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APRIL

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***Church Services are Outside,
weather permitting, and can be
viewed Live on Zoom—Sundays @
10 am***

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



**Sundays 6:30 am—7 am
or anytime on their**



**Pictured from Top: Palm Sunday Outdoor Service,
Families enjoy their activity bags provided by our**

**EASTER: REMEMBER TO BRING CUT
FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE EASTER
CROSS!**

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



APRIL CALENDAR

Thursdays Noon Hour of Prayer is by ZOOM

4/01—Maundy Thursday—ZOOM 5 p.m.

4/02—Good Friday—OUTSIDE & ZOOM 5 p.m.

4/03—Dogwood Drive Thru Fundraiser 9-1 p.m.

4/04—EASTER WORSHIP OUTSIDE 10 am

4/12—"Good White Racist" Book Study Mondays 7

4/13—PW Quilting 9-12 p.m.

4/15—Monthly Book Club 2 p.m.

4/20—Monthly Bible Study @ 10:30 a.m.

Camera Club at Quarryhill Botanical Garden?

Ponderings from Pastor Cindy

By Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Yay! It is the Easter Season!

Think about it, if Jesus Christ had not Risen from the dead, we would not be a church today.

What would the world be like without Jesus? What would Santa Rosa be like without our Church and many ministries?

We have much to be thankful for at the Church of the Roses at this point in time!

- ◆ This Easter we don't have to just show a video of the service. We get to be in-person outside! It will be such a lovely service together.
- ◆ The majority of the congregation has received a vaccine! Thanks be to God we made it through the pandemic without losing church members to Covid-19. Keep vigilant with your masks and distancing so we can continue to celebrate our survival!
- ◆ We received two PPP loans that helped us keep most of our staff on board and hopefully we will be able to reopen Rosebud Preschool soon!
- ◆ The outdoor worship services attracted some new attendees to worship with us! We are considering continuing them once a month even after we are able to be in the sanctuary because so many people enjoyed the outdoor worship experience.
- ◆ Our congregation has shown adaptability, resilience, and incredible technological ability during this time when we averaged about 60 attendees on Zoom each Sunday and about 100 views of our worship service on Facebook Live, too. The KSRO radio program has also attracted 50% more listeners to the early 6:30am worship service recording, too. KSRO is thankful as well.
- ◆ The reopening task force has thoughtfully considered allowing groups to use our church facility again and it appears we can have groups meet inside in May with masking and social distancing.
- ◆ We can see the light at the end of the tunnel of this pandemic and Santa Rosa has come through it without losing too many jobs or businesses. Our little town is going to survive and thrive and our Church of the Roses along with it. Thanks be to God for a chance to recover well and continue our ministry to the community.

I do humbly ask for your prayers for the families of those who passed during the pandemic due to other causes: Jeannette Nichols, Gwen Christiansen, Lucy Poindexter, and Helen Burns. And please pray for those on hospice care now: Betsy Yeager and Luu Maxwell. Such precious souls will forever be missed in our pews. But we can be thankful for the time well spent with them and the lovely memories of friendship during their participation at PCOR.

Remember: When Jesus rose from the dead, death was defeated. One day your life will transition onward to the next stage of eternal life. But in the meantime, Jesus understands our grief when a beloved church family member passes. He does more than understand; He also acts. Jesus will not let death reign forever. On the cross He defeated death, and His resurrection is your guarantee that one day, you, too, will experience a life of glory and peace with him in heaven. And one day Jesus is coming again to end physical death and to usher in a new heaven and a new earth where there will be no dying, no tears, and no sorrow. (Revelation 21:1-4). So until that day may the resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning be the hope we cling to and the reassurance that you are loved deeply by God who knew you before you were born and who never abandons you in eternal life.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

We Have Seen Jesus (from John 20:1-18)
by Ann Weems 1934-2016

O Lamb of God! O Lamb of God! O Lamb of God!
With the slaying of the paschal lambs,
you died upon a tree.
Your sheep scattered
and hid in darkness
weeping.
It was over. Three days those who loved him
huddled,
their hearts trembling,
their faces swollen from tears.
They would no longer see Jesus.
He himself had said from the cross,
It is finished.
They felt finished, too.
While the early morning
had not yet found its sun,
on that first day of the week,
Mary Magdalene walked
through the darkness
to the tomb
and found the stone rolled away.

She ran and found Peter
and that other disciple
whom Jesus loved.
They have taken Jesus out of the tomb,
she said, and we don't know where to find him.
Peter came into the tomb
and saw the linens lying there,
the head linen rolled up by itself.
Then the other disciple came into the tomb
and he saw and he believed.
He saw and he believed.
We who have sought these Lenten days
to see Jesus ...
do we see and do we believe?
Who do we say that he is?
He is the one who gathers the children
to himself.
He is the one who speaks with women,
even foreign women, even Gentile women,
even women of the streets.
He is the one who sits down to eat
with tax collectors.
He is the one who eats with sinners.
He is the one who touches lepers.
He is the One.
The disciples went home.
But not Mary ...
no, not Mary ...
she stayed,
she wept.
She bent to look into the tomb,
and there she saw two angels,
one at the foot where Jesus had lain
and one at the head.
"Woman," they asked,
"why are you weeping?"
"They have taken away my Lord,
and I do not know where
they have laid him."
I do not know where he is!
Did you not know I would be
about my Father's business?
Who do you say that I am?
Mary said, Rabboni.
Having turned, she saw
whom she believed to be
the gardener,
Woman, why are you weeping?
Whom do you seek?
"Sir, tell me where you have laid him, and
I will take him away."
All Jesus had to say was "Mary!"

Mary, Mary, Mary,
Oh, Mary,
Do you not know me?
"Rabboni!"
Yes, she knew him.
She knew Jesus.
She ran to tell the others:
"I have seen Jesus."
And there it is ...
our Lenten search,
that which we have waited for,
that which we have sought,
that which we have worked for.
He is not some goody-goody god;
he is Justice
he is Mercy
he is Humility
he is Love.
And Mary saw him;
Mary knew him;
Mary followed;
Mary believed;
Mary ran to tell the others.
Later that night,
when the doors were shut,
Jesus came to them
and stood among them
and said, "Peace be with you" as he always did,
and he said it again,
after he had shown them
his hands and his side.
"Peace be with you."
From the beginning
it had been Peace.
It was the song of the angels
in Bethlehem.
It was the song of Jesus,
and Peter preached it to the people:
"You know the message
God sent to the people of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ.
He is Lord of all."
If we see Jesus,
we know that
he preached peace,
but the thing that's
so hard for us is this:
we do see Jesus,
and we know Mary
and Peter and all the others
believed that we are to
love our neighbors as ourselves,

but that was then and this is now
and it is a different world.
We are a different people.
Can't we disciple in a more
modern way?
Not everyone can preach peace.
Can't we be on the kitchen committee?
Can't we make more rules?
Can't we write a check?
And yet, and yet and yet,
he said, as God sent me
I send you.
Receive the Holy Spirit.
He sent them out
just as he sends us out
to all the nations
to tell God's story
of peace and goodwill.
Easter comes.
The shroud that covered
the world is destroyed;
for our God has swallowed death.
We shall no longer look
for him among the dead.
He calls to us to follow,
to believe in our hearts
that the people of this world
will someday love one another.
Really
Love one another.
If we believe, we know that
that is not a naive hope,
but God's promise.
We shall not die,
but we will live in him
who died for us.
On Easter morning
and on every morning,
let us in chorus sing:
"This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!"
And then with Mary,
let us run to tell the others:
We have seen Jesus!"

Reference: Advent's Alleluia to Easter's Morning
Light: Poetry for Worship, Study, and Devotion by
Ann Weems.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The children are enjoying their activity bags! In April, tables will be set up so that families can sit together during the in-person worship services, and each Sunday there will be a craft provided for the children to work on either during the service or to take home. Our wonderful Sunday School teacher, Chelsea, will also be there most Sundays to help and other adult supervision will be provided when she cannot be there. If families choose not to attend in-person worship but would like the activity bags, please email Diane Osten at petmom@sonic.net and the bags will be delivered.

Diane Osten,
Christian Education Co-Chair



VOYAGERS

Greetings of spring and Happy Easter wishes to all!
We hope you are all staying safe and well.

By now many of us should be well into our Covid vaccinations and on our way to a safer future. It's still important to follow the well known rules for taking good care of ourselves and those near to us. We still need to give attention to all health recommendations.

We hope to see you all soon. Bob and Eleanor Flandermeyer: (707-538-5277)

WORSHIP & COMMITTEE

After a long dark winter of COVID we are ready for spring: flowers, sunshine, warmth. And after months of separation from our congregation we are ready for a joyous celebration of the Easter season, together.

Palm Sunday was our first back-together, in-person, lift-up-your-spirits celebration of Jesus' triumphal march into Jerusalem. More than 50 friends gathered together on the front patio of our church to sing hymns, wave palm fronds, and prepare for the Holy Week to come. The air temperature was as warm as the hearts surrounding the patio. What a blessing!

Holy Week will lead us through a few dark days of the spirit before we rejoice again, together, in the glory of the Resurrection at Easter.

April 1, Maundy Thursday, Zoom Worship at 5pm

April 2, Good Friday, In-person, outdoor worship on the patio, 5pm

April 4, Easter Sunday, In-person, outdoor worship on the patio, 10am

But Easter doesn't end on Sunday. Easter is a season and is a joyful time for celebrating the presence of the risen Christ. And so we too will continue to celebrate Easter by worshipping together - perhaps to move indoors to either the sanctuary or to Bowen Hall. Sacred Space hopes to start up again in May. It is all in God's hands, in God's time. ***Hosanna in the highest!***



Dollar Spent; Vote Given



Barbara Basham shops regularly at Trader Joes. She visits the cereal shelves, strolls among the frozen foods, and shops her way past the steaks, chicken, and pork chops. As a matter routine, she buys her family TJ's one pound chocolate almond bar. Barbara is a fan of TJ's, but when it comes to the produce section? She puts her chin in the air and walks right past.

"They double plastic wrap everything, and I just won't have it. I can't stand seeing all that plastic in my garbage," she explained.

Barbara gets it. A dollar spent, at any given store, is essentially a vote cast to support the continued marketing of a given product. As consumers with money in our pockets, we pick the winners.

The concept "dollar voting" is not new. In 1986, John Buchanan was awarded the Nobel Prize for Economics developing the Public Choice Theory. He argued that economic participation is a pure form of democracy. The idea in practice goes back even further. We have all heard stories about those hardheaded upstarts in Boston who once refused to purchase British tea. Dollar voting has been around in America since before the first dollar was even printed.

A few years ago, Chris and Ellen Bowen decided to buy solar panels for their home. As it turns out, they save quite a bit of money each month. Saving money, though, was not their only motive.

"Chris has been a lifelong advocate for conservation, recycling and Earth care. God's gifts are all around us. Chris and I believe that we are the stewards of his gifts," said Ellen.

Mrs. Basham's decisions at TJ's clearly checks the box for more chocolate almond bars and less plastic with our food. The Bowens voted for lower electricity bills and more independence from PG&E. From the smallest purchase to the largest, in America, our purchase decisions count. We shape the world of tomorrow by how we spend our money today.

With hope born in our faith in God, with prayers and vigilance, we can make a difference. We have done it before. Let's go out today and vote for a sustainable tomorrow.

Guy Cottle, Church and World Committee

Luke 16:11 "If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?"

FINANCE

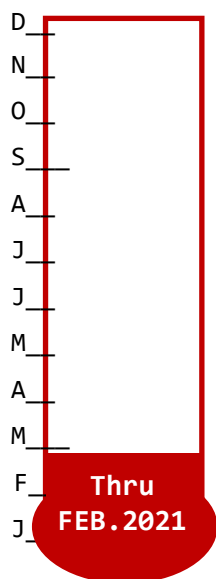
Through February revenue is behind expectation but thankfully we have been doing a nice job holding expenses down such that the year-to-date operating loss is only a couple of thousand dollars. Reserves remain quite adequate for potential capital projects and operating losses.

We received another PPP loan as a part of the latest economic stimulus program. As with our first one these loans are forgivable as long as we use it mainly for payroll. It ends up being an infusion of cash into our operation to help mitigate the impact of the pandemic.

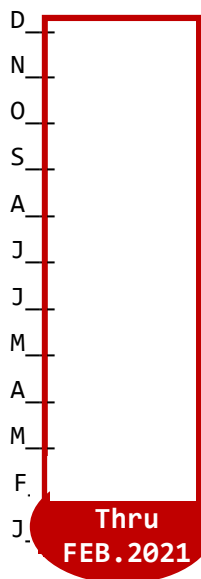
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Chris Nelle, Finance Committee Chair

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Reopening PCOR Task Force

What a blessing to be able to worship outside again. With beautiful weather, distribution of vaccines, and easing of state and county restrictions, life is going to feel more "normal". For PCOR, Holy Week Celebrations are being held outdoors along with Zoom for those worship services. We are looking to move indoors to the Sanctuary or Bowen Hall in May.

With the easing of restrictions, we are considering reopening the facility to small group activities. Please contact Ruth or Pastor Cindy.

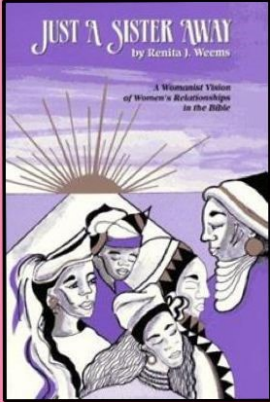
Masks continue to be required for both indoor and outside services. Additionally, we ask that you self-check for having any Covid like symptoms or exposure to any folks having Covid -19; if either is the case, please stay at home.

For those that have received the two doses of vaccine; immunity protection takes a couple of weeks or more to establish itself. Additionally, it may be possible for a vaccinated person to "carry" Covid-19 and pass it along to others. With known variants of the virus on the rise, everyone needs to continue to be prudent by wearing a mask and limiting exposure with others.

When reservations are requested for any worship service, please respond and provide the number of folks attending. **The link is available on our website and the weekly Friday email.** This is important for those who set up know the seating needed and that social distancing can be maintained for all attending.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping maintain a healthy and safe environment for worship and other activities at PCOR.

Thank you.
Reopening PCOR Task Force



**Presbyterian Women
Bible Study Class
Tuesday April 20
10:30 a.m.**

A Crying Shame

Read Judges 11: 1-40

Check weekly Email for Zoom link.



BOOK STUDY: **GOOD WHITE RACIST?** Confronting Your Role in Racial Injustice

When it comes to race, most white Americans are obsessed with two things: defending our own inherent goodness and maintaining our own comfort levels. Too often, this means white people assume that to be racist, one has to be openly hateful and willfully discriminatory – you know, a *bad person*. And we know we're good people, right? Kerry Connelly exposes the ways white people participate in, benefit from, and unknowingly perpetuate racism – despite their best “good person” intentions. Author Kerry Connelly, speaking as a white person on this subject, is a writer, certified life coach, and author of several podcasts. She is currently pursuing an MDiv at Christian Theological Seminary. She lives in New Jersey with her family.

Please come join us as we explore this book together and learn how to overcome being a “Good White Racist”. Our class begins Monday, April 12 at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

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.

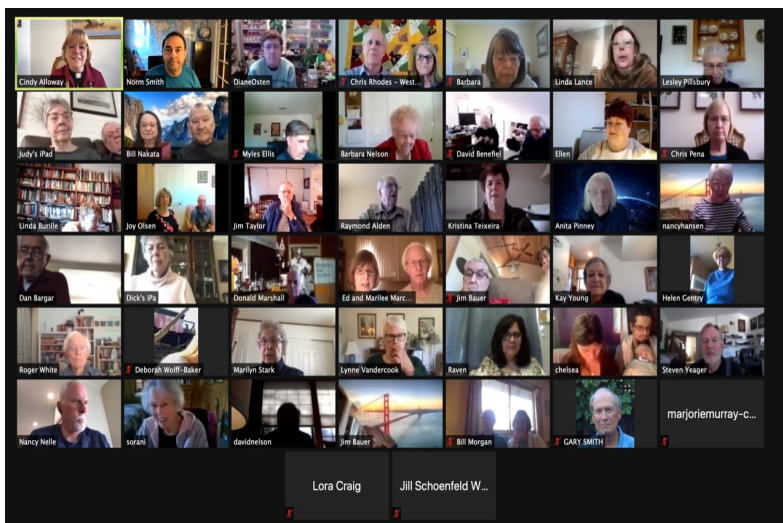
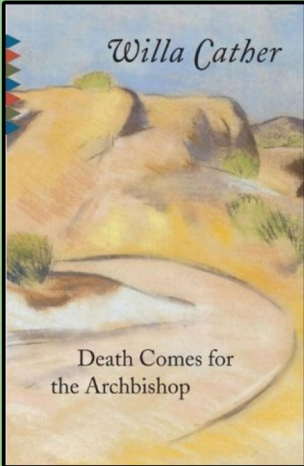
Come join us!

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>

Zoom Book Club
Thursday April 15
2:00 P.M.

Death Comes for the Archbishop

Willa Cather's most popular book.

Jeanne has copies

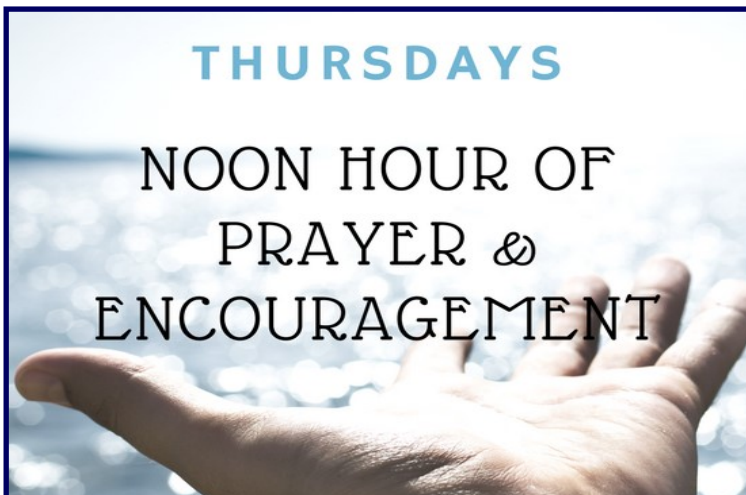
DEACONS

Each month Deacons have been calling the recipients of the wonderful Joy Bags that have been prepared and delivered by the Fellowship Committee to members of our congregation. So far there have been 68 Joy Bags delivered. Each month Deborah Baker provides me with a list of who will be receiving a Joy Bag that month. The Deacons call their buddy recipients a day or two after the Bags have been delivered. The response has been overwhelmingly positive- 100%. The first comment is always, they want to know how they deserved such a nice thoughtful gift--then they talk about what they have already pulled from the bag and how they look forward to whatever will be in it for the next days. There is usually a comment about the home baked cookies and the puzzles.

This is such a thoughtful outreach by the Fellowship Committee and just one more way we all remain in touch.

It looks like the Food Bag program might be able to open up again in May or June. It will be restructured with pick up available one day a week. This will be helpful for the staff and the Deacons. We are all looking forward to starting this community service up again.

Barb Basham, Moderator



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88281361612?pwd=QXNQK29sUE94amo2SHZ0WktLRDNOQT09>

Meeting ID: 882 8136 1612

Passcode: 220865

Join by phone: 669-900-6833



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

**Barbara's Travel/San Marin Travel
Concierge to the World**



Good News!
**The Quilters are back
 to work!**

Four fully vaccinated sewers met and have been approved to go back to the sewing machines. We will meet in the Sunday School Room on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month and work from 9:00 a.m to noon.

We welcome other needlewomen to join us to stitch and tie and cut, not to mention chat! When you have had your Covid vaccinations and your two weeks follow up we hope you will come and join us. Our quilts are a blessing to many ailing folks.

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

The family of Ellen Bowen as they mourn the loss of her mother.

THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

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

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.

Camera Club

One year ago, we were planning to go to Quarryhill Botanical Garden but cancelled for Covid, like everything else. But guess what?! They are open for groups under 12 people!

We will be going there in late April, date to be confirmed as soon as I have a list of those who want to participate.



Quarryhill Botanical Garden is recognized as home to one of the largest collections of scientifically documented, wild-sourced Asian plants in North America. Set in a secluded garden of tranquil ponds, gently rolling paths, and scenic vistas, the Garden is home to roses, camellias, rhododendrons, magnolias, maples, dogwoods, lilies, and so much more. It is not only a modern-day ark of rare and beautiful plants but also a place of varying beauty: a locals' getaway or easy day trip for walks, hikes, birding, photography. Quarryhill Botanical Garden is one of the most exotic and biologically diverse places in Sonoma Valley. Admission is \$10 (seniors).

Quarryhill is located on Highway 12, just north of the Arnold Drive intersection. After the photo shoot, we will meet to eat at one of a vast panoply of the fine restaurants in Glen Ellen or Kenwood.

The question is would you like to participate in a camera club outing to Quarry Hill late April?

Email richosborne@outlook.com so I can make arrangements. Thank you, Rich Osborne

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