better in the dark."

Burbank Elementary School serves a population that has been financially challenged, especially over the past two years. Most of my students would have never had the opportunity to visit the Exploratorium if not for this field trip. For some of them, it was the first time they had visited San Francisco. In addition to allowing these Burbank students the opportunity to explore electricity, to learn about cow eyes, and to see the moon up close and personal, this field trip brought us together as a class. PCOR and the Church and World Committee made it possible. Thank you for your encouragement and support.

It was a wonderful day of learning, bonding, and exploring. It was a day of joy.

## CHRISTIAN ED—Youth

Kristi Gray, the new Director of Family Ministries brings new energy and ideas for creating an exciting, welcoming and inclusive Sunday School program and reaching out to the preschool, Montgomery High School Students, Boys and Girls Club and the community especially the neighborhood surrounding the church. There will be much more to report in the months to come, stay tuned.

**I would like to thank Judy Clarke for all the work she does for the Sunday School Program.** Every week there is a lesson plan with crafts ready for any kids that show up. Judy is just amazing.

Barbara Basham, Co-Chair



## ROSEBUD PRESCHOOL

We started the month of February by exploring ways of transportation! We talked about different types of transportation along with our favorite way to get to school! We then started to focus on red, white, and pink along with all things Valentine's Day. The kids decorated bags and had a great time delivering valentines to all their friends' bags. We all had a special treat of yogurt covered strawberries! Yum!

We have moved on to insects both big and small! We can't wait to explore with live ladybugs in the next week! In the pre-k program, we have worked on our fine motor skills, sorting and counting, as well as the letters V, L, R, N, and B. Our preschool program is continuing to expand, and we have welcomed some new families! We also welcomed back Ms. Nikkie! We can't wait to see what the next month brings!

Karen Arena, Preschool Director

## DEACONS

The Deacons continue to meet via Zoom monthly. On February 19th we hosted the Life Celebration for Rev. Frank Hamilton serving cookies, cold drinks and Coffee- we got to try out the new Coffee machine which is very nice and produces great coffee that all enjoyed.

We have two more Life Celebrations coming up during March- our beloved Tony Burille on March 5th and Lucy Poindexter on March 19th. On April 23 at 2 pm we will celebrate the life of Susan Smith. We can always use more cookies for these events- if you would like to bake some cookies please contact your Deacon Buddy.

The Deacons continue to be involved with our community- we are supplying snacks for the Boys and Girls Club and have voted to make a nice donation to the YWCA. We have also started a Deacon prayer chain. As our Easter Season is upon us once again we look forward to hosting an in-person Maundy Thursday Service for the first time in a couple of years and will be delivering plants to our homebound members. We thank you all for your continued donations which make these events possible and we look forward to serving our church and community.

Respectfully,  
Raven Duchscherer, Deacon Moderator



# PRAYER REQUESTS

## UPCOMING MEMORIALS

A memorial for Lucy Poindexter will be held on  
Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 2 pm.

A memorial for Susan Smith will be held on  
Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 2 pm.

## FOR THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- \* *The family of Christopher (Jamie) Yen,  
as they mourn his passing on Feb. 26, 2022*
- \* *The family of Susan Smith, as they mourn her  
passing on Feb. 6, 2022.*
- \* *The family of Pamela Sage's brother, as they  
mourn his recent passing.*

## THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

Bill Beaumont	Jessica Morse
Dolores Borchers	Spencer Nguyen
Patrick Butler	Nancy Pinney
Peggy Call	Lynette Randerson
Doreen Cowden	Rosa Rosillo
Pat Currier	Pamela Sage
Eldon Davis	Bob Simmons
Dick Draper	Susie Vela
Sam Gomes	Bob Weber
Michele Hare	Jill White
Phil Henry	Roger White
Maryann Iodence	Helen Wikle
Carolyn Kenworthy	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Margret Kram	
Vivian Mazeski	
Gail Meister	

## THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

James Kuntz (Sorani), US Navy on the USS  
Scranton. 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.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES

# SACRED SPACE

EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT IN A NEW WAY

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

## 5-6 PM

## HYMNALS

If you borrowed a hymnal during  
Covid, please return it to the  
sanctuary. We are running low.

Thank you 😊



## JOIN THE PW QUILTERS!

2nd and 4th Tuesdays  
of the month

In the Classrooms

10:30-12 noon

WE CAN USE THE HELP!

# WORSHIP & ARTS

## Dates to remember for the Lenten season:

- ♦ Sacred Space – April 2 at 5pm, An intimate, meditative service with guitar music, activities, and opportunities to reflect in community.
- ♦ Palm Sunday – April 10
- ♦ Maundy Thursday – April 14, soup dinner and communion
- ♦ Good Friday – April 15 – Fauré Requiem Concert, 7:30 pm
- ♦ Easter Sunday – April 17

## Scripts and Sermon titles for Lent/Easter 2022

### March 6th, 2022 - First Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 and Luke 4: 1-13

Sermon: **Coming Out of the Wilderness**

### March 13th, 2022 Second Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: ?

Sermon: (guest preacher - Reverend Stewart Perrilliat)

His email is: [man2man@man2man-uya.org](mailto:man2man@man2man-uya.org)

### March 20th, 2022 Third Sunday In Lent

Scriptures: Psalm 63:1-8 and 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Sermon: **Endurance Brings Glory to God**

### March 27th, 2022 Fourth Sunday In Lent

Scriptures: Psalm 32: 1-7 and Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon: **Forgiving the Prodigals In your Life**

### April 3rd, 2022 Fifth Sunday In Lent

Scriptures: Psalm 126 and John 12:1-8

Sermon: **Idollzation and Adoration**

### April 10th, 2022 - Palm Sunday

Scriptures: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 and Luke 19:28-40

Sermon: **Pandemic, Prayer, and Palms**

### April 14th, 2022 - Maundy Thursday

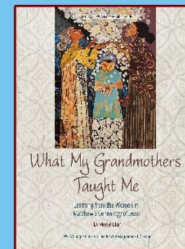
Scripture: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Homily: **Final Lesson: Humble Service**

### April 17th, 2022 - Easter Sunday

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25 and John 20:1-18

Sermon: **What's New?**



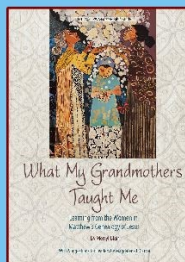
Presbyterian Women  
March 15 10:30 a.m  
Lesson 6

## Bathsheba

READ 2 Samuel: 11-12  
1 Kings 1: 11-31  
1 Kings 2:13-35

Join us on ZOOM. You do not **have** to have the book.

Watch for the ZOOM link in the weekly Church email



Presbyterian Women  
April 19 10:30 a.m  
Lesson 6

## Mary Lesson 7

READ :  
Matthew 1:18-2:23

Join us on ZOOM. You do not **have** to have the book.

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## HELPING UKRAINE

You may go to the website

<https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>

Or a write a check to Church of the Roses with **Ukraine** written in the memo.

***"(God) shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."—(Isaiah 2:4)***

The current Russian invasion that started on February 24 follows eight years of conflict between Russia and Ukraine. Hundreds of thousands of people across the country are enduring bombings and assault by Russian military forces; and have lost power, been cut off from water and fuel. As people head toward the western regions, there is a shortage of food and other basic supplies. The reports of displaced persons inside Ukraine continue to rise every day, already in the hundreds of thousands. The UN anticipates that as many as 6.7 million will be displaced internally. Likewise, Ukrainians are fleeing to neighboring countries, primarily to Poland, Hungary, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, while others have moved to other European countries. Again, current estimates from the UN are that the refugee numbers could also reach several million. These borders have remained open until now even as lines are growing.

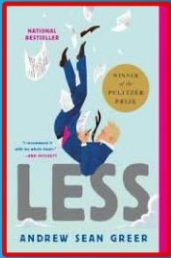
Partners are raising particular concern for the women and young children who make up the majority of the refugees as many men are now barred from leaving the country. As part of the international humanitarian community, PDA urges that governments and non-governmental organizations provide assistance without discrimination due to concerns for the Roma and people of other nationalities who have also been displaced by the conflict. Faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.

**The needs for the response will be great. God's people are called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.**

### **GIVE. ACT. PRAY.**

**GIVE:** Gifts can be [made online to PCUSA Disaster Relief](#)





**Zoom Book Club**  
**Thursday, March 17**  
**2:00 P.M.**

## Less by Andrew Greer

A comic yet moving picture of a heartbroken  
 gay author abroad.  
 Pulitzer Prize Winner 1917



Andrew Greer

**Jeanne will have copies**



**Zoom Book Club**  
**Thursday, April 21**  
**2:00 P.M.**

## Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff

Story of a marriage from two perspectives:  
**His and Hers**

**Jeanne will have copies**

# One Great Hour Of Sharing

Creation Justice Ministries  
**2022 Lent Resource**  
 Daily Reflection-Action Calendar to Cultivate Creation Justice



**March 2022**

**March 2: Ash Wednesday**  
 Read Matthew 6: 16-21. Spend some time praying, meditating, or journaling about your decision to adopt Lenten practices that draw you closer to God, neighbor, and creation.

**March 3**  
 Grab a copy of your home energy bill, and calculate your carbon footprint at [www.letsdoit.org/carbon-footprint-calculator](http://www.letsdoit.org/carbon-footprint-calculator). Take note of the activities that are the most carbon-intensive. Resolve to change them.

**March 4**  
 Laborers who harvest pears for Palm Sunday are often not paid a fair price, nor are they able to harvest sustainably. Learn more and encourage your faith community to order 'Eco-Pears' before the order deadline: [www.ecopears.org](http://www.ecopears.org).

**March 5**  
 If the world reduced meat consumption by 18% it would save the same greenhouse gas emissions as taking 240 million cars off the road each year. Consider planning for meatless Mondays during Lent. Learn more and get recipe ideas at [www.meatlessmonday.com](http://www.meatlessmonday.com).

**March 6**  
 Play cozy and conserve energy by checking your windows and doors for air leakage. Make a plan to ask and weather-strip as needed. (These do need maintenance and replacement over time.)

**Our Guide to Lent**

In Lent, we reflect on Christ's ministry, death, and resurrection. We slow down, and examine our internal spiritual lives as well as the way we live out our Christian faith in the world.

Our faith teaches us that humans were put on this earth with the responsibility to be stewards. We also know our individual as well as collective U.S. lifestyles have led to serious harm to God's good creation.

This Lenten reflection and action guide will help individuals take time to learn, reflect, repent, ask God for forgiveness, and take concrete steps to change course.

This calendar was adapted for spiritual use by Creation Justice Ministries from the *Environmental Justice Program* by the same author and is available for everyone's use, drawing heavily on the 2016 version.



**YOU SHALL BE CALLED  
 REPAIRERS  
 of the BREACH**  
 — Isaiah 58

**PROVIDING RELIEF FROM  
 NATURAL DISASTERS,  
 FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY,  
 AND SUPPORT FOR THE  
 POOR AND OPPRESSED.**

Available for downloading on our  
 website!



On Easter morning, remember  
 to bring a flower from your yard  
 for the Easter Cross  
 on the lawn!

# Palm Sunday April 10, 2022