Rose Clippings Newsletter

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES

ALL ARE WELCOME

WORSHIP
BELONG
SERVE
GROW
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Silent Night

THE LIGHT OF HOPE IS BORN



"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."
Luke 2:10 (KJV)

FAITH IN OUR COMMUNITY BEARS FRUIT

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 11/07 – Sacred Space, 5pm
- 11/08 – Stewardship Lunch, After service
- 11/14 – PW Group, 9:45am
- 11/19 – Zoom Book Club, 2:30pm
- 11/21 – PCOR Men's Group, 8:15am
- 11/24 – Session Meets, 7pm
- 11/26 – Thanksgiving Day, office closed

DECEMBER

- 12/05 – Beading Group, 9:30am
- 12/05 – Sacred Space, 5pm
- 12/10 – Zoom Book Club, 2:30pm
- 12/12 – PW Group, 9:45am
- 12/19 – PCOR Men's Group, 8:15am
- 12/19 – Ecumenical Christmas Concert, 5pm
- 12/19 – Concert Reception, 6:30pm
- 12/22 – Session Meets, 7pm
- 12/24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7pm
- 12/25 – Christmas Day – office closed
- 12/31 – Senior NYE Party, 1pm

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A PLACE TO BELONG ✦ A FAITH THAT SERVES ✦ A COMMUNITY THAT CARES

From Pastor Kevin

Dear Friends,

In the movie, *Shenandoah*, Charlie Parker (played by James Stewart) offers a rather interesting prayer:

> *'Lord, we cleared this land. We plowed it, sowed it, and harvested it. We cooked the harvest. It wouldn't be here, and we wouldn't be eating it if we hadn't done it all ourselves. We worked dog-bone hard for every crumb and morsel, but we thank you just the same anyway, Lord, for the food we're about to eat. Amen.'*

Charlie's prayer is rather self-congratulatory and only grudgingly admits any gratitude to God. But I think more than that, the prayer offers a rather myopic view of Charlie's world.

Without realizing it, the movie's prayer touches on a bit hidden history.

Before the Civil War, much of the farmland in the eastern United States had been used for over a century, there's a reason Charlie and sons worked so hard. Because the land had been overworked, farmers desperately needed a source of nitrogen rich fertilizer. There was no chemical agricultural industry yet, so farmers came to rely on bird droppings. This resource could be found in abundance on islands that dotted the Caribbean and the Pacific on migratory flyways. Over centuries, birds left behind their droppings and companies would harvest the droppings to sell to farmers. This harvest became so necessary that Congress passed a rare bipartisan bill (North and South in those days) just before the Civil War to protect the resource. If Charlie was going to offer such an honest prayer, he should have included the birds who provided the resource, the harvesters of that "white gold", and those who shipped it to him.

Further, his prayer should have also recognized the hard work of millers, manufacturers of farm equipment, those who built the roads so he could take his harvest to market, and the many others who made his and his son's farming work possible. It is easy to forget that we exist in community and even though we do work hard, our hard work is not done in isolation.

I think we sometimes unwittingly offer Charlie's prayer in our Thanksgiving celebrations. We sometimes take on a self-congratulatory tone because we are pleased to be with family and friends and for those who worked hard to prepare our feast. We often don't include in our thanks those who planted, harvested, or grew the food on our tables. We don't include in our thanks those who shipped the food, prepared the ways for the shipping to be possible, or those who sort the food and put it for our ease and convenience in the aisles of the grocery store. A thanksgiving meal truly is a community event dependent on many people so that we may enjoy our meal and the company who eat it with us.

When we gather at our tables, I hope we will remember the gifts of creation and those who helped bring the feast to our table. Most of all, I hope we will celebrate the Creator whose love and grace made this whole effort possible. I hope we can truly give thanks this year.

Finally, don't forget those who will struggle to celebrate the holiday because they don't have the means to provide for their family and friends. Give thanks by sharing of your resources and wealth and if you have time, help with a community meal where all are welcomed.

And, please, don't forget to thank those who work at the stores where you will shop for your Thanksgiving celebration, theirs is sometimes the most thankless job of all.

Yours in Christ's love,

Kevin



PCOR Beading Group

Meetings Rescheduled!
November 7, 2026
& December 5, 2026
at 9:30 AM



The PCOR Beading Group has been around over a year now and we continue to work on Prayer beads and beads/ Fruits of the Spirits as needed.

We also make our own memory bead bracelets as in the bracelet picture as well as necklaces.

We hope to make some beaded Christmas ornaments this year as well.

We usually meet on the 4th Saturday of each month at 9:30, ALTHOUGH this Nov. and Dec. dates fall on a Holiday weekend so we rescheduled our meetings.

No experience necessary.

Hope to see you soon!

FAITH FORMATION SERIES

THE MAJOR PROPHETS

On Sunday, November 22nd,
we will have the third in our Faith Formation Series after worship in the Rose Room.
Join us as we explore the lives and messages of the Major Prophets.



Church & World

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE

Montgomery High School (MHS) BREAKFAST PROGRAM

PCOR is blessed with the Breakfast Angels' continued generous service of making and distributing breakfast burritos (and pancakes) to Montgomery High School middle and high school students every school day. We continue to see new faces at breakfast. On October 15th, the MHS Special Education teacher informed us she will bring her 25 students to experience the breakfast scene and interact with other students and our Breakfast Angels.

At a special event at the Finley Center on September 21st, the Program was presented the **City of Santa Rosa Merit Award** for Community Service. We are so grateful for Joy Olsen's research and submission of grant applications from our community. The program's cost is around $2,200+ per month.

Please consider a donation to the Breakfast Program. If you are interested in being a Breakfast Angel, especially as an alternate on Mondays through Fridays, please call the church and speak to Raven at (707) 542-4272.









Cents-Ability Collection

Thank you for your continued contributions to the Cents-Ability collection during the second Sunday service. The collection is for the Presbytery Hunger Fund. PCOR gets to keep 25 percent of the comtributions which will go toward the Montgomery High School Breakfast fund.

SAVE THE DATES FOR ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS!



Our beloved Nita is organizing the Alternative Christmas giving program and will compile a shopping list of charities to support our local community and around the world. Church & World Committee members will be tabling on the **first two Sundays—December 6 and 13**—to collect donations and have Christmas cards available to take with you so you can give as gifts to your family and friends.

Earth Care Congregation



The Church & World Committee will be submitting an application for the re-certification of PCOR as an Earth Care Congregation in January–February 2027.

Rhonda Darrow and friends, Kathy Guelfi and Mari Malvino, along with Sonoma County Regional Parks Coordinator, John Ryan, attended the 2026 California Coastal Cleanup Day at Doran Beach on September 19th.

Interfaith Council & Our Sister Village Initiative

Pat Silva is our Church & World representative to the Interfaith Council of Sonoma County and United in Kindness (UIK) with Moe Jabbari. Moe is currently working with the Santa Rosa Charter School to start a project. Pat has arranged Zoom meetings with Eman Rashid of Our Sister Village Initiative to explore ways our church can help. The most consistent activity is to contact our Congressional representatives to express our outrage at U.S. support of Palestinian mistreatment. Once we receive a "Call to Action," the congregation will be informed on ways to offer on-going support.

PCOR and the Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA) hosted a public screening of the Academy-Award-nominated docu-drama for Best International Feature, *The Voice of Hind Rajab*, on October 4th in Bowen Hall.

Bay Area Interfaith Council



Pat Silva was invited and will be attending The Bay Area Interfaith Council gathering with the region's ten Interfaith Councils on October 21, 2026, at the Oakland California Temple of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.



Next Special Offering – Christmas Joy Offering

November 29 to collection on December 20, 2026.

This special churchwide collection provides support to past, present, and future leaders of the church. The offering also provides support for at-risk children, youth, and young adults, and leadership development and education for communities of color at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges. Offering envelopes and inserts will be in the bulletins on December 13th, and the collection will be on Sunday, December 20th.

NAMIWalks Sonoma County

PCOR took part in tabling and having a team of walkers at NAMIWalks Sonoma County on Saturday, October 17th, at Howarth Park. PCOR Team: Kim Seamans, Diane Osten, Marilyn Stark, and Captain Rhonda Darrow. If you would like to continue to make donations, please go to **https://namisonomacounty.org/.**

PC(USA) Disaster Assistance

With your concerns about global natural disasters and wars, please feel free to donate to the PC(USA)'s Disaster Assistance fund (pcusa.org). All your donations go directly to those suffering!

Our Committee

Our current membership includes Anita Pinney, Cheryl Malseed, Chris Rhodes, Jonathan Steele, Pat Silva, Pastor Kevin Buchanan, and myself. This Committee meets by Zoom on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 P.M.

If you are interested in joining our committee or have ideas on local missions or earth-care activities, please contact Rhonda Darrow at rdarrow@pacbell.net or (707) 481-4743.

Prayers for World Peace,

Rhonda Darrow, Chair
(2026–2028)

Alternative Christmas 2026

PC(USA) Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

PC(USA) GIFTS

A Season of Giving with a Global Impact



5 Chickens to Feed a Family — $25.00

Provide a sustainable source of food and income for a family in need.



Farming Tools — $10.00

Equip families with the tools they need to grow food and build long-term stability.



Doctors Without Borders — $30.00

Support life-saving medical care for people in crisis around the world.



M.H.S. Breakfast Program — $15.00

Feeding Kids Breakfast Every School Day

Help provide nutritious breakfasts for Montgomery High School students.



Redwood Gospel Mission — $25.00

Helping the Homeless

Provide meals, shelter, and critical support for our unhoused neighbors.



World Central Kitchen — $30.00

Feeding People in Crisis

Deliver hot, nourishing meals to people affected by disasters, conflict, and emergencies.



ByGrace Children's Home – In Kenya — $30.00

Building a House for Mothers

Provide a safe, stable home for mothers and their children in Kenya.

SUPPORT ALL $165.00

You can make a difference in the world!

Greetings from the PCOR Membership Committee!

Are You Friendly?

Would you like to make our guests feel welcome? If so, see Kim Seamans in the Narthex on Sunday to volunteer to be a **Sunday morning greeter.**

Join Us!

Would you like to see Church of the Roses' **membership grow in 2027?** You are welcome to attend the Membership Committee on the **first Tuesday of the month at 1:30** in the Adult Education room off Bowen Hall.

Let's get the word out that Church of the Roses is being led by God to do a new thing!



In October, the Membership Committee and Church and World combined forces to staff a table at the annual **NAMI fundraising walk** in Howarth Park.

It was a warm beautiful day under the oak trees. Plenty of people stopped to ask about Church of the Roses and picked up brochures and fun, encouraging wristbands!



Enjoy these photos of our walkers and table volunteers!

Worship and the Arts

The Liturgical Calendar & Our Church Seasons

The liturgical calendar and colors for different church seasons are things I have learned about by being on the Worship and Arts Committee. You may have noticed that paraments—the drapes from the pulpit, lectern and communion table—have been **green** for a long time.

Ordinary Time

Green is the color for "Ordinary Time." Ordinary Time refers to the days between marked seasons, excluding special Sundays, such as All Saints Day, which is November 1st this year.

Christ the King Sunday
November 22nd

The Sunday before Advent is known as Reign of Christ, Christ the King, or Festival of Christ the King Sunday.
Paraments will be white then, November 22nd this year.

The designation of a Sunday as Festival of Christ the King to celebrate the kingship of Christ began with a decree by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and was later adopted by other Christian churches. This day emphasizes Christ's nature as both human and divine and his dominion over all creation.

Advent
Begins November 29th

With the season of Advent, which begins November 29th, the color of paraments will change **purple.**

Thanksgiving

We will also celebrate Thanksgiving on **November 22nd.**

We invite the congregation to bring non-perishable food donations to the church the weeks before. These will be donated to a local food pantry. Boxes labeled for donations will be in **Campbell Court** and **the Narthex** two weeks prior to November 22nd.

FOOD DONATIONS

Decorating for Advent & Christmas

After Worship on **November 29th**, we invite you to help with decorating the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. We will decorate the **Chrismon Tree** in the Narthex, and put out **nativity scenes and garlands.** It is always a festive opportunity to prepare for this special time in the church year.

Wishing you all a blessed holiday season,

Charlotte Finney
Chair of Worship and the Arts

From the Director of Music

An Ecumenical Christmas Concert

presented by

Roses Signature Concert Series

Saturday, December 19, 2026

5:00 pm

Church of the Roses
2500 Patio Court
Santa Rosa, CA

Three Choirs, Men's Ensemble, Four For His Glory

Admission is free. Donations welcome!

The Chancel Choir and Bellissimo are off to a good start this year and are busy preparing our Christmas concert music. As part of our Roses Signature Concert Series, we are trying something new this year and offering an Ecumenical Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 19, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. We're inviting two other choirs, a men's ensemble, and the Four For His Glory men's quartet to join us in song. Each choir will sing some pieces on their own, and we will also have massed choir pieces in which all singers will participate, followed by a festive reception in Bowen Hall. This is a concert to which all of the community is invited, so please invite all of your friends!

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*.

Upcoming Roses Signature Concert Series

Our Roses Signature Concert Series is off to a great start! The Bennett Friedman Jazz Quartet performed on Sunday, October 18 at 2:00 p.m. We are looking forward to a wonderful season of music ahead. ***All concerts take place in the church sanctuary.***

- **Saturday, December 19 at 5:00 p.m.** — *An Ecumenical Christmas*
- **Sunday, February 28 at 2:00 p.m.** — *Drew Bolander: An Afternoon of Song*
- **Sunday, May 2 at 2:00 p.m.** — *Cantiamo Sings!*
- **Friday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m.** — *Annual Good Friday Concert: Fauré Requiem* with Orchestra and Soloists — Carol Menke, Director — Requested Donation: $25

Carol Menke, Director of Music

Church of the Roses
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Building & Grounds
— COMMITTEE UPDATE —

Stewardship Season is in Full Swing



Stewardship season is in full swing and your Building and Grounds Committee has an important role to play in this important subject by practicing good stewardship and assuring that money is spent wisely. Our committee is responsible for a significant amount of the expenditure necessary to operate our church and must parsimoniously monitor expenditures for which we are responsible and/or are able to control.

The first line of defense is our volunteers, some with skilled trade experience and creative problem solving expertise, however, complicated or large projects, such as changing or servicing our 14 HVAC units, require licensing, training, and skills beyond that of our volunteers, so licensed contractors must be employed. For major projects we obtain at least three quotes and forward them to Session for approval.

Long term contracts are periodically reviewed to confirm we are receiving appropriate value for the cost and that work performance continues to be acceptable, for instance, our janitorial contract is currently under review.

Landscape maintenance and refreshment will occur in spring but is now being planned, see attached photo of a barren area in front of our church begging for attention.

Most of our work consists of many small maintenance projects throughout our building that are sometimes not obvious so I have attached the unscheduled call record showing the extent of our responsibilities, other than landscaping.

We have about 300 of our namesake roses but there is always space for one more and periodically as some ascend to take their place in the Lord's garden an opportunity for a newcomer is created so donations, perhaps in the memory of a loved one, are appreciated.

Unscheduled Service Calls
A Sampling of Our Ongoing Responsibilities

Date	Location	Event / Issue	Disposition
9/2/26	Classroom	Sink faucet leaking	Replaced O ring, leak stopped
9/5/26	Entire building	Various	Contacted contractors, made appointments, researched projects
9/8/26	Bowen Hall	Floor burnishing	Removed and replaced all furniture
9/8/26	Entire building	Fire insurance	Met and assisted insurance inspector
9/8/26	Lawn	Sprinklers not working	Repaired and tested sprinklers
9/11/26	Entire building	Annual fire extinguisher inspection	Accompanied inspector, noted system info
9/11/26	Classroom	Door snubber rubber worn	Replaced rubber
9/15/26	Garden	Broken water pipe	Excavated and repaired pipe
9/29/26	Landscaped area	Malfunctioning well water system	Diagnosed and will decide on route to repair
9/29/26	Campbell Ct. restrooms	Paint needs touchup	Paint touched up
10/2/26	Landscaped area	Malfunctioning well water system	Met contractor, system functioning
10/6/26	Preschool	Katkover damaged	Repaired
10/6/26	Landscaped area	Damaged sprinkler	Repaired
10/8/26	Espresso/chocolate machine hookup	Questions from office manager	Discussed with office manager
10/14/26	Community garden	Damaged planter box	Repaired box
10/19/26	Office	Furniture needs moving	Discussed with music director

Ron Dodge

Finance Committee

Thank you, PCOR family, for your faithful giving and support this year. Here's where things stand as of September 30, 2026.

Where we are:

Through the first nine months of the year, the church's net income is **–$24,266**. We expected to be in the red at this point, but we are now about **$2,400** behind the **–$21,834** we projected.

What's driving it:

Most of the gap comes from unpledged support, meaning gifts from friends and members outside of a pledge. So far we've received **$12,311** of the **$22,500** we budgeted for this category.

The good news:

Our staff and ministry teams have been careful stewards. Expenses are about **$12,000** under budget for the year, which has kept the gap small. Rosebud Preschool also continues to do well, with net income of **$13,092** so far this year.

How you can help:

We are in the middle of our Stewardship Campaign, with our theme that God is doing **A NEW THING** at PCOR, and your pledge is one of the most important ways to help PCOR plan with confidence. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2027. If you're able, consider increasing it, even by a small amount. If you haven't pledged before, this is a great year to start. Pledges help us plan our budget with confidence and reduce how much we rely on giving we can't predict.

Looking ahead to 2027:

The Finance Committee is starting to plan next year's budget, and we'd love your ideas. Do you have thoughts on new ways to raise funds, how we could save money, or how to use our building and resources well? Please share them with any Finance Committee member.

God has provided for PCOR faithfully through many seasons. With generous and prayerful hearts, we can enter 2027 on stronger financial footing. Thank you for all you do!

With gratitude and love in Christ,

The Finance Committee

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

Fellowship Committee Update



On October, the Fellowship Committee kicked off our fall stewardship campaign program by providing cake during our fellowship hour highlighting this year's theme, ***"A NEW THING!"***



Stewardship Lunch

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

We will be serving enchiladas, rice and beans. Hope that everyone is able to join us.

Committee Volunteers Needed!

The Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers to join our Committee. We need fresh ideas and have would like to honor the frequent requests we are receiving to bring back the social group, previously called the Boomers. We will also be hosting a fall festival in 2027 and want to celebrate our ***75th Anniversary.***

Committee Meetings

We meet the third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 over Zoom. If you have a desire to contribute to the fellowship of the congregation, please see Linda Lance or Catherine Priestly. Everyone is welcome to join us.

With Gratitude

We want to express our deep gratitude to Sheldon Erkkila and Bob Priestly for setting up and preparing fellowship each morning for us to enjoy after the service. We could not offer weekly fellowship time without volunteers helping to set-up, clean-up bring snacks and make coffee.

We encourage you to sign up for a Sunday to help.

Catherine Priestley is now coordinating Sunday fellowship. Please sign up for a Sunday on the signup sheet on the refreshment table each Sunday or contact Catherine to donate.

PCOR Holiday Fellowship Events

Celebrating the Season Together in Fellowship, Food, Music & Fun!

Join us . . .



PCOR FELLOWSHIP

Exchange Gifts about ~ $25



HOLIDAY POT LUCK



PIRATE GIFT EXCHANGE

SUNDAY, DEC. 13TH

Potluck after caroling ~ 5:30 pm

Host: Bill and Nancy Morgan

See the Rose Clippings for more information

Welcoming all active adults.



Join the PCOR MEMBERS as we go on our annual Christmas Caroling on Sunday, Dec 13th.

Caroling on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13th

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

RSVP to Bill Morgan wtmorgan@sonic.net

Join us . . .

PCOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS





Christmas Caroling

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN



SUNDAY, DEC. 13TH

Meet in PCOR parking lot at 3:00 pm

See the Rose Clippings for more information

Welcoming all active adults.



Little Pumpkins, Big Adventures at Rosebud!



There is something magical about experiencing the changing seasons through the eyes of a preschooler! At Rosebud, autumn brings a wonderful mix of imagination, excitement, discovery, and the simple joys of childhood.

As we write this, our little Rosebuds are looking forward to some festive fall fun! Our teachers are busy preparing for our **Trunk or Treat** celebration, complete with decorated trunks, goodies, a snack bar, and a special appearance by Mi Culture Car Club. We're also getting ready for a cozy **Pajama Day**, when the children can bring their favorite stuffed animals, snuggle up, and enjoy ***Room on the Broom***, a delightful story about friendship and kindness.

As the excitement of October gives way to the quieter months of November and December, we look forward to celebrating the things that matter most: kindness, gratitude, friendship, and the joy of being together.

Preschool is full of little moments that turn into big memories. Whether it's making a new friend, discovering something wonderful in nature, or proudly sharing a creation with a teacher, each day offers something worth celebrating.

From all of us at Rosebud Preschool, we wish you a season filled with warmth, wonder, and plenty of reasons to smile!

Holiday Fun for Kids & Youth!

Parents Night Out



- The Christian Education Committee, working with Rosebud Preschool, is hosting our second PNO on **Friday, December 4th.**
- We'll have fun activities, dinner, and a short film for children **ages 2-11.**
- Please sign up your children by **Wednesday, December 2nd** by contacting Amber at the preschool, **(707) 544-8600**, or **rosebudpreschool@sonic.net.**
- If you'd like to help out as a volunteer, please get in touch with Jill Bryant.



Exciting News: New After-School Youth Program Launching This December!



- We are thrilled to announce that our Youth Director, Fred Morgan, is hard at work developing a brand-new after-school youth program designed specifically for **middle school and high school students!**
- In partnership with NuBridges Youth Collaborative, this new initiative aims to provide a safe, welcoming, and supportive space where local students can gather after the school day ends.
- Whether kids want to catch up on homework, enjoy some tasty snacks, hang out with friends, or seek guidance and support, this program is built to meet them where they are.

Program Details:

Launch Date:
Monday, December 7th

Schedule:
Mondays, 2:15 PM – 4:15 PM

Location:
Bowen Hall

We Need Your Help!

- To make this program a true success for our community's youth, we are looking for **passionate volunteers!**
- Whether you can help tutor, supervise activities, prepare snacks, or simply be a friendly face for our students, your time and support will make a meaningful difference.
- If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information about the program, please reach out to Fred Morgan or contact the main office today.

Let's work together to create an inspiring space for our young people to thrive!

All are invited to this Multi-Media Presentation

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th

11:30 - after church in Rose Room

Benefit for the GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT

Light lunch served

All proceeds support this event
$10 donation suggested *

Thank you for your support.

Audio-Visual Presentation
'arm chair tour'
Highlights of Iceland



* Donation suggested, all are welcome, no one turned away

Holiday Happenings

An Ecumenical Christmas Concert

presented by
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5:00 pm

Church of the Roses
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Santa Rosa, CA

Admission is free.
Donations welcome!



Parents Night Out

Friday December 4 5:30 to 7:00 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. 1
by contacting Amber at Preschool
707-544-8600 or rosebudpreschool@sonic.net

Book Club December 10 2:30 pm at Jeanne's House



We will be planning 2027 books.
Bring a book to share with a friend!

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



Violeta by Isabel Allende

Told through the eyes of a woman whose unforgettable passion, determination, and sense of humor will carry her through a lifetime of upheaval, Isabel Allende once more brings us an epic that is both fiercely inspiring and deeply emotional.

Jeanne will have books.

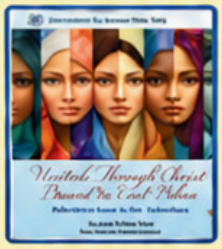
Bible Study: Wednesdays
7:00 p.m. on ZOOM
Continuing to Dec. 16



A Kerygma Study on

Exodus

Presbyterian Women



Saturday Nov. 14 at 9:45
Lesson 3: Freedom in Christ
1 Corinthians 5 and 6

Saturday Dec. 12 at 9:45
Lesson 4: Living Freely
and the responsibility
to care
1 Corinthians 7 11:1-16

Come join our friendly fellowship!

Support the Presbytery Hunger Fund
and the Montgomery High Breakfast

It's Cents-Ability Sunday

Sunday Nov. 8 Dec. 13

Bring in your contributions!

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PCOR Men's Group



BROTHERHOOD • CONNECTION • COMMUNITY

Stronger Together in Faith and Friendship

Mark your calendar for
Nov. 21 and Dec. 19

On these mornings, the men gather over a hearty breakfast, and everyone is welcome to jump in—whether it's helping cook, enjoying the meal, or pitching in with clean-up.

These moments around the table are where real connections form and brotherhood grows stronger.

This is a space to meet new men, strengthen friendships, and be part of a circle built on support, respect, and authenticity.

Among brothers, you'll find encouragement, laughter, and a community that lifts each other up.

Pull up a chair and be part of it.

We look forward to sharing good food, great conversations, and meaningful moments together.

See you there!

Coffee, Pastry, and Camaraderie

GOOD COFFEE. SWEET TREATS. GREAT COMPANY.

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!

for MHS Breakfast – Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays!

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, Wednesdays, and Fridays are most in need.

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



Every helping hand makes a difference!

GIVING TREE

The Deacons are excited to announce the Giving Tree program is back!

The Giving Tree has been a tradition of the Church of the Roses for over 25 years. Christmas gifts will be provided to Seniors and children in need.

More news to follow!

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES

Together in Faith, Growing in Love♡

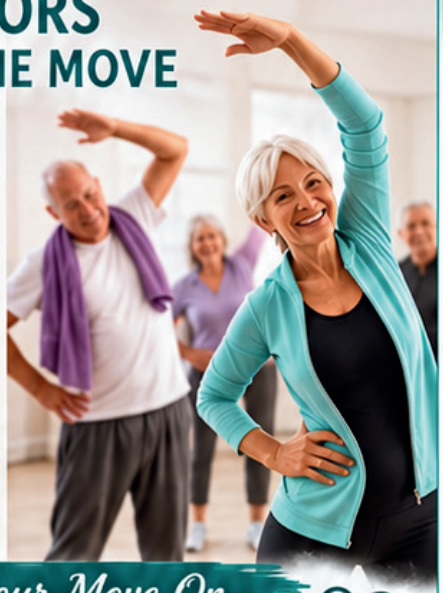
SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2026

Prayer Requests

Please include in your prayers -

Greg Basham
Barbara Basham
Jim Bauer
Barbara Blinn
Marjorie Cortez
Yvonne Draper
Michele Hare
Andy Kawecki
Chris Ledwick
Vivian Mazeski
Gene Michel
Lesley Pillsbury
Catherine Priestley
Jo Ann Schloegel
Dr. Bob Yee

SENIORS ON THE MOVE



Get ready to embrace strength, vitality, and community!

Join us every Monday at **10:30 AM** for **Stronger Seniors Exercise.**

This energizing session helps uplift your spirit, strengthen your body, and keep you moving. Come connect, stay active, and enjoy the journey to a healthier you.

Let's Get Your Move On – see you Monday! ♡

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

We are grateful for your service and we keep you in our prayers. ♡

SACRED SPACE

EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT IN A NEW WAY

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

5–6 PM

First Saturdays of the month in the Rose Room @ 5 pm. This is an intimate and meditative service with acoustic guitar and an opportunity to reflect in community. Join the circle!

INTIMATE ACOUSTIC WORSHIP | MEDITATIVE REFLECTION | COMMUNITY & CONNECTION

Rooted in God's Love, Growing Together in Faith. ♡

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Growing in Faith, Sharing God's Love

Happy New Year!

PCOR Invites All Seniors to a NEW YEAR'S EVE Party!!!!!

Let's ALL Celebrate Together

Thursday, Dec. 31, 2026
from 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Good Friends Good Times

BYOB (non-alcoholic)

POT LUCK dish/bowl/pan

Your favorite game (or not) – Puzzles will be Provided; Hats and Horns provided.

Join us:

- ★ TREASURE HUNT
- ★ PCOR'S GAME OF "THE PRICE IS RIGHT"
- ★ MOVIES
- ★ TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF "THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

Good Old Days

WANT TO GET INVOLVED??

Let Linda or Barbara know if you'd like to:

(a) Decorate
(b) Event Photographer
(c) Game Assistants
(b) Food Host/Hostess
(c) Make Newcomers Welcome
(d) Suggestions??

The Good Old Days

More Information to come as Party Time gets closer.

Your Hosts for the Event:
Linda Burille & Barbara Nelson

If you suspect Elder Abuse, call the hotline:

707-565-5940

Your report can be anonymous, the call is CONFIDENTIAL.

You might be saving a life or connecting the family to resources they need.

BLESS YOU!

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.

Thank You!

CHURCH OF THE ROSES WOULD LIKE TO THANK THESE BUSINESSES FOR MAKING OUR NEWSLETTER- POSSIBLE

A FUN BOOK FOR CHILDREN 3–8

Grandma's Garden Friends

Author, JR Moore ~ Art, Emily Wycoff



Ages 3–8 Children Meet The Wonders In Their Garden on Amazon Soon

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A Family of Four On Quarters
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Exploring our USA's history on a 7.5 month journey...

Released For Our 2026 250 Year USA Birthday



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SUNDAYS @ 10AM

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

www.churchoftheRoses.org

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