

# Happy New Year

from Church of the Roses

## Rose Clippings



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On Christmas Eve, during our worship together, the children—and the congregation—were asked a simple but powerful question: **“What is your gift to Jesus?”**



**My Trust**  
**I'll listen to you**  
**Love and compassion for all beings**  
**My Heart**  
**Hope for our world**  
**To let everyone I interact with feel valued and loved**

*01/10—Presbyterian Women, 10am (cancelled)*

*01/17—PCOR Men's Group, 8:15am*

*01/15—ZOOM Book Club, 2:30pm*

*01/24—Beading Group, 9:30am*

*01/27—Session Meets, 6pm*

*02/07—Sacred Space, 5pm*

*02/08—RSCS: Young Aspiring Musicians, 2pm*

*02/12—Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, 12pm*

*02/14—Presbyterian Women, 10am*

*02/19—ZOOM Book Club, 2:30pm*

*02/21—PCOR Men's Group, 8:15am*

*02/24—Session Meets, 6pm*

*02/28—Beading Group, 9:30am*

### Upcoming Events



# The Finance Committee

## Finance Committee Report

### **First, good news from 2025.**

As of the end of November, despite a previously projected budget deficit of approximately **\$6,000**, the church is instead **up about \$11,000 in net income**—a positive swing of roughly **\$17,000**. Glory, hallelujah.

This favorable outcome is largely due to reduced expenses following Pastor Cindy's retirement at the end of October, particularly the salary expenses that would otherwise have been incurred in November and December. We are deeply thankful for Pastor Cindy's faithful ministry over many years and grateful for this unexpected financial blessing as we close out the year.

### **Looking ahead to 2026.**

The Session has approved the **2026 budget**, which currently projects a **budget deficit of \$29,672**. This projected deficit is driven by two main factors:

- A decrease in projected revenue due to the Session's approval of a request from **Rosebud Preschool** for a significant reduction in rent for 2026, following a recent decline in student enrollment.

A modest decrease in **pledged giving** compared to the prior year.

We believe it is important to be transparent about this reality while also remaining hopeful and prayerful about how God may provide in the months ahead.

### **How you can help.**

In light of this projected deficit, we would like to extend several **invitations**, offered with gratitude and without pressure:

- **Prayerfully consider your pledge.** If you feel moved to review your current pledge amount and consider increasing your level of giving, we are deeply thankful. If you have not yet pledged, we invite you to consider doing so—**any amount is appreciated**. If you would like to increase your pledge, please email **Nancy Morgan at [finance@churchoftheroses.org](mailto:finance@churchoftheroses.org)**, or submit a new pledge card (available on the table in Campbell Court).
- **Fundraising leadership.** If you feel called to initiate or lead a fundraising effort to support the church, that help would be most welcome.

**Finance Committee service.** If you are interested in contributing your time, talents, and energy to the stewardship of our church's finances by joining the Finance Committee, we would be grateful to hear from you.

Church of the Roses is marked by faithful and wise stewardship, and by extraordinary generosity—of **time, talent, and financial resources**. We are deeply thankful for the countless volunteers and contributors whose quiet faithfulness makes this church what it is.

At the same time, we recognize that this is a season when Church of the Roses needs our collective support more than ever, including financial support. We remain hopeful and open to how God will work in the hearts and minds of our community to improve, reduce, or even eliminate the projected deficit for 2026.

The Finance Committee will provide **periodic updates between now and the Congregational Meeting on January 25, 2026**. We invite you to join us in prayerful discernment and gratitude as we move forward together.

With gratitude and love in Christ,

### **The Finance Committee**

(Anthony Lim, chair; Barb Basham; Linda Burille; Ron Dodge; Linda Lance; Dave Nelson; Kim Seamans; and Nancy Morgan)



# Fellowship Committee

On the 26th of October, the Fellowship Committee honored Pastor Cindy with a cakes to celebrate her 70th birthday and wish her well in her retirement.



During the celebration, Cindy Goede, Sandy Dodge and Jessica Arriola presented Cindy with a custom made quilt, that contains words conregants contributed to define Cindy's passion. Our church Girl Scout troop also painted a mural in her honor to welcome the Montgomery High School students to breakfast each morning.



As we approach the spring season, the church is busy with activities that you can become a part of. Our Fellowship and the Church community would like to thank the following people who have volunteered to help with Fellowship hour over the past few months.

Sheldon Erkkila, Linda Lance, Rhonda & Dennis Darrow, Susan Boden, Ellen Bowen, Barb Basham, Linda Burille, Robert & Marjorie Cortez, Raven Duchscherer, Dorothy LeCel, Mia Krause, Ellen Marks, Judith Moore, Carole & Gene Michel, Joy & Lindsay Olsen, Diane Osten, Catherine & Bob Priestley, Ron & Sandy Dodge. We could not offer weekly fellowship time without volunteers helping to set-up, dean-up bring snacks and make coffee. We encourage you to sign up for a Sunday to help. Catherine Priestley is now coordinating Sunday fellowship. Please sign up for a Sunday on the signup sheet on the refreshment table each Sunday or contact Catherine to donate. **Thank you, Linda Lance, Fellowship Chair**

# Entering 2026 with Faith, Intention, and Hope

*From the Director of Communication*

A new year invites us to pause, reflect, and listen for where God may be leading us next. As we enter 2026, we do so not just turning a calendar page, but opening our hearts to renewed spiritual growth, deeper connection, and faithful change.

At PCOR, we are reminded that faith is not static—it grows when we nurture it. This new year offers an opportunity to strengthen our spiritual practices, whether through worship, prayer, study, service, or simply making space to be still and attentive to God's presence in our lives.

As a congregation, we can expand our faith by:

- Engaging more deeply in worship, coming with open hearts and expectancy
- Participating in small groups, Christian education, or fellowship opportunities that build relationship and understanding
- Serving others, both within and beyond our church walls, as an expression of Christ's love
- Practicing daily faith, through prayer, gratitude, Scripture, or acts of kindness

Change is a natural part of growth, and with change comes opportunity. As we move through this year together, may we remain grounded in God's grace, open to new possibilities, and committed to walking alongside one another in faith.

May 2026 be a year of spiritual renewal, faithful courage, and joyful community for PCOR.

With gratitude and hope for the year ahead,

*Jonnique Perrilliat*

# Alternative Christmas 2025

## Church World Service

5 Chickens to Tanzania **\$195**

10 Concrete Blocks  
for a home in Haiti **\$195**

Doctors Without  
Borders **\$580**

M.H.S Breakfast  
Every School Day **\$380**

Redwood Empire  
Food Bank **\$790**

Feeding hungry folks in Santa Rosa

Redwood Gospel Mission **\$530**

Helping the homeless

ByGrace Children's Home

In Kenya **\$900**

Helping Children

**TOTAL GIVEN \$3570.00**



**YOU DID make a difference in the world!**

# Director of Music

From the Director of Music ...

Happy New Year! This is a wonderful time to step up and join the choir! Or maybe you always wanted to play the bells? If you're looking for fun activities that keep your brain working at high speed, just find me or Jessie on any Sunday or send me an email: [carol@churchoftheroses.org](mailto:carol@churchoftheroses.org)

The Chancel Choir sang a Christmas Concert to a roomful of attentive residents at the Brookdale Senior Living Center on Chanate Road in mid-December. A great time was had by all! The **Good Friday Concert** this year will be *Requiem* by Michael John Trotta. Mr. Trotta scored the Requiem three different ways, one of which being organ accompaniment alone, so we're going to perform without a chamber orchestra this year. It would be wonderful if any of you feel moved to donate to the cause! Checks can be made out to the Presbyterian Church of the Roses with Good Friday Concert in the memo.

Listed below are three more concerts scheduled on our *Roses Signature* Concert Series. The traditional *Young Aspiring Musicians* concert, featuring the students of prominent teachers throughout Sonoma County, is a wonderful opportunity for students that are interested in making music their vocation. This concert will take place on Sunday, February 8th at 2:00 p.m. Then we're having the UC Santa Barbara Chamber Choir under the direction of Brent Wilson come and sing a concert on Saturday, March 21st at 5:00 p.m. And our Good Friday concert this year will be on Friday, April 3rd at 7:30 p.m. The choral ensemble, *Cantiamo Sonoma*, some members of the Chancel Choir, and selected members of the community will join us once again. Be sure to add these important dates to your calendar!



## Roses Signature Concert Series 2025-2026

- Sunday, October 12 Jazz Concert**  
2:00 p.m. Bennett Friedman Jazz Quartet
- Sunday, November 2 Recital**  
2:00 p.m. Carol Menke & Marilyn Thompson
- Sunday, November 16 A Choral Afternoon**  
2:00 p.m. MCHS Choral Department  
under the direction of Gail Bowers
- Sunday, December 21 Christmas Concert**  
4:00 p.m. Four For His Glory & Roses Chancel Choir
- Sunday, February 8 Recital**  
2:00 p.m. Young Aspiring Musicians
- Friday, April 3 Annual Good Friday Concert**  
7:30 p.m. *Requiem* by Michael John Trotta

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

Free Admission  
Donations Gladly Accepted

**Sunday, February 8th at 2:00 p.m.**

*Young Aspiring Musicians* featuring the students of Pianist Marilyn Thompson and Clarinetist Roy Zajac, and others

**Saturday, March 21st at 5:00 p.m.**

UC Santa Barbara Chamber Choir under the direction of Brent Wilson

**Friday, April 3rd at 7:30 p.m.**

*Good Friday Concert ~ Mozart Requiem*



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Be an Integral part of our ministry by supporting our Sunday Radio broadcast!  
Donate \$100 to pay for a month of sermons and music played over KSRO's radio stations in the Santa Rosa region.

# WORSHIP IN THE Arts

It is hard not to miss Pastor Cindy in the wake of her retirement October 31. She did so much for us in addition to leading worship. Nevertheless, in November and December we have been fortunate to have worship leaders, both familiar and new. Elder Chris Rhodes, Elder Anthony Lim, Rev. Dr. Stewart Perrilliat and Rev. Judy Slater guided us through celebrations of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. We look forward to welcoming our interim pastor, Rev. Kevin Buchanan, in January.

Thanks to all who helped decorate the sanctuary and the Chrismon tree in the Narthex after the service on November 30. Thanks also to those that helped craft many NEW ornaments for our Chrismon Tree this year during our monthly Beading meeting. It seems many were busy and having a good time and the results look great.

You may have noticed new wooden candle holders on the communion table. These were crafted by Dennis Darrow at the behest of the Worship Committee. Thank you, Dennis!

The Worship and Arts Committee wishes you a blessed New Year.

Charlotte Finney, Chair



## MEMBERSHIP

JOIN US

**The Membership Committee gives thanks for the many new members who joined the Church of the Roses in 2025. Each new face and story is a blessing, and we are grateful for the ways God continues to grow our community.**

**As we look ahead to 2026, we invite you to help us extend Christ's welcome—through hospitality, connection, and shared faith—so that our church family may continue to flourish.**

**Kim Seamans, Chair**

# PCOR MEN'S GROUP



Mark your calendar for *January 17th* and *February 21st* - two dates filled with camaraderie and connection.

On Saturday mornings, we gather to savor a delicious breakfast, and everyone is welcome to join in the preparation, indulgence, and clean-up. These moments are where connections thrive, and bonds grow stronger.

Embrace this opportunity to create new friendships and enrich existing ones. In the heartwarming embrace of our group, you'll find a community that uplifts and inspires.

Join us on this journey of camaraderie and friendship. We can't wait to share laughter and memories with you. See you there!

## Coffee, Pastry, and Camaraderie

PCOR women, join us at Pascaline every 3rd Saturday, 8:15 a.m.

(during Men's Club)

for no-host, no-agenda cup of coffee and pastry.

And, of course, GREAT conversation!



## Volunteers are NEEDED!

We need more Breakfast Angels to keep our breakfast club going every day of the school year! Please plan to give of your time one day of the week from 6:30am to 8:30am with cleanup after either on a weekly basis or as a substitute when needed. Mondays and Wednesdays are most in need.

Call the church office and speak to Raven for more information: 707-542-4272.



## AWESOME SHOW COMING TO 6TH STREET PLAYHOUSE - JUNE 14th

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### Sister Act

OPENS May 29, 2024

QUARTET TICKETS

Book by Alan Hirsch  
Lyrics by Glenn Slater  
Book by Bill and Dave Shinneman  
Directed, Staged by David Carter Stone  
With all the Touchdown Pictures Musical Picture Sister Act, written by [unreadable]  
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# Church and World



to keep 25 percent of the contributions which will go toward the Montgomery High School Breakfast fund.

As PCOR is active in wanting to become better stewards of God's Earth. This will be PCOR's fifth year of being a certified Earth Care Congregation. **The Earth Care Congregation Application** is being completed and will be submitted by the end of January 2026.

**Pat Silva is Church & World's Committee's representative of the Interfaith Council of Sonoma County, United in Kindness with Moe Jabbari, and the Smoothing Stones Gathering (Pat, Anthony Lim, and Bob Priestley).** Presently, the groups have been quiet during the holidays.

**Montgomery High School (MHS) Breakfast Program:** PCOR is so blessed to have such wonderful Breakfast Angels! We have been serving about 80-90 burritos (and pancakes are served on some days) to the 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. The Program's cost is around \$2500+ per month. Please feel free to donate directly to the breakfast program. If you are interested in being a Breakfast Angel, especially as alternates for Mondays through Fridays, please call the church and speak to Raven if you can help at (707) 542-4272.

**The MHS Breakfast Program was able to secure a Sonoma Speedway Children's Charities Grant for \$5000.** Chris and Liz Rhodes attended the wine and dine gathering for charity grant recipients. Chris donned a helmet and loved the auto race on a 2.52-mile road course. Chris received a great confirmation from Sonoma Speedway Children's Charities staff that they "love the program and the simplicity of feeding the children of your community."

**Thank you to Joy Olson, Breakfast Angel, who has been helping to seek out grants, improve the MHS Breakfast Program webpage and get in contact with *The Press Democrat*.** Kerry Benefield, of *The Press Democrat*, along with a photographer, came to see the Wednesday MHS Breakfast Angels in action and talked with the students on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please read the article at: <https://www.pressdemocrat.com/2025/12/18/free-breakfast-program-serves-scores/>

Thank you for your continued contributions to the **Cents -Ability** collection baskets in the Narthex and Campbell Court on the **second Sunday of every month**. The collection is for the Presbytery Hunger Fund. We are able

**Under Nita's leadership, the Alternative Christmas** campaign for collection on December 7th and 14<sup>th</sup>. So far, about \$3000 has been collected! Thank you to all who made donations to: Church World Service (chickens in Tanzania and concrete blocks to Haiti); Doctors Without Borders; MHS Breakfast Program; Redwood Empire Food Bank; Redwood Gospel Mission; and ByGrace Children's Home in Kenya!

The **Christmas Joy Special Offering** held its collection on **Sunday, December 21**. This special offering assists church leaders past, present and future.

Our current membership includes **Anita Pinney, Chris Rhodes, Jonathan Steele, Pat Silva, Al Ledwick and myself**. This Committee meets by Zoom on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 P.M. If interested in joining the committee or have ideas on local missions or earth-care activities, please contact Rhonda Darrow at [rdarrow@pacbell.net](mailto:rdarrow@pacbell.net) or (707) 481-4743.

*Prayers for World Peace,*

*Rhonda Darrow, Chair (2023-2025)*



# Deacons Report

The Giving Tree was a tremendous success this year, shining as a true symbol of generosity and community spirit. Decorated in late November, the tree sparked with beautiful antique ornaments, inviting the congregation to pause, reflect, and give.

Thanks to the kindness of our community, the Giving Tree touched the lives of at least 85 individuals. A special gift of \$200 from the Men's Club, thoughtfully designated for seniors, combined with Diane Osten's exceptional shopping skills, allowed for the purchase of 20 additional gifts—most of them recipients' first choices.

The joy continued on Wednesday, December 3rd, when members of the youth group came together for a festive present-wrapping party. Laughter, teamwork, and holiday cheer filled the room as gifts were wrapped with care and love.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are excited to welcome new members and to continue strengthening our connection with the families of PCOR, carrying forward the spirit of giving that makes this community so special.

## Events & Seasonal Happenings

### January 2026 — Downtown Santa Rosa

| Date            | Time                 | Event  | Venue                                      | Family / Church-Friendly Notes                  |
|-----------------|----------------------|--|--|---|
| Jan 8<br>(Thu)  | 5:00–7:00<br>pm      | First Thursday Art Walk & Gallery Receptions | Old Courthouse Square area galleries       | All-ages strolling, early evening, art-focused  |
| Jan 13<br>(Tue) | 6:30–8:00<br>pm      | Music Bingo Night                            | Downtown restaurant near Courthouse Square | Clean, interactive, teens welcome w/ adults     |
| Jan 17<br>(Sat) | 2:00–4:00<br>pm      | Community Winter Music Showcase              | The California Theatre of Santa Rosa       | Seated performance, daytime, family appropriate |
| Jan 24<br>(Sat) | 10:00 am–<br>1:00 pm | Winter Pop-Up Market                         | Old Courthouse Square                      | Crafts/food vendors, kid-friendly daytime       |

### February 2026 — Downtown Santa Rosa

| Date            | Time                 | Event  | Venue  | Family / Church-Friendly Notes               |
|-----------------|----------------------|--|--|--|
| Feb 5<br>(Thu)  | 5:00–7:00<br>pm      | First Thursday Art Walk & Receptions             | Old Courthouse Square area galleries                   | All-ages, calm cultural evening              |
| Feb 10<br>(Tue) | 6:30–8:00<br>pm      | Music Bingo Night                                | Downtown restaurant near Courthouse Square             | Clean fun, prizes, mixed-age                 |
| Feb 14<br>(Sat) | 11:00 am–<br>2:00 pm | Community Winter Festival Activities             | Luther Burbank Center for the Arts (downtown-adjacent) | Daytime performances/activities for families |
| Feb 21<br>(Sat) | 12:00–4:00<br>pm     | Downtown Taproom Open House (Non-bar activities) | Downtown tasting rooms                                 | Family hours/events earlier in the           |

# PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

I hope you have all had a chance to welcome the Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan as our Transitional Pastor. His first Sunday with us will be January 4, 2026, and we are so fortunate to have him in this interim role. If you have not yet met Pastor Kevin, I hope you will make a point to introduce yourself. Please wear your name badges, if you have one, so Kevin can get to know us by name.

With Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway's retirement at the end of October, we had a couple of months of guest preachers. I want to especially thank the Reverend Judy Slater for being with us during most of Advent and on Christmas Eve. She did a fabulous job preaching and leading us during Advent and Christmas. *Thank you, Judy!*

I also want to thank Anthony Lim for preaching and leading worship on November 9, and Rev. Dr. Stewart Perrilliat, Sr. for leading worship on November 16. Both Anthony and Stewart did an excellent job, and everyone I heard from really enjoyed their preaching. *Thank you, Anthony and Stewart.*

Now that Pastor Buchanan is on board, he will be leading worship and preaching most Sundays. I know we all look forward to continuing to worship regularly with Pastor Kevin leading us.

*Chris Rhodes, Personnel Chair*

## Leadership



### Kevin Buchanan - Lead Teacher

Kevin has been ordained since 1980 and began as a consultant for youth ministry for the Presbytery of South Florida, serving two congregations as youth minister. From there, he served as a solo pastor and an associate pastor in Missouri, Oregon, and California. When he married Astrid in 2002, he served in transitional ministry at congregations in San Leandro, San Rafael, Windsor, Turlock, and San Anselmo, California. He served in long term transitional ministry (otherwise known as installed) in Marshfield, Wisconsin. After his service at Marshfield, Kevin served at transitional

positions at Central Presbyterian Church in Terre Haute, Indiana, Woodland Presbyterian Church in Woodland, California, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Yuba City, California, and at Grace Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

## OUR VISION

*Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to ALL*



## OUR MISSION

- To be an inclusive, caring Christ-centered community.
- Follow the Holy Spirit's guidance as we live and proclaim the Good News of God's love, peace and justice.
- Worship God with gratitude in a welcoming environment
- Bring glory to God.
- Serve youth, families, seniors and singles who need God's love and compassion.



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Each Sunday morning from 7:30-8, we broadcast a 30-minute church sermon on KSRO radio.

Over the last couple years, we have grown our audience and in 2023 we had an average weekly listenership of 5,380 each week!

KSRO has 3 signals, 1350am, 103.5fm and 96.9fm.

1350am



103.5fm



96.9fm



# SESSION NOTES – DECEMBER 2025

## SESSION ACTION:

Approved the use of Memorial Funds to purchase a third octave of hand chimes for \$1,951 for the Bellissimo Bello Choir.

Approved the expenditure of \$300 for the cost of a psychiatric evaluation required for Anthony Lim to pursue becoming a Commissioned Ruling Elder.

Approved the covenant with the Rev. Kevin Buchanan as Interim Pastor for a period of 12 months beginning January 1, 2026, which may be extended in 6-month increments.

Approved reducing the monthly payment to PCOR from Rosebud Preschool for 2026 to \$1,000.

Approved discontinuing the membership of Bob Sorani.

Approved a budget for 2026 with a deficit of \$29,672

## CLERK OF SESSION:

**Church Statistics** – Beginning membership 2025: **208**

Ending membership as of 12/1/25: **201**

## SESSION REPORTS:

Deacons: \$500 donated to NuBridges. Over 65 gifts were purchased and delivered to the Volunteer Center through our Giving Tree donations.

Christian Education:

Church & World: The food collected and used to decorate the sanctuary for Thanksgiving was donated to F.I.S.H. in memory of Cindy Goede.

Fellowship: The “safari”-themed Fall Festival held 09-27-25 netted approximately \$7,000. The committee hosted Pastor Cindy’s retirement celebration, the celebration of Nita Pinney’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and the Stewardship campaign luncheon. A welcoming for Rev. Kevin Buchanan is planned for early January, 2026.

Nominating: Chair Diane Osten said that she is ready to submit two candidates for Elder, and candidates for Deacon at the upcoming Congregational Meeting on 12-28-25.

Worship: The church was decorated on Sunday, 11/30 for Advent. Christmas Eve Service is at 7:00 PM on 12-24-25.

Linda Burille, Clerk of Session

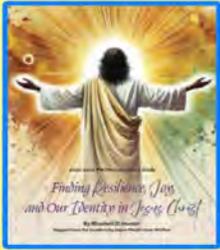


**Support the Presbytery Hunger Fund  
and the Montgomery High Breakfast**

**It's Cents-Ability Sunday**

**Baskets await your  
Contributions in the Narthex and  
Campbell Court!**

## Presbyterian Women



**Saturday January 10**  
We will not meet in January

**Saturday February 14**  
9:45 AM  
Lesson 4 Finding our Joy  
The Prodigal Child,  
the Eldest Child and  
The Devoted Parent  
Luke 15:11-32



*Happy Valentine Day!*



**Book Club on Zoom**  
January 15 2:30 p.m.

**Night Crawling**  
by Leila Mottley

Readers Favorite Debut Novel 2022

**Jeanne will have books.**



**Book Club**  
Thursday February 19  
2:30 p.m. on Zoom

**Transcendent Kingdom**  
By Yaa Gyasi

17 Lists of Best Books in 2022

**Jeanne Will Have Books**

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# SACRED SPACE

EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT IN A NEW WAY

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

**5-6 PM**

**Roses Signature Concert Series**  
presents



Young  
Aspiring  
Musicians

*In Recital*

February 8, 2026

2:00 pm

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

## The Beading Group



**Meets Every 4th Saturday at 9:30 AM**  
Bowen Hall

**Come for the craft, stay for the connection**  
All are welcome!

**Happy holidays from the Rosebud teachers and  
our Rosebuddies!**

We've had such a joyful and meaningful holiday season together. Before winter break, our community gathered for a lovely winter potluck, craft night, and preschool fundraiser filled with creativity, connection, and cheer.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$1,540 through our winter fundraiser and Halloween donations, along with an additional **\$185** from our Mendocino Farms dine-and-donate.

That brings our grand total to **\$1,725** toward our \$5,000 goal and we are so grateful for every contribution.



We would like to extend a very special thank you to our generous donors:

**Bird's Nest  
Copperfield's Books  
Kaleidoscope Toys  
Megan Glover @ Hansen Lane Photography  
Luther Burbank Center (c/o Sorelle Levy)  
Aaron Schreiber-Stainthorp and Jessica Pollitz  
Anh Tran and Chinh Nguyenphuc  
Marmot (c/o Melissa Musser)  
Bea @ Beauty Connection  
Ms. Nikki and Aria Lee  
Ms. Amber  
Ms. Kristin**

A heartfelt thank you as well to all of our families and church members who showed up, participated, and continue to support our school in so many ways. Your presence and generosity truly make a difference.

Stay tuned for details about our spring fundraiser, which will include another raffle and auction, plus a very special art auction featuring collaborative projects created by none other than our little Rosebuddies. We can't wait to share what they create!

### Stronger Seniors Exercise Class



**Changing to Mondays at 10:30 a.m.  
Start your week out right!  
Come join us.**

If you or someone you know is being abused (and they are under 18 years old), call: 707-565-4304.

**If you suspect Elder Abuse, call the hotline:  
707-565-5940.**

Your report can be anonymous, the call is  
**CONFIDENTIAL.**

You might be saving a life or connecting the family to resources they need.  
**BLESS YOU!**



## BUILDING & GROUNDS



Each and every day, a lot of seemingly ordinary things are taken for granted about our church property. Will we have lights, heat or air conditioning, hot water, internet, security and alarm systems and fire safety? Then too there's paint and janitorial services and routine cleaning and special event requests and water leaks and floor stains and lawns and the parking lot, and lock and door repairs, and the roses and the garden, etc. etc.

We all give thanks to and for the ongoing work of the B&G team. The work they do avoids having to incur costs in the thousands if we were to rely on private contractors. There are, however some jobs that require licensed professionals.

In recent weeks, a great deal of time, effort and expense has gone into fire safety. Our fire suppression or "sprinkler" systems are professionally inspected quarterly. It, and the specialized kitchen system are also recertified regularly. The Santa Rosa Fire Department inspects all systems and equipment at least once each year. Most recently over \$4,000 was invested in replacing twenty-six fire sprinkler heads and four of the nearly twenty hand extinguishers throughout the property. Similarly, significant time, expense and involvement of the original equipment manufacturer has gone into repair of the preschool's primary heat and air conditioning unit. Did you know there are 14 furnace/AC systems at PCOR?

As we often say, "it's always something!!" Next up – the rains will begin and we will be chasing leaks. Fortunately, none involving the new roof.

-Gary Smith

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## MEMORIALS

Family and friends of Cindy Goede mourning her passing 11/19/25. Memorial Service on Jan 10th, 2pm.

## THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Greg Basham         | Marina             |
| Jeff Basham         | Vivian Mazeski     |
| Jim Bauer           | Gene Michel        |
| Barbara Blinn       | Lesley Pillsbury   |
| Diana Burdick       | Nita Pinney        |
| Joyce Cairns        | Nancy Rada         |
| Marjorie Cortez     | Elizabeth Schulz   |
| Guy Cottle          | Priscilla Scott    |
| Marshall Cowden     | Fred Staiger       |
| Dave Davis          | Marsha Stizman     |
| Eldon Davis         | Lynne Vandercook   |
| Yvonne Draper       | Darlene Volkman    |
| Robert Flandermeyer | Betty Witchey-Ryer |
| Phil Henry          | Naomi Welcome      |
| Christine Joyner    | Irene Williams     |
| Macey Luu Kellam    | Dr. Bob Yee        |
| Chris Ledwick       |                    |

## THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Coast Guard Commander Ian Alloway Culver in Washington D.C – Headquarters, Col.

David Trowbridge, M.D. with the Air Force Reserve, those aboard the USS Midway CVS

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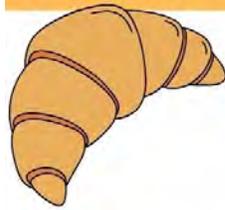
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**Romans 15:13**



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