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We are Resurrecting the Spirit of Nurturing Love for All



Highlights for Lent

April 2 – Palm Sunday
April 6 – Maundy Thursday
April 7 – Good Friday –
Requiem Concert
April 9 – Easter Sunday

Upcoming Events

3/04 – Sacred Space, 5pm
3/11 – Presbyterian Women, 10am
3/14 – PW Quilting, 10am
3/16 – ZOOM Book Club, 2:30pm
3/18 – PCOR Men's Group, 8am
3/28 – Session Meeting, 6pm
4/01 – Sacred Space, 5pm
4/02 – Palm Sunday Service, 10am
4/02 – One Great Hour of Sharing
4/06 – Maundy Thursday
4/07 – Good Friday – Requiem Concert, 2pm
4/08 – Presbyterian Women, 10am
4/09 – Easter Sunday Service, 10am
4/11 – PW Quilting, 10am
4/15 – PCOR Men's Group, 8am
4/20 – ZOOM Book Club, 2:30pm
4/23 – Earth Day Sunday
4/25 – Session Meeting, 6pm

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.



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

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Time for Lent and Easter 2023

By Pastor Cindy



"Time is what we want most but what we use worst." - William Penn

It seems time has sped up! Maybe it is due to the slow pace we had to take as we waded through the pandemic? Now that we survived it (thanks be to God) time is speeding up as we make up for lost time!

How do we make the most of the time we have left before heaven?

Here are some ideas:

- Join a vigil and stand for justice as a group of us did for the family of Tyre Nichols. (Our church representatives who attended the Love & Light sponsored vigil at the Unity sculpture in Courthouse Square are in this photo above.)
- Join the Monday night Bible Study on zoom and learn more about how the Biblical stories were developed to flow as narrative literature.
- Attend worship services all through Lent and Easter. Make a commitment to attend every Sunday and the special services like: Sacred Space

(the first Saturdays) Maundy Thursday, Good Friday's Requiem concert, and Easter Sunday morning.

- Help with the Montgomery High School breakfast once a month.
- Help plan the Vacation Bible School to be held the 2nd week of June.
- Give 10% more than your usual gift to help the church deficit disappear.
- Volunteer to help at the Spring Fling fundraiser on May 13th.
- Assist teaching Sunday school once a month.
- Join the choir and Carol Menke will enhance your musical life.
- Invite your neighbors to church and share the benefits of a life of faith.
- Become a Deacon. Enjoy reaching out with nurturing love.

The Church of the Roses is alive and blooming. We are so blessed to have such a talented group of volunteer leaders and paid staff!

There is so much to be grateful for!



Our officer training, new members joining, and the annual report show we are thriving! We hope you will take advantage of all the "offerings" of worship services, concerts, events, and classes this Spring. Listen to KSRO 103.5 FM Sundays at 7:30am.

Join our church's outreach work to give your life more purpose. March and April will be especially blessed months for PCOR. We will wave palm branches on Palm Sunday and lay flowers on the cross in our front yard on Easter Sunday. On Easter morning we will be so excited to say:

"He is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!"

April 2nd: Palm Sunday

April 6th: Maundy Thursday (when Jesus washed his disciples' feet)

April 7th: A Good Friday Requiem

April 9th: Easter Sunday *"Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes."* (James 4: 14)



JANUARY, 2023 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Session met on January 23, 2023. Here are the highlights of the meeting:

- Approved four new members: John & Patty Sanders, and Jean & Anthony Lim. They were formally welcomed by the congregation on February 12.
- Building & Grounds advised that the new carpeting for the sanctuary is expected within the next few weeks. Our new roof is to be installed beginning March 1.
- Christian Education noted that our first Parents Night Out in three years was scheduled for February 10. The final result was 43 children attending, aided by 13 adult volunteers.
- Church & World advised that 2 Montgomery High School students are volunteering for the breakfast program. They have again applied to have the church be recognized as an Earth Care Congregation
- Fellowship noted that our Spring Fling is scheduled for May 13, which will include wine tasting, a fashion show by The Bird's Nest featuring Margie Donaldson's fabulous hat collection, a lunch, and silent auction. Cost is only \$20!
- Finance reported a net ordinary income loss of \$67K in 2022. The total net income for 2022 was a loss of \$75,819, which included an Employee Retention Tax Credit of \$32,745. (Thank you to Nancy Morgan for her work in obtaining this grant!) However, included in this total are extraordinary repair and capital expenses of \$34,970 which were paid from our capital reserve funds, not operating funds. Thus the true net loss for the year was \$40,750. Of note are the increased costs of the Montgomery breakfast program, which are being addressed with adjustments to the menu, as well as seeking specific donations or grants. The budget for 2023 projects a loss of \$35K. Chair Bill Nakata is preparing a PowerPoint presentation for the Annual Meeting
- Nominating said that two Deacons are needed. Subsequently, two of our new members, John & Patty Sanders, stepped up to volunteer!
- Personnel reported meeting with Kristy Gray, who graciously accepted her position being eliminated. Chris Rhodes noted that through her efforts, we now have 3 wonderful new volunteers for the weekly MHS breakfast from 100 Black Men
- Worship noted our Ash Wednesday service on February 22 at 5:30 PM, and other Lenten activities that will follow.

Special Session meeting on February 9, 2023 highlights:

- Approved acceptance of an anonymous challenge donation of up to \$7,500 if matched by March 11, for a Staff Appreciation Fund, recognizing that the 2023 budget did not include raises for staff. This fund will be distributed as determined by Session once all donations have been received.

Linda Burille, Clerk of Session



Church of the Roses

AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 HATS

May 13, 2023

11:30am-3:00pm



Our Spring Fling is a fund raiser to support our community outreach programs including:

Montgomery High School Breakfast Program

Snacks for the Boys and Girls Club

Community Garden

Support of our Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops as well as a 4-H Club

Council on Aging

TICKETS

\$20 in advance

\$25 at the door

\$200 VIP table for 6

Tickets go on sale the end of March

ENTERTAINMENT

Silent Auction

Fashion Show by The Bird's Nest

Wine Tasting

SILENT AUCTION

The estate of one of our members, Marjory Donaldson, has graciously contributed her hat collection to us. In her honor and memory our theme this year is AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 HATS.

The donated hats will be available for purchase through direct sale or via the silent auction.

Donations of new and gently used items for the silent auction as well as gift certificates are greatly appreciated. All items donated to the silent auction are tax deductible.



CHURCH EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

Church of the Roses presents:

Requiem

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Good Friday Concert
April 7, 2023 · 7:30 pm

Carol Menke, Conductor
Cantiamo Sonoma & Church of the Roses Chancel Choir
with Orchestra

Church of the Roses
2500 Patio Court
Santa Rosa, CA

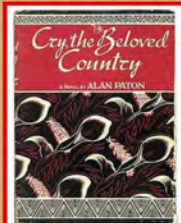
Suggested Donation
(taken at the door)



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

Cry The Beloved Country

by Alan Paton



It tells the story of a father's journey from rural South Africa to the city of Johannesburg in search of his son.

Jeanne will have copies of the novel.

Zoom Book Club
Thursday, April 20 2:30 p.m.

Murder in the Morgue

by Ngaio Marsh & Stella Duffy



An Inspector Alleyn adventure
set in New Zealand

See Jeanne for Books

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 up at 707-217-6226 or email at linda.lance31@gmail.com.

Thank you and see you on Sunday!



Bible Study for Lent


We are leaving Moses and the Hebrew people on their 40 year trek through the wilderness for

A Study of the Gospels



Professor Koester is still our guide.

Mondays on Zoom at 7:00

Mark: Feb. 27 and March 6
Matthew: March 13
Luke: March 20
John: March 27 and April 3



MONDAYS
ON ZOOM
AT 7:00 P.M.

Back to the wilderness

APRIL 17 and 24
MAY 1, 8 and 22
MAY 22
JUNE 5

to the Promised Land

Prof. Craig Koester is back with more Old Testament Scripture.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Presbyterian's Finest Hour!

It's coming up
April 2, 2023

Let's do our part!

PROVIDING RELIEF FROM NATURAL DISASTERS

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

SUPPORT FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES

SACRED SPACE

EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT IN A NEW WAY

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
5-6 PM



A Boomers Blooming Spring

BOOMERS in MARCH



Ever wonder just how the tides impact our bay and delta?

This is a working hydraulic model of the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento – San Joaquin River Delta System.

Pretty cool to stand and hover as water flows around you!

After the tour, we will meet at Mollie Stone's market and enjoy a picnic style lunch.

WHEN: Saturday, March 18th Meet in PCOR parking lot at 10:00am Bay Model in Sausalito at 11:00 am.

WHERE: Leave PCOR and drive to Bay Model Visitor Center – 2100 Bridgeway in Sausalito

MORE INFO: <http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Bay-Model-Visitor-Center/>

WHAT TO BRING: Curiosity to know how our S.F.B.A. system works.

HOST: Andy Kawecki kaweckiandrew@gmail.com

BOOMERS in APRIL



Mark Your Calendar – April 22nd

Are you a *TUROPHILE* ? A connoisseur of cheese

For the LOVE of CHEESES ! Cheese tour and Tastings along the Sonoma and Marin County Cheese Trail

We'll start from PCOR at 10:00 am and trek out from there in search for the perfect petite fromage.

Picnic Lunch along the way at one of the fabulous foodie facilities.

WHEN: Saturday, April 22nd : Earth Day !
What better to go taste and explore

WHERE: Leave PCOR at 10:00 am

WHAT TO BRING: Appetite for Cheese !

HOST: Joy Olsen olsen@sonic.net



A Boomers' Blessing

The Boomers/Girl Scout Blessing Bags event was a big success! 280 bags were created!

All had a fun time and enjoyed pizza and ice cream after the work together. Please be sure to pick some up to distribute to those in need!



MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL EVENT

Montgomery High School Alumni Foundation

Don't Miss Out - Make Your Reservation NOW!

8th Annual Polenta Event and Fund Raiser

WHEN: March 25, 2023.

WHERE: Presbyterian Church of the Roses - A new venue location

2500 Patio Court - Montgomery Village

WHAT: Polenta Dinner and Auction

\$35 per person includes:

ALL YOU CAN EAT POLENTA: with meat sauce or marinara, appetizers, salad with bread, and dessert.

NO HOST wine and beer bar

Silent Auction

Parking by Lucky Market on Hahman Drive

TAKE OUT is available!

You can reserve your place one of two ways:

Online

www.polenta23.eventbrite.com

By Check (send by 3/15)

Payee: Montgomery Vikings Alumni Foundation

Address: PO Box 1581, Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Provide: your name, # of attendees, the type of sauce (meat or marinara), and if you will dine in or take out.



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.

CHURCH & WORLD



Your Church and World Committee is already swirling with ideas in discussion for missions, outreach and taking care of God's creation! Your thoughts and input are always welcomed. This Committee meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.

As we say thank you to Norm Smith as our outgoing Chair for the Church and World Committee, we also say thank you for him remaining on the Committee, along with Anita Pinney, Jonathan Steele, Guy Cottle, Chris Rhodes, Norm Smith, Pastor Cindy and myself.

Here are some Church and World Committee's highlights:

- Thank you, Guy Cottle, along with Committee members, in completing and submitting the Earth Care Congregation Application which surveyed how the church was keeping to its Earth Care pledge, i.e., using compostable plates at the Montgomery High

School breakfast, using LED lighting, having drip irrigation on our outdoor plants, and going on the Blue Theology Mission in Pacific Grove to learn about caring for our ocean. The application has been processed and the congregation was congratulated on its good work in protecting our earth. The Committee is delighted that the Session has approved installing solar panels for the church this year.



- The Montgomery High School Breakfast has had an increase of hungry and grateful students—up to 200 per day. Donations have come in specifically for eggs and more donations of chicken tenders were added for extra protein in the burritos.
- The Committee will be hosting a presentation from the Rapid Response Network of the Climate Center in the Rose Room after service on Sunday, February 26th, 11:30 a.m. A light lunch will be served. The Rapid Response Network group will also be tabling on Sundays to discuss solutions with the congregation about our climate crisis.
- The Committee voted on sponsoring two Boy Scouts of Troop 135 to attend a Youth Leadership Training Program.
- One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be during Lent season on April 2nd and 9th.
- The Committee is in discussion on potential local mission activities this spring, i.e., taking part in a Habitat for Humanity build and local clean-ups of parks, streams, rivers and beaches (watch for more to follow). Please share your ideas with us!

I feel blessed to be part of such a remarkable church community who care so much for all of God's creation.

Blessings and peace,

Rhonda Darrow, Chair (2023-2025) Church and World Committee

ROSEBUD PRESCHOOL



Happy spring from Rosebud Preschool. The walls are buzzing with laughter and high energy as these children are growing like weeds. We would like to congratulate Ms. Karen and her family as well as welcome to the world Hayden. Mom, baby, and family are doing great. The families are still blooming with conversation on how much fun the "Parents Night Out" went. We had 43 children. 80% of current or alumni children. Wow, how amazing!

A friendly reminder we will be closed for spring break March 20th through the 24th.

Rosebud Preschool children and teachers wish everyone a happy, safe, and healthy Easter.



YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Sunday School Program has seen children in attendance most Sundays.



On February 10th, the first **Parent's Night Out** since late 2019 was a huge success. We had 43 children ranging in ages from 2 to 11 and not one cried when parents left or picked them up. We started with a Valentine's art project in the Sunday school rooms and then moved into Bowen Hall for play time and dinner. After dinner we ambled to the Rose Room for a Charlie Brown short film. All 43 watched and laughed in unison until their parents picked them up. The parents were very appreciative and wanted to know when we would have another PNO evening. The committee will be setting a date in late March or April. Stayed tuned. We had excellent volunteers for the evening. Miss Amber from the preschool directed the 43 children from one event to the next with amazing ease.

We are having planning meetings now for 2023 VBS for the week of June 12-16, from 9- noon. The theme: Using the Fruits of the Spirits to Help Care for our Planet. We are looking for volunteers already—this doesn't work without help from our members. Please contact either Diane Osten or myself in Bowen Hall after church or by e-mail (Diane petmom@sonic.net; Barbbasham@comcast.net) to discuss how to help this event.

Barbara Basham, Co-chair

AUDIT COMMITTEE



COUNTING PROCEDURES

As part of the procedures for counting funds received by the church, either from offerings or special gifts such as Alternative Christmas, etc., all loose checks received are documented with Pew Prep Slips filled out by the counters, that show the purpose, the name of the donor, the amount, and the envelope number of the donor if applicable. The counter must look up each such donation to try to match an envelope number, which can be very time-consuming.

In the future, procedures for special collections, such as Alternative Christmas, will be adjusted to include envelope number on the donation slip. You, too, can help by including your envelope number on any loose checks you submit to the church. If you forget your assigned envelope, use a Pew Envelope and put your regular envelope number on the Pew Envelope.

These small steps can streamline the counting process, and ensure accurate accounting of your donations.

Linda Burille on behalf of the Audit Committee.



PCOR MEN'S GROUP

PCOR MEN'S GROUP MEETING

March 18th and April 15th
8:00am – 9:45am

BOWEN HALL



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 March 18th and April 15th!

Peace & blessings

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

MUSIC DIRECTOR

From the Director of Music ...

We couldn't be more thrilled to announce that we have a new choir member ~ Anthony Lim! And if that's not enough ... we also have two new members of *Bellissimo* ~ Cindy Goede and Jim Taylor! This is a wonderful way to start the new year. If you want to add some music (and fun!) into your life, consider join us!

carol@churchoftheroses.org

The choir continues to stretch itself musically and is learning more new pieces all the time. The new wood floor has added a dimension to the acoustical properties of the room that is wonderfully satisfying for the singers. We have gotten lots of feedback on the improvement on the sound and volume of the choir. Both the choir and *Bellissimo* are working on some new music for the season of Lent.

We just had our "Young Aspiring Musicians" concert and it was a wonderful afternoon of music. These young people played beautifully and they (and their teachers) were thrilled for the opportunity to play in our church. They also remarked on the excellent acoustics. This concert is going to be offered every year to students that are committed to honing their craft and possibly even becoming professional musicians. But next time I won't plan it on Super Bowl Sunday!

The next concert on the series is the **Good Friday Concert**. This year we will be offering John Rutter's lovely *Requiem*. The choral ensemble, *Cantiamo Sonoma*, some members of the Chancel Choir, and members of the community will join us once again, and there will be a small chamber orchestra. Scored for flute, oboe, cello, harp, glockenspiel, timpani, and organ, the *Requiem* was written in 1985 and was dedicated to the memory of Rutter's father, who died the previous year. The *Requiem* does not adhere strictly to the conventional Catholic liturgy, but combines texts from the Requiem Mass and the Book of Common Prayer. Though it necessarily has its dark moments, it is optimistic in its message of hope and comfort, expressed through the beauty of the chosen texts and Rutter's uplifting music. It is considered his most beautiful and exquisite composition. 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.

And then ... on Easter morning we are preparing some choruses from Händel's *Messiah*, and we have invited trumpeter Tom Hyde to join us. He and Althea will regale us with festive music for trumpet and organ – it promises to be a wonderful Easter!!!

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



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DEACON NEWS

We are thrilled to welcome PATTY and JOHN SANDERS, MELISSA HENRY and KRISTY GALDE as our new Deacons. Together they bring a wealth of experience to our Board. They each have a passion to help others. They have been assigned various members of the congregation as their buddies.

This year so far we have donated money to the Montgomery High School Breakfast Program to help pay for food since the price of food has risen. The Wellness and Advice Center also received funds as well as the 100 Black Men Program, which supplies scholarship's, and donates food and services for people in the community. Several folk from this organization have also been helping serve Breakfast at our Montgomery High School Breakfast. We also donated funds to Kristy Grays's NuBridge Program which helps young adults and seniors in need. The Redwood Gospel Mission which serves hot meals to the homeless and distributes food and clothes to those in need and NAMI which is a Mental Health Organization received funds. The Deacons will join with the Worship Committee to provide a soup supper at our Maundy Thursday Service on April 6. We will wash the hands of the participants just as Jesus washed the feet of the Disciples before He was betrayed. This is a very emotional and moving worship service and we encourage all of you to participate. ~ Your Deacon Board



Finance Committee

Our solar project is underway. We will install 74 solar panels and the applications have been submitted to PG&E and the Santa Rosa Building Department. After the new roof is installed in March 2023, the solar system will be installed. Some donations for the solar project have already started and we welcome your financial support. Please indicate "Solar" on your check or envelope. Thank you.

The 2023 PCOR Budget was approved without any employee raises. An anonymous member has challenged the membership to contribute to an Employee Appreciation Fund. **The anonymous member will match 1:1 all Employee Appreciation donations up to \$7,500! We have until March 11, 2023**

to enjoy this 1:1 match. Please support the wonderful PCOR employees by indicating "Employee Appreciation" on your check or envelope. Thank you again.

The above programs are above the normal tithe or giving. Your financial support, small or large, will be impactful.

Prayerfully submitted,

Bill Nakata, on behalf of the Finance Committee

PCOR Employee Appreciation (as of 02/20/2023)



MEMBERSHIP



Welcome to new members John and Patty Sanders, and Anthony and Jean Lim plus their children, Josh and Julia. We look forward to knowing all of you better and are thrilled you have join us at Church of the Roses! Do you know the difference between Greeters and Ushers? You may be surprised to find out that each position has a unique set of duties.

Greeters are posted before Sunday service in the Narthex and in Campbell Court to provide Visitor Bags, give directions to the Sanctuary, bathrooms and Bowen Hall. They may briefly explain how the service works, especially for those with children who may leave after Children's moment to go to Sunday school. Greeters answer questions, encourage visitors to complete a Connect card so that we can include them in our weekly emails, and generally help new people feel welcome at Church of the Roses. To be a wonderful Greeter, one only needs to be available one Sunday a month.

Greeters are not responsible for handing out the order of service nor collecting the offering. Ushers handle those duties each week.

The Membership Committee needs more friendly faces to greet visitors before Sunday service. We would love to staff the Bowen Hall parking lot door and Campbell court, and even to expand to the Montgomery Village parking lot in good weather. If you are interested, please let the church office know and one of the Membership committee members will follow up with you!

Respectfully submitted by Kim Seamans

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Recently, there has been a lot of activity with Building and Grounds. While we reported on much of it in the Annual Report we'd like to give you an update:

- A new furnace and air conditioner has been installed for the Rose and Choir Rooms as well as Campbell Court and the Library.
 - The wall heater in the Choir Room has been repaired and returned to service.
 - Both the Narthex and Chancel flooring projects have been completed and, though we may be biased, we think both turned out great.
 - We literally ran into a snag with the new carpeting for the Sanctuary. Apparently a one-hundred foot roll of carpet snagged something and was damaged in transit. This wasn't discovered until the contractor was preparing for installation. They determined there was not enough to finish the job and were unable to find additional carpet from the same dye lot so the entire 2000+ square feet has to be re-run from scratch back in Dalton, GA. We are hopeful it will arrive soon but no firm date as yet.
 - Currently we are scheduled for roof replacement for all shingled surfaces of the property. This is a very large job and includes new gutters, skylights, and roof vents. We are looking to mid-March, but the work is subject to the weather.
 - The asphalt areas in the preschool playground are being replaced with a poured in place rubber product that will be a considerable improvement for the kids.
 - As the weather improves we will be working on landscaping both the area where the outdoor stage was removed and the area at the southwest corner of the property.
- That's all for now. Stay tuned.



PRAYER REQUESTS

UPCOMING MEMORIALS

NO UPCOMING MEMORIALS

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**The family and friends of Kay Young as they mourn her passing. You may send cards to: Marissa Alden Johnson, 1906 N 12th St., Boise ID 83702*

THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

Darren Adams	Jennifer
Donald Adams	Rusty Jump
Shirley Anderson	Carolyn Kenworthy
Greg Basham	Margret Kram
Jeff Basham	Vivian Mazeski
Jeanette Bauer	Marilyn MacLean
Jim Bauer	Gene Michel
Bill Beaumont	Jessica Morse
Barbara Blinn Patrick	Lisa Nolan
Butler	Diane Pierce
Peggy Call	Nancy Pinney
Leslie Colby	Howard Powers
Marjorie Cortez	Priscilla
Doreen Cowden	Lynette Randerson
Pat Currier	Sherry Rupp
Eldon Davis	Pamela Sage
Toni Drucker	Raymond Skipp
Robert Flandermeyer	Bob Simmons
Wendy Galde	Marie Slack
Cathy Guy	Bill St. John
Michele Hare	Dina Takahama
Phil Henry Mary Lou	Jill White
Hensley	Roger White
Werner Hoehenrieder	Helen Wikle
Brittany Hunt	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Maryann Iodence	

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.

Scriptures and Sermons

for March and April

March 5th - Second Sunday in Lent - Communion

Scriptures: Psalm 121 and John 3: 1-17

Sermon: Jesus Does Not Condemn

March 12th - Third Sunday in Lent

Scriptures: Psalm 95: 1-6 and John 4: 5-34

Sermon: Drink the Living Water

March 19th - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Psalm 23 and John 9: 1-33.

Sermon: The Blind Now See

March 26th - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Scripture: Psalm 130 and John 11: 1-45

Sermon: Living in Eternal Life

April 2nd - Palm Sunday - Communion

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 and Matthew 21: 1-11

Sermon: The Most Famous Donkey

April 6th - Maundy Thursday 5:30pm

Scripture: John 13:1-17, 31b-35, Communion, Soup Supper

April 7th - Good Friday Requiem Concert 7:30pm

April 9th - Easter Sunday!

Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 and John 20: 1-18

Sermon: Our Savior is Risen!

April 16th - Second Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Psalm 16 and John 20:19-31

Sermon: Jesus Cares for the Doubters

April 23rd - Third Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 and Luke 24:13-35

Sermon: Open Your Eyes

April 30th - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47 and John 10: 1-10

Sermon: Abundant Life - Free

A BIG THANK YOU

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

We appreciate all you do!

DEVOTIONAL by Dave Nelson

This is from an obscure writer. Middle to late January can be a very dreary time with days of short sunshine and lots of foul weather. Much like what has happened in Northern California in this the year of our lord, 2023. There is a great temptation to crawl into bed much earlier than later months, especially if one is fortunate to own an electric blanket. Is there anything better than to hop into a toasty bed? Truly, one of life's greatest pleasures. And to wake to the smell of hot coffee brewing in the pre-set electric coffee maker. Also, one of life's great pleasures. While drinking that coffee back in my warm bed, I start to think about spring time. Will it ever arrive? I can't keep doing this same early to bed, hot coffee routine. The other day, I was walking near a lake shortly after the rains had stopped and the air had that cool, crisp, sweet smell to it. I saw it! For just a fleeting moment. Something blue flitted past. I tracked it down and, there it was: A beautiful western bluebird sitting on one of the tall branches. Not a big ugly blue jay, but a delicate little bluebird about the size of a sparrow. I thought then that spring was starting to arrive and there was hope that winter was on its way out. But, could I really think that one marvelous little bird could be sending me such a message? Later in the day, I was walking near a grove of trees, with the sun at my back. And there it was: a very large acacia tree in full yellow bloom, made even more spectacular by the sun coming over my shoulder. I had proof. Spring had arrived. I know there are skeptical readers, who think we have two more months of winter. It's not true. I had proof. A full-bloom acacia tree and a very pretty western bluebird are all I need. I choose to believe god wanted me to see them. Keep your eyes open for your signs.

Heavenly Father, please keep sending us all signs to remind us that there really are seasons and that spring is on its way. We in northern California are truly blessed with abundant nature, for which we are all grateful. Amen



Worship & Arts Committee

My To-Do List this Lenten season:

- ☒ Read Lenten Devotional daily
- ☒ Order Memorial Easter flowers
- ☒ April 2 – Palm Sunday worship service
- ☒ April 6 - Maundy Thursday, soup dinner and communion service
- ☒ April 7 - Good Friday – Rutter Requiem Concert, 7:30 pm
- ☒ April 9 - Easter Sunday

2023 Lenten Devotionals

Inward Work for Outward Living

Your Worship Committee offers you a lovely Daily Devotional from The Presbyterian Outlook.

These daily Lent devotions combine the practices of examen – honest assessment and reflection – with meditation, visualization and short prayers. The prayers can be used as mantras or breath prayers: breathe in praying the first phrase, breathe out praying the last.

Pick up a printed copy of your Lenten Devotional from an Usher, or download a digital copy for your use at:

<https://www.churchoftheroses.org/wp-content/uploads/Lenten-Devotional-Book-Large-compressed.pdf>

Or click the image below:



PCOR Ushers are ready to bring in Spring!





ROSE CLIPPINGS RECIPES

This letter's recipe was shared by Raven Duchscherer

Cheese Crisps

A perfect accompaniment to your charcuterie board, these deliciously cheesy, crunchy crackers were made by Jeanne Nussmeier recently and served at fellowship time.

With a hand mixer, combine 1 cup (2sticks) of unsalted butter, softened and 2 ½ cups shredded extra-sharp cheddar cheese until blended. (*I use salted butter and don't add any as called for below*) Make sure the butter is soft or blending is tough.

In another bowl whisk together 2 cups flour, ¾ tsp salt and ½ tsp of cayenne pepper. Gradually add to the cheese mixture until combined and stir in 2 ½ cups crisp rice cereal. (*I actually reverse this and add flour to cheese mixture to save cleaning another bowl*)

Turn onto a light floured surface and knead to form a stiff dough. (It's a pretty dry mixture before the kneading)

Divide dough in half and shape into 2- 7" rolls. Wrap and refrigerate 1 hr. or overnight. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line two baking sheets with parchment paper or coat with non-stick cooking spray. Unwrap and cut dough crosswise into ¼ " slices. Place one inch apart (optional- top each slice with a pecan half).

Bake 14-16 min, until edges are golden brown. Remove from pans to wire racks to cool. Makes 4 1/2 – 5 dozen yummy delights!

