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Bringing in the New Year with Nurturing Love for All



On Christmas Eve we made a beautiful candlelight circle around the sanctuary as we sang Silent Night

Join us Sundays @ 10am

in the sanctuary or watch the Livestream on our Facebook page. Or at www.churchoftheroses.org

Sundays 7:30 - 8 am Listen to Pastor Cindy's Sermons on KSRO 103.5 FM.



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Upcoming Events

- Jan 07 —Sacred Space, 5pm
- Jan 10 PW Quilting, 10am
- Jan 14 Presbyterian Women, 10am
- Jan 14 Boomer Junk Art Walk, 3pm
- Jan 15 Roses Concert Series: Piano 4-Hands Concert, 2pm
- Jan 19 Book Club by Zoom, 2pm
- Jan 21 PCOR Men's Group, 8:15am
- Feb 04 Sacred Space, 5pm
- Feb 11—Presbyterian Women, 10am
- Feb 12 Roses Concert Series: Young Aspiring Musicians
- Feb 14 PW Quilting 10am
- Feb 18 PCOR Men's Group, 8:15am
- Feb 19 Boomers Blessing Bags, 12 noon

Hope for the New Year, 2023! By Pastor Cindy



I must admit, 2022 was not the year I thought it would be. I think most of us expected Covid 19 to be gone, the economy would bounce back, the world would have peace, and life would feel closer to "normal". Surprise! 2022 did NOT live up to our

hopes and expectations. So how do we go into 2023? Give up hope? Not expect any good things to happen?

not to give up hope. Never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn." (Harriet Beecher Stowe)

One way to be hopeful and resilient for whatever is coming in the new year is to focus on being grateful for the good that did happen in 2022. My reunion with my good friend, Dr. Rosemary Mbogo, (in the photo above) is one of the things I am grateful for. In December the Church of the Roses congregation was so gracious and welcoming! She sold all her books about her life that began in a slum in Kenya. People expressed interest in supporting her children's home called By Grace. Thanks be to God for our faithful church family!

Another recent event I am grateful for is the way our church is showing up to volunteer at our breakfast program and in our worship services. Our church attendance is growing and new visitors are expressing interest in joining! We are still vital to the community of Santa Rosa in many ways and the Montgomery High students are very grateful to our church for supporting them with food and a place to have choir performances and other high school events. The Santa Rosa Children's Choral Academy is connecting us to new kids and parents in a closer way, too. We are grateful to Carol Menke and her staff for providing a wonderful music program that blesses our church.

Living into a New Year gives us the chance to Our God is a God of hope and wonder. "We are make changes for the better. Our church can do even more in 2023 to connect to new groups in the community and provide support to those in need. Please consider volunteering for our Sunday school children one Sunday a month. We need you! Our breakfast program is so popular we need you there, too! God provides us places to give so others can live. But giving blesses us as well.

> I subscribe to a website: illustrated ministry.com. They publish creative coloring pages for adults and children that inspire faith and hope. Here is one for you to color. May you feel a sense of God's presence and strength for the New Year as you color!

Love and Peace, Pastor Cindy





AYS



PCOR Kids came out for Christmas Eve Worship



Advent Worship



Children are excited to participate in service!







A Beautiful Performance



Celebrating Jesus



Singing Silent Night



The PCOR players put on a wonderful drama about The Shepherd's Story.





PCOR PLAYERS are Bill Morgan, Cindy Goede, Diane Pierce, Ben Bryant, Don Marshall, Linda Lance, and Mia Krause

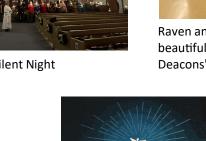


Lighting the Candles

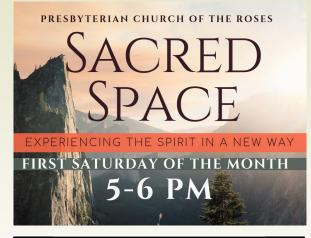


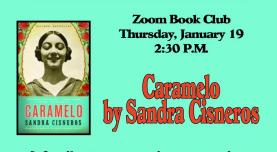
Raven and Barbara did a beautiful job decorating the Deacons' Giving Tree!





CHURCH EVENTS & HAPPENINGS





A family story spanning generations Jeanne will have copies of the novel.



Zoom Book Club Thursday, Feb. 16 2:30 P.M.

The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton

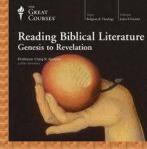
A classic story of women's lives in another era. Jeanne will have copies of the novel.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP IS BACK! Calling for Volunteers

We need 2 volunteers to help with setup, serving, and cleanup. We also need COOKIES! 6 dozen are needed each Sunday. These may be homemade by one or more persons or purchased (reimbursement is available).

Please contact Linda Lance to sign at 707-217-6226 or email at linda.lance31@gmail.com.

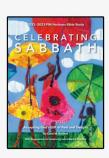
Thank you and see you on Sunday!





Prof. Craig Koester is back with another course on Scripture.

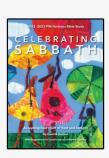
Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. January 9 to February 13



Presbyterian Women Saturday Jan. 14 10:00 a.m.

Lesson 4 Sabbath and Surrender

Scripture: Exodus 16 The Manna Story



Presbyterian Women

Saturday Feb. 11 10:00 a.m. Lesson 4 Sabbath and Servitude

Work without Sabbath is servitude!

Sunday January 15th 11:30 A.M.



In the Rose Room Theater

On the Road with Don and Steve in Ecuador







The New Year for Boomers

BOOMERS in JANUARY



Saturday, Jan 14th is a totally NEW event for The Boomers, thanks to Patty and John Sanders. The sculptures along Florence Ave in Sebastopol are wild fun and funky. It is about 1 mile walk along the sidewalk and every house has a large piece of crazy junk art. The walk is a highlight on Tripadvisor for things to see in Sebastopol.

Then, we will take a short drive to the Pleasant Hills Memorial Park and pay homage to Charles M. Shulz (Sparky). His memorial is in the Veterans Section, next to the triple fountains. His 100th birthday was in November.

Afterwards, we will meet at Sander's home where Patty has cooked up a huge pot of homemade soup. This is a potluck, so please bring an appetizer, side dish, or items to go along with the soup and/or dessert; also a beverage of your choice.

When: Saturday, January 14th at 3:00 pm

Where: Meet at the Sebastopol Senior Center (167 N. High St., Sebastopol) and we will walk to the Patrick Amiot Junk Art display along Florence Ave.

Afterwards we will drive to Pleasant Hills Memorial (1700 Pleasant Hills Rd, Sebastopol)

Potluck: Bring a side dish and/or dessert to go along with homemade soup plus a beverage of your choice

RSVP: Please respond to host-

Patty Sanders: pattytri25@gmail.com

BOOMERS in FEBRUARY



Be the blessing that you wish to see in the world.

February 19th is the date for our next BOOMERS event, and we will be joining again with our local GIRL SCOUT TROOP to compile Blessing Bags.

Please bring your donations for the Blessing Bags to Bowen Hall (where the donation boxes are located) over the next few weeks, then stay after church on February 19th for the Big Bagging Event.

After the bags are compiled we will enjoy a pizza lunch and a delicious dessert of ice cream and yummy toppings.

Linda Lance and Barbara Basham are arranging and providing the lunch and dessert, and there will be a free-will donation to help defray their costs.

At the end of the day you will depart with your own Blessing Bags to hand out. As we encounter individuals on our streets in need, it is our privilege to give to them as God gives to us.

DATE: February 19, 2023

TIME: 11:30 am to help set up, 12n to sort and bag LOCATION: Bowen Hall, Church of the Roses WHAT TO BRING: Your preferred beverage for lunch

QUESTIONS: Host: Linda Lance - linda.lance31@gmail.com Two years ago, we made over 100 Blessing Bags!! This year, let's DOUBLE this number and DOUBLE the LOVE!!

Linda advises there is a big need for socks. Personal toiletries should be travel size. The items needed for the Blessing Bags:

FOOD AND DRINKS

- Bottled Water
- Juice Box
- Instant Coffee packets
- Hot cocoa or cider packets
- Beef Jerky
- Dried Fruit
- Tuna/cracker packets
- Raisins

TOILETRIES (travel size)/PERSONAL ITEMS

- Socks
- Hand wipes
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Comb
- Brush
- EmergenC Packets
- Band-Aids
- Hand warmers
- Chapstick
- GALLON BAGS



BOOMERS - DECEMBER 2022



Christmas Caroling Resident Care Homes





Always a grand time with PotLuck and Gift Exchange



PCOR MEN'S GROUP

PCOR MEN'S GROUP MEETING



You are cordially invited to attend the January and February meetings of the PCOR Men's Group.

The PCOR Men's Group is a men's social group to establish a spirit of camaraderie among the men of PCOR.

We will serve a full breakfast. All may participate in the preparation, meal consumption, and clean-up. Great opportunity to expand friendships.

We look forward to seeing you on January 21st and February 18th!

Peace & blessings

Your Steering Committee: Chris Bowen; Dennis Darrow; Bill Nakata and Norm Smith



CHURCH & WORLD

Your Church and World Committee had a successful 2022 emerging from COVID and holding its first postpandemic mission trip to Blue Theology Mission Station in Monterey, as reported in a previous issue of The Rose Clippings. We also saw our MHS breakfast program grow in popularity to over 200 daily hungry mouths to feed.

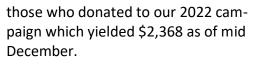


Volunteer Mission Trips

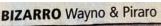
The committee is excited to be investigating other mission trip options for this year including the possibility for an international mission trip to Kenya so stay tuned.

In the meantime, December saw another successful Alternative Christmas gifting campaign, led by Nita Pinney, benefiting several popular charities including the ever-popular Doctors Without Borders and a new addition By Grace Orphanage in Kenya, which Rosemary Mbogo preached about in November when she visited.

Thank you to all of



It has been an honor to chair Church and World the last 3 years. With my term drawing to a close in December Church and World welcomed its new Chair Rhonda Darrow starting January 2023. Please congratulate her on her new role when you see her.











Church World Service

Chickens to Tanzania **Blankets for Refugees**

\$238.00 \$150.00



\$275.00 \$250.00



At work in Ukraine \$1,088.00



Helping in Haiti Emergencies \$395.00

Blue Theology Mission Station

Promoting Ocean Clean Up \$380.00 ByGrace Orphanage Kenya

School Supplies and Clothing for children \$746.00 Grand Total: \$3522.00











Ways you made a difference this Christmas









ROSEBUD PRESCHOOL



We really enjoyed learning about the different types of clouds that appear and what the shapes mean. We also enjoyed learning about prisms-colors from the sunlight happens when a beam of light travels through the prism, the light is bent splitting into many colors. Some examples of prisms include a raindrop, suncatcher, and glass.

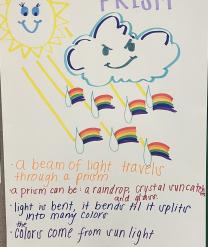
Our teachers have been busy in our pyramid training classes. These classes focus on how we can improve our interactions with each other as well as with the children. We have a trainer who comes in and meets with us to offer tips and help us set goals on how to improve. We have recently learned about PDA's and filling our own piggy banks! Essentially, we have learned how important it is to stop and point out what the children are doing and how they contribute to the classroom. An example would be "Wow, Jane, you shared your blocks with Timmy, you are being a caring friend".

We are also excited that Amber was selected to reregister for the mentor teacher program. We had an observer come out and do an Environmental Rating Scale Evaluation on our program. I am very happy to announce, that the observer let us know we scored above average! When we receive the official results, I will share more information!



We recently hired a new teacher, Ms. Olivia, to help with the transition when Karen leaves for maternity leave in January and Amber steps into acting as director during Karen's leave. Olivia came from a corporate school and is excited to incorporate her skills in a more natural way here at Rosebud! *-Karen Arena*









FAMILY MINISTRIES & OUTREACH

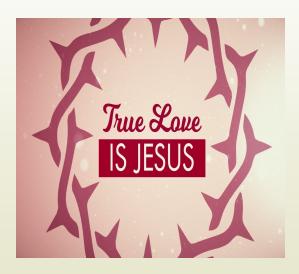


November was the start of Advent Season and we gave our Littles Advent Calendars to take home and enjoy with their families! As we headed into the last four weeks we focused on HOPE, PEACE, JOY and the LOVE of CHRIST with activities that were interactive and go on their Holiday Trees!

In January we will be going over what New Beginnings look like coming into the New Year and How Jesus helps us get rid of bad habits so we can learn new ones!



Bringing in the New Year with Jesus! February we are going to be focusing on the **Love of Christ**



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.



A Message from the Personnel Committee

Session began working on our 2023 budget in November. Our first 2023 draft budget showed an over \$80,000 deficit in income over expenses. As a result the finance committee asked each committee to reduce their expenses in hopes of closing the budget deficit. The Personnel committee, being the largest expense item in the budget, has to reduce our staff. We are not giving any staff raises in 2023, we are closing the office one day a week to help reduce staff expenses and regrettably, we will be eliminating the Family and Youth Directors position.

The committee is very disappointed to have to do this, but we had very limited options in reducing our personnel budget. Kristi Gray had done such a fine job of reaching out to the youth who come to the MHS breakfast and families that have been coming to worship on Sundays. We regret that we had to eliminate this position. We wish Kristi and her other non-profit work at NuBridges the very best. We hope we can stay connected.

Chris Rhodes

Personnel Chair

MUSIC DIRECTOR

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 handbells? Please keep the choir and/or Bellissimo in mind if you're looking for a fun activity that keeps your brain working at high speed! Just find me on any Sunday or send me an email: <u>carol@churchoftheroses.org</u>

The Chancel Choir and Bellissimo are continuing to come along with me on a journey to try new and interesting music – I'm committed to finding a nice variety of all genres of music for the choir (and hopefully, the congregation!) to enjoy. The **Good Friday Concert** this year will be John Rutter's lovely *Requiem*. The choral ensemble, *Cantiamo Sonoma*, will join us once again, and there will be a small chamber orchestra. Be sure to add this to your calendar Friday, April 7th at 7:30 p.m. – it's one of the gems of the literature.

The *Roses Signature* Concert Series has been very well-received so far, with the Cantiamo concert in October and the SRCCA Choral Celebration the last Sunday in November (this one was absolutely packed – we had to move chairs in to seat everyone!) The third concert is a Piano 4-Hands concert happening on Sunday, January 15th at 2:00 p.m., featuring Marilyn Thompson and

Nancy Hayashibara. Marilyn and Nancy are very busy, wellknown pianists throughout the Bay Area and much sought after. Marilyn is on the faculty at Sonoma State University and Nancy teaches at the Santa Rosa Junior College. This is a rare opportunity to hear wonderful piano literature for 4-Hands played by two extraordinary musicians. The repertoire will include Ravel's *Mother Goose Suite*, the elegant *Dolly Suite* by Fauré, and more! This one is not to be missed!

> Sunday, January 15 at 2:00 p.m. Piano 4-Hands Concert featuring Marilyn

Thompson & Nancy Hayashibara

Sunday, February 12 at 2:00 p.m.

Young Aspiring Musicians featuring the stu dents of Pianist Marilyn Thompson, and Clarinetist Roy Zajac

Friday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Concert ~ Rutter Requiem

Sunday, May 14 at 4:00 p.m. Spring Concert ~ Santa Rosa Children's Choral Academy

38th Annual Choral Celebration with special guest Cantiamo and SR HS Chamber Choir Santa Rosa Children's Choral Academy



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DEACONS

The Deacons had their last meeting of the year at the lovely home of Ellen Bowen where we met in person for the first time this year.

Donations from the Deacon fund in November included \$500 to The Boy's and Girl's Club, \$500 to Social Advocates for Youth, \$500 for the Living Room, and \$500 for the Council on Aging.

These donations span folk of all ages from children to senior citizens.. In December we donated \$2,000 to boost the PCOR Montgomery Breakfast Program. A big thank you to everyone who has donated to the Deacon's fund this year.

We could not make donations without your help. This year the Giving Tree was a success. 22 gifts were filled for the New Bridge program for needy teenagers and 22 gifts for our Senior Citizens in the Council on Aging group. Thank you all for your generosity! We are excited to present a new opportunity for the Congregation to help women in need by asking you to donate good quality used purses



This program will be called "Diva Day Bags." They will be going to Redemption House and other homeless women. You will hear a great deal about this program soon. A list of items needed to fill these bags/purses will be issued in January. Buddy Day luncheon will be in March. The date will be announced soon.

Thank you all for your love and support this past year, it has really been appreciated.



Finance Committee

We celebrated Stewardship Sunday with a wonderful meal and the Boy Scouts sold many more Christmas wreaths, too!







FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Stewardship Campaign for 2023 has come to an end. The budget adopted has assumed pledged income of \$219,000, and total operating income of \$312,450. However, our expenses are expected to total \$347,640, leaving a projected deficit of \$35,190.

To reach these numbers, Session has had to make some difficult decisions to reduce our operating expenses. First of all, there were no raises built into this budget for any staff member, including Pastor Cindy. Secondly, Session voted to close the church office on Mondays, thereby reducing the hours of our Office Administrator. Third, Session voted to eliminate the position of Director of Family Ministry and Outreach. Thus, we regrettably no longer have the services of Kristi Gray.

Together the Finance Committee and Session will continue to examine ways to reduce expenses and increase income. The Fellowship Committee is already planning a Spring Fling Fundraiser which we hope everyone will support. We will also work to find grants to help fund the church programs, such as the Montgomery High School Breakfast Program, or means to reduce office overhead.

The continued financial support of our congregation is more important than ever. If everyone raised the promised support by 10% for the coming year we could significantly reduce the deficit. Together we can keep our church thriving for years to come.

Prayerfully submitted, Linda Burille, on behalf of the Finance Committee

We Celebrate our PCOR Family



We celebrated our beloved Ray Alden's 101st birthday during fellowship hour on November 20th. He commented that the State of California named a highway after his age: 101!





The Audio-Visual team was celebrated Sunday, December 18th. Jonathan Parnell, Norm Smith, Phil Goede, and Nico Wycoff.







PRAYER REQUESTS

UPCOMING MEMORIALS

NO UPCOMING MEMORIALS

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

*The family and friends of Anna Leigh (Ellie) Sage, Pamela Sage's daughter as they mourn her death on Nov. 19th 2022

THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

Darren Adams **Donald Adams** Jeanette Bauer **Bill Beaumont** Barbara Blinn Patrick Butler Peggy Call Leslie Colby Marjorie Cortez Doreen Cowden Pat Currier **Eldon Davis** Toni Drucker **Robert Flandermeyer** Wendy Galde Cathy Guy Michele Hare Phil Henry Mary Lou Hensley Werner Hoehenrieder **Brittany Hunt** Maryann Iodence Jennifer

Rusty Jump Carolyn Kenworthy Margret Kram Vivian Mazeski Marilyn MacLean Gene Michel Jessica Morse Lisa Nolan Nancy Pinney Howard Powers Priscilla Lynette Randerson Sherry Rupp Pamela Sage **Bob Simmons** Marie Slack Pat Sneath Bill St. John Dina Takahama **Bob Weber Jill White** Roger White Helen Wikle **Betty Witchey**

THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

James Kuntz (Sorani), US Navy on the USS Scranton. Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Commander Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. with the Air Force Reserve. .

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: CHILDREN & YOUTH

The Sunday school program has seen an increase in children during the fall. There are a few more families with children attending the service and now the children feel comfortable to join Kristi Gray and Judy Clarke for Sunday School. The craft projects follow the children's bulletin and they are well received. Family Movie Night on Friday, November 18 was a success. There were a few minutes for the kids to play with the magnetic building blocks and puzzle solving followed by a pizza dinner. Kristi took the kids down to the Sunday School room to explain the program and showed them several of the crafts that had been completed on previous Sundays. Each child received an Advent calendar and they were invited back on any Sunday. The highlight of the night was the Disney movie, CARS. Everyone including the volunteers enjoyed the funny, colorful movie. Popcorn prepared by Nita Pinney was a huge hit (how does she consistently make perfect popcorn?). A cup of ice cream with whipped cream and chocolate sauce ended the night. It was a small group but everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. On February 10, we will start up the Parent's Night Out again after a long break. Of course, this will depend on health issues which continue to be a challenge. This event lets parents of children from ages 3-10 have a few hours to go out to dinner or do some shopping. The Rosebud Preschool parents are already looking forward to this evening. We are starting to plan VBS for the week of June 12-16, 2023 from 9am-noon. The theme is Fruits of the Spirit with an emphasis on ecology and God's message to save the planet. We are looking for volunteers already —this doesn't work without help from our members. We will keep you posted.

Barbara Basham, Co-chair

Scriptures and Sermons

for January/February

January 8th - Epiphany Sunday Isaiah 60: 1-5 and Matthew 2:1-12 Sermon: Epiphany: 12th Day of Christmas

January 15th - Second Sunday After Epiphany Psalm 40: 1-11 and John 1: 35-42 Sermon: Come and See

January 22nd - Third Sunday after Epiphany Psalm 27:1, 4-9 and Matthew 4: 12-22 Sermon: Jesus the Great Fisherman

January 29th - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Micah 6:1-8 and Matthew 5:1-12 Sermon: Rejoice and Be Glad

February 5th - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Psalm 112:1-9 (10) and Matthew 5:13-20 Sermon: **Are you Salty**?

February 12th - Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Psalm 119:1-8 and 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Sermon: **YOU are God's Field**

February 19th - Transfiguration Sunday Psalm 99 and Matthew 17:1-9 Sermon: **Transfigured by God**

February 22nd - Ash Wednesday Psalm 51:1-17 and Isaiah 58:1-12 Sermon: **Be a Repairer**

February 26th - First Sunday in Lent Psalm 32 and Matthew 4:1-11

A BIG THANK YOU

to Steve Yeager and Lindsay Olsen for sharing their photography talents with our church.

We appreciate all you do!



Worship & Arts Committee

Happy New Year from The Worship & Arts Committee! They are looking forward to spiritually and artistically inspiring 2023! Please see future bulletins and Emails for upcoming events.

The PC Players are announcing the Good News to the world in their production of " A Shepherd's Story".







Check out the beautiful crèches on display this Christmas Season



The Power of Deliverance

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Understanding Your IDENTITY & POWER of FREEDOM in CHRIST

Free Workshop and Refreshments

> Jan 7, Saturday 5pm -9pm 2500 Patio Ct, Santa Rosa churchoftheroses.org

Hosted By: Taimalietane Hula Ministry



Keynote Speaker Liza Moreno



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At Church of the Roses

2500 Patio Ct, Santa Rosa



It's Not Too Late!

There are a few of the 70th Anniversary

Pick up a new shirt from the church office for just a donation of \$16 each!





Church of the Roses is listed as one of the

TOP 9 CHURCHES in Santa Rosa by Jesse Lovan of Mentor Moving.

Check out their blog: https://mentorsmoving.com/blog/ churches-in-santa-rosa-ca/

