

Merry Christmas

from Church of the Roses



Rose Clippings

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Holy Night



Upcoming Events

11/08—Presbyterian Women, 10am
11/13—PW Quilting, 10am
11/15—PCOR Men's Group, 8:30am
11/16—A Choral Afternoon, 2pm
11/20—ZOOM Book Club, 2:30pm
11/22—Beading Group, 9:30am
11/25—Session Meets, 6pm
11/27—Thanksgiving Day, Office closed
12/03—Wrap/Rap Youth Christmas Party, 5pm
12/06—Sacred Space, 5pm
12/11—PW Quilting, 10am
12/12—Parents' Night Out, 5:30pm

12/13—Presbyterian Women, 10am
12/14—Caroling in Care homes, 3pm / Potluck & Gift Exchange at the Morgans, 5:30pm
12/18—ZOOM Book Club, 2:30pm
12/20—PCOR Men's Group, 8:15am
12/21—Christmas Concert, 4pm
12/23—Session Meets, 6pm
12/24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Carols, 7pm
12/25—Christmas Day, Office closed
12/27—Beading Group, 9:30am
12/31—New Year's Eve, office closed

A FINAL WORD FROM PASTOR CINDY

Presbyterian Church of the Roses (PCOR) growth and revitalization during the past 12 years with Pastor Cindy

When the new pastor arrives it will be helpful to list what new programs have been added and how regular programs have expanded or ended at PCOR in the past 12 years. Please add your own thoughts to the list when developing the PCOR mission study in the coming year.

Leadership and Governance

- * First female installed head of staff pastor in PCOR history
- * Committees evaluate their progress with goals for the year
- * Committee showcase for Fall Kickoff Sunday in Sept 2025 to inform the congregation about committee duties and to recruit new committee members
- * Developed new staff positions and hired: Communications Director, AV Team, and Children & Youth Ministry
- * Cut office hours back to three days/week for financial efficiency
- * The church mortgage was paid off and stable finances were maintained
- * Leadership Santa Rosa class of 35 connected our church & community
- * Officer training at Westminster Woods or in the church yearly in late January
- * Hired new office managers and revitalized volunteer corps
- * New Sunday School teachers hired: Chelsea and Teddie
- * Fond farewell to volunteer Sunday school teacher: Judy Clarke
- * Volunteer Appreciation luncheon held by staff in February since 2015.
- * Rosebud Preschool has had two new directors. Current is Amber Hix.
- * Weekly staff meetings to improve communication between staff members
- * Deacons and Session meetings continue on Zoom monthly.
- * Deacons used the Buddy System since 2014 to keep in touch with the membership and work in coordination with the pastor on congregational care.

Worship, Music, and Spiritual Life

- * Sacred Space worship services offered 1st Saturdays led by Chris Rhodes and the sacred space band: Nate Scoble, Steve Yeager, Kristina Teixeira
- * Two new directors of music: Myles Ellis (2020-2023) Carol Menke (since 2023)
- * Good Friday Requiem developed by Carol Menke at PCOR annually
- * Weekly hybrid Zoom worship services since COVID 2020
- * Wednesdays Sanctuary open for Hour of Prayer (ended recently)
- * Prayer Bead Workshops and Chrismon craft workshop offered
- * New communion serving set: chalice, plate, and pitcher
- * Expanded concert series including Cantiamo, Jazz, recitals.
- * Montgomery High and the SRJC uses our sanctuary for concerts now

Technology, Communication, and Media

- * New website developed with help of SRJC grant
- * New logo designed with help of SRJC team
- * Mailchimp: emailed newsletters every Friday
- * Zoom worship recordings archived and uploaded to YouTube and Facebook
- * PCOR Facebook & Instagram developed and maintained
- * KSRO radio program developed with Membership Co. and Nico Wycoff
- * RoseClippings newsletter updated and published bi-monthly
- * Annual reports published yearly
- * Dropbox created and used to store worship services and resources
- * New Apple computer, Zoom mixer, choir monitors, amplifier, speakers, sanctuary Wi-Fi booster
- * New audio-visual equipment and livestream capability (Zoom, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram)
- * Birthday cards and Christmas cards sent from pastor since 2020.

Mission, Outreach, and Community Partnerships

- * Mission trips organized to Mexico's Door of Faith, Haiti (2 orphanages), Blue Theology in Monterey Bay/Pacific Grove, and Kenya ByGrace Children's home
- * Council on Aging Respite Care program hosted since 2019
- * Spiritual Direction program office hosted since 2022
- * Korean Presbyterian Church meets on Sundays in our church since 2018
- * Santa Rosa Choral Academy meets 2x/week in our church since 2024
- * Connected PCOR to Interfaith Council and United in Kindness programs
- * Outreach to The Zones (Boys & Girls club)
- * Montgomery Village gave annual support for the Breakfast program students
- * NAMI board and walk involvement; \$500 donation for table and ads
- * Connection to SRPD with Faith and Blue Sundays (since 2024)
- * Parish Nurse Ministry and AED machines installed
- * First Aid kits installed and stocked in each public area and kitchen
- * GriefShare program (2018–2020)
- * Stephen Ministry revitalized in 2017 (ended 2020)
- * Trunk or Treat on Halloween to connect with families in the neighborhood
- * PNO (Parents Night Out) connecting to RoseBud preschool and neighborhood
- * City Kids Festival, NAMI Walk - Membership Committee presented PCOR table
- * Blessing Bags for the homeless (Girl Scouts partnership)
- * Established PCOR as community cooling and warming center with PG&E
- * Partnership with Troop 135 of the Scouts expanded in recent years and allowing Cub Scouts to use the facility for events

Fellowship, Education, and Congregational Life

- * All-Church Retreats at Westminster Woods
- * Boomers social events organized by Joy & Lindsay Olsen (2022-2025)
- * All-Church Officer Trainings at Westminster Woods
- * 165 new members joined through attending new member classes
- * 45 adults and children baptized
- * Fellowship gift bags provided to homebound members during Covid pandemic
- * Book Club on Zoom since 2021
- * Adult Bible Study on Zoom since 2021 (Great Courses videos & The Chosen)
- * Senior Exercise weekly (previously Yoga, Tai Chi, Qigong)
- * Revitalization of Presbyterian Women and restart of Men's Group
- * Spring Flings, Fall Fundraisers, Safari fundraisers, and BINGO fundraiser
- * Deacon Buddy System (began in 2014)
- * The Deacons Giving Tree evolved from a social services guided food and gift program that ended.
- * Recognition of the committee members and their good work with cake at Fellowship hour after worship services
- * Celebrated 70th Anniversary of PCOR in 2022 with a video, gifts for 40+ year members and luncheon.

Church campus Improvements

- * New roof and solar installation
- * New freezer in kitchen since 2018
- * New painting (inside and outside)
- * New hardwood floor on chancel and new sanctuary carpet
- * New hallway and office carpets (post-2017 wildfire shelter use)
- * New quiet room window (gift from Bill Moberly in memory of Karla)
- * New RING security cameras around church
- * New HVAC above Rose Room
- * New Smart TV in Rose Room
- * New front lawn lighted sign
- * New bench and office gates (in memory of the Recknagels)
- * New lawn bench (in memory of Diane and Randy Pierce)
- * Expanded irrigation and more garden planter boxes
- * New roses in pots donated by Montgomery Village (2023)
- * New electric blower and lawn mower
- * Landscaping updated
- * New security cameras, fire sprinkler heads, and updated alarm system.

Environmental and Justice Initiatives

- * Community Garden (planted in 2014 with Brethren & Interfaith Sustainable Food Collaborative grants, Scout Troop 135 assistance)
- * Raised funds for the Presbytery of the Redwoods Hunger programs through Pedal for Protein participation and Centsability monthly donations
- * Earth Care Congregation certification six years in a row
- * Matthew 25 PC(USA) church pledge since 2021
- * Rainbow flags in and around Narthex to show "All are Welcome" and safe.
- * Hosted Interfaith Council of Sonoma County social justice programs
- * Alternative Gift Market with cards that honor loved ones at Christmas while giving to local and international projects.

Crisis Response and Safety

- * Crisis Management plan developed and published after Tubbs Fire (2017)
- * NAMI director provided presentations and information
- * Presentation seminars after worship on topics such as: Palestinian/Israel historical conflict, Immigration support and civil rights, Caring for the earth and your body with plant-based eating, Estate planning.
- * Safety Team developed and trained with PCOR ushers & Health Ministry for active shooter disaster training and natural disaster response training.
- * Updated Crisis Management Plan and safety team (with FBO)
- * PG&E community resource connection: provides ~\$1000/day for cooling/warming center use and generator support outside church wall
- * Church served as wildfire shelter in 2017 and recently developed a new shelter resource plan for the future with the help of the Faith Based Office led by Pastor Adam Peacocke and the Office of Emergency Management.
- * Direct connection to the SRPD with participation in Faith & Blue Sundays led by the police chief, John Cregan.
- * Held a Neighborhood Watch seminar in 2016.

In summary, over the past 12 years 72+ articles were written for the RoseClippings. 570+ sermons were preached. 45 adults and children were baptized. And the church added 165 new members (some have come and gone). It has been a very blessed adventure reaching out with nurturing love to all.

Norm and I thank you so very much for allowing us to serve God through PCOR's wonderful faithful servants! The beautiful birthday/retirement/sendoff party touched our hearts and we are so grateful for all you have done to support us and the ministry here all these years.

"We will always thank God for you and for the gracious gifts God has given you, as you belong to Christ Jesus". (1st Corinthians 1: 4)

None of this growth and revitalization of PCOR could have happened without the grace of God and a very talented board of Deacons and Session. Thanks be to God for this amazing group of disciples who go above and beyond for the Church Of The Roses!"

Continuing God's Work — One Creature at a Time

After retiring, Norm and I will enjoy some "animal rescue" volunteer work with God's furry creatures at Goatlandia. (Below is a photo taken at the Blessing of the Animals on October 8th.) We will also continue to support NAMI Sonoma County. We pray you all will continue onward and upward with God's blessed ministries at PCOR! We believe it is the best church in the whole USA and beyond!

Love, Cindy and Norm



Fall into Fellowship!

As we enter the fall season, our church is buzzing with activities — and there's a place for you to be part of it!

A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who has helped make our Fellowship Hour special over the past few months:

Sheldon Erkkila, Linda Lance, Rhonda & Dennis Darrow, Susan Boden, Cindy Goede, Deborah & Dennis

Baker, Ellen Bowen, Barb Basham, Linda Burille, Robert & Marjorie Cortez, Raven Duchscherer, Dorothy LeCel, Mia Krause, Ellen Marks, Judith Moore, Carole & Gene Michel, Joy & Lindsay Olsen, Diane Osten, Nita Pinney, Catherine & Bob Priestley, Cecile Coar, and Ron & Sandy Dodge.

Your dedication—setting up, cleaning up, bringing snacks, and making coffee—keeps our community warm and welcoming each week.

Want to join in? **Sign up for a Sunday and be part of the fellowship!**



Fellowship Committee

On June 18, the Fellowship Committee recognized the Christian Ed Committee for their service to both children's and adult

Christian Education for the church. Some of the things the Christian Ed Committee does for the church is oversee the Sunday school program, VBS in the summer, and hosts weekly Bible studies.

The Personnel Committee was recognized by Fellowship on August 24. Personnel is key to managing the Church employees, approving hiring of any new employees, and is key to finding a transitional pastor with Pastor Cindy's retirement. We appreciate their contribution to the operations of our Church.



While we neglected to take photos, the Fellowship Committee along with



Scouts of America and Girl Scouts provided food and drink for our annual picnic on August 10. Over 75 participants enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs and veggie burgers along with all the sides and fixings of a wonderful picnic. Thank you to all who came and enjoyed the food and fellowship.



On September 27, the Fellowship Committee along with other volunteers hosted our Fall Festival. Live entertainment was provided by the Sonoma County Children's Choir, Tyehimba Kokoyi West African Drum and 6th Street Playhouse. We also had a photobooth, raffle, silent auction, and wine pull as well as wine and champagne tasting. Lots of fun was had by all attendees and we raised close to \$7,000 for the church's outreach programs.

Our very own Nita Pinney turned 100 on October 10. On October 5, we had a special celebration to recognize this special milestone. A very happiest of birthday wishes to Nita!





Pastor Cindy visited the breakfast program to thank the Friday team and to wish the students a Happy Halloween!



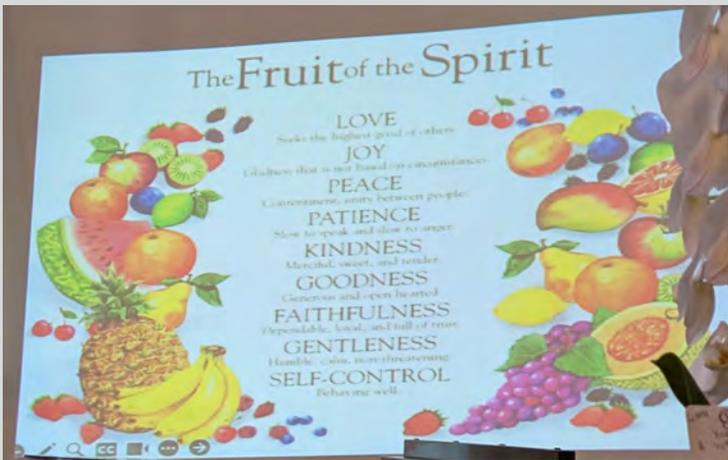
Trunk or Treat Fun at PCOR!

The Church of the Roses parking lot was full of festive fun at this year's Trunk or Treat 2025! Families, friends, and neighbors gathered for an evening of candy, creativity, and community. Colorful trunks were decked out with pumpkins, lights, and joyful themes — and our youngest visitors showed off their best costumes as they made their way from car to car. The laughter, music, and smiles reminded us all that fellowship can be sweet in more ways than one!

A big thank you to everyone who decorated, donated treats, and helped make the event such a delightful success. Until next year — keep that Halloween spirit shining bright!



A Fond Farewell to Pastor Cindy & Norm



THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dear Members and Friends of PCOR,

This year, our stewardship theme reminds us of the steady rhythm of grace that carries us: **Faithful God, Faithful People, Faithful Promise.**

God has always been faithful to us—guiding, providing, and sustaining this church through seasons of joy and challenge alike. For over 73 years, the Church of the Roses has stood as a beacon of that faithfulness, offering worship, comfort, and service to our community. Through your generosity, our ministries have continued to reach those in need, nurture children and youth, and open our doors to countless community groups who find hope and belonging here such as the Scouts (formerly The Boy Scouts), Girl Scouts, 4-H, AA, Cantiamo choir, Threshold choir, Korean Presbyterian Church, Spiritual Enrichment Center, Rosebud Preschool, MHS Breakfast Program, and the Council on Aging. This year PCOR also sent a mission team of 19 individuals in June to serve in Kenya at the ByGrace Children's Home!

As God's people, we are invited to respond to His faithfulness with our own. Each pledge is a **promise of faith**, an act of trust that God will continue to provide as we give back in gratitude.

The apostle Paul reminds us, *"God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."* (2 Corinthians 9:8) When we give from the heart, we participate in God's overflowing grace, becoming channels of His blessing to others.

We invite you to prayerfully consider your pledge for 2026 as a step of faith—a faithful promise rooted in trust that God, who has been faithful in the past, will be faithful still. Please fill out the Pledge Card included and place in the offering plate at an upcoming Sunday service or mail into the church office. (All pledge cards are confidential between you and God and the church finance department). Your support sustains the ministries that make our church a living expression of Christ's love in Santa Rosa and beyond.

Thank you for your steadfast faith, generosity, and partnership in the Gospel. May we continue walking forward together — faithful to the One who has always been faithful to us.

With gratitude and love in Christ,

The Finance Committee

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



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

Director of Music

From the Director of Music ...

The choir continues to read through the new music I bring in ... they're being very gracious about learning all these new pieces! The world is full of gorgeous music, and we want to give you a variety! We are also busy preparing our Christmas Concert music – this concert is part of our Roses Signature Concert Series and it will be held on Sunday, December 21st at 4:00 p.m. The men's quartet "Four For His Glory" will once again be featured, plus a variety of soloists. We hope you'll want to put this one on your calendars!! This is a great time to join a choir – the music is so wonderful! 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: carol@churchoftheroses.org

The *Roses Signature Concert Series* is off to a great start this season! On Sunday, October 12th, we had Bennett Friedmann and his wonderful Jazz Quartet, and Sunday, November 2nd Marilyn Thompson and I gave a Vocal Recital featuring the songs of Debussy, Brahms, Strauss and Sheldon. Next in the series we have the singers from Maria Carrillo High School with Gail Bowers directing on Sunday, November 16th at 2:00 p.m.

Below is a list of concerts on the upcoming Roses Signature Concert Series through December. All concerts will take place in the church sanctuary.

Sunday, November 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Maria Carrillo High School Choirs in Concert
Gail Bowers, Director

Sunday, December 21 at 4:00 p.m.

A Christmas Concert ~ featuring the Roses Chancel Choir, Soloists & the Four For His Glory men's quartet.

I want to also make sure you add this to your holiday calendars!!! Some of you may know that, after 40 years, I have stepped down as Artistic Director of the Santa Rosa Children's Choral Academy, but we have a new (and very talented!) Director, Kira Bombace, who comes to us with years of experience directing choirs. I will remain on the Board of Directors and forever be cheering from the wings! Please come out to support this wonderful group of young singers.

Monday, December 8 at 5:30 p.m.

"Holly, Jolly!" A Concert of Winter Music
Santa Rosa Children's Choral Academy

Kira Bombace, Artistic Director *As Debussy is known as a composer whose music is governed by poetry and Verlaine is known as a poet whose verse is governed by music, it should come as no surprise that when the music of Debussy combined with the poetry of Verlaine, the result was musical beauty.*

Roses Signature Concert Series
presents

A Choral Afternoon

Maria Carrillo High School Music Department
Gail Bowers, Director

Sunday, November 16, 2025
2:00 pm



Admission is free

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

Roses Signature Concert Series 2025-2026

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

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Free Admission
Donations Gladly Accepted



WORSHIP IN THE Arts



October 4th was a beautiful day for the Blessing of the Animals at Goatlandia. Several members brought pets for individual blessings and we celebrated God's gift of animals and all of nature with scripture and song.

That same day we gathered for Sacred Space. It was the last Sacred Space with Pastor Cindy. We will continue to meet every first Saturday of the month with Chris, Nate, Steve and Kristina at 5 pm.



The Faith & Blue Sunday on October 12 included a surprise honor for Pastor Cindy from the Santa Rosa City Council, the SRPD and the Faith Based Organization led by Reverend Adam Peacock.

The Scouts also honored Pastor Cindy with a signed scarf to thank her for support of our chartered Troop 135.

Thanksgiving Sunday is November 23rd. Once again, we can take the opportunity to share our bounty by bringing non-perishable food items for Redwood Empire Food Bank. We will have containers marked for this purpose in the Narthex and Campbell Court November 9, 16 and 23. Advent begins November 30th. If you can join us after worship that day, the Worship Committee would love your help in beginning to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. We will again exhibit nativity scenes from around the world. If you would like to loan one for this display, please label it with your name and its origin and bring it to the sanctuary.

Please check the Mail Chimp, bulletins and announcements for information about Advent Devotions, donating poinsettias and other activities in which to participate. ***Our pastoral leadership is in transition, but our mission to worship and serve God is unchanged.*** With hope, joy, peace and love we prepare for the birth of our Savior.

Charlotte Finney, Elder chair

Membership Moments: Growing in Faith and Fellowship

The Membership Committee recently gathered at Pastor Cindy's home to celebrate the many wonderful new members who have joined the Church of the Roses this year! What a joy to see our church family growing in faith, love, and service.



In addition to welcoming new faces, the committee also represented our church at the NAMI Walk in Howarth Park, sharing mental health resources and showing our community that the Church of the Roses truly cares.

Together, we continue to walk in faith — And walk for hope!



A Legacy of Faith on the Airwaves

Our partnership with KSRO Radio continues to shine! Tune in every Sunday morning at 7:00 AM and 7:30 AM to hear inspiring sermons from the Church of the Roses.

KSRO first broadcast the construction of our church back in 1952, and more than seventy years later, they remain a steadfast friend and voice of faith in our community. What a beautiful testament to enduring partnership and God's continued blessings through the airwaves!



Check out the station's Call Sign on the microphone.

PCOR MEN'S GROUP



Mark your calendar for November 15th and December 20th - two dates filled with camaraderie and connection.

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

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

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

Coffee, Pastry, and Camaraderie

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

(during Men's Club)

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

And, of course, GREAT conversation!



Volunteers are NEEDED!

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

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



Men's Group Welcomes Inspiring Guest

The Men's Group came out in full force to hear **Stephen Mbogo** share his powerful story of growing up in Kenya. Stephen is the co-founder, with his wife, of the **ByGrace Children's Home** and currently serves as **President of African Enterprise International**. His journey of faith and service deeply inspired everyone present.



Church and World

How **ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS** works.

After church on December 7 or 14
Decide what causes you wish to support
And come fill out your **Shopping List**
enclosing your contribution.

Checks should be made payable to PCOR.

There will be **Christmas Cards** available
to send to family and friends.

Or mail in your choices and contribution.

We will fill out your Shopping List.

Alternative Christmas 2025



Church World Service

5 Chickens to Tanzania \$15.00

10 Concrete Blocks for a home in Haiti \$15.00



Doctors Without Borders \$30.00



M.H.S Breakfast Every School Day \$20.00



Redwood Empire Food Bank \$30.00

Feeding hungry folks in Santa Rosa



Redwood Gospel Mission \$30.00

Helping the homeless



ByGrace Children's Home

In Kenya \$60.00

Helping Children

CHOOSE ALL! \$200.00



YOU can make a difference in the world!

Annual PCOR Holiday Event



Join the

PCOR MEMBERS

**as we go on our annual
CHRISTMAS CAROLING
on Sunday, Dec. 14th.**

Caroling on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14th

We are singing at several local locations around Santa Rosa. Last year, we were so appreciated and we were asked to return this year.

Meet in the church parking lot at 3:00 pm for caroling at a few nursing homes. Wear your festive Christmas attire! Songbooks will be provided.

Potluck / Gift Exchange at Morgan's afterward ~ 5:30pm

Please RSVP to Andy Kaweckki kaweckkiandrew@gmail.com

JOIN US

PCOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



Christmas Caroling
ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN

SUNDAY, DEC. 14TH

Meet in PCOR parking lot at 3:00 pm

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

JOIN US

PCOR - ALL CHURCH



HOLIDAY POT LUCK



WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

SUNDAY, DEC. 14TH

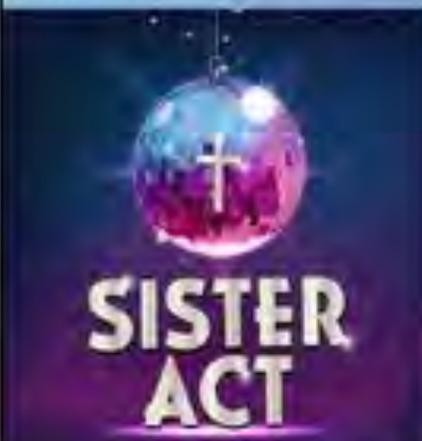
Potluck after caroling ~ 5:30 pm
Host: Bill and Nancy Morgan

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

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



Shows Education About City



SISTER ACT

Sister Act
OPENS May 29, 2024
by Howard Zieff
Book by Alice Hester
Lyrics by Glenn Slater
Music by Bill and Chen Stemmer
Directed, adapted by Director Carter Burwell
With all the Broadway Pictures Music From Sister Act, written by Ishtar Frankel

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Deacons Report

The Giving Tree Is Back!

The Deacons are thrilled to announce the return of our beloved Giving Tree Project – a Church of the Roses tradition for more than 25 years!

This season, we'll once again share the joy of Christmas by providing gifts to local seniors and children in need. Last year, your generosity touched the lives of over 75 people – let's make this year even brighter!

How to Participate:

Stop by our table in Bowen Hall after the service on November 30 or December 7 to choose a tag from the tree and sign up to be a Giving Angel.



Thank you, Church family, for continuing to share love, warmth, and hope through this beautiful tradition.

The Deacons hosted a warm and welcoming display at the Committee Showcase—complete with delicious treats lovingly prepared by Mia!

Warm Greetings from Rosebud, Fall is officially here, and our Rosebuddies have been busy exploring all things autumn; falling leaves, color changes, apples, pumpkins, and just the right amount of *spooky* fun!

Our Trunk-or-Treat was a spooktacular success! Thank you to everyone who joined us. It was an honor to have Pastor Cindy and her husband Norm there as one of their final community events before her retirement and their move to Scotland. We wish them every blessing, good health, joy, and grand adventures ahead!

As Thanksgiving approaches, we're leaning into themes of thankfulness, gratitude, and community. Since the first day of school, our children and teachers have been building a classroom culture filled with friendship, sharing, and caring and we can't wait to carry that warmth into the holidays.



Save the Date: Winter Potluck & Craft Night
Wednesday, December 4 • 5:00–7:00 PM
Join us for delicious food, cozy crafts, and good company! This event is open to our Rosebud families, the community, and church members. A perfect evening to connect and create together.

We will also be hosting a small fundraiser to help our school navigate rising costs and lower enrollment. Your presence: familiar faces and new friends alike makes a real difference. We hope to see you there!
With gratitude,

The Rosebud Preschool Team

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

I want to give you an update on where we are in hiring a Transitional Pastor. The Personnel committee has been hard at work interviewing possible candidates for the position. We want to hire someone as quickly as possible, but we don't want to rush the process. We want to hire someone who will be the best fit to lead us during this transitional period.

The Presbyterian church has never had the reputation of doing anything quickly, we are a very deliberate group of people. In many ways the pace we take to make important decisions can be frustrating. Once our transitional Pastor is in place hopefully around the first of the year it will probably take us 18 months to 2 years to hire a permanent pastor. At times we will wonder why is it taking so long. We will need to remind ourselves that good things take time. It took about 2 years for the committee that hired Cindy to find her. But I think we all will agree it was well worth the wait.

Some of you may feel uneasy on not having a regular pastor for several months. Rest assured that I will be available as well as the Deacons. If you have any pastoral needs in the next few months call the church office or you can call me on my cell phone at 707-484-4189. Don't hesitate to call if a need arises.

We have some wonderful guest preachers scheduled through Christmas eve. We will get to hear our own Anthony Lim preach on Sunday November 9th. Rev. Dr. Stewart Perrilliat will preach on November 16th. I know we have all enjoyed hearing Stewart in the past. I'll be preaching on November 23rd.

We will have Judy Slater leading us through Advent. Judy has preacher several times at Roses and she is excited to be with us during advent.

So please come to come to worship.

Chris Rhodes
Chair of Personnel.



The church and preschool staff enjoy celebrating one another's birthdays!



OUR VISION

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to ALL



OUR MISSION

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



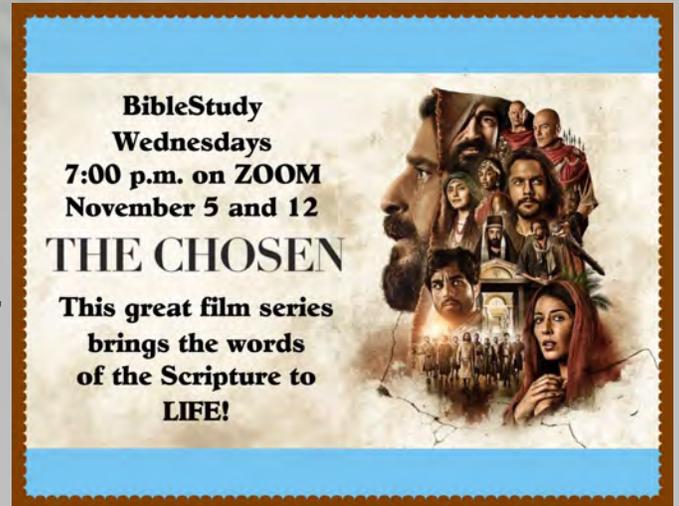
ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The regular Adult Bible Study group will continue to share together “The Chosen – Season One” every Wednesday at 7:00 PM on Zoom, ending with the final episode on November 12.

We will take a brief hiatus, and then resume again with Advent study, sharing together over three nights the movie “The Chosen – Holy Nights”, on December 3, 10, and 17th.

We look forward to joining us. If you need the Zoom link, please contact Linda Burille, who will be leading the studies.

Christian Education Committee



Youth Christian Education

The kids are having a blast in Sunday school with our new teacher, Teddie Neyman. Teddie has brought a fresh and exciting new style to our Sunday school program which everyone, kids and adults included, are loving! Teddie is leveraging new learning tools including a comic-book style bible which really resonates with the children, and she has implemented a structured lesson plan which begins with a prayer, focusses on scripture, and is reinforced with a craft project.

Another new development in our youth program is that our children, along with Sunday school staff and volunteers, have began partaking in communion in the sanctuary along with the entire congregation. This is a wonderful change that allows our youth to experience the power of unity while honoring Jesus’s sacrifice as an entire church community.

Announcement: Parents Night Out!

Are you a caregiver to children ages 2-11 who needs a couple extra hours to wrap up some holiday shopping, or connect with friends over the holidays? Well, send your kiddos to our next PNO on December 12th from 5:30-7:30! Space is limited, and spots fill up fast. Register your children no later than December 10th by contacting Amber at the preschool, (707) 544-8600 or rosebudpreschool@sonic.net.

Get Involved!

We are always looking for more volunteers to work with our youth. If you are interested, please reach out to Jill Bryant, Co-Chair of Christian Education, Youth.

SESSION NOTES – SEPTEMBER, 2025

SESSION ACTION:

- Approved expenditure of up to \$4,000 to engage Nemesis Fire to replace approximately 26 fire suppression sprinkler heads.
- Approved DJ Kellum and Charlotte Benton as new members, by affirmation of faith. DJ and Charlotte, along with Lydia Dehn, were recognized by the congregation on 10-19-25.
- Approved the painting of a mural by our Girl Scout Troop outside the doors to the south entrance to Bowen Hall. (Note: The painting was done on Sunday, 10/19, and it is beautiful! Check it out.)

SESSION REPORTS:

Deacons: \$500 each donated to FISH, the Redwood Empire Food Bank, and the Redwood Gospel Mission

Pastor: Pastor Cindy held a Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, 10/4 at Goatlandia, followed by a tour of the facility. More than 10 from the congregation attended. Cindy also noted that “Faith & Blue” would be recognized by a visit from SRPD Chief John Cregan and dept. representatives to the congregation on Sunday, 10-19-25;

Fellowship: The “safari”-themed Fall Festival was held 09-27-25; financial results to be reported at Oct. Session meeting on 10-28-25.

Nominating: Chair Diane Osten said that Session members to lead Fellowship Coffee Hour, and Building & Grounds committees are being sought. 2 to 3 Deacons may also be needed.

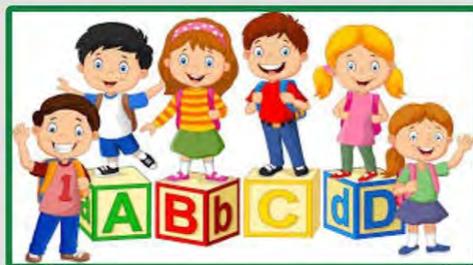
Personnel: Chair Chris Rhodes reported that the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee would be interviewing 2 possible candidates in the coming weeks.

Worship: Sunday, October 5 we will be celebrating World Wide Communion

Membership: Chair Kim Seamans noted that another volunteer to help man the information table at the Nami Walk on 11-1-25 is needed.

Linda Burille, Clerk of Session

Parents Night Out!
Friday, Dec. 12, 5:30 -7:30 p.m.
At Church of the Roses



Games and Crafts for kids (Ages 2-11)
and a short children's movie
Pizza for Eats

Register your children by Dec. 10
by contacting Amber at Preschool
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FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

5-6 PM

Presbyterian Women



Saturday Nov. 8 9:45 a.m.

LESSON 2: Mary of a Certain

Village Luke 10: 38-42

NOV. is Thank Offering

Month

Saturday Dec. 13 9:45 a.m.

LESSON 3: Jesus is Tested

Luke 4 : 1-13



Join the

PCOR MEMBERS

as we go on our annual
CHRISTMAS CAROLING
on Sunday, Dec. 14th.

Caroling on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14th

We are singing at several local locations around Santa Rosa. Last year, we were so appreciated and we were asked to return this year.

Meet in the church parking lot at 3:00 pm for caroling at a few nursing homes. Wear your festive Christmas attire! Songbooks will be provided.

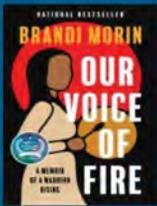
Potluck / Gift Exchange at Morgan's afterward ~ 5:30pm

Please RSVP to Andy Kawecki kaweckiandrew@gmail.com

Book Club

Thursday November 20

2:30 p.m. on Zoom



Our Voice of Fire by Brandi Morin

Morin's journey to overcome enormous adversity and find her purpose, and her power, through journalism.

Jeanne will have books

Book Club December 11 2:30 pm



Tea Time
at
Jeanne's

We will be planning 2026 books.
Bring a book to share with a friend!

The Beading Group



Meets Every 4th Saturday at 9:30 AM

Bowen Hall

Come for the craft, stay for the connection.

All are welcome!

Alternative Thanksgiving Ideas

More than any other time of the year, Thanksgiving is when we celebrate the bounty of harvest. While not a Christian holiday, the way we celebrate Thanksgiving reflects our faith commitments. Our celebrations can extend the love and fellowship of Christ beyond our dining room tables. We can enact our faith at the table by choosing foods and ingredients that honor the people that produce them as well as God's creation. We can engage in Christian hospitality by welcoming strangers and providing for those in need. We can simplify and be mindful of the spirit of thanksgiving by relaxing, praying, playing and spending time with those we love. With a spirit of celebration for the breadth of God's goodness, we have compiled this guide to living faithfully throughout the Thanksgiving season.



JUST LIVING SERIES

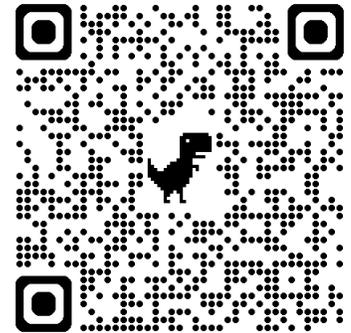
Grateful Hearts, Faithful Living: Alternative Thanksgiving Ideas

Thanksgiving is more than a meal — it's a chance to live out our faith through gratitude, compassion, and mindful celebration.

This thoughtful guide offers ways to make your holiday more meaningful — from choosing foods that honor God's creation to extending hospitality and love beyond your table.

Discover fresh ways to celebrate with purpose!

Click the image or scan the QR code to read "Alternative Thanksgiving Ideas."



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Colossians 3: 12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Thank you and God bless you!



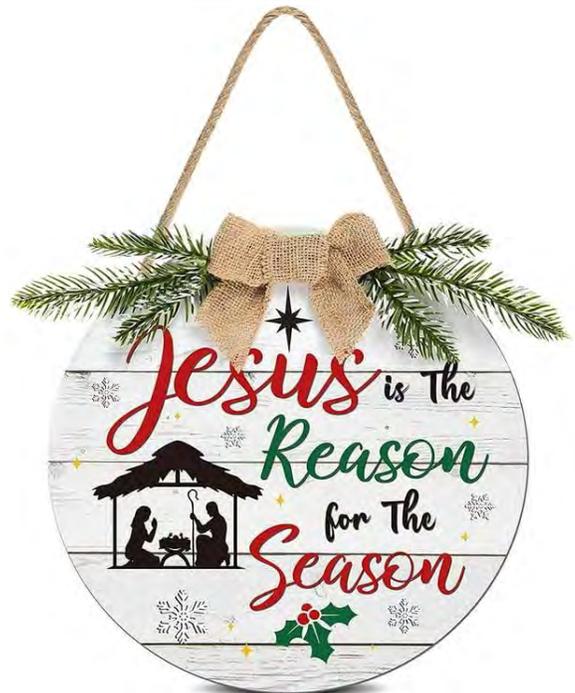
PRAYER REQUESTS

THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

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

THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

Coast Guard Commander Ian Alloway Culver in Washington D.C - Headquarters, Col.
David Trowbridge, M.D. with the Air Force Reserve, those aboard the USS Midway CVS



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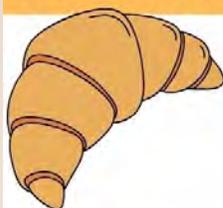


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