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Rose Clippings

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

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Our three kings did a great job sharing the Epiphany story with us! King Herod (Don Marshall not pictured) was also a great evil King!



**A LIONS
COLLECTION
BOX IS IN
CAMPBELL
COURT FOR
ITEMS LISTED
BELOW**

- **BROKEN GLASSES** - recycled for cash for vision programs
- **SUNGLASSES** - prescription and non-prescription
- **OTC "READERS"**
- **OLD CELL PHONES** - also recycled for cash for vision programs
- **USED HEARING AIDS** - sent to Ear of the Lion near Fresno where they are refurbished and distributed to low-income clients (a great program).

Join us Sundays @ 10 am

Depending on Covid restrictions
Service will be in the sanctuary or by
Zoom. Either way, our Livestream can be
watched on Facebook or on our website
at www.churchoftheroses.org



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 for Zoom links
and more—subscribe from our webpage.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/05 – Sacred Space by Zoom 5 pm
- 2/07 – The Gospel of John Zoom Class 7 pm
- 2/12 – Boomers go Whale Watching
- 2/13 – NEW MEMBER CLASS after service
- 2/14 – Valentine's Day
- 2/19 – Rev. Frank Hamilton's Memorial
- 3/02 – Ash Wednesday
- 3/05 – Sacred Space at 5 pm
- 3/06 – CANTIAMO SONOMA CONCERT 2PM

TIME TO FAITH by Pastor Cindy

Many magazines and articles this time of year are circulating with titles like: "Update your Wardrobe!" or "Update your Home!" I don't think I have ever seen an article in a popular magazine or blog that encourages us to: "Update your Faith!" But I do believe that is even more important than updating your home and wardrobe. Surprised?

Your faith isn't a static thing. It should evolve and grow and change as your understanding of your relationship with God and with one another grows and changes and evolves. As you pray, attend worship, read the Bible and participate in bible studies you are given the opportunity to have new understandings of your place and purpose in this world. You may have a unique personal relationship with Jesus that is all your own. But God calls us to make it a daily living habit to obey Christ's command to "love your neighbor." After reaching out and getting to know someone new who is very different from you, your faith may take on a new enlightened dimension!

These verses below capture the goal most Pastors have for their work with their beloved congregations. To help you update or "move" your faith to a deeper level. To grow and understand the love of God more personally. And as a result of growing and knowing, then doing. Doing the healing work of God in your life and out into the community.


"Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity... and of deeper faith in God." (Hebrews 6: 1)

"The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are


choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a good crop." (Luke 8: 14-15)

In the name of Christ's love, do all you can to update your faith in 2022; not only for your own health and wellbeing, but for eternal life.

Love and blessings,
Pastor Cindy



Understanding the New Testament
Mondays at 7pm by ZOOM
Beginning January 10th

 Professor Brake continues his
lectures on the Gospels with
The Gospel of John

Reading this beloved Gospel
ahead of class is recommended.

Around the Church



WI-FI IN THE SANCTUARY AND ZOOM AUDIO IMPROVEMENTS

For anyone who has ever dialed into one of our hybrid in person/virtual Zoom services, you will no doubt have experienced varying degree's of performance with the audio and video.

Some of those variations have been related to no Wi-Fi being available in the sanctuary. Others have been due to various attempts by Norm to make use of a solo microphone by the pews to enhance the audio.

Well thanks to a newly installed Wi-Fi bridge and Wi-Fi access point in the sanctuary, with Bill Nakata's help, things should sound and work a lot better.

Please send any feedback from your Zoom experience going forward to Norm at njcs0512@sbcglobal.net.



Pictured clockwise: Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. Pastor's dog, Luna, helps Joy Olsen and Ellen Marks decorate the sanctuary. Above: Gifts being delivered for the Man 2 Man program for fathers in San Quentin to give their children. At left: Norm Smith and Bill Nakata installing Wi-Fi in the Sanctuary - a PCOR First ! The Chancel Choir sings with masks!

Meet our Director of Family Ministries!



Greetings! My name is Kristi Gray It is my honor and pleasure to be a part of the PCOR cohort and staff.

Who am I? you ask! Well, allow me to tell you. A little history, I am a Santa Rosa native and the proud granddaughter of Gilbert and Alice Gray who moved to Santa Rosa and one of the first Black families to settle here in Sonoma County from the South in the late 1940's. My grandfather was one of the first Black barbers working at Hamilton Airforce Base, while my grandmother was the first Black woman to work and hold a job of 10 years at Woolworths 5 & 10, store *No.614*, in

downtown Santa Rosa.

Thereafter, they also co-founded one of the first Black Churches in Santa Rosa, Community Baptist Church which still is around today.

I am a Civil Rights and Social Justice advocate and it's all because of my grandparents and their patriotic leadership within the Gray family "I am, because we are."

I have a heart for the people that I serve in our community and have been doing community outreach and engagement for over 20+ years and a grassroots youth program with a mantra "Each One, Reach One".

Growing up in a Southern Baptist Church I learned how to Praise & Worship in a way that God's presence illuminated and reflected through that as well as Praise & Worship dance, where just as David did in the Bible, I learned to allow the Spirit to flow and realized then that my purpose in life is God's purpose for me.

My life scripture since Vacation Bible School at the age of 10 has been Psalms 100:3 *Know Ye that the Lord is God. ... It is he who hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.*

Some fun facts about me are, well for one I am an avid "Foodie" I love to try out new food of all kinds. I absolutely love Music and Poetry which move me. I used to sing and write music and now I just enjoy all that music encompasses, otherwise writing Poetry and performing it as a Spoken Word Poet is my passion. Lastly I love a good adventure so getting lost in the world is always a plus!

Thank you so much for the opportunity to grow and work with you and I truly look forward to meeting all of you soon.

Kristi Gray

MEMBERSHIP

Hello from your Membership Committee! We are so excited to share an update about the new church sign. The frame has been built and painted and the message board fits perfectly. Very soon we will be scheduling installation with Signarama!

Here is the frame emerging from the paint booth!

We are offering a new member class on February 13, 2022 at 11:30, after church.

Please contact Kim at 707-495-3674 for information and to indicate your interest in attending.

Do you enjoy meeting new people? As we move towards a new normal and are able to meet in person again, it is the time to reenergize our outreach and welcome new people to Church of the Roses. We are excited to work with our new Director of Family Ministry, Kristi Gray, to draw new families and individuals to feel the love Church of the Roses is so good at giving!

The Membership committee needs more friendly people to greet visitors and help them to feel welcome. If this is up your alley, please let Kim Seamans know at 707-495-3674. We meet currently on the first Tuesday of every month at 1:30.

Kim Seamans, Chairperson



Find out more about our church!

NEW | MEMBER
CLASS

February 13th after Church Service

Contact the Kim for more information at 707-495-3674

This Lent, watch *The Chosen* on our website

Beginning Wednesday, March 2nd, dive deeper into the Bible and how the people of that day LIVED through scripture.

THE CHOSEN is a unique way to experience the people of the Gospel story in the context of their lives. It is a powerful portrayal of what it might have been like to witness, first-hand, this very special time in history that forever defined our destiny.



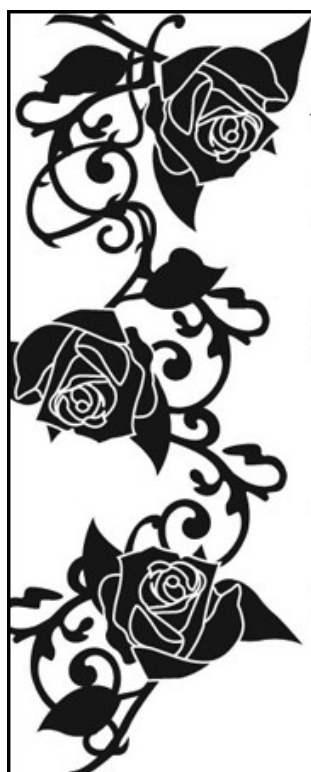


Be a Roses Super-Hero this Lenten Season!!

Easter is coming, Easter is coming!! But we must endure the darkness before stepping into the Light. Church of the Roses is so blessed to be able to offer the community a moving concert this Good Friday, conducted by our own Carol Menke and featuring the voices of **Cantiamo Sonoma**, our own **Chancel Choir**, and additional recruits from the community. The music presented will be the exquisite **Fauré Requiem**, with chamber orchestra and soloists.

This concert has been a staple of Holy Week in Santa Rosa for decades; we are blessed to be able to offer this majestic music to the community and introduce people from outside our congregation to the glory and majesty of God.

This wonderful blessing comes with a commitment from us. The production will cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000. God has provided us with an opportunity to reach out to the community, now we need to make it happen. **Will you be a Roses Super-Hero and help to sponsor this holy gift?** If you are able, please contribute what you can to underwrite this program bringing the voice of God to the ears of man. Thank you, Roses Super-Heroes!! (Read about the history of these concerts by Carol Menke on the next page.)



YES! I AM A ROSES SUPER-HERO!
HERE IS MY GIFT FOR THE

GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT

Amount _____

Presbyterian Church of the Roses
2500 Patio Court
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Super-Hero

Some background on the Good Friday Concerts ...

by Carol Menke

The Good Friday Concert tradition has been offered at the Church of the Incarnation for the last 25 years, and from now on it's going to happen at Church of the Roses! The choral ensemble *Cantiamo Sonoma*, members of the *Roses Chancel Choir* and recruits from the community will also join in presenting Gabriel Fauré's exquisite Requiem with chamber orchestra and soloists.

I was introduced to the Good Friday tradition way back when I was 19 years old and traveled to San Francisco to audition for Alden Gilchrist, Director of Music at Calvary. On the evening of Good Friday, year after year, Calvary would present large choral works from Bach Cantatas to a variety of Requiems by Fauré, Cherubini, Michael Haydn, Durufle, and Brahms! Mozart's Grand Mass in C Minor and Bach's Mass in B Minor were also presented. I soon became involved in those productions as a soloist, and the Good Friday Concert series was so wonderful – the church was packed every year! Once a year the church was full of not only members of Calvary, but equally as many people from the community.

So I decided to bring the tradition up here to Sonoma County, and it has continued to fill the church with people. There is great power in the sung word, and for many people in our community it has become an important and spiritually fulfilling part of Holy Week.

Fauré Requiem (ed. Rutter)



The Fauré Requiem was first performed on January 16, 1888. The occasion was a funeral service at the Church of the Madeleine in Paris, where Fauré was choirmaster. The composer directed the modest-sized group of performers consisting of the Madeleine's choir of boys and men, accompanied by organ and an instrumental ensemble of harp, timpani, and violin with a handful of violas, cellos, and basses. The new Requiem (which was comprised of a personal selection of texts rather than the complete liturgical *Missa pro defunctis*) had only five movements, lacking numbers 2 and 6.

The subsequent history of the work is one of successive expansions: by 1893, Fauré had added two extra movements and augmented the accompaniment with horns; and in 1900, when the familiar published version appeared, it was re-scored for full orchestra. Recent researchers have cast doubt on whether Fauré himself prepared the 1900 version, which has many unsatisfactory features as well as distortions of the original music.

John Rutter edited the 1893 version of the Requiem from Fauré's manuscript, and this is the edition we will be presenting on Good Friday, April 15, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

"Everything I managed to entertain by way of religious illusion I put into my Requiem, which moreover is dominated from beginning to end by a very human feeling of faith in eternal rest." Gabriel Fauré

WORSHIP

Christmas is past. Lent and Easter not yet come. This is a quiet period – the pause of winter before the burst of spring. Worship Committee is catching our breath.

We had a lovely Christmas Season in the sanctuary, with a Cantata sung by the Chancel Choir, a merry ringing of bells by Bellissimo, and a filled candlelight service on Christmas Eve. There was love, tenderness and togetherness. Now with the upsurge in Covid cases, we are taking a step back, Zooming worship, and once again waiting for a safe time to meet in person again. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will be meeting in person in the sanctuary, worshiping God together, raising our voices to the rafters. But staying safe and healthy is of the utmost importance, and we will worship together again when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we Zoom.

As we look forward, March 2 is Ash Wednesday and March 6 the first Sunday in Lent. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday April 10, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are on the calendar before Easter is celebrated April 17.

Good Friday this year we are honored and blessed to offer the community a moving sacred concert production of **Fauré's Requiem**, conducted by Carol Menke with Cantiamo Sonoma and Chancel Choir. The cost of securing the orchestra accompaniment will cost PCOR \$3,000. If you love good music, please consider donating to the Good Friday Concert Fund. If you would like to see this become a new tradition at Roses, consider sponsoring this event. There are so many ways to reach out to our community, and music is one of them.

"Music is **God's gift to man**, the only art of heaven given to earth, the only art of earth we take to heaven." – Walter Savage Landor

Joy Olsen, Chair, Worship Committee

NOMINATING

We are off to a good start in 2022 with all positions filled for elders and deacons, and corporate officers to be elected on January 30, 2022 at the Annual Meeting. While the Nominating Committee currently is not very busy, we do need some more members on the committee. If you are interested, please contact Ellen Marks at 707/539-8390. Blessings to all in 2022.

Ellen Marks, Chair, Nominating Committee

CHURCH & WORLD

THANK YOU FROM MAN 2 MAN

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the support we received, and we are beyond thankful for everyone who donated and shared our message in honor of Giving Tuesday. We are especially grateful for how our families and communities have united to help us achieve our mission of Strengthening Families, One Father at a Time!

Please help us continue our much-needed work of BREAKING THE CYCLE OF FATHER-LESSNESS in our families, especially families of color.

Please see our [Gift of His Presence Campaign TODAY](https://vimeo.com/296714800) (<https://vimeo.com/296714800>)

for ways that you can support the Man 2 Man – Urban Youth Advocate mission!



Strengthening
Families One
Father at a Time



Proverbs 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.”

PCOR recently applied for re-certification as an Earth Care Congregation. We have once again taken the PC(USA) Earth Care Pledge, thereby committing our church community to being a good steward of God’s Earth. Our efforts can be seen in worship, in outreach to the larger community of Santa Rosa, and in on-site facilities management.

Education and awareness are also factors when it comes to “making a difference.”

Consider the dominant role of plastic in our lives, for example. Plastic was invented in 1907 by Leo Baekeland. His sole ambition, at that time, was to create a substance that could be used to insulate electrical wires.

Since Baekeland's breakthrough, plastic has become a central product in our world’s consumer economy. Today factories and industries across the globe produce over 300 million tons of plastic each year, which is an amount nearly equal to the weight of all humans on the planet. About 79% of the plastic produced in the last century can be found in landfills, dumps, the ocean, and other natural environments.

Recycling is an answer, but only partially. Statistica.com estimates that in 2018 only 8.7% of the plastic used in the United States was recycled.

What else can we do? I asked my fifth grade students at Luther Burbank Elementary School to find out. They partnered up and went to work. Here’s what they reported:

- Anderson and Jesus wrote, “Restaurants and cafes always use plastic straws. Paper straws are better. Tell the manager.”
- Axel wrote, “Don’t buy cheap toys, especially if they only cost a dollar. They break the very next day, mostly the trains.”
- Tonatiuh wrote, “Ziplock bags can be washed. My mom turns them inside out and keeps them in a canister next to the sink.”
- Emily wrote, “Some countries use the stem of a papaya plant as straws. It’s very stylish.”
- Isabella, Julieta and Jasmine wrote, “Plastic just breaks down into smaller and smaller pieces. The oceans are in danger. Turtles eat the chemicals that make plastic.”

In 2022, PCOR will be in its fourth year as an Earth Care Congregation. As for me, I find it inspiring to see the Earth Care Logo adorning PCOR newsletters, correspondence and facilities. The message is clear. We are a caring, attentive community. We are responsive to the needs of our Earth, as well as to the needs of the children and grandchildren who will follow us. Thank you, PCOR.

By Guy Cottle, Church & World Committee



DEACONS

As our year came to a close the Deacons of PCOR had a lot to be Thankful for. Thanks-be-to God for all who donated the 2 huge barrels of food for the Redwood Empire Food bank,(we will continue our monthly in-person volunteering this year as Covid allows).

We also delivered some lovely plants donated by Pastor Cindy to our home bound members at Christmas time. The Deacons along with Pastor Cindy contacted the new management of Montgomery Village and received a donation of 50 - \$15.00 gift certificates for the students in the Montgomery High Breakfast Program. Pastor Cindy passed out 35 to the students and the remaining 15 were delivered to the Boys and Girls Club with an additional \$100 Lucky Store gift card. The Giving Tree was a huge success - 70 hearts were selected and gifts purchased. That number exceeded our previous year and hopefully even more this year. Our gifts were much appreciated.

We bid adieu with grateful hearts to those Deacons that have moved on to other service , a very special thanks goes out to Bill Nakata/team for all their research on procuring/setting up our new congregational coffee pot. We have 3 new Deacons, Ellen Bowen, Suzanne Hanson, and Kristina Teixeira. Some of you will be meeting your new Deacon soon.

Raven Duchscherer, Moderator

Flower Dedications

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 Ct.

Lindsay Olsen

AMAZON GIVES!
IF YOU'RE SHOPPING ON
AMAZON GO TO
AMAZON.SMILE AND
CHOOSE US AS YOUR
CHARITY!

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

**HEARING
ASSISTANCE**

**GO TO THE SOUND DESK
IN THE BACK OF CHURCH**

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE
ALSO AVAILABLE**

PRAYER REQUESTS

UPCOMING MEMORIALS

A memorial for Rev. Frank Hamilton will be held on Sat., Feb. 19, at 2 pm.

A memorial for Tony Burille will be held on March 5, at 2 pm.

A memorial for Lucy Poindexter will be held on Sat., March 19, at 2 pm.

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**The family of Nancy Morgan's mother who passed away recently.*

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| * Margery Baur | * Shirley Weber |
| * Rev. Frank Hamilton | * Janice Holmes |
| * Lorraine Nichols | * Tony Burille |
| | * Jake Parsons |

THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

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

THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

James Kuntz (Sorani), US Navy on the USS Scranton. 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.

WHAT IS THE PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT?

Please donate the per capita to the church for every family member you have in the Church of the Roses membership. **Each apportionment is \$34.00 for the year 2022.**

Each year the Presbyterian Church (USA) establishes a per capita apportionment. When we pay our per capita, we are helping to support the structures that support us as a congregation: the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly. These councils of the church consult with our elders and pastor/s on all aspects of church life, bring us together with other congregations to grow in faith and do mission, sponsor projects to show Jesus' love all over the world, and help us manage our programs, finances, and buildings. In 2022, each congregation in Redwoods Presbytery will receive a bill charging \$34.00 for each active member. Of that amount, \$8.98 goes to the General Assembly, \$5.22 to the Synod of the Pacific, and \$19.80 to the Presbytery of the Redwoods.

If you are able, please prayerfully consider paying this per capita apportionment in addition to your regular giving. It will help with our church budget!



STRONGER SENIORS



VIDEO CLASS

in the Rose Room

TUESDAYS

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Roses
Concert
Series
Is Back!



Masks are
required for
your safety
and the safety
of others.



The program will
include a variety of
a cappella choral
music spanning from
the Renaissance to
the present.
Admission
is free.
Donations are
welcomed.

Cantiamo Sonoma

Carol Menke, Artistic Director

Sunday, March 6 at 2 pm
Church of the Roses

Join the

BOOMERS

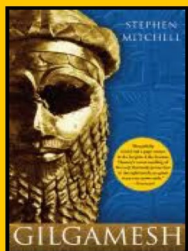
WHALE WATCHING !

Jenner Headlands

Saturday, Feb 12th



See the Rose Clippings for more information
Welcoming all active adults.



Zoom Book Club
Thursday, February 17
2:00 P.M.

Gilgamesh
by Steven Mitchell

**The world's oldest epic in a
lively new translation.**

Jeanne will have copies

**Boomers, come join us for a day of fun
at the coast.** Ready to escape the house?
Come with us out in the clean fresh air
searching to spot the kings of the ocean as
they migrate south. (thar she blows!)

We will meet up at the church parking lot
and caravan out to Jenner Headlands, a
well-known whale watching location. From
our vantage point (about a 2 mile hike), we
will scour the seas in search of whales!
Then we'll have lunch and, being Valen-
tine's Weekend - you gotta have chocolate!

Make a batch of your favorite brownies
and we'll all share.

Date: Saturday, February 12, 2022

Time: 9:00 am at PCOR to carpool or
10:30 am at Headlands lot

Location: Meet at PCOR parking lot and
caravan out to Jenner Headlands. Estim-
ated time of arrival is around 10:30.

What to Bring: Dress warmly, gloves, wa-
ter, binoculars, bag lunch + make a batch of
your favorite brownies to share.

Happy Valentine's Day !

RSVP: Host **Chris Bowen** -
cwbowen3@sbcglobal.net

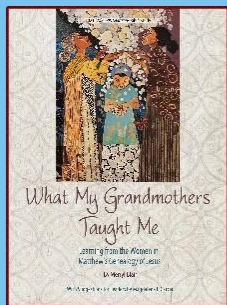
**SACRED
SPACE**

EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT IN A NEW WAY

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

5-6 PM

BY ZOOM ON
FEBRUARY 5



Presbyterian Women
Tues. Feb. 15 10:30 a.m
Lesson 5

The second class on the
book of Ruth.
Read Chapters 3 and 4

Ruth and Redemption

LOOK FOR THE ZOOM LINK IN FRIDAY'S EMAIL