

Rose Clippings

MARCH

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES
Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All

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B&G WORKING HARD!

THANK YOU for pulling out the old carpet in the copy room and installing the new carpet!

Church Services are Live Online
Sundays @ 10 am
on Zoom & Facebook Live

Join our Friday mailing list and get
Zoom Invitations—email
office@churchoftheroses.org

Read Sermons on our blog at
www.churchoftheroses.org

Listen to Pastor Cindy's Sermons
on KSRO 103.5 FM
Sundays 6:30 am—7 am or anytime on
their website:



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

MARCH CALENDAR

Services are Sundays @ 10 am by Zoom

- 3/01— Lenten Bible Study Mondays 7 pm
- 3/14— Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 3/14— Boy Scout Drive Thru Pancake Breakfast at PCOR 8-1pm
- 3/16— Monthly Bible Study @ 10:30 a.m.
- 3/18— Book Club
- 3/21— Easter Memorial Flowers Form DUE
- 3/28— Palm Sunday—OUTDOOR Worship
One Great Hour of Sharing
- 4/01—Maundy Thursday—ZOOM
- 4/02—Good Friday—OUTSIDE & ZOOM 5 pm
- 4/03— Dogwood Drive Thru Fundraiser 9-1p
- 4/04—EASTER WORSHIP OUTSIDE 10 am

Noon Hour of Prayer is Thursdays by Zoom

RSVP FOR PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY OUTDOOR SERVICES.

REMEMBER TO BRING CUT FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE EASTER CROSS!

BRING A LAWN CHAIR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIT ON THE LAWN.



Adapting to a Strange New World During Lent

PASTOR'S
CORNER

By Pastor Cindy Alloway



*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come!"*
(2nd Corinthians 5: 17)

Do we have to have change and adapt to something new? The season of Lent is meant to be a time for repentance and renewal. This year I am looking at Lent in a whole new way.

I looked up my article for the RoseClippings from last March 2020. It mentioned nothing about the Covid pandemic! How could I have ignored the whole thing? Like many of us at the beginning of the pandemic, I was still in denial about the deadly virus and how it would affect each of our lives in so many ways. I suggested in that article that people might consider joining the bell choir, fundraise to help re-paint the outside of our church, and help us host a pre-worship coffee time outside the church doors. Those are still very good things to do, but presently they are on hold while we continue to adapt to a new way of living and worshipping.

Adapting, being resilient, growing, and learning to deal with change have been especially important since last March. And they will continue to be important for our survival going through 2021. But there is good news! Babies are still being born in our church family and baptized! We decided not to wait for a baptism until it was safe to have all of us back in the church for indoor worship. So instead, we showed a video presentation of a baptism during the Sunday worship service. It was a beautiful sacramental ceremony with the Ervin family despite the need for wearing masks and being with just a small group. We adapted to the strange world we are in and the baptism was still blessed by the Holy Spirit with joy and grace.

The church is looking forward to having Palm Sunday and Easter worship outside on our front lawn. Having the platform there in front makes it easy for us to safely have worship services outside and we are so grateful to Chris Rhodes and the B & G committee for building the platform.

Next we are looking to attract new people to our church with a new sign. The membership committee has been working hard to choose a new sign design and get it approved through the city permit office. We have a generous donor providing for 1/2 of the funds to buy the sign. Stay tuned for more information on when it will be installed!

All of the new happenings at church are examples of "**Growth after Trauma**" found in a Harvard Business Review article by Richard Tedeschi who wrote the book: Posttraumatic Growth. The Church of the Roses is finding ways to expand, adapt, and grow despite the pandemic making it hard for us to be together physically as a church family. All our committees are still meeting on Zoom and planning for future events and activities to keep the church thriving. The Christian Ed committee has developed Activity

Bags that reflect the themes for each Sunday worship service for the children who attend our Sunday school. Joy bags are being created and delivered by our Fellowship committee to bring joy to those we haven't seen in person for many months. The worship committee and staff have worked hard to present our worship services and Bible studies on Facebook Live, Youtube and on Zoom. Many of us have become much more tech savvy during these pandemic days.

The article about growth after trauma suggests that we make a concerted effort to derive something positive out of the struggle we are experiencing. The possibilities for growth should not be squandered! So let's continue to serve our God with a sense of possibility for more growth. The little baby baptized, Kailey Ervin, is positively growing and we all can too!

During this Lenten season instead of giving something up for Lent consider adding something fruitful to your life. Learn Spanish, play a new musical instrument, volunteer at the Empire food bank or write meaningful letters daily to friends and family. Visit the outdoors daily and volunteer to help one of our parks. Give of yourself this Lent since Jesus gave himself for you. Join a church committee and meet with us on Zoom for meetings which will continue even after we are able to be in person. When we are able to start the high school breakfast back up, consider volunteering to cook. We will need more cooks for the breakfast program!

There are still ways to repent, renew, and serve God this season of Lent. May we all resiliently grow and adapt to the changes in our world. Thanks be to God for helping us survive and thrive thus far! May God bless you and keep you strong and adaptable.

Pastor Cindy

One Great Hour of Sharing Does It All!



When Covid19 took us by surprise last March we didn't know what to do about this important offering. This year we know all too well that people are suffering around the world more than ever because of the pandemic.

Our faith calls us to do what we can to help. The traditional day to collect the OGHS Offering is Palm Sunday. If you are able to contribute please send a check to **Church of the Roses** marked for **One Great Hour of Sharing by March 28** or bring it to Palm Sunday Worship.

Let us do our part to bring some hope to a world in need.



Each of us has our own natural God-given talents. Talents we can use to offer up praise to the Lord!!

What is YOUR talent? Music? Poetry? Dance? Rap? Theatrical reading? Come and share your talent with us in the Worship of God.

THIS EASTER we invite our talented congregation to share their special God-given talent with us in a very special outdoor worship service.

If you are interested in being a part of the service, send a brief description of your planned offering to Pastor Cindy for consideration and inclusion in the service.

HOW TO ZOOM!

If you are still trying to figure out how to join our worship services or committee meetings, please watch this “how to” video by clicking here

<https://youtu.be/hlkCmbvAHQQ>

CHECK OUT OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFklRelid9cVT2x5VWpG8VA>

WORSHIP & ARTS COMMITTEE

Easter is coming! Easter is coming! I'm so excited for Easter!

And the Worship and Arts Committee is excited to be planning worship for our upcoming Holy Days: Maundy Thursday by Zoom; **Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter will be in-person, OUTSIDE.**

Folks will call in to reserve their seats for the outdoor services - Stay Tuned for more information! These outdoor services will also be available on Zoom, and from our parking-lot parlor.

Sacred Space is excited to be returning to in-person, outdoor worship when the weather warms up. Perhaps May? Sacred Space meets the first Saturday of the month, and offers an intimate, meditative service with guitar music, activities, and an opportunity to reflect in community.

COME BE A PART OF THE TEAM!!

Everyone has an exciting idea about worshipping –so make your ideas count!!! Worship Committee is hoping YOU will join us as we strive to make our worship services pertinent, diverse, holy, and exciting. If interested contact Pastor Cindy or Joy Olsen.

*Joy Olsen,
Committee Chair*

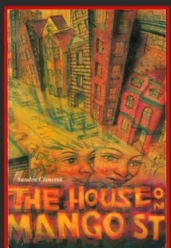
DOWNLOAD THIS DAILY REFLECTION CALENDAR BY CLICKING HERE: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent-lent-calendar/>

CHOIR NEWS

March 2020 finds us in right in the middle of Lent and most of us are familiar with the question "What are you giving up for Lent?" This past year we have been forced to give up so much that perhaps we can consider using a different model. How about "What will you take up for Lent?" Maybe it is time to reach out to that friend or family member that you had a falling a with and mend the fences. Or perhaps it's time to digitalize all of those photographs that have been gathering dust for years and share them with your family. Or..... you could consider joining our music ministry! We are right on the cusp of restarting our outdoor worship services and this might be the ideal time for you to join our choir.

Starting on Palm Sunday our Chancel Choir will be once again singing an anthem each Sunday. Rehearsals are not permitted at this time, so I simply select a well-known hymn that can easily be performed during worship. We warmup at 9:30 before worship services, so if you are interested, simply show up at that time on Palm Sunday March 28th (or any Sunday thereafter) and sing with the choir. We would be so glad to have you join us!

Blessings,
Myles Ellis, Music Director



**Zoom Book Club
March 18 1:30 p.m.**

**The House on Mango Street
by Sandra Cisneros**

**A modern classic of Chicano literature.
Jeanne Nussmeier has the books.**



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Pastor Cindy will be delivering activity bags for March to the Sunday School students. The activity bags are being assembled by our wonderful Sunday School teacher Chelsea with help from the Christian Education committee and will contain crafts, coloring pages, and some short lessons for the students and their families to read and work on together.

Diane Osten,
Christian Education Co-Chair



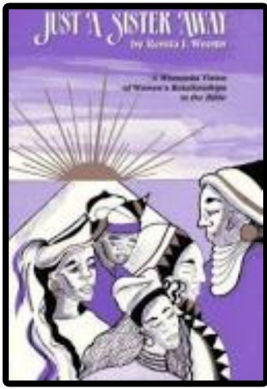
Bob and I hope that you have all had a safe and happy holiday season. Ordinarily, we would celebrate March with our annual gourmet potato bake. In fact, that was our last meeting a year ago. As our neighbor used to say many years ago, when we were dealing with baby twins, "Time flies when you're having fun!" A whole year has past, while we waited to figure out how to live with a pandemic.

We have just had our first vaccination and will get the second mid March. We're hoping that Voyagers and all other activities at Church of the Roses will be able to resume soon.

Meanwhile, we encourage our members to continue to remember our commitment to the Redwood Empire Food Bank by donating however you can. We send ours through the mail: REFB, 3990 Brickway Boulevard, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.

The need is greater than ever. We look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Bob & Eleanor Flandermeyer
(707-538-5277)



Presbyterian Women

Tues. March 16
10:30 am

A Monthly Zoom Bible Study

Just a Sister Away
by Renita Weems

March's story is that of Mary and Martha. The author has entitled the chapter **My Sister's Keeper**.

Read Luke 10: 38-42 and John 11: 1-44 and 12: 1-8

Everyone is welcome.
Zoom in!

ZOOM INVITATION

Time March 16, 2021 10:30 AM
Every month on the Third Tuesday
Zoom Link below:

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pwd=bWFGSjgxVWZscWttenNSTWIXcUM3Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81612766138?pwd=bWFGSjgxVWZscWttenNSTWIXcUM3Zz09)

Meeting ID 816 1276 6138
Passcode 871377
Dial by phone 669 900 6833



Isaiah in the Sistine Chapel
by Michelangelo

**Our Lenten
Study of Isaiah
continues until
March 30
Monday evenings
at 7:00 p.m.**

**Your Light
has Come!**

March 2: Isaiah 56: 1-12, 57: 1-13, 57: 14-21

The Gathering God of New Jerusalem

March 9: Isaiah 58: 1-14, 59: 1-21

A Life Essential to the Lord

March 16: Isaiah 60: 1-22, 61: 1-11

The Light Shines in the Darkness

March 23: Isaiah 62: 1-12, 63: 1-6, 63:15 - 64:12

A New Identity: The Redeemed of the Lord

March 30: Isaiah 65: 17-25, Isaiah 66: 7-4, 18-23

A New Heavens and a New Earth

**Check the Weekly Church Email for
Zoom information**

OR CLICK ZOOM LINK BELOW

Zoom Class Time will be on six **Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** Use the Zoom link or phone number below to join us.

ZOOM INVITATION

Email ruth@churchoftheroses.org if you would like a Zoom Invitation or join the Zoom Meeting by clicking on this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88085470528?
pwd=L3hPaVpFRWhHWEhYNmtjaENrUTNVUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88085470528?pwd=L3hPaVpFRWhHWEhYNmtjaENrUTNVUT09)

Meeting ID: 880 8547 0528
Passcode: 125485

Dial into the meeting by phone:
+1 669 900 6833 US

THURSDAYS

**NOON HOUR OF
PRAYER &
ENCOURAGEMENT**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 882 8136 1612
Passcode: 220865
Join by phone: 669-900-6833

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES

Certified Earth Care Congregation



Our church has a rich history of service to the larger American community.

Presbyterian Minister and Princeton University President John Witherspoon signed the Declaration of Independence. Presbyterian Minister and Abolitionist John Raskin organized the Ohio portion of the Underground Railroad. In 1962, Presbyterian Pastor William Watkins was arrested in Chicago, along with 75 other church members, for participating in a Civil Rights prayer vigil.

The good news is that our church continues to advocate for needed social change and justice.

Last month, PCOR reapplied for Earth Care Certification. Earth Care Congregations have taken the "Earth Care Pledge," and are committed to taking specific actions toward caring for God's earth. There are four categories of actions: worship, education, facilities, and outreach. An applicant church receives points in each category, and will be certified if the point total is more than 100 points. We have more than 100 points.

Earth Care Certification offers us a map of suggestions and ideas for how we can better do our part. We will be given opportunities to network with advocates from other churches and organizations. Earth Care Certification puts us on the path to learning new ways to devote our resources and our time toward caring for God's earth. Finally, Earth Care Certification will also put PCOR on the map of churches that doing their part to stem the tide of climate change. **See the map of Earth Care churches at this link:**

[https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?hl=en&mid=1vKhWYuHZq7VPDvXfCE_5m6KXfY1Ex3Kn&ll=52.042558796135054%2C-94.6815050553788&z=4)

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Not to be alarmist, but we have all heard, read, and seen the stories. Ice is melting, animal species are being pushed to the verge of extinction, rainforests are being burned away. An island of micro-plastic floats in the Pacific Ocean that is the larger than Texas. Average annual temperatures around the globe soar. And who will pay the price if we do not become better caregivers to our planet? Our brothers. Our sisters. The impoverished and the destitute first. The American Middle Class next.

With hope born in our faith in God, with prayers and vigilance, we can make a difference. We have done it before.

Guy Cottle
Church & World Committee

Proverb 31:8-9 "Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy."

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2021 is off and running. January results were on budget for revenue but thankfully expenses came in under budget, so we were able to show a small positive in operating results for the month.

It's never too late to pledge! The number of pledgers decreased from the prior year as did the dollars pledged. There can be a dozen reasons but if "it slipped my mind" is yours, we would always gladly appreciate knowing in advance what your giving intentions are and will accept your pledge card now.

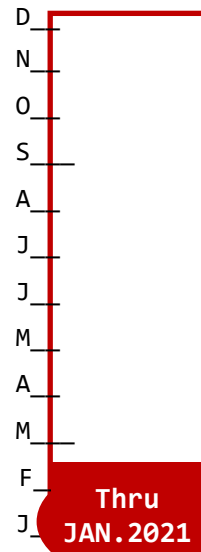
Stay tuned, we are planning an educational session on estate planning to keep everyone informed as to the recommended ways that your wishes are met efficiently with respect to the disbursement of your estate. Included will be ways in which you can leave funds for the church if those are your intentions. Prior to this educational session, which we think is best done when we can all safely meet in person, if you have any questions do not hesitate to call me or Linda Burille. We are both prepared to answer some of your easier questions.

Thanks for your continued financial support of our Church.

Chris Nelle, Finance Committee Chair

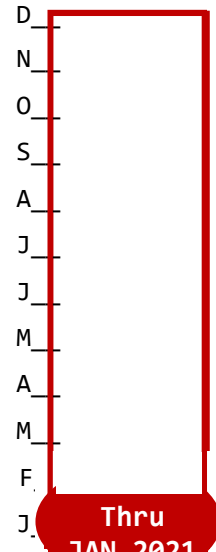
GOAL

215,000
PLEGDED



GOAL

50,000
UNPLEGDED



DEACON'S UPDATE

Not much going on this month. The Deacons have delivered twenty \$100.00 Lucky gift cards to families in need. Six to Lincoln School, 3 to Luther Burbank School, 3 to the Boys and Girls Club across from the church and 8 to families who have visited the Food Pantry in late 2019 or early 2020. The group is discussing how best to fit the needs of our buddies and the community as we move forward in 2021.

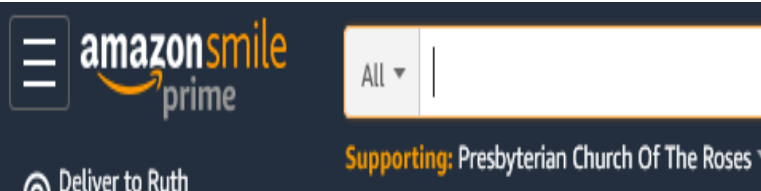
Be safe until we meet again in person.

Barb Basham, Moderator

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US AS YOUR CHARITY!**

**When check out, always make sure that you
see the Amazon Smile logo and Supporting:
Presbyterian Church of the Roses**



BOY SCOUTS TROOP #32

 **DRIVE THRU
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



**Sunday,
March 14th
8-1pm**



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

Planting Your Spring Garden – For the Garden of Your Daily Living

Plant Three Rows of Peas –
Peace of Mind
Peace of Heart
Peace of Soul



Plant Four Rows of Squash –
Squash Gossip
Squash Indifference
Squash Grumbling



Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce –
Lettuce Be Faithful
Lettuce Be Kind
Lettuce Be Patient
Lettuce Really Love



One Another

No Garden is Complete Without Turnips –
Turnip For Meetings
Turnip For Service
Turnip to Help One Another



To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have
Thyme –

Thyme For Each Other
Thyme For Family
Thyme For Friends



Water Freely With Patience
and Cultivate with Love.

There is Much Fruit in Your Garden because
You Reap What
You Sow.



PRAYER REQUESTS

THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

All who are struggling with Covid-19 and for our church members who are recovering. May their health continue to improve. For our family and friends who face illness, injury, or hardship. May they burdens be lightened.

Bill Beaumont	Lynette Randerson
Bob Bunting	Ruth Rossow
Patrick Butler	Pamela Sage
Peggy Call	Debbie Seat
Doreen Cowden	Bob Simmons
Patricia Currier	Susan Smith
Dick Draper	Shirley Walton
Danny Duchsherer	Bob Weber
Barbara Flannery	Jill White
Marilyn Hilen	Roger White
Janice Holmes	Helen Wikle
Carolyn Kenworthy	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Margret Kram	Betsy Yeager
Vivian Mazeski	Avery Yudice
Luu Maxwell	
Jessica Morse	

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.

Reopening PCOR Task Force

The Reopening PCOR Task Force continues to meet weekly to keep you informed on the changing status of Covid-19 and how it effects our worship.

With easing of some restrictions, houses of worship can meet using 25% of room capacity and maintaining social distancing. Singing and chanting during indoor services is still prohibited.

Looking ahead for PCOR, we are planning and look forward to having outdoor worship on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Notices will be sent and your reservation response, of how many will be attending, will help with set up and social distancing.

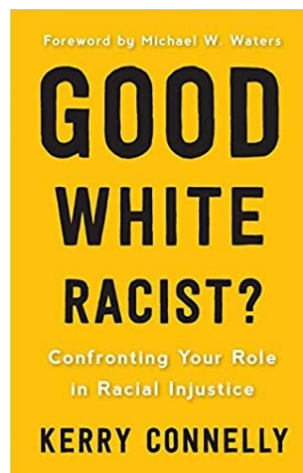
As usual, we will be watching weather reports for service days and times. Should we have to move indoors for inclement weather, you will be notified.

Thank you all for your continued understanding, cooperation, and support.

Your Reopening PCOR Task Force,
Pastor Cindy Alloway, Deborah Baker, Chris Rhodes, Kim Seamans, Gary Smith, and Jim Taylor



Be on the look out for a new survey in your weekly emails during March.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOOK STUDY

April 12-June 28
Monday evenings
@ 7 pm

"Kerry Connelly is leading the charge to liberate white people from their own failed conception of goodness, and, instead, inviting them to become true allies in the liberation of all God's people. In this book, good white people will find the truth. If they allow it, the truth will set them free. Then we shall all finally be free." --From the foreword by Michael W. Waters

We invite you to join us in our study of this book together, Monday evenings at 7:00 PM on Zoom beginning April 12 through June 28, skipping Monday, May 31. Nita Pinney and Linda Burille will lead the study.

We are providing advance notice to enable you to purchase the book yourself. **It is available on Amazon and EBay, and can also be found on Kindle or Google Books, or order it through Copperfields.**

Come join us!



Script and Sermons for March

March 7th Third Sunday in Lent - Jesus Leads a Protest

First scripture reading: Psalm 19: 1-10

Second scripture reading: John 2:13-22

March 14 Fourth Sunday in Lent - God Loves the World

First Scripture reading: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Second scripture reading: John 3:14-21

March 21 Fifth Sunday in Lent - Risk your Life for Jesus

First Scripture reading: Psalm 51:1-12

Second Scripture reading: John 12: 20-25

March 28th Palm Sunday - More Than A Parade

First scripture reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Second Scripture reading: Mark 11:1-11



GETTING TO
NET-ZERO
AT HOME



Hosted by the Presbyterian Hunger Program

Join the Presbyterian Hunger Program on March 10th at 3:00p EDT

for this webinar featuring Rev. Dr. Patricia Tull, an environmental theologian, A.B. Rhodes Professor Emerita of Hebrew Bible at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, and author of *Inhabiting Eden*. Using her own net-zero home in Indiana as a model, Trisha will overview some of the promising ways homes can be built or renovated to become efficient enough to power not only themselves but family transportation and food production.

Join the Zoom meeting at
<https://bit.ly/2NIGjFL>



OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2022

Join our church group travelling to the
Oberammergau Passion Play in September 2022!

Tour covers 4 Eastern European countries in 12 days. Cost is about \$5700 per person, double, including tour, airfare, and travel insurance. Only \$250 per person deposit at booking, another \$350 in June 2021 and final payment is July 2022!

Contact PCOR member Barbara Nelson for more information, brochure, and short video: 707-538-3836 or email barbarastravel@earthlink.net

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Concierge to the World



DOGWOOD ANIMAL RESCUE CENTER

DRIVE THRU
FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY,
APRIL 3rd at

CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

STAY TUNED FOR MORE
INFORMATION!



Because of you
WE'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE
ONE ANIMAL AT A TIME



EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Your payment of **\$20** or more, designated to the Easter Memorial, will be used to purchase flowers for our Outdoor Worship on Easter Sunday.

Please fill out the registration form below and mail to the church with your check attached by **Sunday, March 21st**. Please write **EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS** in the memo. The flowers will be displayed outdoors on April 4th.

You also have the option of submitting the form and paying online at www.churchoftheroses.org/easter-flowers

Your name(s) as you want it (them) in the Church bulletin:

Your Name _____ Your Phone # _____

Total \$ _____ How Many? _____

Choose below:

Given in Honor of (OR): _____

Given in Memory of: _____

Please use a separate check, designated *Easter Memorial Flowers*.

Attach your check to this registration form.

COUNTERS/OFFICE USE ONLY:

Please detach and treat this bottom part as a pew slip.

Place the top half in the office manager's mailbox.

Name _____ \$ _____ Online ____ Check ____ Owed ____