

Rose Clippings

*May the peace and hope of
Christ's birth
be with you now and in the days ahead...*

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES

November/December 2022

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Jesus is the Best Gift We Can Receive!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED FOR
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON. ALL ARE WELCOME!

11/05 – Sacred Space, 5pm

11/06 – Daylight Saving Time ends

11/11 – Veteran's Day

11/12 – Presbyterian Women, 10am

11/17 – Zoom Book Club, 2:30pm

11/18 – Family Movie Night, featuring "CARS"!
Free Pizza, Popcorn & Ice Cream, 5:30pm

11/19 – PCOR Men's Group, 8:15am

11/20 – Thanksgiving Worship Service

11/24 – Thanksgiving Day

11/27 – SRCCA Children's Concert , 4pm

11/28 – "It's a Wonderful Life" Advent Bible
Study, Mondays on ZOOM, 7pm

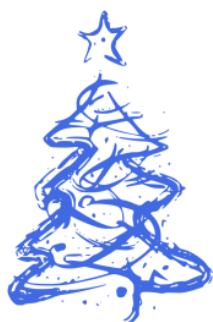
12/03 – Sacred Space, 5pm

12/15 – Zoom Book Club, 2:30pm

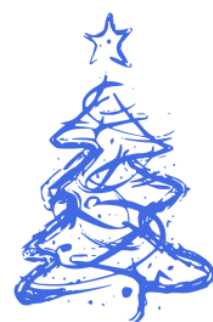
12/18 – Boomers Caroling and Potluck, 3pm

12/24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7pm

12/25 – Christmas Day Worship, 10am



Join us Sundays @ 10am
in the sanctuary or watch the
Livestream on our Facebook
page. Or at
www.churchoftheroses.org



The Season for Thanksgiving

By Pastor Cindy



I love Fall! But it is not just because my birthday is in October. I love Fall because it is truly a “season for thanksgiving.” After the hot dry summer we can look forward to the rains arriving sometime in late Fall. The beauty of the trees with changing leaves look like a huge bouquet of flowers. The holiday that everyone in the US observes no matter what faith they follow is Thanksgiving. 1st Thessalonians 5:16 states: “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give

thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

our church building more than 50 young people on a weekly basis, (in addition to the MHS breakfast program students.) The Council on Aging Respite care and the Rosebud preschool both have long waiting lists of people (old and young) who are hoping to attend these high quality programs within our church campus. If our church closed the Santa Rosa community would feel a huge loss. I am also thankful for:

PCOR Staff, Session and the Board of Deacons: We are so blessed to have incredibly creative and devoted staff, and 24 awesome church officers (including our Parish Associate) who have made this 2022 year a real gift to the church. They have all worked hard and coordinated their committees to help us survive Covid 19 and coordinate the big three 70th anniversary events to successful completion. They are helping to provide congregational care and concern for others in the church through phone calls, memorial service receptions and concerned outreach. And they are continuing to come up with fresh new ways to attract people to our church with a renewed Presbyterian Women group, a new Men’s Group, and a new Family Movie & Pizza Friday Night to follow up the Trunk or Treat Halloween event.

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This is the season to be thankful! Let’s be grateful for PCOR and for our:

70th Anniversary: It is such a blessing to be able to celebrate a church’s 70th year of life in the community when too many church’s are declining and closing. The latest Gallup poll found: “Among religious groups, the decline in membership is steeper among Catholics (down 18 points, from 76% to 58%) than Protestants (down nine points, from 73% to 64%). Americans’ membership in houses of worship continued to decline last year, dropping below 50% for the first time in Gallup’s eight-decade trend. In 2020, 47% of Americans said they belonged to a church, synagogue or mosque, down from 50% in 2018 and 70% in 1999.” We don’t have to follow that trend in Santa Rosa.

We can continue to grow and thrive despite the popular social habit of sleeping in late on Sunday mornings. People need us to continue to “reach out with nurturing love to all.” Our radio program is bringing new listeners to KSRO and they are grateful for PCOR’s worship service messages on their station. Our breakfast program is feeding more students than ever. And we are hosting more programs for both young and older people than this church has before. Our Boy & Girl Scout troops, 4-H club, and Santa Rosa Choral Academy all bring into

At your Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings, we can all be especially grateful this year for all God has blessed us with.

You survived Covid 19! You have a roof over your head, food in your pantry and a wonderful church family to celebrate and worship God. You are deeply loved personally by God. And you have a good purpose to fulfill as you participate even more fully in the life of the

Church of the Roses to keep us all strong and blooming.



Thanks be to God for the Church of the Roses!

70th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SUNDAY



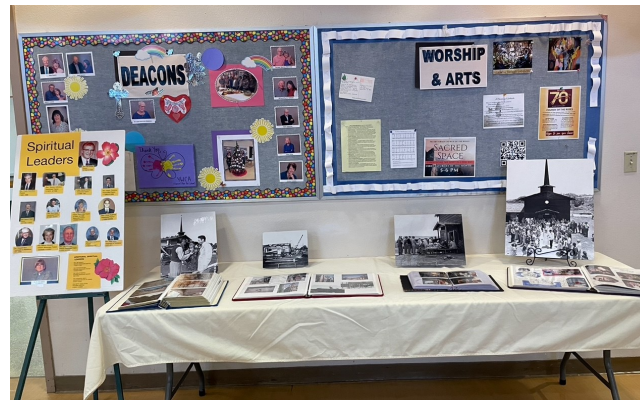
The presence of Pastors Kate Clayton and Peter Maier added to the specialness of our 70th anniversary worship



The 35+ year members were recognized at the beginning of our worship service. Their constant support and devotion to our church is a big part of why we have survived all these 70 years!



The Michels enjoyed catching up with Pastor Peter Maier and his wife and Reverend Kate Clayton, our guest preacher, on September 25th



Many thanks to Cindy Goede for putting together our big bulletin board and Spiritual leaders display and memory table.



70 years

CHURCH EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES

SACRED SPACE

EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT IN A NEW WAY

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

5-6 PM




Quilters Arise!

Last year's 17 quilts are on their way to Home Hostages and Council on Aging.

A new year of quilting begins.

Sue Loukonen has given so much to keep us going at Roses. She now is retiring, and expert quilter Yvonne Draper is ready to teach us some new tricks. We will be working from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. **We need more stitchers, designers, and cutters to join us.** We hope **YOU** will bring a lunch and join us to be a piece of our **Quilt Ministry**.



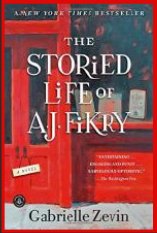
Zoom Book Club
Thursday Nov. 17
2:30 P.M.

The Nest

by Cynthia Sweeney

The Nest explores what money does to relationships, what happens to our ambitions over the course of our lives, and the fraught but unbreakable ties we have with our families.

See Jeanne for books



Zoom Book Club
Thursday, Dec. 15
2:30 P.M.

The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry

by Gabrielle Zevin

The story of a life in short story narratives.

Jeanne will have copies of the novel.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP IS BACK!

Calling for Volunteers

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

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

Thank you and see you on Sunday!

Church of the Roses' presents

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Featuring **CARS**

November 18 Friday | 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Church of the Roses invites you to bring the family out for Movie Night.

Includes Pizza Dinner, Ice Cream and Popcorn!

~ Kids ages 2-15 are welcome ~

FREE

Please RSVP by calling the church office at 707-542-4272
2500 Patio Ct. Santa Rosa
email: office@churchoftheroses.org

BOOMER HOLIDAYS

BOOMERS in NOVEMBER

Join the BOOMERS



November Potluck and Oberammergau Tour Highlights

When: Saturday, November 12th 5:00 pm

Where: Olsen's House at 5220 Badger Rd, Santa Rosa

What: Pot Luck (bring a favorite dish to share) and viewing is a multimedia show on the highlights from the Oberammergau Passion Play Trip PCOR members went on.

RSVP ! - We need to know how many chairs are needed!

Host: Lindsay Olsen text: 707-515-9009 or email olsenl2001@yahoo.com



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

By popular demand, Olsen's will host a pot luck dinner and MultiMedia Presentation from their PCOR trip to the Passion Play in Oberammergau.

BOOMERS in DECEMBER

An annual Boomers Tradition!

Christmas Caroling and Pot Luck

White Elephant Gift Exchange



Join the BOOMERS as we go Caroling on Dec. 18th

Caroling on Sunday, December 18th with potluck and gift exchange at the Morgan's afterward.

Meet in the church parking lot at 3:00 pm for caroling at a few nursing homes. *Vaccinated / Masks required*
Wear your festive Christmas attire! Songbooks provided.

We'll trek over to Morgan's ~ 5:30 ish after caroling.
Bring a *hearty hors d'oeuvre* and/or *fun dessert* plus a *beverage of your choice*, also a *gift to exchange* in a pirate gift exchange. (~\$25)

Please RSVP to Joy Olsen - olsen@sonic.net

PCOR MEN'S GROUP MEETING

NOV 19th
8:15am – 9:45am

BOWEN HALL



You are cordially invited to attend the November meeting of the
PCOR Men's Group.

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

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

Great opportunity to expand friendships.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, November 19!

Peace & blessings

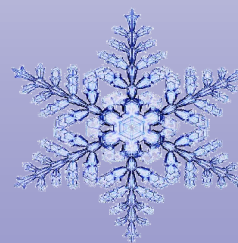
Your Steering Committee: Chris Bowen; Dennis Darrow; Bill Nakata and Norm Smith



The PCOR Presbyterian Women's Group meets the 2nd Saturday of every month in Bowen hall at 10am. Please join us!



The Church of the Roses was honored to host SRPD Chief of Police John Cregan on October 23rd during morning worship!



Trunk or Treat

This year's Church of the Roses Trunk or Treat was a SPOOKY FUN HIT!

We gave out about 100 welcome bags at both the neighborhood block part and at the Trunk or Treat. We estimate 200+ kids came to enjoy Halloween Night with us in the parking lot. Many thanks to all the participants who dressed up and decorated their trunks and brought treats. It was a safe fun time for all!

Now we have the Family Movie night to look forward to on Friday, November 18th. Hope to see you there!



BLOCK PARTY



Alternative Christmas ?

A new idea to some? Church of the Roses has celebrated this idea for many years. We honor our friends and family by giving to causes helping people here and around the world. On December 4 you will be given a **shopping list** to choose which causes you wish to support and there will be **holiday greeting cards** to send to those you wish to honor in this way. Some simply wish to give to make a difference in our troubled world. **Checks should be written to Church of the Roses** and the amount given will be included in the annual report of your giving to the church.



Alternative Christmas 2022



Church World Service

Chickens to Tanzania	\$17.00
Blankets for Refugees	\$10.00



PCUSA Mission Agency

Kitchen Kit	\$25.00
Educate a Child	\$25.00



Doctors Without Borders

At work in Ukraine	\$30.00
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Partners in Health Haiti

Helping in Haiti Emergencies	\$30.00
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Blue Theology Mission Station

Promoting Ocean Clean Up	\$15.00
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Bygrace Orphanage Kenya

School Supplies and Clothing for children	\$30.00
Support All	\$182.00

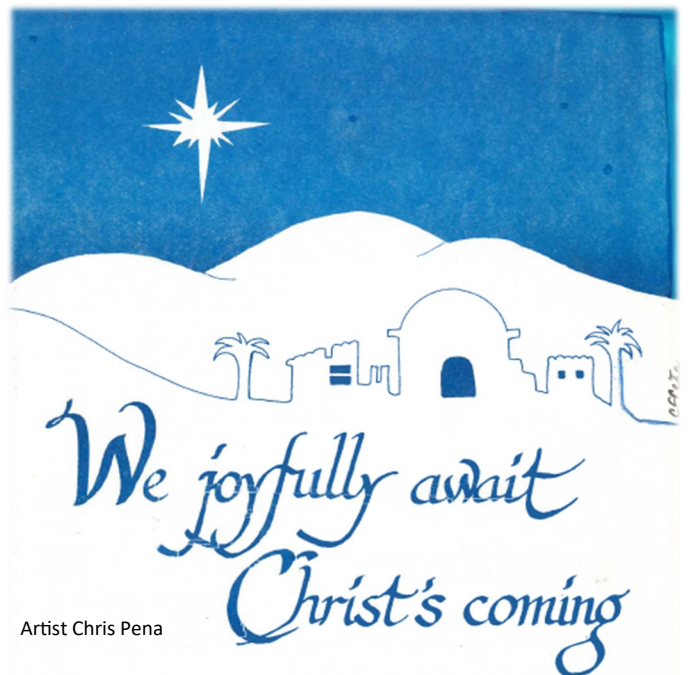
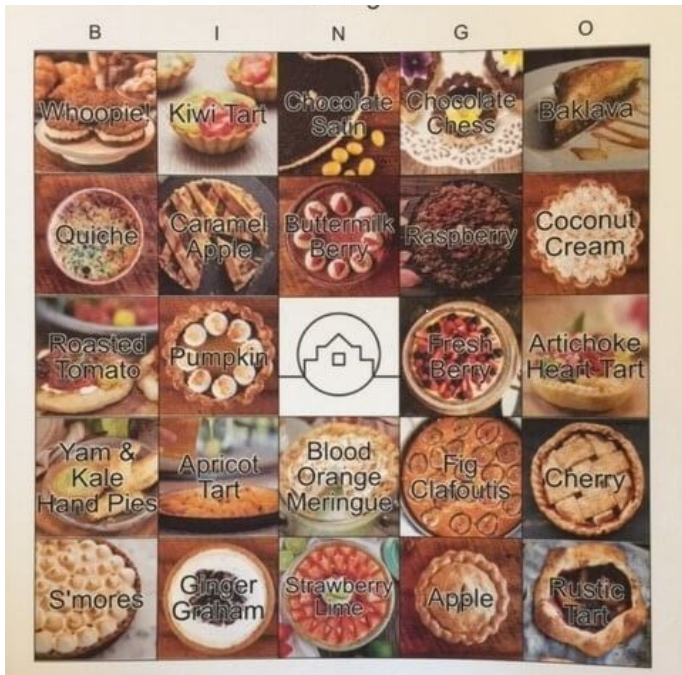
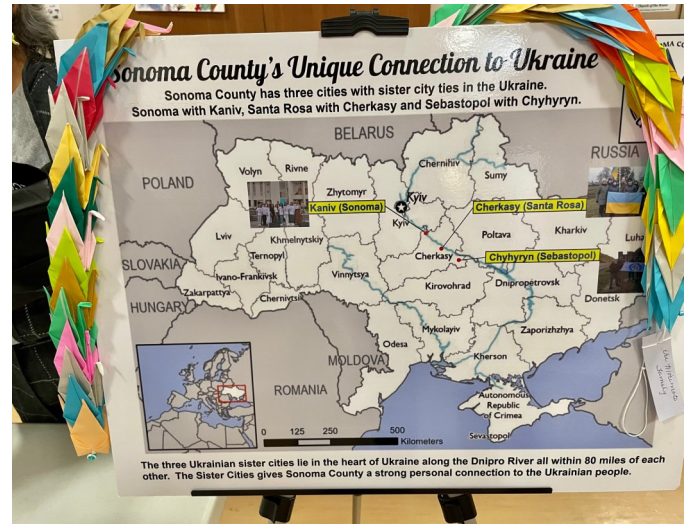


Ways to make a difference this Christmas

CHURCH & WORLD

Cranes for Ukraine was a big success!

Thank you for the wonderful workshop "fold-in" making Cranes for Peace in Ukraine!



Church of the Roses has been invited to join the Knox Church for a
Bingo & Pies Night
 Wednesday, November 23rd, 6 pm
 Knox/TLC, 1650 W. Third Street in Santa Rosa.

Bring a pie for a tasting contest and win prizes at Bingo!



ROSEBUD PRESCHOOL



The preschool classroom has been very busy with the start of the new school year and the weather changes! We have discovered that all of our yummy apples from the apple tree have grown and are ready to eat! One of our favorite activities is to harvest some apples and help wash them and eat them!! We are also excited to use these apples to make a yummy homemade apple pie! A few weeks ago, the preschool classroom hosted its first in person back to school night in a few years! It was a huge success with multiple families showing up and the teachers were so proud to connect with the families about their success' both with the children and with the curriculum! We recently also had a teacher in-service day where the

teachers had an opportunity to connect with each other and decorate wooden crates that will be used for their curriculum prep supplies. We are looking forward to learning more about Harvest time and weather changes in the next few months! - Karen Arena



FAMILY MINISTRIES & OUTREACH

Sunday School

OPEN HOUSE

We hope you and your family enjoy Family Movie Night coming up November 18th, but we also want you to enjoy the Sunday School Open House that will be available for folks to do an impromptu self guided tour of our classroom! There will be teachers to be present to answer any questions you may have! See you soon!

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.



WHAT'S IN A CANDY CANE?



Come and join us on Christmas Eve to learn the Legend of the Candy Cane: A Candymaker's Witness – A candymaker wanted to make a Candy that would be a witness, so he made the Christmas Candy Cane! Why? Cause Jesus is the best Gift of all!

We invite you to come and "Fall In Love with Jesus" this season here at PCOR Sunday School Program, as we learn the depths of His Love and Healing for us, in ALL things!

The ages are 4-11 & Older Youth ages 12+

We can't wait to see you there!



"And now these three remain: Faith, Hope, and Love. But the greatest of these is Love." -1 Corinthians 13:13

MUSIC DIRECTOR

From the Director of Music ...

Fall is here and 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 have some new music for Advent this year and on Christmas Eve we'll have a beautiful Lessons and Carols service with a harpist! 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 to carol@churchoftheroses.org

The first Roses Signature Concert on Sunday, October 9th was very well attended! Many choral enthusiasts from the community came to hear the a cappella ensemble Cantiamo Sonoma sing their fall concert. The next concert in the series will be the Santa Rosa Children's Choral Academy singing their annual Choral Celebration Concert, with guest choirs Cantiamo Sonoma and the SRHS Chamber Singers. Come and hear over sixty voices lifted in song ... it's sure to get your holiday season off to a great start! Below is a list of concerts in the Roses Signature Concert series.

Our famous choir director, Carol Menke, and her amazing Cantiamo Sonoma concert choir, provided our first free community concert on October 9th in the Roses Signature concert series.



Join us Sundays @ 10am



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

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

Sunday, November 27 at 4:00 p.m.

38th Annual Choral Celebration Concert ~ Santa Rosa Children's Choral Academy
w/ guests: Cantiamo Sonoma and Santa Rosa High School Chamber Choir

Sunday, January 15 at 2:00 p.m.

Piano 4-Hands featuring Marilyn Thompson & Nancy Hayashibara

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

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

Friday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Concert ~ Rutter Requiem

Sunday, May 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Spring Concert ~ Santa Rosa Children's Choral Academy



A Choral Celebration

Carol Menke, Artistic Director

presented by

Santa Rosa Children's Choral Academy

with special guests

Cantiamo Sonoma

Santa Rosa High School Concert Choir

Sunday, November 27, 2022 • 4:00 pm

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

Admission is free,
but donations will be greatly appreciated!



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

Join our Friday email list
for Zoom links and more.
Subscribe from our webpage.

FREE WORKSHOP



Just in time for the Holidays!

Saturday, December 10th, 2pm.

**A workshop at the Church of the Roses on the important topic:
How to set Boundaries with a Narcissist**

In our complex world, learning to set boundaries is more important than ever before! **Family Therapist, Ron Bauer**, has developed this group to help individuals learn how to deal with the narcissist or boundary violator in their lives. In the workshop Ron will work together with participants in a mutual and supportive environment to understand the dynamics behind boundary violators, find our role in maintaining toxic relationships, role play real life interactions and provide the tools and strategies you need to trust yourself, and your decisions to build healthy relationships. This group is at no cost to you as you learn to identify, define and attain a sense of sanity with your boundary violators.

DEACONS

We give thanks to God for the life of Ed Marcoux. As a fellow Deacon, Ed volunteered to help others at every opportunity. Ed was beloved by his Deacon buddies who looked forward to receiving Ed's cards and visits. From all of Ed's fellow deacons, we say "Well done my good and faithful servant."

Speaking of Deacon buddies, all new members have been assigned Deacon buddies. All new members should be receiving a note or phone call from your Deacon soon. Deacon Rich Osborne has resigned due to health issues. His Deacon buddies have been reassigned. Thank you rich for your service to God as a Deacon.

A big "Thank You" to those from our congregation who participated in the Pedal for Protein Bicycle Riding Money Raising Program. We Deacons have donated \$500 to the Pedal for Protein Program as a "thanks to them"!



The Holidays are fast approaching. We will continue to offer the beautiful 70th Anniversary Christmas ornaments every Sunday morning after each church service until Christmas.

Kristy's organization, New Bridges Collaborative, is going to join us Deacons this year with the "Giving Tree" to provide gift cards for seniors and children of your choice for donation. The deacons will have two sign-up rosters for all people interested in participating.

Our annual "Giving Tree" will be available for everyone who is interested to pick up a gift recipient on November 27th. Thank you to all who participate in this opportunity to share God's love!

Thank you, also, to Deacon Raven who delivers our monthly donation of granola bars and fruit to the Boys and

DON'T MISS OUT!

Get Your 70th Anniversary Commemorative items Today!



Get Your 70th Anniversary Ornament!

We are asking for a \$10 donation and the proceeds to go towards the work of the Deacons.

Please get yours TODAY while they last!

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





STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

We hope that you will celebrate our 70th anniversary with a platinum promise of support for Church of the Roses' future.

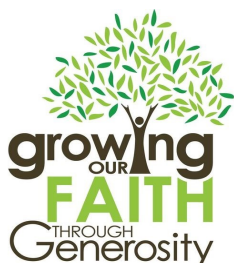
What are the upcoming needs to keep our church thriving? Your Session has been discussing and reviewing many projects, both to polish our image as a living, healthy church, but also to upgrade systems in dire need of replacement.

Soon you can expect to see new carpeting in the sanctuary, and a laminate flooring in the chancel area which will greatly enhance our acoustics. We are getting bids for painting of the exterior to freshen up our look. On a needs-to-be done note, we are finalizing bids for a new HVAC system for the Rose Room, library, and choir room, and keeping our fingers crossed that the HVAC system for the rest of the building won't need replacement, too. Bids are also being finalized for a new roof, hopefully to eliminate the leaks we have had to patch over the last several years.

We also want to retain the services of Kristi Gray, who has become the smiling face welcoming children to Sunday School, and who helps design the curriculum. Any what would we do without the tech services provided on Sunday morning, to provide the visual aids for the service, and to keep us connected to Zoom and Facebook for those unable to attend in person. Of course, we also want to compensate fully our wonderful office staff, our talented musicians, and our incredible Pastor Cindy!

Please prayerfully consider your ability to help our church with your promise of support.

Linda Burille
Stewardship Campaign Chair



Artist Chris Pena

Finance Committee

Give From Your IRA

An IRA is a great way to save for retirement. You can make a contribution and enjoy the tax savings. But eventually, the tax bill comes due - when you take your annual distributions and again when you leave your assets to heirs. To avoid the taxes and make a lasting impact on the Church of the Roses, consider a gift to the church.

If you are 70 1/2 or older you can make a tax free gift up to \$100,000 a year to the church. Benefits include:

- Watching the church's ministries expand in big ways

- Paying no income taxes on the gift

(If you are required to take a minimum distribution, your gift can satisfy all or part of your RMD obligation.)

You can also name the Church of the Roses as a beneficiary on your retirement account. This is a great way to extend support from your IRA beyond

your lifetime. How?

Contact your IRA administrator for a change of beneficiary form, or simply download a form from their website.

Name the "Church of the Roses" and the gift percentage on the form. Just 10% can make a difference in the longevity of our church.

Let us know about your plans so we can thank you for supporting the future of the church in this way.

Your gift matters and we appreciate every penny shared with the church! God's blessings are made to share.

Tax issues are complex and you should consult your tax attorney or tax preparer prior to taking any action. You may contact Bill Nakata (bill4wine@gmail.com), Linda Burille (slamarshall@sbcglobal.net) or Nancy Morgan (finance@churchoftheroses.org) for more information.

PCOR Finance Committee



HELP FEED OUR COMMUNITY

**Remember to Bring your
non-Perishable Food to the
Thanksgiving Worship Service
on November 20th**

PRAYER REQUESTS

UPCOMING MEMORIALS

NO UPCOMING MEMORIALS

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**The family of Kay Young as they mourn her death
on Oct. 19th, 2022*

**The family of Dolores Borchers as they mourn her
death on Oct. 17th, 2022*

THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

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

Jennifer
Rusty Jump
Barbara Kearns
Carolyn Kenworthy
Margret Kram
Vivian Mazeski
Marilyn MacLean
Jessica Morse
Nancy Pinney
Howard Powers
Priscilla
Lynette Randerson
Sherry Rupp
Pamela Sage
Bob Simmons
Marie Slack
Pat Sneath
Bob Weber
Jill White
Roger White
Helen Wikle
Betty Witchey-Ryer

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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

New Bible Study Series



Join Pastor Cindy as she take us on a Biblical walk through the
heart-warming movie classic

"It's a Wonderful Life".

When: Mondays at 7pm, starting November 28th

Where: ZOOM - click [HERE](#) for the link.

Please call the office at 707-542-4272 for details!

*The time is now
the time is here!*



Artist Chris Pena

Scriptures and Sermons

for November/December

November 6th (Communion Sunday)

Psalm 98 and 2 Thessalonians 2: 13-17

"Good Hope Found Here"

November 13th

Isaiah 65:17-25 and 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

"Energized Doing God's Will"

November 20th (Thanksgiving celebration Sunday)

Psalm 46 and Colossians 1:11-20

"Thanksgiving Around the World"

November 27th (First Sunday in Advent)

Isaiah 2: 1-5 and Matthew 24:36-44

"Finding Christ in Christmas"

December 4th (Second Sunday in Advent)

Isaiah 11: 1-10 and Romans 15:4-13

"The Lights of Advent"

December 11th (Third Sunday in Advent)

Isaiah 35: 1-10 Luke 1: 46b-55 (Guest Preacher: Dr Mbogo)

"The Magnificent Magnificat"

December 18th (Fourth Sunday in Advent)

Isaiah 7: 10-14 and Matthew 1: 18-25

"Listen to the Angels"

December 24th (Christmas Eve)

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 and Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

"Lessons and Carols"

December 25th (Christmas Day)

Psalm 98 and John 1:1-14

"Greatest Gift Ever!"

A BIG THANK YOU

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

We appreciate all you do!



Worship & Arts Committee

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 5 – Sacred Space

Nov 12 – Have a surplus of squashes or pumpkins? Bring them in to help decorate the sanctuary for our Season of Thanks!

Nov 13 & 20 – Autumn Blessings. We thank God for all His blessings by bringing in non-perishable foods to be donated to REFB. Place your Thanks-to-God Food Donations on the communion table and steps.

Nov 27 – First Sunday in Advent. Join us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

Decorate the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. Come join us for fellowship, decking the halls, and tasty goodies. Watch the bulletin for exact dates.

Dec 3 – Sacred Space –

Dec 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE. Join us for a family candle-light service of the Christmas story and carols.

Dec 25 – CHRISTMAS SUNDAY. Joy to the world our Lord is come! A service of beloved Christmas Carols.

World Communion Sunday



AN UPDATE FROM SESSION

CA AB-506

NEW MANDATED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

CA AB-506, effective January 1, 2022, includes new requirements for mandated reporting in churches and youth-serving organizations. Each church must now register with the Department of Justice to receive an official number for reporting. After months of waiting, our staff has finally succeeded in obtaining this number.

Each individual church which serves children or youth must provide fingerprints for all staff, Session members, and any volunteer who works with children or youth for 16 hrs. or over in a week, or 32 hrs. per year. This includes Sunday School volunteers, Montgomery High School Breakfast volunteers, Parents Night Out volunteers, Vacation Bible School volunteers, etc. LifeScan brought their mobile fingerprint unit to the church on Sunday, October 30, so most of us have this requirement behind us. For any that missed this opportunity, please contact the church office for information as to where you may go to get this done; costs will be covered by the church, but donations to help defer this cost are welcomed.

From the fingerprinting, detailed background checks will be run. Our church will be alerted should there be any who do not meet the

standards for working with children or youth. We are also alerted should there be any subsequent changes in status, so we will always know that we are maintaining safety standards.

Those required to be fingerprinted must also complete the child abuse training soon. If you have completed training with another organization, this will qualify for us; please forward a copy of your certificate to Raven in the church office, who is keeping a file for our church. If you have not already completed training, please do so online at <https://mandatedreporter.ca.com>. For anyone who needs computer access, feel free to come to the church and use any of our free computers.

Remember, these mandates are a result of too many churches NOT keeping children safe. It is always best to err on the side of being well trained and sure that everyone has a background check to show how much we care about the safety of the kids we serve.

- Linda Burille, PCOR Clerk of Session

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Happy Birthday to our members born in November and December!
We are blessed by your lives!

November Birthdays

Gary Smith 11/3
Diane Hodges 11/5
Sam Martinez 11/5
Bob Moore 11/5
Jill White 11/6
Gayle DeChellis 11/6
Ray Alden 11/17
Chris Bargar 11/17
Glenna Sutherland 11/19
Christine Pena 11/21
Michael Sepulveda 11/22
Bill Moberly 11/23
Dorothy LeCel 11/23
Evelyn Bunting 11/29

December Birthdays

Norm Smith 12/5
Karen Nakata 12/6
Ron Dodge 12/12
Christie Page 12/8
Howard Hansen 12/9
Ronald Kram 12/19
Bill Morgan 12/19
Pamela Sage 12/19
Gregory Soohoo 12/20
Beth Barberis 12/23
Julia Fenner 12/23
Jonathan Steele 12/26
Ann Wong 12/27
Wendy Glade 12/29

