



Seasons Greetings!

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES
November/December 2023

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Embracing the Divine Light of Jesus!



MEET THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR PCOR FAMILY!

Jessica Arriola, Janet Larson, Sheldon Erkkila, David & DJ Kellam, Vickie Maxwell, Chandler Benton, Pam Silva
(not pictured: Kamala Wolf and Maci Luu Kellam)

What
child
is this?

THE PERFECT GIFT

Celebrate the Advent/Christmas Season with us!

- Nov. 29th 5pm Christmas Craft Night (all ages)
- Dec. 3, 13, 20 -7pm "The Chosen" Advent Study
- Dec. 16th 3pm Christmas Caroling/Pot Luck
- Dec. 17th 4pm Christmas Concert- FREE!!
- Dec. 24th 10am Worship Service
7pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

JOIN US FOR 2 GRIEF SUPPORT SESSIONS
ON 11/18 & 11/25, 4PM
IN THE ROSE ROOM
Led by

Pastors Lynne and Cindy

RSVP with the Office

THE SEASON OF HOPE

By Pastor Cindy

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”

(Martin Luther King, Jr.)

I attended a clergy retreat at the Zephyr Point Presbyterian Camp South Lake Tahoe. The theme was on hope. It was perfect timing because our world needs hope and love now more than ever with the wars raging, and the climate change destruction affecting all of us in some way. Yet, Nature is resilient.



The Season of Thanksgiving and Advent/Christmastime are naturally seasons of hope. When we list what we are grateful for we automatically feel hopeful. When we enter into the magic of the Advent and Christmas season, remembering the hope in the Lord that came to be through the birth of a child, we can't help but believe in miracles. I love that quote by Albert Einstein when he said:

**“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle.
The other is as though everything is a miracle.”**

Sometimes we might think it is silly to believe in a virgin birth bringing the savior into our world. But no matter how it happened (or if the details of the story are not scientifically verifiable), the Christmas story still has the power to bring us out of a dark cold despair into a light of hope and faith. The beauty of the story, the inspiration of a strong young peasant woman, the fortitude of her faithful husband, and the adoration of the babe by the lowly shepherds all help bring about hope and love incarnate to our world again today.

Allow your mind to ponder the miraculous and the hopeful this season. Give yourself the gift of a break from the sadness and focus on what you can do for those around you who may need your hope and faith to buoy their spirits. Give Alternative Gifts for Christmas instead of “stuff.” Bring your friends and family to church on Christmas Eve at 10am or 7pm.

Jesus was in the business of loving, forgiving, healing, teaching, and bringing hope to a downtrodden world. His birth was truly a gift for us all. Share that gift with others and help them see that the wars and the earth changes will not overcome the goodness of God. We will overcome if we strive to bring peace, hope, and love to all this Christmas! Hallelujah!

The Prince of Peace is born!

Pastor Cindy led a group of 10 Boomers to the animal rescue center: GOATLANDIA in Sebastopol. We had a wonderful day and learned new facts about goats, earth sustaining plant-based diet, and that pigs have brain cognition similar to that of a small child. Our encounters with goats and other rescues were special. We encourage everyone to go visit and support their rescue mission!



MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM THE SESSION

In the Clerk's Report to Session, the church's cumulative membership for 2023 increased by a net of 12 members, with a total of 19 new members, including 10 affirmed in September.

Pastor Cindy and Associate Pastor Lynn Vandercook will host two grief sessions on 11/18 and 11/25, focusing on "Surviving the Holidays."

Action Items: Approved an expenditure to Santa Rosa Fire Equipment for the repair of a leaking sprinkler head in a Campbell Court restroom, with costs ranging from \$957 to \$1,557.

COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Building & Grounds: Power washing is complete, and exterior painting is underway, starting at the Spring St. entrance.

Christian Education: Adult Bible study continues through 11/15. An Advent study based on "The Chosen" begins on 12/6, and Christmas Crafts Night is scheduled for 11/29 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM.

Church & World: Serving over 100 burritos daily at the MHS breakfast, seeking additional funding sources. The Pentecost Offering is used for the breakfast. The Doran Beach clean-up was a success, and Alternative Christmas funds will be collected in the first two weeks of December.

Fellowship: Upcoming events include Trunk or Treat on 10/31, Scout Sunday on 11/05, and Stewardship Luncheon on 11/12. Fellowship hour sign-ups are available through 11/19.

Finance: Despite a \$16K deficit, we are ahead of the budgeted deficit of \$27K through September. The Stewardship letter will be mailed this week.

Nominating: Still in need of a new Elder to lead the Worship Committee. Ellen is attending other committee meetings for familiarization.

Personnel: Direct deposit for staff salaries is now in place.

Worship: Liturgist training will be held on 10/15, and three new members have joined the liturgist team. Food collection for REFB will occur on 11/12, 11/19, and 11/26. A Christmas concert is scheduled for 12/17 at 4:00 PM.

The next meeting is on 11/28, with a potluck at Pastor Cindy's home on 12/19.

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee recently gathered to celebrate a shining example of commitment within our congregation, and now, we're excited to share the latest news and upcoming plans with you!

Celebrating Dedication: On October 15, our Fellowship Committee came together to recognize the incredible dedication and guidance of the Finance Committee in overseeing the Church's financial operations. With heartfelt gratitude, we enjoyed a delightful spread of cake and goodies during our Fellowship gathering. To the Finance Committee, we extend our warmest thanks for your unwavering support and hard work.

Mark Your Calendars: On November 12, we invite you to join us for a heartwarming Stewardship Lunch! Get ready to indulge in a scrumptious turkey casserole and savor the sweetness of pumpkin pie after the service. An RSVP will be on its way soon, so keep an eye out to secure your spot for this delightful feast. It's a chance for us to come together, share a meal, and deepen our bonds.



Calling All Volunteers: We're reaching out to our wonderful community for some assistance. We still need enthusiastic volunteers to help us provide snacks and goodies during our cherished Fellowship Hour. Whether you'd like to bring some delectable treats or lend a hand with setup and cleanup, your contribution will be highly appreciated. There's a sign-up sheet available for you to express your willingness. We also want to express our gratitude to those who generously contribute to our donations jar, which helps us maintain the tradition of our social hour.

Your support and participation are what make our fellowship so warm and welcoming. Together, we create a vibrant and thriving community where bonds grow stronger with every gathering.

Let's continue to share our love and joy within the Church, making each fellowship event a memorable experience. We look forward to seeing you on November 12 for the Stewardship Lunch and beyond as we unite in gratitude, celebration, and service.

The Finance Committee

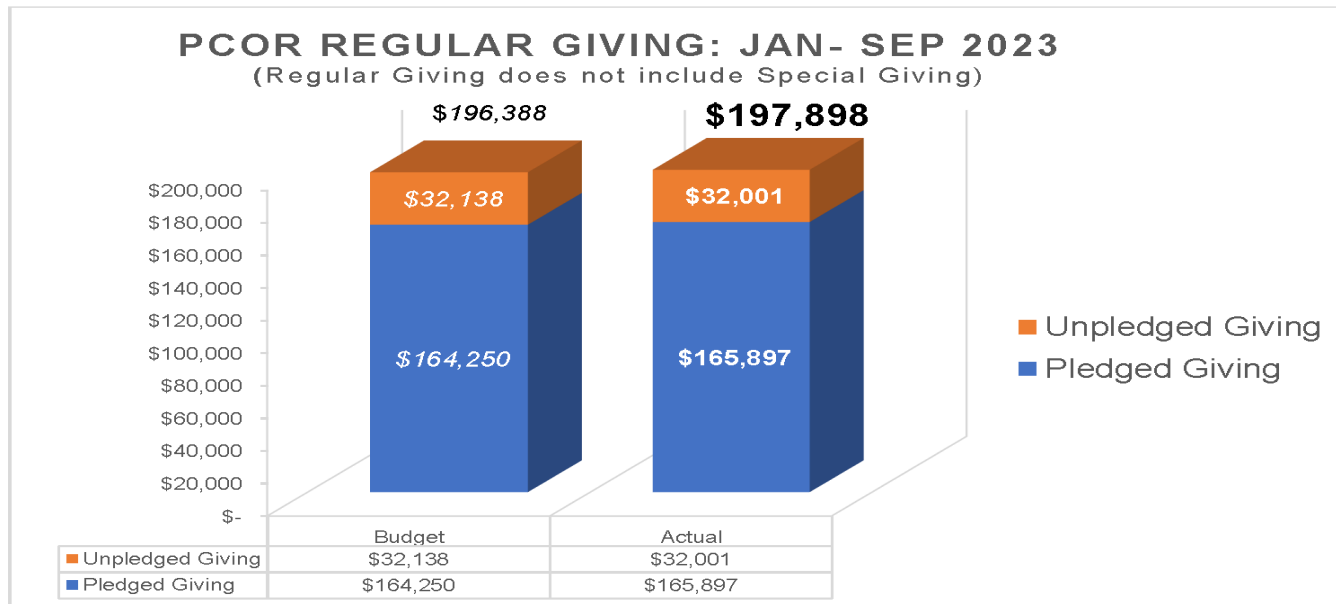
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Thru the first 9 months of this year, we are pleased to report that our regular giving is trending close to budget. Thank you for your continued financial support.

The 2023 Annual Budget was approved with a projected deficit of **\$35,000** with a goal of breaking even. With the increased income and diligent attention to expenses, PCOR closed the first 9 months with a manageable loss of **\$16,134**. This is better than the budget projected loss of **\$27,131**. We are making great strides in having a breakeven year. Thank you for your increased financial support and let's keep it up.

The Montgomery High School breakfast program has decreased expenses and is in need of your heartfelt support. Please consider a special giving to the MHS breakfast program. Again, thank you.

The following graft outlines PCOR giving thru September 2023. Please contact anyone on the Finance Committee with your questions or comments.



Other Special Giving (Jan-Sep 2023):

- ❖ Montgomery High School Breakfast donations - \$21,774
- ❖ Deacons' Fund - \$5,145

Thank you.

Scout Troop 135: A Legacy of Service and Inclusion!

For over 58 years, Presbyterian Church of the Roses has continuously chartered Boy Scout Troop 135, with 26 boys registered in Troop 135B. In 2020, the Boy Scouts of America began admitting girls into Scouts BSA, leading the Presbyterian Church of the Roses to create Troop 135G as a companion to its long-standing Boy Troop. Ten girls have joined Troop 135G, officially chartered in April 2023.

Troop 135 is fundraising by offering "Trees and Wreaths for Troops" to support active-duty military families. Your tax-deductible donation provides Christmas trees and wreaths while helping fund Troop activities. Donate via QR code below or meet the Scouts on November 5th at Bowen Hall and on Veteran's Day at Oliver's Market.

They also engage in the Flags Across America program, putting up and taking down flags on subscribers' lawns on six patriotic holidays. Contact Deborah Wolff Baker to sign up for this service.

Troop 135 Scouts embody the Scout Law, cultivating qualities that shape them into capable future leaders who will contribute to the nation's future.



THE HAPPENINGS

Christmas Crafts Night



At Church of the Roses
For young and old alike!
Wednesday, November 29
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Projects for children and adults
Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza for all

Christmas Carols with Carol Menke!

To reserve your place(s)

Phone or Email Barb Basham

707-334-4548 barbbasham@comcast.net

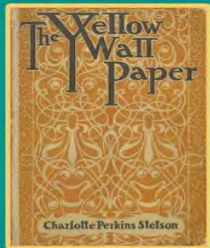
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES

SACRED SPACE

EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT IN A NEW WAY

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

5-6 PM



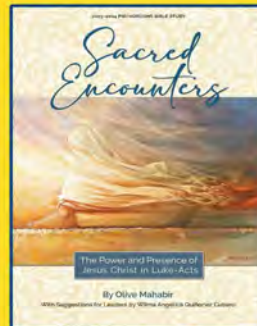
Book Club
Thursday November 16
2:30 p.m. on Zoom

The Yellow Wall Paper

by Charlotte Perkins Stetson

A short story collection

Jeanne will have books



Presbyterian Women

Saturdays: Nov. 11 & Dec. 9
10:00 a.m. to Noon

November: Lesson 3
A Bleeding Woman
Encounters Christ
Luke: 43-48

December Lesson 4
Mary and Martha
Encounter Jesus
Luke 10:38-42

November: PW Thank Offering

December: What is your favorite Christmas Custom?

Zoom Book Club
Thurs. Dec. 14 2:30 p.m.

Teatime at Jeanne's

Bring your favorite tea bag!

Select 2024 Books to Read

Bring a book to swap
with a Friend!

**We have the prints.
But we need more Quilters**

Join us Second Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
in the Sunday School Room.
Cut, Design, Stitch and Tie!
With the P.C.O.R. Quilters!
Call Yvonne Draper at 707-230-2173

Cents-Ability Baskets are out each second Sunday
in the Narthex and Campbell Court

Support the Presbytery Hunger Fund
And our MHS Breakfast Program.



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!

Boomers Kickoff the Season Strong

November is GAME DAY !

This is going to be a fun afternoon playing and socializing. No screens, just good old fashioned games (checkers, chess, dominoes, Rummikub, cards, Yahtzee, and a lot more). Fun for all ages and a good social time for all. Besides games to play, there will be treats (cookies, crackers, fruit and a variety of beverages).

When: November 25th from 1:00 to 3:30

Where: Bowen Hall

What: we'll have tables set up with lots of different games to play

Who: Boomers, Friends, Families - all are invited to come and play

What: big games, little games, family games and fun games

What else: we'll have great snacks, beverages and cool music

Host: Larry and Barbra Wofford

RSVP: thewoffords@hotmail.com or olsenl2001@yahoo.com

December is a Classic Boomers Event: Caroling and Potluck

We start the day going to local care facilities and nursing homes and singing favorite Christmas Carols. Wear festive clothes and bring 'soft' instruments. Song books and directions to each facility will be provided.

When: Saturday, December 16th at 3:00pm ~ 4:30pm

What: bring your singing voices and jolly holiday outfits

Where: Start at PCOR parking lot at 3:00pm

Who: All are invited to share the holiday spirit

Hosts: Deborah Baker and Bill/Nancy Morgan

Covid: the care homes have asked to please wear masks.

THEN.....



Join the
BOOMERS
GAME DAY
Saturday, November 25th from 1:00 - 3:30pm
Fun Games for All Ages
Snacks & Beverages
Come and join the fun in Bowen Hall
See the Rose Clippings for more information
Welcoming all active adults.



Join the
BOOMERS
Christmas Caroling
ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
Meet in PCOR parking lot at 3:00 pm
See the Rose Clippings for more information
Welcoming all active adults.

Potluck at Morgan's!

We all look forward to this part, good food, great company and lots of chatter and holiday merry making.

When: Saturday, December 16th - after Caroling

Where: the home of Bill and Nancy Morgan (3029 Santa Juanita Ct.)

Who: The Boomers and friends

Time: 5:00 to ~ 8:00 pm

What: Bring a favorite Potluck dish to share + beverage of choice

What else: White Elephant Gift for Gift Exchange

Host: Nancy and Bill Morgan. wtmorgan@sonic.net.
nsmorgan@sonic.net



Join the
BOOMERS
HOLIDAY POT LUCK
WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
Potluck after caroling ~ 5:30 pm
Host: Bill and Nancy Morgan
See the Rose Clippings for more information
Welcoming all active adults.

WORSHIP IN THE Arts

Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas...all exciting and sacred traditions in our lives. And preparing ourselves and our church home is part of that exhilarating tradition. Our upcoming calendar is filled with events to warm your heart:

Nov 4, Saturday, 5 p.m. – Sacred Space

Nov 10, Friday, 3 p.m. – Decorate the Sanctuary for Thanksgiving. Have a surplus of squashes or pumpkins? Bring them in to help decorate the sanctuary for our Season of Thanks!

Nov 12 & 19, Sundays – Food Donations for REFB. We thank God for all His blessings by bringing in non-perishable foods to be donated to Redwood Empire Food Bank. Place your Thanks-to-God Food Donations on the steps in front of the Communion Table.

Nov 26 – Thanksgiving Sunday. We have so much to be thankful for! Last Sunday to bring your food gift for REFB.

Dec 2, Saturday, 5 p.m. – Sacred Space

Dec 3, Sunday – First Sunday in Advent. Join us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

Dec TBD - Decorate the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Come join us for fellowship and decking the halls. Watch the bulletin for exact dates.

Dec 17, Sunday, 4 p.m. – Christmas Concert in the Sanctuary, featuring Four for His Glory and the Chancel Choir

Dec 24, – Sunday Worship 10 a.m., Christmas Eve 7 p.m. Join us for Sunday morning worship, and a family candle-light service of the Christmas story and carols.

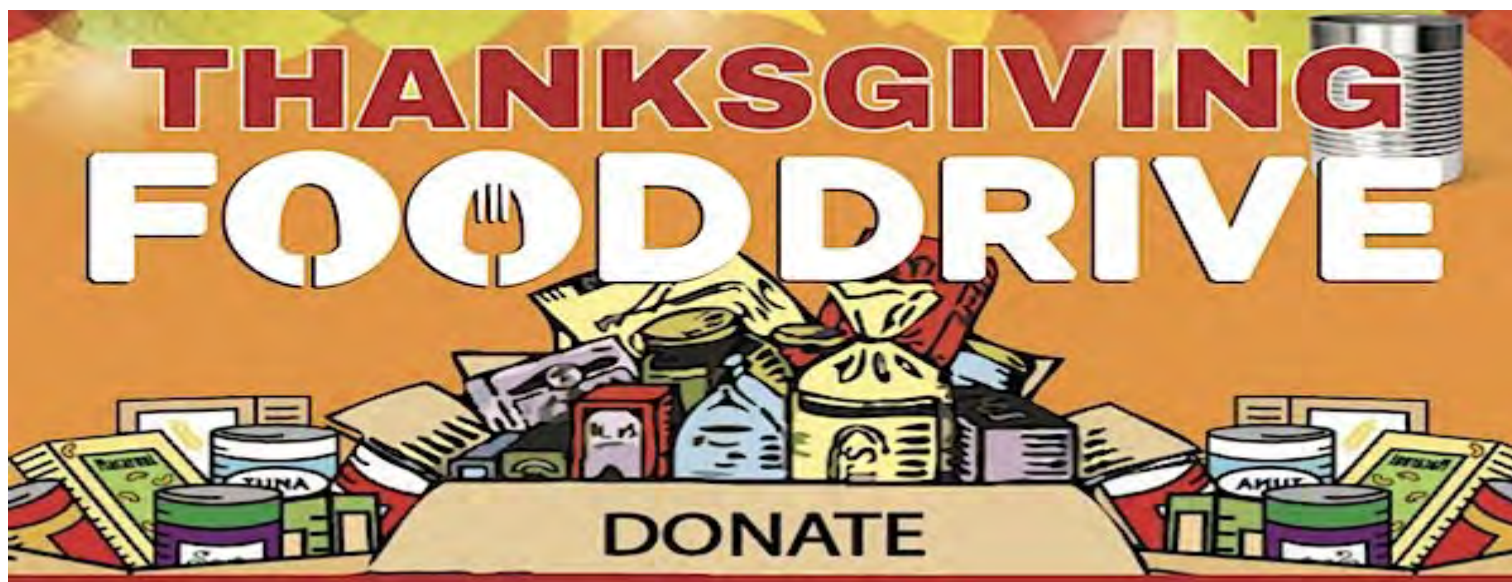
Dec 25, Monday – Christmas. Joy to the world our Lord is come! We celebrate His birth in our hearts.



Nativity Around the World

CHRISTMAS CRÈCHE Bring your carefully wrapped and labeled manger scene to the church office by Dec 2 to be included in the holiday-season exhibit. Please label with your name and where your crèche originated. All items donated to the exhibit will be returned in January.

FEATURED CRÈCHE Have a very special crèche you don't want to give up for the whole season? Pick one Sunday of the Advent season to bring in your special crèche for special placement within our crèche exhibit. Book your date with Joy Olsen (olsen@sonic.net) Only one special crèche per Sunday.



Thanks-to-God Food Offerings: Share the Blessings!

In the spirit of gratitude and compassion, let's come together to celebrate the bounteous gifts that God has bestowed upon us. **Starting on Sundays, November 12, 19, and 26**, we have a wonderful opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Bring the Bounty: We invite you to bring non-perishable food items to share. These offerings are like a cascade of love down the stairs, symbolizing our thankfulness for the abundance we've received. Your generosity will help those who are in need.

Giving Back: Your contributions will be collected and graciously donated to the Redwood Empire Food Bank. By sharing these essentials, we can provide nourishment and comfort to our neighbors in their time of need.

REFB MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

Canned Tuna
Canned Chicken
Peanut Butter
Rice
Pasta
Oats
Dry Beans
Low Sugar Cereal

GUIDELINES FOR GIVING:

Please avoid glass containers.
Choose non-perishable items.
Ensure all items are unopened.
We kindly ask for no homemade items.
Donate items within their "Use before" date.

This act of kindness not only supports our community but also reflects the true meaning of gratitude and generosity. Your small contributions can have a big impact, so let's come together as a community to make a significant difference.

Thank you for your continued support, and let's make these Sundays a celebration of abundance and sharing. Together, we can make a world of difference.



Alternative Christmas

It has been a tradition at Roses for many years. We honor our friends and family by giving to causes helping people here and around the world. Shopping Lists will be available on December 3 and 10 for folks to choose which causes they wish to support. There will be holiday cards to send to those they wish to honor in this way. Some people simply want to make a difference in our troubled world. Checks should be written to Church of the Roses and the amount will be recorded in the annual report of giving to the church.

Church of the Roses Alternative Christmas 2023



PCUSA Mission Agency

Family of Chicks **\$25.00** _____

Farming Tools **\$10.00** _____

School Supplies for a Displaced Student **\$30.00** _____

Kitchen Kits **\$25.00** _____



Doctors Without Borders
For more medical help around the world **\$30.00** _____



Montgomery High Breakfast
Eggs for the MHS Breakfast **\$30.00** _____



Partners in Health: Haiti
Help in a distressed country **\$25.00** _____



Arbor Day Foundation
Planting trees in denuded forests. **\$10.00** _____



SUPPORT ALL \$185.00 _____

Honor your friends and family with gifts that help others

happy
Holidays

BOOMERS

- * Calendar 2023/2024
- * Awesome Events Every Month
- * See Rose Clippings for Details on each.



SEPTEMBER

Goatlandia
Sept 30th

October

- * Legend of Sleepy Hollow on the 29th
- * Trunk or Treat on the 31st

November

- * Boomers Game Night
- * 29th PCOR Crafts Event

DECEMBER

- * Christmas Caroling
- * Holiday Pot Luck

January

Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum - Sat 20th.

February

BLESSING BAGS w/ G.S.

MARCH

Redwood Empire Food Bank plus Out To Lunch

April

- * Boomers Bowling Day
- * April 11-22 Egypt Trip

MAY

Miniature Golf Fun Day



Officer Isaaksen represented the Santa Rosa PD on Faith and Blue Day. He stopped by our church with Mayor Natalie Rogers and



her family to ask for prayer for the police department. He also wanted to let us know how important our support of the police is to them and to our community. They want prayer for safety for all the officers and for God's help in all the work they do to keep us safe.

Church and World

Greetings from the Church and World Committee



Being a **Montgomery High School Breakfast Angel** is awesome! We have so much fun being on a team and seeing the students' smiling faces! Due to some administrative changes at the Sonoma Chapter of Speedway Children's Charities, we are still awaiting word on the next review of our application for a grant. We are currently mentoring the students in how to better recycle and compost their trash. We are in need of more volunteers, especially on

Wednesday mornings. Please call the church and speak to Raven if you are interested: (707) 542-4272.

The **Cents-Ability** collection is for the Presbytery Hunger Fund. Collection baskets will be placed in the Narthex and Campbell Court for your donations on the second Sunday of the month. Anita Pinney has made those great slides that will be shown on the first two Sundays of the month to remind us when collections will be. We will be able to keep 40 percent of the contributions to go toward the Montgomery High School Breakfast fund.



One of the Church and World Committee's **Outreach** and **Earth-Care** activities included the California Statewide Coastal Cleanup at Doran Park on a Saturday, September 23rd. There were about 20 congregants and family members who attended. Good News! The park ranger shared there was not as much trash as last year. **Please watch for an upcoming survey as an insert in your bulletin asking which outreach activities you would like to do.**

Christmas is almost here! The **Alternative Christmas** gift-giving campaign, led by Anita Pinney, this year benefits several popular charities including *PCUSA Mission Agency*;

Doctors Without Borders; *Montgomery High School Breakfast Program*; *Partners in Health: Haiti*; and *Arbor Day Foundation*.

(See the Alternative Christmas shopping list included in this newsletter).

Our Committee members are Anita Pinney, Jonathan Steele, Chris Rhodes, Norm Smith, Guy Cottle (ad hoc), Pastor Cindy and myself. This Committee meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 P.M. We welcome you to join us as a committee member. If interested, please contact Rhonda Darrow at rdarrow@pacbell.net or (707) 481-4743.

We are so honored to be able to serve our community and take care of our earth!

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



Rosebud Preschool News



Lots of things are changing at **Rosebud Preschool** including our apple trees. The kids have had full bellies and have been learning about the life cycle of an apple. **We currently have 45 students and have full enrollment. YAY!**

Ms. Karen has left the Rosebud family. She is now a stay-at-home mama and enjoys every minute of it. Her son still attends Rosebud 2 days a week.

Ms. Amber is the now taking the lead as the new director.

The Rosebud staff would like to welcome Ms. Maria back to our teaching team. Ms. Maria left Rosebud when covid hit our county. While she was gone, she completed her BS in psychology at Sonoma State University. We are so excited to have her back.

Back to school night was September 28th. It was great seeing all our current and new families and showing them what the kids have been working on and giving them a chance to go over our daily events, schedules, and information regarding the program and for them to get to know the teachers.

Trunk or Treat is coming up October 26th from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. We will be doing themed trunks from each teacher and inviting a local car club to join us. It's going to be a fun spooky time.

Happy Fall from Rosebud Preschool



Presbyterian Women had a blast surprising Nita Pinney with a fabulous birthday cake to celebrate her 98th!

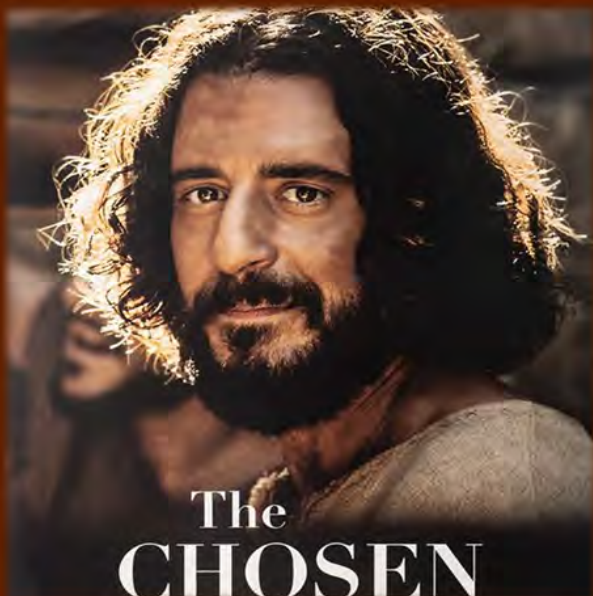
It was a heartwarming occasion, replete with fond memories, and a testament to the enduring spirit of Nita, who has touched the lives of so many with her wisdom and grace.

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.



Join Us for a Soul-Nourishing Journey

Advent Bible Study

With Pastor Cindy

As we approach the sacred season of Advent, we invite you to embark on a spiritually uplifting journey with us. Pastor Cindy will be leading a profound Bible Study focused on the compelling series,

"The Chosen."

Dates to Remember

Mark your calendars for three Wednesdays, December 6th, 13th, and 20th, when we'll gather together at 7 pm on Zoom. During these special evenings, we will delve deep into the timeless narratives that warm our hearts and draw us closer to the divine.

Exploring "The Chosen": "The Chosen" series is a captivating portrayal of the life of Jesus, bringing His story to life in a way that touches the soul. Through the magic of Zoom, we will watch selected episodes together and engage in meaningful discussions as a group.

Week 1: "Shepherd and the Nativity": We begin by reflecting on the humble shepherds' role in the Nativity story. Their journey and encounter with the newborn Savior hold profound lessons for our lives.

Week 2: "Calling of the Disciples": The second week leads us to the moment when Jesus called His disciples to follow Him. We will explore the significance of this calling in our own journeys of faith.

Week 3: "Jesus' First Miracle": In our final gathering, we witness the awe-inspiring miracle of Jesus turning water into wine. This miraculous event offers us a window into His divine power and love.

These three Wednesdays promise to be moments of enlightenment, reflection, and spiritual growth. Pastor Cindy's guidance and the collective wisdom of our congregation will make this a truly enriching experience.

Thankful for Our Liturgists!



PCOR MEN'S GROUP



Mark your calendar for November 18th and December 16th – 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!

It's Raven's Birthday!

We LOVE Celebrating our awesome PCOR Staff!



From the Director of Music

From the Director of Music . . .

Roses Signature Concert Series 2023-24

<i>Sunday, September 10</i> 2:00 p.m.	<i>Bennett Friedman Jazz Quartet</i> Jazz Concert
<i>Sunday, October 15</i> 2:00 p.m.	<i>Cantiamo Sonoma</i> Fall Concert
<i>Sunday, December 17</i> 4:00 p.m.	<i>4 For His Glory Quartet & Roses Chancel Choir</i> A Christmas Concert
<i>Sunday, January 14</i> 2:00 p.m.	<i>The Oyster Trio</i> Jennifer Cho, JudiYaba, and Marilyn Thompson
<i>Sunday, February 25</i> 4:00 p.m.	<i>Carol Menke & Marilyn Thompson</i> Recital
<i>Sunday, March 17</i> 2:00 p.m.	<i>Young Aspiring Musicians</i> Recital
<i>Friday, March 29</i> 7:30 p.m.	<i>Requiem for the Living by Dan Forrest</i> Annual Good Friday Concert

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

Free Admission
Donations Gladly Accepted

The choir continues to learn new music and work to build a beautiful choral blend ... we have four new choir members; Jessie Arriola, Vicki Frink, Kathleen Caldwell and Karen Carpenter. When we are all in attendance we are 25 strong! We are already working on our Christmas music in order to be ready to join the men's quartet Four For His Glory on Sunday, December 17th at 4:00 p.m. in a Christmas Concert (part of the Roses Signature Concert Series.) Bellissimo is stepping up their game and having fun playing more challenging music. Both the Choir and Bellissimo are open to budding musicians that need an outlet for their talents ... come and see me at coffee hour or write to me at carol@churchoftheroses.org.

The Roses Signature Concert Series started off the season with Jazz! The Bennett Friedman Jazz Quartet performed to a large crowd on Sunday, September 10, and it was very well received. We saw lots of new faces and the series got off to a rousing start. The second concert in the series was Cantiamo Sonoma performing their Fall Concert on Sunday afternoon, October 15, to an even larger crowd! It's wonderful to be able to offer these free concerts to the community... it brings people to church that might not otherwise have known about us. The next concert on the series is the Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 17th at 4:00 p.m. This concert will feature the men's quartet "Four For His Glory" in several holiday selections, and the Chancel Choir will also sing a few pieces... then we'll combine the two groups in some lovely pieces. This promises to warm the heart and bask in the glow of Christmas time – we hope you'll plan to attend!

Deacon Doings

Mark your calendars for November 26, as our Annual Giving Tree will grace Campbell Court with its presence, adorned with ornaments and Giving Tags. Each tag will reveal the age range and the specific gift a recipient has in mind.

This year, we're continuing our tradition of spreading love and cheer by providing gifts to both needy senior citizens, as recommended by the Council on Aging, and children in need, handpicked by our Giving Tree planners.

Here's how you can make a difference:

1 Choose a Tag: Select a Giving Tag that resonates with your heart.

2 Purchase and Wrap the Gift: Buy the chosen gift, wrap it with love and care.

3 Return by December 10: Return your wrapped gift by December 10, ensuring it reaches the hands of those who need it most.

Feel free to choose more than one recipient, knowing that your gift is something they truly desire, and it will be wholeheartedly appreciated. Let's come together to make a positive impact in the lives of others and strengthen the bonds within our community. Your support and kindness are what make our congregation a place of warmth and compassion.

Meet Suzanne Hanson: Your Deacon Buddy Spotlight

In our last Rose Clippings, we introduced you to Kristy Galde, and this month, we shine the spotlight on **Suzanne Hanson**. She serves as the Secretary of the Deacon Board, and we encourage you to get to know your Deacon Buddy.

"I have been a member of PCOR for over six years. I was married in the church in June 1984. I have served on the Nominating Committee and I'm currently serving as a Deacon. I have a background in accounting, audit, and regulatory compliance. I am currently employed by Graton Resort and Casino as a Senior Staff Accountant. I have also been employed in the floral industry, and I still enjoy making arrangements for my friends and PCOR as requested. I enjoy being a Deacon, as my true calling is caregiving. There are many in the church who are in need of support. I encourage PCOR members to serve as Deacons, as it is truly a rewarding service role."



Thank you for being a part of Deacon Doings, where love and connection flourish.



Our Church of the Roses had 6 riders out of a total of 27 who completed the Pedal for Protein ride again this year to raise money for the Hunger Task Force of Redwoods Presbytery. This year their goal was \$50,000! Our active members on the ride were: Nancy and Bill Morgan, John and Patty Sanders, Chris Rhodes, and Diane Osten.

**OUR MEMBERS
ARE ACTIVE IN
THE COMMUNITY!**

The Church of the Roses team, led by Pastor Cindy and Norm Smith, proudly joined the inaugural NAMI walk, championing mental health care and spreading hope.



PRAYER REQUESTS

UPCOMING MEMORIALS

No Upcoming Memorials

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**The family/friends of MaryAnn Iodence as they mourn
her passing on 9/27/23.*

THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

Darren Adams
Donald Adams
Barb Basham
Greg Basham
Jeff Basham
Jeanette Bauer
Jim Bauer
Bill Beaumont
Barbara Blinn Patrick
Butler
Joyce Cairns
Peggy Call
Leslie Colby
Marjorie Cortez
Doreen Cowden
Mary Crowell
Eldon Davis
Robert Flandermeyer
Denise Fossi
Wendy Galde
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Melissa Henry
Phil Henry Mary Lou

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Rusty Jump
Carolyn Kenworthy
Margret Kram
Vivian Mazeski
Marilyn MacLean
Gene Michel
Jessica Morse
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Lynette Randerson
Kaylynn Rupp
Sherry Rupp
Kathryn Scott
Raymond Skipp
Bob Simmons
Marie Slack
Dina Takahama
Jill White
Roger White Helen
Wikle
Betty Witchey-Ryer
Ken Wolff

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

November/December

November 5th: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
BoyScout troop commissioning, speaker:
Charles Gibbon

Scriptures: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 and Matthew
23: 1-12.

Sermon: ***Practice What You Preach***

**November 12th: 24th Sunday after Pente-
cost**

Stewardship Sunday!

Scriptures: Psalm 78:1-7 and Matthew 25:14-
30

Sermon: ***Put Your Talents to Good Use***

November 19th: Thanksgiving service

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 and Luke
17:11-19

Sermon: ***Thankful for our Generous God***

November 26th: Reign of Christ the King

Scriptures: Psalm 100 and Matthew 25: 31-45

Sermon: ***Are You a Goat or a Sheep?***

December 3rd: First Sunday of Advent

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 and Mark 1: 1-8

Sermon: ***Baptized with the Holy Spirit***

December 10th: Second Sunday of Advent

Scriptures: Isaiah 40: 1-8 and Luke 1: 45-55.

Sermon: ***Mary's Song***

December 17th: Third Sunday of Advent

Scriptures: 1st Thessalonians 5:16-24 and

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Sermon: ***Jesus' Birth Was Foretold!***

**December 24th: 4th Sunday of Advent and
Christmas Eve**

Scriptures: Romans 16:25-
27 and Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: ***Nothing is Impossible with God***

**December 31st: First Sunday after Christ-
mas Day**

Scriptures: Psalm 148 and Luke 2:22-40

Sermon: (Commissioned Elder Chris Rhodes
preaching)

January 7, 2024 is Epiphany Sunday

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The early months of 2023 have been both busy and productive for the Building and Grounds group. Now, as we prepare for the winter months and, we hope, rainy season things are slowing down. The community garden grew like crazy but it was tough getting those tomatoes to ripen. The garden has been cleared and we will harvest and remove the front lawn sun flowers in coming weeks.



Dennis Darrow has almost finished power washing much of the lower portions of the property. Soon we will begin refreshing the exterior paint in these areas.

Bill Morgan continues to work on the sanctuary heating system and we believe it is ready to go when cold weather calls.

We have figured a work around making the kitchen dishwasher functional while we determine if and how to replace the hot water booster unit.

One pressing issue is an "Oh so slow" leak in the fire sprinkler head in a Campbell Court restroom. While the leak is very minor it has to be fixed. Because it's the fire system it's a fairly complex and, of course, expensive process that must be done by professionals. The Building & Grounds motion to authorize payment of \$2,864.93 to Santa Rosa Fire Equipment, Inc. to conduct the Fire Sprinkler recertification inspection required by state and local agencies every five years was approved.

As always, we thank everyone for your support and patience and I send special thanks to our dependable and committed committee members: Dennis Darrow; Ron Dodge; Steve Fenner; Ellen Marks; Dave Nelson; Pam Ryan; Bob Sorani; Jim Taylor and Dale Trowbridge

Youth Christian Education

The Sunday school program started back up on Sunday, September 10th. Judy Clarke has planned and is leading an excellent program with crafts and discussion that are in concert with Pastor Cindy's message for that week. Our dedicated team of volunteers continues to assist her on a rotating basis.

At the end of October we will be helping with the Trunk or Treat Halloween evening in conjunction with the Boomers. This is a great opportunity for us to make contact with neighborhood families. All are welcome to join the fun. We will meet in the church parking lot at 4pm on October 31 to decorate our cars and we will welcome trick-or-treaters from 5-7pm.

Our next big event will be the Christmas Crafts night on Wednesday, November 29 from 5:30-7:30. Everyone is invited for what is sure to be a fun evening of sharing a pizza dinner, creating Christmas crafts, and singing our favorite Christmas carols led by Carol Menke. What a great way to welcome in the holiday season!

As always, we are looking for volunteers for the Sunday School program. It is a once a month commitment to help Judy with the youth and children. We are especially excited to have several young people ages 11-16 attending worship and are hopeful of recruiting some volunteers to help assist with a program more tailored to youth.

If you feel you could help with either Sunday School or a youth program, please contact either Diane Osten (petmom@sonic.net) or Barb Basham (barbbasham@comcast.net) or speak with us at church.

Barb Basham Christian Education co-chair



Norm joyfully surprised Pastor Cindy with a beautiful bouquet of





TRUNK OR TREAT



YOU'RE INVITED TO A BABY SHOWER!

In a spirit of compassion and celebration, we invite you to join us for a special baby shower in honor of

Beheshta and Baryalai's baby girl, Zahra. Beheshta, part of a resilient Afghan family who sought refuge in the United States, is expecting her first child. Let's come together to support this loving family as they embark on this new chapter.



Date: Saturday, November 11, 2023

Time: 12:30 PM

Location: Presbyterian Church of the Roses, Fellowship Hall

Background: After the collapse of the Afghan government two years ago, many refugees, including Beheshta's family, sought safety in the United States. PCOR member Ellen Bowen has been a dedicated volunteer with the Afghan Refugee Resettlement Program in Petaluma, and she has become like a surrogate mother and grandmother to this wonderful family.

Helping Hands Needed: Beheshta and her husband work tirelessly in low-wage jobs, and they are in need of baby essentials to welcome their little one. Your generous contributions will make a world of difference.

Beheshta has created a baby registry on Amazon to assist you in selecting thoughtful gifts. Just search for "Beheshta Ghawsi, Roseville, CA; Due Dec. 2023" on Amazon.com.

Let Us Know You're Coming: Lunch will be served during the event, so please RSVP to Ellen Bowen at 707-326-8842 (via text or call) to confirm your attendance or if you have any questions.

Your presence and support are invaluable as we come together to celebrate this joyous occasion and make a meaningful impact on this growing family's life. Let's share the love and warmth of our community with Beheshta and Baryalai. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!



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