

OCTOBER

Rose Clippings



BOOMERS enjoyed their International themed Planning Potluck Meeting. See more photos and their schedule inside!



We welcomed two new members (Leticia Parker and Ellen Bowen) and baptized Leticia, Mia, and Elijah.



PEDAL FOR PROTEIN The team rode 350 miles to raise funds for Food Programs. Thank you to our members, Nancy & Bill Morgan, Chris Rhodes & Diane Osten! It's not too late to donate! Go to pedalforprotein.com

WE ARE BACK IN THE SANCTUARY!

Sundays @ 10 am

You can watch our Livestream on
www.churchoftheroses.org

Or join us by ZOOM or on Facebook



NEW TIME! Sundays
7:30 – 8 am Listen to
Pastor Cindy's Sermons
on KSRO 103.5 FM.

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

Join our Friday mailing list—email
office@churchoftheroses.org

OCTOBER CALENDAR

10/01_Helping at REFB
10/02_SACRED SPACE @ 5 PM in the Rose Rm.
10/04_The New Testament Class Zoom 7 pm
10/6_Soul Feast Lectio Divina Zoom Class 7pm
10/7_Sermons on KSRO at 7:30 am
10/19_PW Bible Study by Zoom 10:30 am
10/23_Pastor Cindy's Birthday Run/Walk YWCA
10/23_Dogwood Fundraiser in Parking Lot
10/30_Boomers at Western Railway Museum
10/31_TRUNK OR TREAT 6-8 PM
11/04_NAMI COMMUNITY FORUM 6 PM
11/05_Helping at REFB
11/06_SACRED SPACE @ 5 PM in the Rose RM.
Tuesdays Seniors Exercise Class 10:30 am

Practicing What I Preach

By Pastor Cindy

"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you." 1st Thessalonians 5:18

Last Sunday I preached about having an attitude of gratitude in all we do. Showing gratitude gives a spiritual and physical boost. So now I will practice what I preached and present my list of all the things I am grateful for today:

- For the Vaccines! A year ago there was no vaccine and no light of hope for the end of Covid 19.
- For the Church of the Roses surviving and being allowed to meet in-person with more than 10 people in the sanctuary and for Sacred Space continuing.
- For the rain we had last night.
- For the Church of the Roses financial sustainers continuing to support the church with generous donations!
- For learning how to have meetings on Zoom and for the Deacons and the Session members who faithfully kept their activities of care for our congregation and committee tasks going strong despite meeting via Zoom.
- For the audio/visual team: Phil Goede, Norm Smith, Bayne Merritt, Nico Wycoff, Lindsay Olsen who keep the sound and the projection and the Zoom and radio broadcast all coordinated for worship on Sundays.
- For Gary Smith and all on our Buildings and Grounds committee who built the front lawn stage and faithfully managed all the chairs and canopy and Clavinova when we worshipped outside.
- For the majority of our congregation being faithful about taking care of one another by getting vaccinated and wearing masks.
- For the MHS free breakfast program starting up again with enthusiastic veteran and newbie volunteers.
- For our excellent church staff working consistently through the pandemic to keep the church wheel cogs turning & beautiful music playing.
- For our new members and new baptisms.
- For God's faithfulness to us in giving us hope and an attitude of gratitude in the midst of the valley of the shadow of death.

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for God's compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3: 22-23



Pastor Cindy baptized Elijah, Mia, and Leticia Parker. PCOR PLAYERS did a great job performing a drama during worship on September 26th. Jeff and Barbara Basham celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary!

DEACONS

COME JOIN US AT THE REDWOOD EMPIRE FOOD BANK

The first Friday of the month, the Deacons are volunteering for a 2 hour shift at the food bank. We start at 2 p.m. and are usually cleaning up 3:30 and on our way home shortly after that. In the past we have filled bags of apples, pears, plums, and tied hundreds of knots in the produce bags.

Our next dates are October 1st, November 5th and then December 3rd, please join us. The link to register is below.

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

DEACON BUDDY DAY—NOVEMBER 14TH

Deacon Buddy Day will be combined with the Stewardship Lunch on November 14th. It will be a joint effort between the Stewardship, Fellowship and Deacon committees. Join us in Bowen Hall and meet your buddies.

THE GIVING TREE/SECRET SANTA

The Giving Tree is now part of Santa Rosa's Secret Santa program. In November the Secret Santa tree will be in Bowen Hall for you to select a child or adult name to purchase a much desired or needed gift. Each gift will be delivered a Secret Santa staff or volunteer member before Christmas to the deserving person. More information will be available in the next newsletter.

Barb Basham,
Moderator

CHURCH & WORLD



The Deacons provide weekly snacks for the Boys & Girls Club.

Music can be a blessing in these worrisome times. Some of the children at the Boys and Girls Club are learning how to make some music thanks to Dr. Bob Yee's Ukulele Class there.

Eight ukuleles were purchased with funds from the PCUSA Pentecost Offering which were intended to help young people. Kids are showing up. Two of Dr. Yee's five students are pictured above.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT BIBLE STUDY by ZOOM Restarting October 4th

We will be resuming our study of the New Testament with Professor David Brakke, The Ohio State University, in October.

Starting on Monday, 10/4 at 7:00 PM, we will pick up for 7 sessions on the Gospels. As we have with our last class, this will be a combination of in-person in the Rose Room and Zoom, for those of you who would prefer to stay at home. Each session is ½ hour video and ½ hour of group discussion, which is always lively, as we seek new insight on the scriptures.

Please add us to your calendar, and we hope to see you then.

SACRED SPACE

EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT IN A NEW WAY

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

5-6 PM

JOIN US OCTOBER 2, NOVEMBER 6, DECEMBER 4
In the Rose Room
ENTER THROUGH THE PARKING LOT

ROSEBUD PRESCHOOL

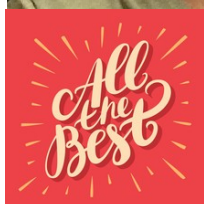


The school is just starting its third month of the fall session. We have been adapting our routines and curriculum as we learn more about our new children.

In October, our overarching theme is Science with a special emphasis on sensory activities and gaining an understanding of how we use our senses to explore our environment.



Susan Jenkins,
Director



We will soon bid **Susan Jenkins** farewell. She is retiring after serving as the Director of Rosebud Preschool for ten years. We wish her a joyful retirement. She will be dearly missed!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

On behalf of the Christian Education committee, I would like to briefly outline two current needs of the children's ministry here at PCOR, and ask that you prayerfully consider whether either of them are a way that you might be called to serve:



1. We need more volunteers to help on Sunday morning. This means helping to supervise the coloring table in the back of the sanctuary until after the choir sings the anthem, and then going with the children to the Sunday School room to do a lesson and craft. Because we currently do not have a Sunday School teacher since Chelsea is no longer with us, two volunteers are needed each Sunday.

2. Someone is needed to step into my role on Session as co-chair of Christian Education in charge of the children's program. I will be there every step of the way to support and guide anyone who is willing to take this on. I plan on staying on the Christian Education committee, continuing to help with all of the children's activities, and serving on the preschool board, but because of term limits I can no longer serve on Session.

Please speak to me on Sunday morning or reach out to me by email at petmom@sonic.net if you are interested or would like more information.



We are also in need of someone to serve as the regular Sunday School teacher/coordinator. This is a three hour/week paid position and would mean planning lessons/crafts for each Sunday as well as being here at church on Sunday morning to teach along with a volunteer. Please let me or Pastor Cindy know if you think of someone who might be interested.

Thank you, Diane Osten, Christian Ed Co-Chair (Children)

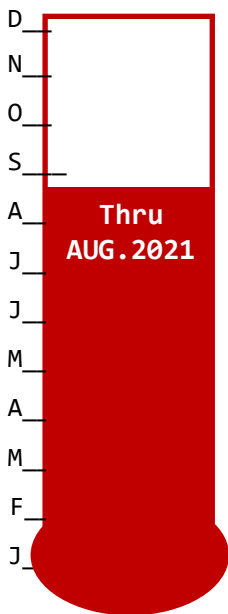
FINANCE

Nothing new, almost on budget for revenue but continuing to spend less so bottom line better than expected. Reserves remain plentiful.

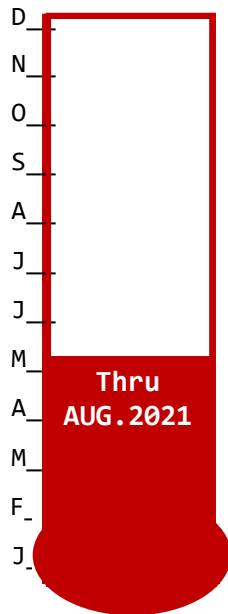
Preparing for annual Stewardship Campaign, so be thinking about your planned giving to our church and know whatever you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Chris Nelle, Chair
Finance

GOAL
215,000
PLEDGED



GOAL
50,000
UNPLEDGED



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MEMBERSHIP



Please join the Membership Committee in welcoming our two newest church members, **Ellen Bowen** and **Leticia Parker**, who joined us on September 19th, 2021. Congratulations to Mia and Elijah Krause, and to Leticia on their baptism that same day.

The Membership Committee is excited to announce that our new lawn sign is on order! We expect it to be installed later this fall.

More good news! KSRO informed us that the weekly 6:30 a.m. Church of the Roses program broadcast is the 13th most popular out of a line up of 63 programs!

We are reaching more than 3000 people via the radio and online! **Even better, KSRO will be moving our program to 7:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings starting in October when even more listeners will be tuning in!** Please let everyone you know about this wonderful opportunity to hear God's word.

Don't forget to look left as you enter Bowen Hall after Sunday service and view the new Church of the Roses membership photo board!

Respectfully submitted by Kim Seamans, Chair

MUSIC

Noted drummer and lyricist Neil Peart wrote these words twenty years ago:

“Celebrate the moment as it turns into one more
Another chance, at victory,
another chance to score
The measure of a moment
is a difference of degrees
Just one little victory, a spirit breaking free
One Little Victory
The greatest act can be one little victory”

These words have been going through my head recently as we have begun celebrating “little victories” in our long battle with the pandemic. We are back inside the sanctuary after months on zoom and then outdoors. The chancel and bell choirs are rehearsing once again after a long hiatus. Vaccination rates in Sonoma County and the Bay Area are amongst the highest in the nation. Some of us have been able to see relatives in person for the first time in over 18 months. There are countless other examples.

The point I believe that Peart was trying to make is that some journeys are long, and we can't see how we will get to the end of the road, so it's important to reflect on and celebrate the little victories that we have along the way. This gives us the strength and determination to reach the next milestone. That was certainly one of the lessons that we learned with last week's dramatic presentation of the story of the ten lepers. The only leper who was saved was the one who made a point of finding and thanking Jesus. The act of giving thanks was his way of reflecting on the healing power of God's grace.

We have no idea what the next few months may bring, October is a very nervous time around these parts and of course it's difficult to see when the pandemic will truly be over. So, consider taking some time to reflect on and celebrate all of your “Little Victories!”

Your music director,
Myles Ellis

PCOR REOPENING COMMITTEE NEWS

Good news! PCOR is back with indoor worship. For the health of all, masks and social distancing are recommended.

The pews have been taped off to help with social distancing. It is left up to those sitting in the pews to create distance with others in the pew.

COVID-19 booster for Pfizer vaccine recipients is available. It is recommended that seniors 65+, nursing home residents, and those 50+ with medical conditions receive the booster six months following the second dose of the Pfizer vaccine. Moderna and Johnson and Johnson have not been approved for boosters at this time.

The following website is recommended to find current COVID-19 information and answers to frequently asked questions. <https://socoemergency.org/emergency/novel-coronavirus/testing-and-tracing/>

A listing for all COVID-19 testing sites around Sonoma County is on the website. It is recommended that appointments be made for testing.

The Sonoma County Hotline is 707-565-4667
Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.
Spanish only line is 707-565-4901.

With Fall/Winter season comes the good old fashion flu. Don't forget to get a flu vaccination. Stay healthy!



NEWS FROM THE REDWOODS PRESBYTERY

The Redwoods Presbytery held its first in-person meeting in 18 months on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Westminster Woods. Our congregation was represented by commissioners Diane Osten and Kim Seamans, as well as Linda Burille, Pastor Cindy Alloway, Parish Associate Lynne Vandercook and Westminster Woods Executive Director Chris Rhodes. Also attending were Pedal for Protein riders Bill and Nancy Morgan.

The meeting began with a worship service including a stirring homily by the Rev. Judy Slater. More on that will follow next month. During the service, the Rev. Jonathan Eastman was installed as the new Moderator, and Paul Slaikeu was installed as Vice-Moderator for the coming year.

The Rev. Eric Beene is now officially Mission Presbyter (removing “transitional”), and his contract has been approved through September 2022.

The Presbytery itself is moving toward a mostly virtual office, with a mission of operating with a shared governance and ministry as opposed to staff-centered.

The history and contributions of the Calistoga Presbyterian Church were recognized and honored. This 150-year-old church held its last official service on July 4, 2021. Its legacy as the center of the community will continue. The property has been purchased by a non-profit which will renovate the old building and turn it into a community center. Long-time members were praised for their contributions to the church and the community.

The Presbytery approved an overture (recommendation) to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to recognize that Israel’s laws, policies, and practices regarding the Palestinian people fulfill the international legal definition of apartheid. Apartheid is legally defined as inhuman acts committed for the purpose of establishing and maintaining domination by one racial group of persons over any other racial group of persons and systematically oppressing them. (For the full language of the overture and supporting documentation, please see any of our commissioners or Pastor Cindy.)

At the afternoon session there was a reading of a draft of “Honoring Lands and Peoples: Land Acknowledgment & Humble Confession for Redwoods Presbytery” and then sharing in small groups our responses to questions posed about the statement. There will be much more to come on this topic in future meetings.

Linda Burille, Clerk of Session

EXCERPT from Honoring Lands and Peoples

This Honoring Lands and Peoples is a work in progress because, as a Presbytery, we are newly seeking relationship with the Indigenous peoples on whose land our Presbytery rests. We do not yet know the details of what would offer a meaningful statement of apology and expression of solidarity toward Indigenous revitalization. Forty-seven churches and two camps currently comprise the Presbytery of the Redwoods, and they operate on lands traditionally inhabited by 13 Native American tribes, as far as we know. Because Indigenous relationship with land does not include rigid boundaries or ownership, some overlap of Indigenous inhabitation and cultural embrace of land has occurred over the many millennia before settlers arrived. The tribes connected with these lands include: Coastal Miwok, Southern Pomo, Wappo, Patwin, Muwekma, Karkin, Mattole, Northern Pomo, Eastern Pomo, Kinkyone, Wiyot, Nongatl, and Yurok.

We offer this Land Acknowledgement as context for the work of our Presbytery, better orienting us to follow the Way of Jesus in our churches and camps: to love God with our whole beings and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. We have not enacted this love when we have been blind to the impacts of settlers on these lands, specifically in the form of Christian Missions and eventually Presbyterian churches and camps. We have not enacted love when we have treated the Indigenous people of this land as historical only, falsely erasing them into the past. We have not enacted this love when our presence on this land prevents Indigenous people from fully living their deep kinship with the land, inhibiting cultural, spiritual, and economic vitality. We have not enacted this love when we treat the Earth as a resource to be extracted from and an object to be owned, desecrating humanity’s sacred covenant with it. The list goes on, and we seek to learn more, as we humbly grow in relationship with the Indigenous peoples of these lands.

Watch the church email for the Zoom link

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 31st at 6 pm

Decorate your car and load it with goodies for children.



Church of the Roses Parking Lot
Questions? Contact Linda Lance
707.217.6226
linda.lance31@gmail.com



Calling all Children on Sunday, Oct. 31

Church of the Roses Parking Lot
2500 Patio Ct. Santa Rosa, Ca
Across From Montgomery Village



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MHS BREAKFAST PROGRAM



For 5 years Rochelle Langer has been volunteering for the MHS breakfast program. Rochelle said she started volunteering after her daughter had been coming to the breakfast. Even though her daughter graduated years ago Rochelle keeps coming to help others benefit from the good food.

Our breakfast program is building back up again. Fridays could use more help and we need more substitutes to help when something comes up for our regular breakfast team members. Please consider becoming a substitute or a regular for our MHS free breakfast program. Contact Ruth in the office if you are interested. ruth@churchoftheroses.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

JOIN A MHS BREAKFAST CREW!



Fridays could use
another person!

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- * *The family of Marilyn Hilien as they mourn her passing on August 12, 2021.*
- * *The family of Shirley Walton as they mourn her passing on July 7, 2021.*
- * *The family of Betsy Yeager as they mourn her passing on July 4, 2021.*

THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

Bill Beaumont	Spencer Nguyen
Dolores Borchers	Nancy Pinney
Patrick Butler	Lynette Randerson
Tony Burille	Rosa Rosillo
Peggy Call	Pamela Sage
Doreen Cowden	Bob Simmons
Pat Currier	Susan Smith
Dick Draper	Sharon Sorani
Sam Gomes	Susie Vela
Michele Hare	Kay Vick
Phil Henry	Bob Weber
Janice Holmes	Jill White
Maryann Iodence	Roger White
Carolyn Kenworthy	Helen Wikle
Margret Kram	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Vivian Mazeski	Christopher Yen's mom
Jessica Morse	Avery Yudice

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.

- Maryann Iodence is at Santa Rosa Post Acute at
4650 Hoen Ave. Santa Rosa, Ca 95405
- Vivian Mazeski has been diagnosed with breast
cancer. Here is her address if you would like to
send her a card. 2018 Bakerstown Road,
Tarentum, PA 15084

VOYAGERS

We miss you all and regret that our meetings came to an end with the lockdown of spring, 2020. I am running out of logical things to say at this time but do want to remain hopeful about the future.

Since we are a fellowship group that normally meets indoors with food and beverages, we are severely limited at this time due to mask and physical distance recommendations. I have considered outings, which are then dependent upon weather conditions on the chosen date, and how much standing/walking would be involved.

So, for now, I'm planning to suspend Voyagers' meetings, and monthly notices in the Rose Clippings, until we can safely meet indoors. Perhaps we can reinvent ourselves to some extent at that time. We can continue to support Redwood Empire Food Bank with contributions of money and volunteer time, as you feel comfortable.

If anyone has a creative (better) idea of how our group could meet and carry on at this time, under current circumstances, Bob and I would be willing to pass the baton.



Until we meet again, we wish you safety and rich blessings for your holidays. Flandermeyers, 707-538-5277



Zoom Book Club
Thursday October 21
2:00 P.M.

**What is Not Yours
Is Not Yours
by Helen Oyeyemi**

A Short Story collection.
Every story opens with a key!

Barbara has Copies



COMMUNITY FORUM Mental Health Crisis Response

**Thursday, Nov. 4
@ 6 pm in Bowen Hall
at Church of the Roses**

Sign up for Flowers!

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.

NAMI is sponsoring a presentation on the new plan by the Santa Rosa Police department's Mental Health Crisis Response in Bowen Hall with a panel from the police department, Pastor Cindy, and other community members who have had experience with the police responding to a mentally ill family member.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY PASTOR CINDY!

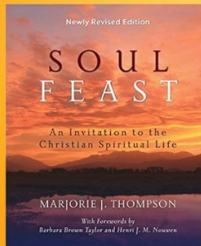
Pastor Cindy is inviting the congregation to join her in celebrating her birthday with a fundraising walk around Spring Lake on Saturday morning, October 23rd.

The funds raised go to the YWCA Domestic Violence shelter. Please RSVP to Pastor Cindy. Cake will be provided at the end as a reward for walking, fundraising for a good cause and celebrating Pastor Cindy's 66th birthday!

Yay! Please register at: http://ywcaso.ywca.org/site/TR?fr_id=1710&pg=entry

Soul Feast ~ Lectio Divina

Enhance Your Spiritual Life



ZOOM CLASS
Wednesdays @ 7 pm
beginning
September 15th

Email for Zoom Link or check your weekly email!



Understanding the New Testament
A Great Courses Plus Video Study
with Dr. Brakke



Join us Mondays
at 7 pm by ZOOM
beginning October 4th

BOOMERS

WESTERN RAILWAY MUSEUM—Relive a bit of history, Ride a Vintage Streetcar, Tour Museum, Enjoy Picnic Lunch

Saturday, Oct 30_12:30 pm
tour in Suisun City/ (Meet at PCOR at 10:45 am) 5848 Hwy 12 (Rio Vista Hwy) in Suisun City

WWW.WRM.ORG

RSVP or Questions, Lindsay Olsen, Text: 707.515.9009 or email olsen2001@yahoo.com



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