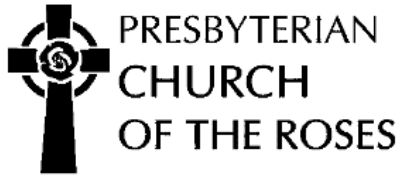


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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

Presbyterian Church of the Roses – February 7, 2021

Notice of this meeting was given January 24 and 31, 2021 for the purpose of hearing a report from the Finance Committee on the 2020 operating results; presenting the Budget for 2021, electing 2021 Corporate Officers; and recognizing committees and organizations. The Annual Meeting, held via Zoom, was **Called to Order** at 11:06 AM with prayer by Pastor Cynthia Alloway. A **Quorum** was present. . It was **M/S/C to amend the agenda to add voting for new Deacons. Clerk of Session** Linda Burille read the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of January 26, 2020. It was **M/S/C to approve the minutes.**

Finance Committee Chair Chris Nelle reviewed the **Financial Results for 2020** and provided a **Report on the Session-approved 2021 Budget.** He said that there was a deficit of approximately \$20,000 in 2020 for the operating budget, but the actual bottom line results for the year were positive due to non-operating income from the forgiven government Payroll Protection Plan Loan and proceeds from the Frank Hanson trust estate. The projected deficit for 2021 is approximately \$50,000.

Elder Dave Nelson then reported on the **2019 Audit** which was completed by Pam Ryan, Dave Nelson and Linda Burille and approved by the Session. The audit report also included a review of our mutual fund holdings. There were no major audit findings, and he applauded Nancy Morgan for the perfect condition of our books.

Clerk of Session Linda Burille served as Moderator while Elder Jim Taylor presented **the Minister's Compensation for 2021.** It was noted that her compensation includes an increase only for pension and health benefits. Elder Taylor expressed the Session's and the Congregation's great appreciation for Pastor Alloway's ministry. **It was M/S/C to approve Pastor Alloway's Call for 2021.**

Pastor Alloway called attention to the **Committee Reports in the Annual Report** and asked Elders and Deacons to stand as she thanked them – and all volunteers – for their hard work.

The meeting of the Corporation was convened by Pastor Alloway. **It was M/S/C to elect** as Corporate Officers: President, Chris Nelle; Vice President, Deborah Baker; Treasurer, Dave Nelson; and Secretary, Linda Burille. On behalf of the Corporation, Chris Nelle reported on the status of the church property, noting no changes. Chris extended the congregation's thanks to the members of the Building & Grounds Committee for their faithful work on the church facility. **M/S/C to adjourn the meeting of the Corporation.**

Rev. Lynne Vandercook gave the Necrology Report for the congregation, giving thanks for and reading the names of members who had died in 2020, and a blessing prayer ending with all joining in The Lord's Prayer.

Elder Dave Nelson, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, submitted the names of two new Deacons for approval. **M/S/C to approve Chris Pena and Linda Lance as Deacons, Class of 2023.**

Pastor Alloway asked for **Other Business** and hearing none, she adjourned the meeting at 11:43 AM with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, **Linda Burille, Clerk of Session**
Rev. Dr. Cynthia Alloway, Moderator

REPORT OF THE PASTOR

"The COVID-19 pandemic dominated the past year. We are a world in mourning for the millions of people lost. The pandemic is the greatest shared global challenge since the founding of the United Nations; every country has faced pain, uncertainty and vulnerability."

(Antonio Guterres, Secretary of the United Nations)

My favorite scripture; Philippians 4: 6-7 says: *"Have no anxiety 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 passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

That is the way we survived this past unpredictably traumatic year. Through prayer, faith, gratitude, and peace along with the help of the PPP loan program and especially due to your devotion to God and to our beloved PCOR. We have survived! It is amazing to witness the perseverance and resilience of our church family. I am so grateful to our church leaders, Deacons and Elders, who kept the faith and found ways to accomplish their work amid the fluctuations in Covid-19 restrictions.



At the beginning of 2021 we Zoomed or used the Outdoor Stage when the weather permitted. In June, we were able to move into Bowen Hall but continued to Zoom and Livestream our services. We were adaptable and learned many new skills. Amazing what an old church like ours can do when challenged!



I felt sincerely prayed for in 2021 as I was dealing with daily radiation treatments for skin cancer and I had my arm in a cast and my leg in a brace due to two broken bones. Thanks be to you all for your prayers! I have been able to heal completely! No more recurrence of skin cancer and my bones feel pretty strong!

Thank goodness Zoom was effective in allowing us to still meet virtually. And the committee chairs and the Deacons were especially attentive to our congregation. Our church family felt cared for and

loved by our staff and church leaders. PCOR's mission of reaching out with nurturing love was still accomplished despite all the obstacles in the way of personally connecting.

Thank you all for not giving up on PCOR! YOU are the reason we are still thriving and serving the community near and far. Please read the reports from all the committees and the Deacons to learn how they worked so hard this year to keep God's work in this troubled world progress towards a brighter future. I look forward to 2022 knowing that God has even more work for us to do. And we will do our best to empower Christ's kingdom of love, hope, and justice: to heal the hurting, feed the hungry, advocate for the oppressed, and bring glory to God in Santa Rosa and beyond.

When ever you feel afraid, you can whistle a happy tune and/or you can remember this poem from Carolyn Winfrey Gillette titled:

Fear Not! It ends with this stanza:

*"Fear not!, you church of Christ, distracted and distressed,
For long ago in troubled times, Christ came, and we were blest.
Our Prince of Peace is born — our light, our life, our song!
In him we see our unity, in him God makes us strong."*

Love, Pastor Cindy





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REPORT OF THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The committee members during 2021 included the "regulars": Jim Taylor; Pam Ryan; Dale Trowbridge; Bob Sorani; Steve Fenner; Phil Goede and Dave Nelson as well as the reserve team who remain a bit more watchful of potential health exposure including Hal Sneath; Bob Wills and Ray Alden.

We did not undertake any major projects during 2021. The largest expenditures were mulching the property; repairing and replacing the top of the fence surrounding the preschool and power washing the north and east faces of the sanctuary. The re-carpeting project that began in 2018 was finished by the team with completion of the copy room. We completed the conversion to virtually 100% LED lighting by rewiring and replacing over 100 fluorescents in Bowen Hall and the choir room. LED lighting reduces energy demand by nearly 70%.

PCoR continued into our second year of an agreement with PG&E to serve as one of five Sonoma County Customer Service Centers during Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) and other emergencies. During an outage last summer, Bowen Hall served as a center for three days. We note PG&E pays a fee for each day they use the facility.

There never seems to be a shortage of "little" things that need to be done particularly in areas like lawn and shrubbery maintenance; plumbing; electrical switches; door maintenance and so on. Most recently there have been issues that have elevated concern and may require attention sooner rather than later.

First, the sanctuary is heated by three furnaces each of which dates back to the mid 1980's. Currently only one of these is operable as the contractor scrambles not only to analyze the problem(s) but to secure parts. While we expect to make it through the Winter, we will soon be faced with the need to replace these units. Financially, furnace replacement will be meaningful but not a momentous expense. On the other hand, the second issue is both meaningful and momentous.

Throughout the facility, the roof has reached or, as evidenced by leaks, exceeded its useful life. We think you can appreciate the magnitude of the job required to remove and replace the existing materials; repair hidden damage; replace all gutters; bring nearly forty roof vents up to code

and repair existing skylights. You'll undoubtedly be hearing more about this as 2022 rolls on.

I thank all members of the Building and Grounds Committee. The "BGs" work for donuts but are there every Tuesday rain or shine.



Respectfully submitted,

Gary Smith, Chair of Buildings & Grounds

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

2021 was again a challenging year for the Christian Education Committee, especially for the children's program. Because of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic we were not able to safely hold either Vacation Bible School or Parents' Nights Out. However, we were able to resume having in person Sunday School.

Sadly, we had to bid farewell to Chelsea Howard as she moved to southern California, but a wonderful team of volunteers has stepped in to help keep the Sunday School program going. A huge thank-you to Judy Clarke who helped organize the Sunday School room and turn it into a welcoming space for the children to learn about Jesus as well as planning lessons and crafts and teaching, and to Marilyn Stark, Kim Seamans, and Brian Smith for their invaluable assistance in helping to teach the children on Sunday mornings.

For Adult Education, we were able to utilize Zoom meetings to continue with our Bible studies. We started with our Lenten Bible study February 22 – March 29, led by Nita Pinney and Linda Burille, utilizing a Kerygma study on the Book of Isaiah, continuing what had begun for Advent, 2020. In April, we tried something new, leading a discussion of Kerry Connelly's book "Good White Racist". Unfortunately, after two classes with almost no participation, we had to discontinue this class.

We had more success with a new class begun in May from Great Courses, "Understanding the New Testament", with Professor David Brakke of the Ohio State University, again led by Nita and Linda. This Bible study continued through the Fall, with classes held simultaneously live in the Rose Room and via Zoom; we typically had about an equal number of participants in each. For Advent, Pastor Cindy facilitated a study on "The Apocrypha of the New Testament", again taught by Professor David Brakke. Due to the rise of the COVID-19 virus again, these classes were held via Zoom only.



Nita and Linda will complete the lessons from "Understanding the New Testament" in January, 2022, and Pastor Cindy will again lead us in "The Apocrypha of the New Testament" for Lent. We thank those who attended for their active participation, and we welcome new participants any time.

Diane and Linda wish to thank the other members of our committee, Nita Pinney, Barbara Basham and Judy Clarke, for their able assistance.



Respectfully submitted,

Diane Osten, Co-Chair – Children's Education
Linda Burille, Co-Chair – Adult Education

REPORT OF THE CHURCH & WORLD COMMITTEE

This last year Church and World Committee continued to meet faithfully each month via Zoom meetings. The current committee is made up of: **Norm Smith (Chair), Nita Pinney, Jonathan Steele, Guy Cottle Chris Rhodes (MHS breakfast program)** and **Pastor Cindy** as staff liaison.

We are always open to new members; we meet regularly each month via Zoom. Contact Norm @ njcs0512@sbcglobal.net for meeting information, all are welcome!

COVID Fund

Our most important work during the pandemic has continued to be providing financial support and outreach to church members that have been impacted financially by COVID. Our COVID fund continued to benefit from PCOR member contributions throughout this last year. Through Dec 31st 2021 we have provided funds totaling \$1,832 to various church members in need. The current COVID funds balance is \$626.84 @12/31/21.

General Donations to Organizations

The organizations we donated money to this last year included: Westminster Woods (\$1,000), FISH (\$750), Sponsored Missionary Cindy Corell in Haiti, Boys and Girls Club (purchased snacks) and Luther Burbank Elementary School (\$900) for Guy Cottles class that is located in Roseland, which has a large percentage of youth from economically disadvantaged families, to take field trips to the California Science Academy and other student excursions. We also did a special collection for Haiti EQ relief victims and donated \$1,000 for Partners-In-Health.

Alternative Christmas

Nita Pinney continued to do a wonderful job managing our Alternative Christmas gifts program. This last year the program raised at total of \$3,695 which makes this a banner year for this program! Thank you for your generosity!

We also added a new local community program called Man 2 Man Urban Youth Advocate which is a

<i>Alternative Christmas 2021</i>		
Church World Service		
	Chickens to Tanzania	\$345.00
	6 Books to Vietnam	\$250.00
	Extra to CWS	\$10.00
PCUSA Mission Agency		
	Kitchen Kit	\$350.00
	Supplies for Student	\$390.00
Doctors Without Borders		
	At work in Afghanistan 25	
	Obstetrical Stethoscopes	\$565.00
Partners in Health		
	Helping in Haiti	
	Emergencies	\$325.00
Man to Man Urban Youth Advocacy		
	Christmas gifts for prisoner dads	
	to give their children	\$970.00
Santa Rosa YWCA		
	Combating	
	Domestic Violence	\$490.00
Grand Total		\$3,695.00
<i>Now we made a difference this Christmas</i>		



multifaceted intervention, recovery, and educational support system for youth and men of color. (www.Man2Man-uya.org). This program received \$970 from our Alternative Christmas drive which enabled Christmas gifts to be purchased for children of inmates in San Quentin who participate in this program. Man2Man UYA was founded by and is managed by Stewart Perrilliat who was our guest preacher in November.

Our Christmas JOY offering also received a generous donation of \$715, 100% of which goes to Synod.

Montgomery High School Breakfast Program

The daily MHS Breakfast Program is one of our biggest community outreach programs each year and relies on many volunteers from the church. With COVID-19 vaccinations now available to adults and children and schools coming out of lock-down, our program restarted in September. As of Dec 8th we were seeing about 30-35 attendees each day.



Earth Care Congregation

Climate Change continues to affect the lives of many people in a devastating way globally. We saw the largest wildfires on record in California again in 2021, though Santa Rosa was largely spared from PG&E PSPS and evacuations. This year we retained our status as an Earth Care Congregation but we need to do more individually and collectively as a congregation by taking action to reduce our carbon footprint in FY2022 and beyond.

Church and World regularly advocates for PCOR to embark on commissioning Solar panels for generating our electricity needs and looks forward to proposals from Building and Grounds to make this a reality in 2022.

Individually the choices we each make in the type of bags we select to carry groceries home in (paper versus plastic) to the vehicles we drive (gas versus electric) to the food we eat (vegetarian versus meat) all impact global warming and climate change. David Attenborough's A Life On This Planet (<https://youtu.be/64R2MYUt394>) is inspiring in many ways if you are looking for some inspiration to making some climate change actions of your own this year.

Please see the Financial Statements at the end of the Annual Report for more detailed information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Norm Smith,
Chair of the Church & World Committee

REPORT OF THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Fellowship Committee is to bring members and friends of the Church into an atmosphere of fellowship and service through special events and church activities. Fellowship is celebrating our Christian unity through socializing, study, outreach projects and personal growth in sharing similar interests and goals with church friends. It accomplishes this by reaching out with hospitality through events that promote "Being and Doing Together". This committee meets monthly by Zoom at 12:30 pm on the First Tuesday of the month.

Members of the Fellowship Committee include: **Deborah Baker** – Chair, **Karen Bowles, Diane Pierce, Linda Lance, Pat Gentry, Susan Boden, Cindy Goede, Joyce Cairns and Tonia DeClue**

Fellowship Committee has worked hard to maintain a semblance of fellowship for our committee and the congregation even with the ever-changing Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. Committee members have focused safe ways to promote congregational Fellowship and Gratitude and Sharing as part of our support for one another. In addition to meeting monthly through August to prepare and deliver JOY Bags, we met by Zoom monthly 11 times this past year, taking the month of July off.

A big thank you to all committee members who have worked so hard to make our church Fellowship so much fun!

Fellowship Committee events this year included:

- Provided water bottles and individually wrapped packs of cookies for outdoor worship services January – April 2021. Resumed serving indoor After-Worship Coffee hour beginning in May, through July with individually served Iced Tea, Iced Coffee, Water and BelVita individually wrapped cookies. No Coffee hour was served during the month of August. Resumed coordination of Coffee Hour after worship weekly since September 19th when Worship services moved back into the sanctuary. We continue to recruit for Coffee Hour Volunteers who would like to meet and greet others and serve in this capacity after worship.
- *"Together Again At Last"* patriotically themed All-Church Picnic on June 27th, 2021 with hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers and salads served and assisted by the Girl Scouts.
- *"Harvest & Thankful Giving"* Themed Annual Stewardship Luncheon on November 14, 2021 coordinated with the Finance Committee and the Deacons to incorporate Deacon Buddy Day as well as wishing Ray Alden a Happy 100th Birthday. Lunch was served with boxed sandwiches and from Boudin and homemade cupcakes.
- Provided individually served Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Mulled



Cider, Cookies and Brownies after the Christmas Eve worship service.

- Deborah participated in many of the weekly Zoom meetings of the Re-opening Task Force Committee
- In one of our proudest accomplishments, from August 17, 2020 through August 23, 2021 members of the Fellowship Committee prepared and delivered 10 JOY Bags per month for a grand total of 112 JOY Bags to all members of our congregation as well as to a few to persons in the local community and those who had recently moved to other areas. This project was coordinated with the Deacons for follow-up phone calls.
 - Our JOY Bag project did bring joy, purpose and a sense of connection to both the givers and receivers during the pandemic and were a symbol of Joyful Fellowship in giving and receiving. They were meant to decrease feelings of isolation by connecting with each family in our congregation bringing tokens of Love, Hope and JOY to each recipient. Bags were filled with a present a day for a week to be unwrapped in each bag. This project was inspired by a similar JOY Bag Jeanne Recknagel had kept from years ago that her daughter, Sue, found and brought to our attention as a possible project.



Covid-19 has created challenges to our ability to maintain congregational fellowship but we continue to look for ways to reach out. We are always looking for people interested in joining Fellowship Committee. This committee has enormous fun and welcomes anyone to join us who would enjoy participating, sharing ideas or a knack for bringing people together to demonstrate God's love through Fellowship! Linda Lance will be the new Fellowship Committee Chairperson.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Deborah Baker – Fellowship Committee Immediate Past Chairperson ~ January 11, 2022



REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

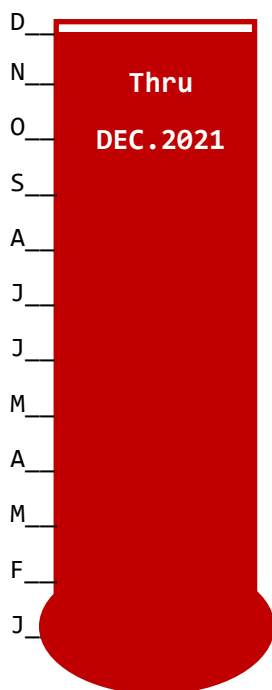
In light of everything that has happened in our world and the disruption to how we worship, we finished 2021 with a small positive (\$10,000) on the bottom line! Two very important efforts made the difference: 1) expense control 2) a gradual improvement in our giving. In addition to the operating profit of \$10,898 we also received the debt forgiveness on our second PPP Loan (part of the economic stimulus programs arising from the pandemic) totaling \$43,877. This, in effect, is free money added to our reserves.

We also grew our reserves with the infusion of monies made available from the economic stimulus programs. I want to thank the Finance Committee for their efforts....**David Nelson, Pam Ryan, Bill Nakata, Karen Bowles, Charlotte Finney, Gene Michael, Deborah Baker** and **Linda Burille**. And most importantly, the excellent work of our Controller, **Nancy Morgan**.

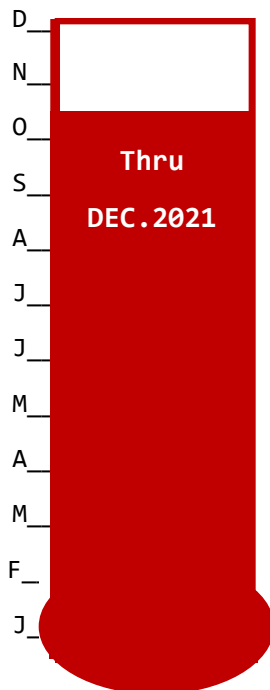
So here we are poised for the new year with very adequate reserves to provide a backstop. We have set aside reserves to cover expected capital needs (e.g. new roof, new furnace) when they become necessary and we hold reserves to shore up operations as we embark on growth initiatives. But most important is your continued financial support which we are so thankful for. Respectfully submitted,

Chris Nelle, Chair of the Finance Committee

GOAL
215,000
PLEDGED



GOAL
50,000
UNPLEDGED



REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

A new member class held in August gave us opportunity to welcome new members Ellen Bowen and Leticia Parker (pictured at right).



This year's accomplishments include completion of the church membership photo bulletin board in Bowen Hall. Additionally, we were thrilled to learn that Pastor Cindy's Sunday morning sermon broadcast is the 13th highest rated program on KSRO (out of 63), garnering more than 3000 listeners each week. The committee is proud to sponsor the KSRO weekly sermon program, reaching out to a larger listenership in Sonoma County and beyond. With the resumption of in person worship, dozens of visitor bags were assembled, and Membership committee representatives were pleased to resume greeting visitors in the Narthex each week.

Our most exciting accomplishment was to finalize the procurement of a brand-new church sign for the front lawn, to be installed early in 2022. Many thanks to two major donors for providing the funding for this sign that will update and freshen the appearance of Church of the Roses, drawing more people to our doors.

The Membership Committee meets at 1:30PM on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Current members are: **Jeanette Bauer, Carole Michel, Diane Pierce, Marilyn Stark, and Kim Seamans.** **Pastor Cindy** is our staff liaison. Thank you to the members of the committee, including outgoing member **Barbara Basham**, for their support and the work they accomplished in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Seamans, Chair of the Membership Committee

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

	2020	2021
Members on January 1	214	208
Membership Gains	5	2
Loss of Members		
By death	7	10
Removed	4	1
Total Reduction	11	11
Members at Year End	208	199

*Retired Ministers and Affiliate Members are included

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee is charged with oversight of the church personnel. Committee members are responsible to act as advocates for assigned staff member(s). The committee also reviews and oversees the personnel budget, the largest portion of the church budget.

In 2021 we continued to be blessed with our very talented staff.

Cynthia J. Alloway - Minister
Myles Ellis - Music Director
Althea Wright - Organist/Pianist
Chelsea Howard Malvalwalla – Sunday School Teacher
Bajun Mavalwalla II – Audio-Visual Technician
Nico Wycoff – Audio-Visual Technician
Eddie Seamans – Director of Youth Activities
Ruth Canniff – Office Administrator
Nancy Morgan - Finance Administrator.
Susan Jenkins – Rosebud Preschool Director
Steve Yeager – Sacred Space Musical Director
Gia Telles – Custodian

The church office opened for two days per week, Monday and Tuesday, in 2021. Plans are to reopen for three days per week in 2022, dependent upon COVID-19 protocols.

The Rosebud Preschool reopened for summer session on June 4, 2021. Director Susan Jenkins was able to retire after helping find and hire Karen Arena, the new Director. Karen started as Director in September.

Chelsea took family leave on June 20 – July 12. She did not return after extending into August. Her position will be replaced by the Director of Family Ministries who will be hired in 2022.

Myles Ellis resigned the end of October upon taking a position with St. Timothy's Episcopal in Danville. Linda Burille capably filled the Music Director duties for the balance of 2021. We are blessed to hire Carol Menke as our new Music Director in 2022. Carol is a local music phenomenon and has made a mark on the Sonoma County choral music scene for over 25 years. She is sure to create a vibrant music ministry here at PCOR.

Chair Jim Taylor wishes to thank committee members Linda Burille, Barbara Nelson, Gary Smith, along with Pastor Cindy for their efforts in 2021 during another year of extreme challenges.

Presbyterian Church of the Roses continues to be blessed with outstanding folks on both committee and staff.

It has been a privilege to serve as Elder and Chair of the Personnel Committee these past six years.

Jim Taylor
Personnel Chairman

REPORT OF THE WORSHIP & ARTS COMMITTEE

The Worship and Arts Committee is responsible for anything and everything revolving around worship at Church of the Roses. Our objective is to provide a purposeful and meaningful worship of God. Does it have to do with worship? Then it is us. Music? Yes. Flowers? Yes. Communion? Yes. Ushers and Liturgists? Yes and yes. Banners, drapes, and decorations in the sanctuary? Oh, yes!

2021 was a very tricky year to navigate with the continuation of Covid Health Protocols defining the method of worship. We started the year with Zoom-worship. Thanks to fine weather we moved to outdoor services in time for Palm Sunday. Relaxed health recommendations allowed us to move into Bowen Hall on May 2, and finally back into the sanctuary on June 20. It took tremendous energy to set up, wire, then strike the temporary worship sites. Thank you everyone helping in this endeavor, especially Chris Rhodes, Gary Smith, Jim Taylor, Norm Smith, Nico Wycoff, Lindsay Olsen, Phil Goede and the many other folks who assisted.

Sacred Space was able to resume in June, to the delight of many. Thank you, Steve Yeager, Nate Scoble, Norm Smith, and the entire team for offering us an alternative worship service with contemporary music.

Even though we are indoors, in-person again, we are continuing to offer worship via Zoom, online on Facebook, and sermons broadcast on KSRO radio.

Challenges to moving back into the sanctuary included demanding Zoom connectivity from our aging A/V setup. Thanks to a tenacious Norm Smith we now have new equipment with the technology to handle the demands of today's wired worship service, a high-speed network accessible in the sanctuary, and a Hearing Loop to assist the hearing impaired.





Music returned to our worship services. Our resident musician, Althea Wright, was flexible in providing outstanding music regardless of the instrument available (Clavinova, piano, organ). Chancel Choir and Bellissimo were restarted and able to provide music according to prevailing Health Regulations. Our Music Director of 3 years, Myles Ellis, retired and our own talented and skilled Linda Burille took the baton and directed music until a new Music Director could be hired. In this we were most blessed to find Carol Menke, a well-known and admired musician from our community. We will be looking forward to a music-filled 2022.

The PCOR Players were formed – our local thespians! – to dramatize the scriptures and other timely themes.

Finally, a BIG thank you to the stalwart and faithful members of the Worship & Arts Committee, who made this year possible: Ellen Marks, Steve Yeager, Charlotte Finney, Kristina Teixeira, Julia Fenner, Pat Gentry, and Chris Peña. You are the folks who make this all happen! Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted,

Joy Olsen, Chair of the Worship & Arts Committee

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS

"The ministry of Deacon, as set forth in Scripture, is one of compassion, witness and service -- sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed and those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress."

2021 Deacons:

The Deacon ministry is made possible through the generous support of our church family. At the Church of the Roses, the most observable works of our Deacons falls into these areas: The Buddy Program; Giving Campaign in support of the community; food help for people in need, and Memorial assistance in honor of our church family. The servicing Deacons for 2021:



Diana Anderson
Robert Cortez
Pat Gentry
Ed Marcoux
Bill Nakata
Rich Osborne
Lynne Vandercook

Barbara Basham
Karleen (Raven) Duchscherer
Linda Lance
Marilee Marcoux
Karen Nakata
Chris Pena

The Buddy Program:

Every member of PCOR is identified and assigned to a Deacon as a church buddy. In 2021 the program provided organized outreach to everyone, with special emphasis on homebound members. This included phone calls, birthday cards, plants at Easter and Christmas. The Deacons did follow up calls to buddies who received a Joy Bag from the Fellowship campaign. The homemade cookies in the Joy Bags were a huge success and usually consumed by the time the Deacon called. Again this year, there were calls to inform buddies of changes to indoor, outside, zoom and YouTube services.

Buddy Day/ Thanks-be-to-God offering/ Giving Tree

All three events reappeared in person in 2021. The Deacons joined with the Stewardship and Fellowship Committee to have a joint luncheon on November 14th. It just happened to be Ray Alden's 100th birthday. Box lunches and cupcakes were enjoyed by 50+ members. The Deacons reconnected with their buddies even though there were only 4 to a table.

Thanks-Be-To-God offering in November generated 2 barrels of food for the Redwood Empire Food Bank.

The Giving Tree/Secret Santa program: Pre-COVID the members filled 50 gift requests. This year the members filled 70 gift request. A 40% increase.!!

Community Giving Campaign:

Each year we review and select 5-6 community organizations whose works are instrumental in serving the lives of many in our community. This year those organizations were: The Council on Aging; The living Room; Pedals for Protein; and Redwood Gospel Mission and YWCA. Each received a donation of \$500 to aid and support their missions. The YWCA received \$1,000 for support of the safe house and programs against domestic violence.



Alternative to Food Pantry:

In March the Deacons set up a task force to explore options to our Food Pantry. As part of the process, a group visited Elisha's Pantry organized by the Christ Church Methodist on Yulupa Street. This is an exceptionally well run program that didn't need our volunteers or funds.

As an alternative to our Food Pantry, the Deacons set up a once a month volunteer time at the Redwood Empire Food Bank. On the first Friday of the month from 1-4 we bagged vegetables and fruits for distribution.

In January the Deacons distributed five \$100 Lucky Gift cards to families in need at Luther Burbank and Lincoln schools.



Throughout the year the Deacons supplied the Boys and Girls Club with afternoon snacks of granola bars and fruit. In December along with fifteen gift certificated supplies by Montgomery Village the Deacons added \$100 gift cards for families in need. 60% of the families who have children attending the Boys & Girls Club are subsidized.

In December, the Deacons along with Pastor Cindy contacted the new management of Montgomery Village and received fifty gift certificates. A very generous donation. Thirty five went to the student who participate in the breakfast program and the remainder to the families at the Boys and Girls Club.

Memorials:

The Deacons served cookies and beverages for 5 memorial services this year. Each service and reception was different due to COVID restrictions but all were appreciated by the families.

I would like to thank Marilee Marcoux for her work as secretary, Bill Nakata as treasurer and the whole committee for everything they did to keep our faith community and community at large connected during COVID again this year..

**Barbara Basham,
Deacons Moderator**

REPORT OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The music program at Church of the Roses is made up of many talented and dedicated amateur musicians who dedicate their time and talent to enhance our weekly worship service. Both of our large ensembles, the Chancel Choir and Bellissimo, meet weekly from September through June. These ensembles provide anthems and introits each week and in typical years perform Cantatas at Easter and Christmas. We are blessed with a talented accompanist, Althea Wright, who plays the hymns, preludes, and postludes as well as serving as accompanist for our Chancel Choir.



Through 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic continued to cause disruptions in the way that we were permitted to gather for worship and necessitated great flexibility from all our ministries including the music ministry.

The year began with Zoom worship, but in March – with improving infection rates, lifted mandates and improved weather – we moved to outdoor worship. At this time, Chancel Choir was not permitted to rehearse together, so anthems were selected from the hymnal, and the choir – masked and socially distancing

– were able to add music to our worship. Althea played the Clavinova, and for Easter special music included Jim Taylor on trumpet.

By June Sunday worship returned indoors to Bowen Hall. Both Bellissimo and The Chancel Choir were back in business after a 15-month hiatus with weekly rehearsals and musical offerings during worship.



After a summer break, Chancel Choir and Bellissimo returned to indoor worship in the Sanctuary, with The Chancel Choir performing each week and Bellissimo once a month.

In October Myles Ellis, our Music Director, resigned his position to take a job closer to home. We were so fortunate that Linda Burille graciously stepped in to act as Interim Music Director while a search was conducted for a new Music Director. While that search was being undertaken, Linda Burille and Althea Wright together continued to rehearse the Choir and Bellissimo, providing weekly music for worship services and readying a Cantata for Christmas – the first cantata in two years!

And as the year closed, our search for a new Music Director met with success. We were joined by Carol Menke, a long-time resident of Santa Rosa, choral director, conductor and local musical treasure. She brings with her a love of music, expertise, enthusiasm, and a following of music devotees.

We now look forward to 2022, anticipating a quelling of the Covid virus, an opening of hearts, and exciting, joyous new sounds to raise the rafters of Church of the Roses. May this be a year of growing and outreach with our music ministry.

Respectfully submitted, **Joy Olsen, Worship Committee Chair**

REPORT OF THE PCOR REOPENING TASK FORCE

The goal of the Task Force is providing a safe and healthy environment for all that use the facility and attend worship at Presbyterian Church of the Roses.

The Task Force meets weekly to keep current on the changing conditions of Covid-19 and the appropriate response to recommendations for safe group gatherings from health and civil authorities. With variations of COVID-19, it remains important that the Task Force continue to monitor the changes of health directives to determine the safest way for our congregation to worship.

Thank you all for your cooperation in these crazy COVID times. We all look forward to a day when can get back to a "normal" church life. The Zoom productions will most likely continue as we move forward into 2022. Norm Smith and his production crew continues to provide a professional quality experience in the Zoom format.

Thanks also to the Reopening Task Force members, **Pastor Cindy Alloway, Joy Olsen, Deborah Baker, Chris Rhodes, Kim Seamans, and Gary Smith.**

Jim Taylor
PCOR Reopening Task Force

REPORT OF THE ROSEBUD PRESCHOOL

In order to operate with the guidelines of the Sonoma County Health Office and CA Childcare Licensing, Rosebud Preschool reopened in the Summer of 2021. At the time of opening, there were limited cohort sizes and new regulations. When we reopened, the school started with twenty children enrolled in the program. Over the course of the year, we have been able to continue our enrollment.



Currently we have thirty children enrolled in the program. Thirteen of the children attend for the full day. We currently have nine four-year-olds, eleven three-year-olds, and nine two-year-olds. We hope to have four more two-year-olds join us in the coming months.

We had some changes to the staff this year. Ms. Susan, the previous director, retired at the end of September. We filled the position with a new director. One of our occasional subs and previous teacher has decided to come back to Rosebud in the new year. She will be working part time which will allow us to continue our enrollment. We also had an opportunity to get a new fence in the children's play yard.

Thank you to the Church of the Roses for your continued support. Your support allows us to continue to serve the needs of the children in our community especially with the ever-changing COVID-19 guidelines.

For more information about the school, please check our website: www.rosebudpreschool.org or contact us at rosebudpreschool@sonic.net.

Karen Arena
Director of Rosebud Preschool

REPORT OF THE MISSION ORGANIZATION

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW incorporated in 2009, establishing itself as a publicly supported integrated auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Then in 2016, the General Assembly added Presbyterian Women to the PC(USA) Organization for Mission as a related corporation."

The pandemic continued to have a devastating effect for Presbyterian Women both for Church of the Roses PW and for PW in Redwoods Presbytery. The faithful cohort of women at Church of the Roses who enjoyed meeting monthly at church for Bible study and a shared luncheon could not safely do so. Linda Burille and Anita Pinney, study leaders, continued to offer a monthly class by Zoom using the book Just a Sister Away, by Renita Weems. This was attended by a few. We were hoping to be able to gather at church in the fall, but Covid Regulations made it impossible. Again, the regular offerings to PW causes did not happen except as a few sent money by mail.

When September arrived, we decided to offer by Zoom the new PW Bible Study: What My Grandmothers Taught Me. We were even able to experience the Australian author, Merryl Blair, in person thanks to the many technical aids offered by Horizons. There were few participants. We will continue the study in 2022.

In the fall when many were fully vaccinated, we received permission for the Quilting Group to meet. Theirs is the one stellar accomplishment we can report for 2021. The six faithful quilt makers you see here donated 8 quilts each to Sutter Hospice, Council on Aging and Promedica Hospice (formerly Heartland). We hope for more participants in 2022 because we have enough materials to continue this mission project.

Respectfully submitted, **Anita Pinney, Secretary**

PW FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income \$91—for Sepulveda Sewing Fund

PW Fund = \$814.33

Marty Sepulveda Sewing Fund: \$500

Total remaining funds \$1314.39



REPORT OF THE FELLOWSHIP GROUP

BOOMERS

The Boomers are Christian adults looking to play, work, and have fun with other like-minded adults. We think you'll fit right in! Members of Church of the Roses? Yes, but also open to other Christians seeking a Christian community of friends. Young, Old? Sure! All the above! If you've ever heard of the Beatles, you're in!



BOOMERS - 2021



Rincon Valley Park Picnic - August



Planning Party at Olsen's - September



Western Railway Museum - October



Trunk or Treat at PCOR - October



Popcorn & Movie Night in Rose Room - November



Christmas Caroling - December



IN MEMORIAM

The Session reports to you the loss of the following members who passed away during the year 2021.

<i>Luu Maxwell</i>	~	<i>05/07/2021</i>
<i>John Iodence</i>	~	<i>06/10/2021</i>
<i>Betsy Yeager</i>	~	<i>07/04/2021</i>
<i>Shirley Walton</i>	~	<i>07/07/2021</i>
<i>Marilyn Hilen</i>	~	<i>08/12/2021</i>
<i>Janice Holmes</i>	~	<i>10/23/2021</i>
<i>Carlton "Tony" Burille</i>	~	<i>10/28/2021</i>
<i>Jake Parsons</i>	~	<i>10/29/2021</i>
<i>Shirley Weber</i>	~	<i>12/03/2021</i>
<i>Lorraine Nichol</i>	~	<i>12/21/2021</i>

"and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever..."

Psalm 23