



Rose Clippings

MAY

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

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INDOOR CHURCH SERVICES
In Bowen Hall (masks required)
Services can also be viewed Live on
Zoom—Sundays @ 10 am

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 on their website:



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

MAY CALENDAR

5/09—Mother's Day & Church in Bowen Hall!
5/10—'Paradox of the New Testament' Weekly 7p
5/11—PW Quilting for Hospice 9-12pm
5/18— 'Just a Sister Away' Monthly Study 10:30 a
5/20—Monthly Book Club: "The Life We Bury" 2p
5/23—Pentecost
5/29—Boy Scout Car Wash
5/28—Camera Club Rose Rm 11am-1pm
5/31—Memorial Day
Thursdays Noon Hour of Prayer is by ZOOM

May is a month for Marvelous Miracles, Gardens, and New Hope

By Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway

A poem by William Wordsworth titled: *"Ode Composed on a May Morning"* begins like this:

*"While from the purpling east departs
The star that led the dawn,
Blithe Flora from her couch upstarts,
For May is on the lawn.*

*A quickening hope, a freshening glee,
Foreran the expected Power,
Whose first-drawn breath, from bush and tree,
Shakes off that pearly shower."*

May is "on the lawn." May is also in the garden and in the blossoms all around our church! If you haven't already viewed the blossoming roses looking spectacular in front of our church, you are missing a gorgeous scene! They are especially beautiful now, thanks to our rose bush caretakers, Ellen Marks and Pam Ryan.

Our community garden is planted, thanks to Steve Fenner and the Interfaith Sustainable Food Collaborative who gave us the plants. Yet, there are lots of weeds around the garden that need pulling up. If you have a few hours and you want to participate in beautifying our church, we especially need you now that we are coming back to in-person worship! Please consider pulling up the weeds around our garden boxes or helping Buildings and Grounds with other projects inside the church that need attending to. They are happy to have you join them on Tuesday mornings!

We also need more people to join the audio/visual team. If you want to learn how to run the new camera, manage the sound, or present the slideshow for projection of the worship service, please let Norm Smith know. He and Nico need your help. They are working hard to make our services enjoyable in-person, on Facebook Live, on the KSRO radio and on Zoom!



I have an Asian American grandson. Two-year-old Kai is so sweet! I cannot imagine anyone attacking him for being Asian! Just the idea of someone targeting my grandson breaks my heart and makes me very angry, too. Kai will welcome a little sister in July! What a blessing!

I was encouraged to see that the company: *Bath and Body Works* has made a statement about their commitment to advocating for the oppressed. Their statement to the Asian American and Pacific Islander community said, "We stand with you and we support you. We are continuing to listen, learn and take

action on our journey to become anti-racist.”

Please keep our Black and Asian American brothers and sisters in your prayers. They are feeling especially vulnerable to acts of hate these days. Pray that God would be present to bring healing, comfort, and restoration from pain, fear, and anger caused by anti-Asian hate. Pray that they all can sense the loving presence and power of God as we all mourn the aggressive acts against them. Help us all speak out to advocate for the oppressed and move our country toward justice and safety for all. Pray that all fear is met by God’s peace and that God would release them from shame and lead us all into a healthy journey of physical, emotional, and spiritual healing. Pray that justice would be served to those who are causing the trauma. May God’s will be done.

There is new hope in this new Springtime. Sonoma County has a majority of people aged 65+ fully vaccinated, keeping us much safer from contracting the Covid-19 viral infection. Please encourage all your friends and family to get vaccinated. The more vaccinations given the more we show love for our neighbors because we are all safer and stronger when we are vaccinated. Thank you to all who are already vaccinated! Your courage and care for others is appreciated. Our church is so excited to worship indoors in May and we will be back in the sanctuary on June 20th, Father’s Day.

We have so much to be thankful for! This May is going to be magnificent, marvelous, and miraculous! Thanks be to God!

—Pastor Cindy

Reopening PCOR Task Force

GOOD NEWS!

Presbyterian Church of the Roses is re-summing Indoor worship on May 9, 2021. The service will be held in Bowen Hall at 10:00 AM.

Face masks are required as well as maintain 6 feet social distancing.

Hand sanitizer will be available for use when entering.

Additionally, restrooms will be open and only 2 persons allowed at a time.

Thank you for observing this protocol for the health and safety of all as we worship together in this time of COVID-19.

Blessings,
Reopening PCOR Task Force

NEW OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open on
Tuesdays and Wednesdays
from 9 am to 3 pm
beginning May 11 and 12.

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

*Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!
Welcome to the Season of Easter.*



Help with Decorations!

Would you like to help decorate the sanctuary and Bowen Hall for the holidays and Liturgical Seasons?

Contact Joy Olsen to stay in the know and receive invitations to the decorating parties.

Email Joy at olsen@sonic.net

Our Easter Service was a beaut! Out on the porch, under a blue sky and the loving eyes of God. There were flowers. There were tunes. And nearly 90 people raising their voices to sing. Althea played to make the ears rejoice. Jim Taylor and Dave Lindgren played trumpet fanfare. Myles sang Handel's The Trumpet Shall Sound. Anita Pinney read soulfully a poem written by Rose's own Poet Laureate, Tony Burille. And not to be outdone, our own pastor-cum-comedienne warmed up the crowd with jokes sure to fetch a smile.

And Easter isn't over yet, folks. Eastertide runs for 50 days, spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday; so keep that bonnet dusted off, keep refreshing the flowers on the outdoor cross, and keep that Alleluia on your lips for there is still more to come.

May 9, Mother's Day, will be our first in-door worship in Bowen Hall and we will continue here for several weeks. No reservations required. Come and celebrate with us all the special women in our lives. Please cover your face, wash your hands, and come on in; because no mask, no sanitizer, no service!

May 23, Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy Spirit descending upon the Apostles. Light a fire in my heart, O Lord! Remember to wear your fire colors: yellow, orange, red.

June 20, Father's Day, plans to be our first worship service back in the Sanctuary, God willing and the governor opens up the state. Come and celebrate with us all the special men in our lives.

ROSEBUD PRESCHOOL

We have begun work on reopening the school in the summer. Our plan is to reopen Monday, June 7 with one small cohort of children and staff. Preschools are subject to state Licensing regulations and Public Health requirements that are different from public schools.

We will be following best practices to keep our families and staff safe. We are asked to keep our childcare groups as small and consistent as reasonably feasible. Only children and staff may enter the school. We will be requiring masks of all children and staff unless they are separated by six feet. Everyone is excited to be coming back together again. And while we will spend the majority of our time outside with one small group inside at a time, that is not all that different from our normal summer programs.

We have also begun enrollment for the fall and are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to bring back more families to the school.

Susan Jenkins, Director

Masks with the Presbyterian Church of the Roses logo are for sale to help raise funds for our COVID relief fund.

Come to the office or pick one up on Sundays.

Understanding the New Testament



We are pleased to offer this video class from Great Courses. Prof. Brakke is the Joe Engle Chair in the History of Christianity and a Professor of History at Ohio State University.

He received his MDiv from Harvard Divinity School and a PhD from Yale University. These first 6 sessions, entitled **The Paradox of the New Testament**, will help us understand how we got the Bible we treasure today.

We will also learn much about the beginnings of the Christian Church and the life of early Christians. The video classes are about 30 minutes long with time for discussion to follow.

ZOOM LINK BELOW

Introduction to the New Testament video course—Mondays @ 7 pm beginning on May 10, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84178373331?pwd=ZENWVjcXJkxHWVJuWTJuMmpkTFZkQT09>

Meeting ID: 841 7837 3331

Passcode: 202897

Dial in to the meeting by phone: 669-900-6833

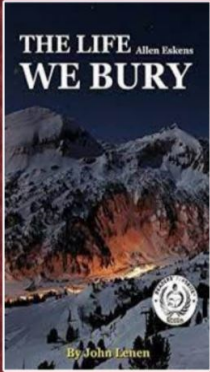
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

While the congregation is still worshipping outside we will continue to have craft and coloring tables set up

with adult supervision for the Sunday School kids. Parents are encouraged to sit near the tables or may bring a blanket and sit with their children on the lawn to do the crafts.

Please remember that it is still important for all children over the age of two to wear a mask for everyone's protection. Hopefully we will be back inside in the Sunday School room soon!

Diane Osten,
Christian Education Co-Chair



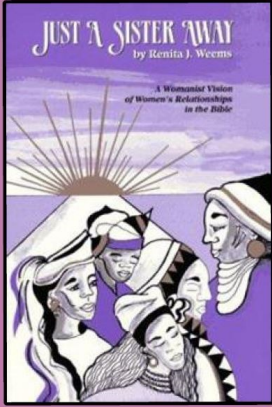
Zoom Book Club
Thursday May 20
2:00 P.M.

The Life We Bury

by Allen Eskens

Jeanne has copies

A biography assignment
uncovers hidden secrets.
Was injustice done?



Presbyterian Women
Zoom Bible Study Class
Tuesday May 18
10:30 a.m.

In-Law, In Love

Read Numbers 12:1-16
Exodus 2:1-10

Check weekly Email for Zoom link.



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

VOYAGERS

May flowers 🌸 are out and the program at 🌹 Church of the Roses is getting back into bloom. We are finding our way into the future slowly and cautiously as a congregation. Since we are a social and volunteer group for the Redwood Empire Food Bank, we will probably need to do some evaluating as to what our meetings and social events might look like going forward. Perhaps a time to address these issues might be in the fall, when it will be time to officially begin the autumn/holiday season. Bob and Eleanor Flandermeyer (707)-538-5277

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Through our first quarter ending 3/31/21 we are pleasantly above expected revenue and up over same period last year. But with continued lower expenses because of no in house activities we are operating with a slight profit vs. expected losses. No readily identifiable reasons for the welcomed increase in revenue other than the obvious....we received more offerings than expected, THANK YOU!!

We applied for and received our second PPP forgivable loan bringing the total of our free money from the government's stimulus program to \$158,000. THANK YOU TAX PAYERS!!

Our cash reserves remain very adequate and we have set aside funds by calling them Capital Reserves to be certain we hold onto monies for probable major property maintenance items like a new roof, exterior paint job, new furnace, etc.

As always, should you have any questions about our finances please ask me.....

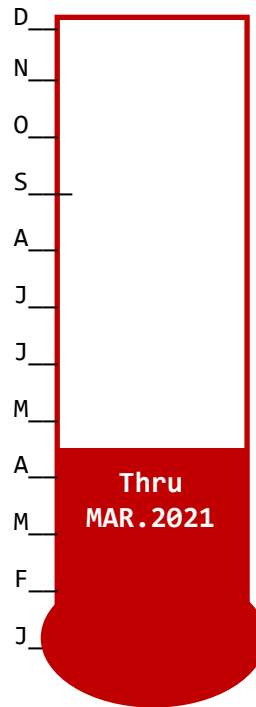
Chris Nelle
Chair, Finance Committee

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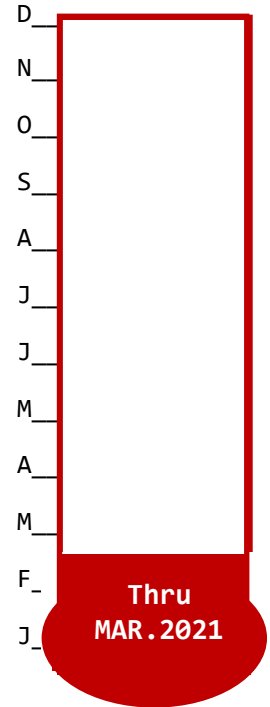
PLEDGED
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GOAL

50,000

UNPLEDGED
GOAL



MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST NEWS

Montgomery High School has reached out to us in the hope that we will still provide a delicious hot breakfast to their students.

They expect to return full time on August 17th and Church of the Roses would like to be prepared to resume the breakfast program. If you are interested in continuing, joining a crew or being a substitute, please let Ruth or Pastor Cindy know.

We will have a reorganizational meeting in early July. Stay tuned!

CAMERA CLUB

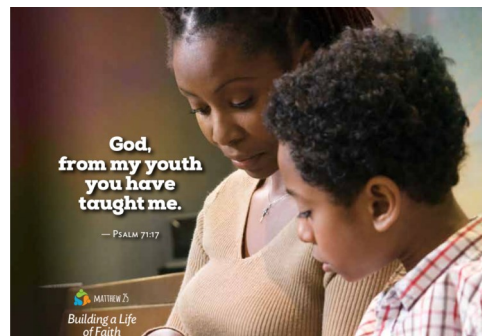
I want to tell you about our camera club. First, let me say what we are not: we are not highly skilled experts in photography. We are just people who like to take pictures and share them with others. We like to learn more about the art and improve our own skills in a friendly, non-critical environment. Club members use a variety of equipment. The most popular is the cell phone. Some use post-production software, most do not.

Originally, we started it as an activity within SIR (Sons In Retirement) inviting spouses too. Soon thereafter, we broadened the club to everyone when we started using the facilities at the Presbyterian Church of the Roses for our meetings. There are about twelve of us, men and women. We meet monthly in the Rose Room but it's been over a year since we have met. Members share about 8 to 12 pictures, more (or fewer) if they are so inclined, which are displayed on a TV screen. We have speakers who cover various aspects of the art. During the month, we schedule an outing to take pictures.

We are planning to start meeting again in May, for the first time, since February 2020. Please let me know if you would like to join us in the future. We would love to meet you. My email is richosborne@outlook.com and my cell phone is 303-304-9262.

Rich Osborne

The PCUSA Pentecost Offering



Your Church and World Committee voted to collect this important church-wide offering this year. Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

25% of the Offering is used to inspire and equip Young Adult Volunteers for mission work. 25% supports youth ministries and helps young people at risk. 10% of it goes to "Educate a Child; Transform the World", encouraging us Presbyterians to support improving the quality of public education.

The best part of all is that we get to keep the largest part: 40%. We can use this money here in our own county to aid children at risk. Churches around the country have been inspired by this offering to do amazing things in their own communities. With your help we can too!

PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 23

DEACONS

It is May and it looks like we will be having in person, inside services and soon we will be back in the sanctuary. For the Deacons, this means there will be memorial services also. Without Gwen, Vivian and Marilyn to handle everything on the receptions, we had to find leaders. Good news is that Bill and Karen Nakata have stepped up to organize the group of workers. The whole Deacon team will be the supporting cast along with help from members of the congregation. Not knowing what the COVID restrictions will be at any given time, we will all have to be flexible. Who knows when we will be able to serve homemade cookies or make punch. Time will tell, but the Deacons will be ready.

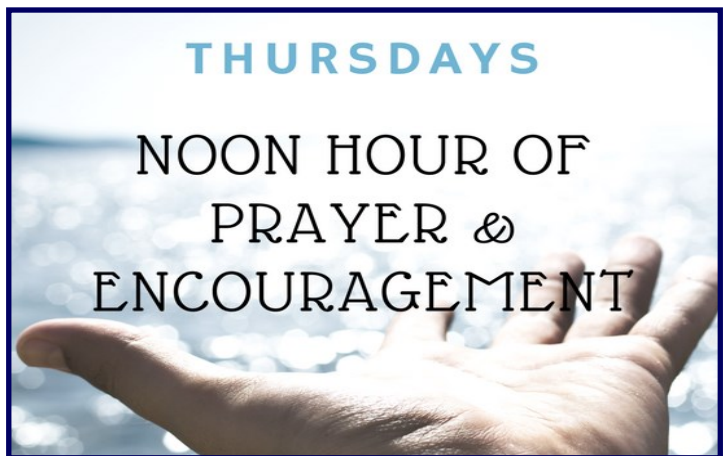
The Food Shelf will also be able to begin again. We are exploring options on how best to serve our community. A couple of Deacons along with Pastor Cindy visited Elisha's Pantry at Christ Church Methodist to see if there is a way we might be able to enhance their program. It is a unique program where Pre-COVID folks were able to select what produce and staples best fit their eating habits. It has been in operation for 18 years—needless to say, we could learn something from them.

I called Linda Wessel last week to wish her well on her upcoming move to Monterey to be closer to family and a return to where she and her husband

lived for years. She will be living right up the street from the church they attended years ago. She said that she will recommend that their Fellowship committee adopt the Joy Bag idea. She received hers in December and said it really perked her up. She loved the cookies first (and who wouldn't) and cherished the time each day to explore the rest of the items. She hates the idea of leaving PCOR but will keep in contact. Again, isn't the Fellowship group just plain outstanding.

Be safe until we meet again in person. Please consider wearing your name tags when we return. A good portion of our deacons joined the church in late 2019 and early 2020 and didn't have time to know many people by sight before the shut-down. They don't stand a chance to recognize people with masks that they only met a few time.

Barb Basham, Moderator



Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88281361612?
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Meeting ID: 882 8136 1612

Passcode: 220865

Join by phone: 669-900-6833

FOOD FOR THOUGHT *To Hold Upcoming DRIVE-THRU Food Drives!*

Food For Thought will be holding multiple Drive-Thru Food Drives around Sonoma county! When ordering or shopping for their own weekly groceries, FFT would greatly appreciate it if shoppers could include any or all of the following items: **Whole Grain Crackers, Peanut Butter, and Olive Oil.** Food items and cash donations can be dropped off to the Food For Thought team on the day of the event. Donations will be made from the safety of people's own vehicles! Food For Thought thanks all of our community partners for hosting these events. If you would like more information about volunteering at or hosting a food drive, contact Chelsea Pearson Food Drive & Volunteer Coordinator at chelseap@fftfoodbank.org or (707)887-1647x125.

Monday April 26th 10:00am-4:00pm, Petaluma Village Premium Outlets: 2200 Petaluma Blvd N, Petaluma, CA 94952

Monday, May 5th 10:00am-4:00pm, Oliver's Market (Montecito location): 560 Montecito Ctr, Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Monday, May 24th 10:00am-4:00pm, Oliver's Market (Stony Point location): 461 Stony Point Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Monday, June 7th 10:00am-4:00pm, Sebastopol Grange: 6000 Sebastopol Ave Hwy 12, Sebastopol, CA 95472

Food For Thought is a nonprofit organization that provides healing nutrition to more than 2,000 Sonoma County residents living with a range of serious illnesses, and who are at risk of malnutrition. Comprehensive services include healthy groceries (enough for 21 meals per week), prepared meals, vitamins, supplements and nutrition counseling. Food For Thought is a member of the California Food Is Medicine Coalition (CalFIMC), an association of community-based nonprofit organizations that provide healthy meals and support to individuals facing serious illness, including many clients who do not qualify for other free and low-cost meal services.



Diane Osten and Pastor Cindy have been volunteering at the Redwood Empire food bank. They need our help!

Please let Pastor Cindy know if you are willing to be in a regular group on a Friday afternoon once a month to volunteer for food packaging and/or distribution. The shifts are usually 12-3pm.

The locations listed at this link show the time slots for helping with food distributions. You may want to go regularly on your own rather than join our group and if so, will need to sign up as an official volunteer.

Thank you for doing God's work!
Pastor Cindy

<https://refb.volunteerhub.com/>



PW QUILTING

Four of us are fully vaccinated and back quilting at the church on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 9-12 pm. It's nice to be back!



*We will
need flowers for
indoor services
beginning in May!*

Worship Services at Church of the Roses are graced by the gift of flowers that represent the beauty of God's creation. Flowers are often given to mark special life events such as birth and birthdays; anniversary of a wedding, baptism; the memory of a loved one; or as a thanksgiving for life's blessings.

There are several ways you may provide flowers: you may create and deliver your own arrangement; you may purchase and deliver an arrangement from your own florist; or you may make a donation to the church office and we will handle the arrangements for you.

The donation levels for flowers are \$45 or \$55 per donation.

Sign up for flower offerings on the Flower Calendar posted in Campbell Court.

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

Bill Beaumont	Pamela Sage
Bob Bunting	Debbie Seat
Patrick Butler	Bob Simmons
Tony Burille	Susan Smith
Peggy Call	Susie Vela
Doreen Cowden	Shirley Walton
Dick Draper	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	
Lynette Randerson	
Rosa Rosillo	

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.



Healthy aging and experts in age-friendly care hit the small screen in a powerful new documentary, **"FAST-FORWARD" on PBS.**

Trailer: <https://fastforwardmovie.com/>

The John A. Hartford Foundation and Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation provided major funding for the film, which follows four millennials and their Baby Boomer parents through an 'aging bootcamp' that highlights the crucial role family conversations and planning play in aging successfully.

The film includes experiences such as use of the MIT AgeLab's AGNES (Age Gain Now Empathy System) Suit and features commentary from experts in geriatrics, family caregiving and serious illness, including Christine Ritchie, Rita Choula, Adriana Perez, Ellen Goodman, and Kate DeBartolo.

The film explores an intriguing question: "If you knew now what you'll know then, would you change anything?"

COMING UP JUNE CONCERT!



**Sunday,
June 20th
at 1 pm
in Bowen
Hall**

Special Concert by
Cory Antipa (Cello), Marcia Lotter
(violin), and Althea Wright (piano).
They plan to perform Johannes Brahms'
Trio in C Major,
Ernest Bloch's Three Nocturnes, and
Maurice Ravel's Trio for Piano,
Violin, and Cello..

BOY SCOUTS #135

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and Shine!**



Saturdays 10 AM to 3 PM