

ROSE CLIPPINGS

NEWSLETTER

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PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF THE ROSES
ALL ARE WELCOME

WORSHIP
BELONG
SERVE
GROW
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

FALLING FOR JESUS

FAITH TAKES ROOT.
LIVES BLOSSOM.
COMMUNITY GROWS.

*"The harvest is plentiful
but the laborers are few.
Therefore pray to the Lord
of the harvest to send out
laborers into his harvest."*

Matthew 9:37-38 (NRSV)

FAITH
IN OUR
COMMUNITY
BEARS FRUIT

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 9/5 Sacred Space, 5pm
- 9/6 Labor Day, Office Closed
- 9/12 Presbyterian Women, 9:45am
- 9/13 National Grandparents Day, 10am
- 9/17 Zoom Book Club, 2:30pm
- 9/19 PCOR Men's Group, 8:15am
- 9/19 Women's Coffee Group, 8:15am
- 9/22 Session Meets, 6pm
- 9/26 PCOR Beading Group, 9:30am

OCTOBER

- 10/3 Sacred Space, 5pm
- 10/10 Presbyterian Women, 9:45am
- 10/15 Zoom Book Club, 2:30pm
- 10/17 PCOR Men's Group, 8:15am
- 10/17 Women's Coffee Group, 8:15am
- 10/18 Bennett Freidman Jazz Concert, 2pm
- 10/24 PCOR Beading Group, 9:30am
- 10/27 Session Meets, 6pm
- 10/31 Happy Halloween

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



From Pastor Kevin

Dear Friends,

On Wednesday, August 19, as I was driving home, I heard a report on The World radio program about the Loneliness Diagnosis. The UK, in 2018, became the first nation to launch a loneliness strategy. The United States Surgeon General issued an advisory in 2023. Loneliness is understood as perceived isolation and inadequate meaningful connections. Loneliness has a huge impact on health; according to The World program, 800,000 people die each year from causes linked to loneliness. Loneliness has been shown to increase the risk of heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and other illnesses.

The General Surgeon's advisory indicates that feelings of loneliness vary with age. Surprisingly, adults between 30-44 were loneliest age group with young adults right behind them. The least lonely group were adults over 65. While race and gender seem to have no impact on feelings of loneliness; income levels have an impact, people at the lowest income levels struggle the most with loneliness.

I think churches have a role in helping people who struggle with loneliness. Churches are one of the few places that have a weekly gathering in person where one can talk with people and share a common interest. For many churches, a social gathering usually follows a time of worship in which people have an even greater opportunity to make social connections. Churches remind people that they are not alone and that God is present in their lives and the people around them are reminders of God's presence. Church life, then, is not only good for your spiritual life but also for your health in general. Want to help save a life, invite someone you know is isolated or suffers from inadequate social connections to come worship with you.

I appreciate the many opportunities that PCOR provides for social connections and spiritual affirmation. Presbyterian Women has resumed on the second Saturday after a hiatus and anyone of any age is welcomed to attend. The social interaction and the studies that are included are all lay led. The Men's breakfast meets every third Saturday and is open to anyone who would like to come even if they are not a member of this congregation. The beading group meets on the fourth Saturday and is open to anyone who wants to bead and visit with other bead-ers. The Breakfast Angels not only provide a nutritious breakfast for the students at Montgomery, but the volunteers are fed with a shared ministry and a shared joy in being with one another and the young people they feed. The Concert Series is an opportunity to listen to wonderful music and be with other people who share your joy. Committees of the church are another way to do some meaningful work for the church and the community, and to work with lovely and caring people. You do not have to be a member of the congregation to participate in the work of a committee.

Congregations sometimes struggle to find relevance and purpose in a world that seems indifferent to the real needs of people. Our relevance is always here when we remember that we want to share the love of God in the world. One of the best ways to share that love is to reach out to people who may be lost in the mire of loneliness. As our church programs pick up in the fall, who do you know who might need to know that there are caring and loving people in the world and that they welcome to share in this care and joy.

Yours in Christ's love,

Kevin



Connection Changes Lives

*Let us encourage
one another toward
love and good deeds.*

Ways to Connect at PCOR



**Presbyterian
Women**
Second Saturday



**Men's
Breakfast**
Third Saturday



**Beading
Group**
Fourth Saturday



**Breakfast
Angels**
*Serving together,
sharing joy*



**Concert
Series**
*Music that lifts
and connects*



**Committees
& Ministry**
*Meaningful work.
Lasting impact.*



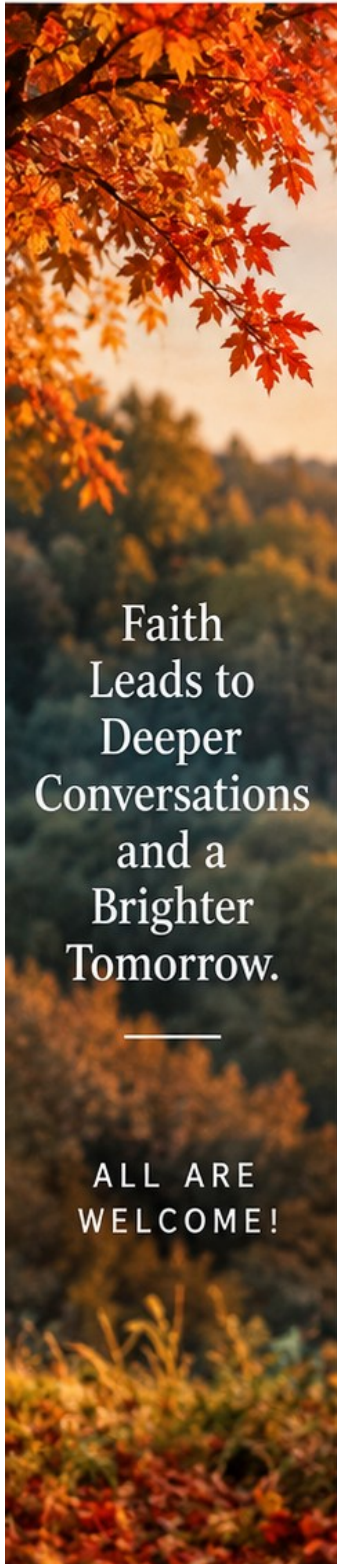


CHURCH
OF THE ROSES

FAITH • FAMILY
COMMUNITY
ALL GENERATIONS

ONE-TIME SPIRITUAL FORMATION CLASS THEMES

Exploring Faith • Asking Questions • Growing Together



Faith
Leads to
Deeper
Conversations
and a
Brighter
Tomorrow.

ALL ARE
WELCOME!

- 1** Reformed theology 
- 2** Should the concept of heaven play a role in how we live our faith and life?
Part 1: What is Heaven?
Part 2: What role should heaven play in our ethical life? 
- 3** What can we take from other religions to enrich our faith and lives? 
- 4** Parables 
- 5** Bible overview 
- 6** History of the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible) in contextual history and social settings. 
- 7** More about the disciples (The Twelve) 
- 8** Explaining our faith in God to unbelievers: how to talk, what to say. 
- 9** Beatitudes 
- 10** Prophets (Isaiah) 

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

PSALM 119:105

LEARN
DISCUSS
GROW
TOGETHER

Worship and the Arts

CREATING. EXPRESSING. EXALTING.

All for His Glory.

On the first Sunday in October,
we will celebrate *World Communion*
along with Christians throughout the world.

The idea originated with Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr in 1930 when he was Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly. The first actual occasion occurred in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where Dr. Kerr was pastor. It grew out of work by the Stewardship Committee at Shadyside intended to bring churches together.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) adopted the practice of designating World Communion Sunday in 1936 and the idea gradually spread to other denominations. In 1940 the Federal Council of Churches, predecessor to the National Council of Churches, endorsed it and began to promote it.

Dr. Kerr's son was a teenager in 1936 and also became a pastor. He later reflected in an interview, "*It was during the Second World War that the Spirit caught hold because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion Sunday symbolized the effort to hold things together in the spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the spirit and in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*"

Gleaned from various internet sources, this history was interesting to me and I thought it worth sharing. On World Communion Sunday, we often highlight international themes with decorations, breads and languages other than our own to show our faith surpasses such bounds. It is fitting that it is also the occasion for the **PCUSA Peace and Global Witness Offering**.

Please join us
OCTOBER 4
and every Sunday for worship.

If unable to be present physically,
look for ways to be with us online
and in spirit.



Charlotte Finney,
Chair of Worship and Arts Committee



MEMBERSHIP

IN THE COMMUNITY

CITY KIDS FESTIVAL
AUGUST 2026

The Membership Committee was out in the community tabling at the City Kids Festival in August, sharing the love, welcome, and presence of the Church of the Roses.

It was a joy to meet so many families, children, and neighbors, and to connect with our community through fun activities, conversation, and information about our church and upcoming programs.

We are grateful to everyone who helped set up, staff the booth, and engage with attendees. Events like this allow us to live out our mission beyond our walls and build meaningful relationships with the community we serve.



PEOPLE
CONNECTION
COMMUNITY
GOD'S LOVE
IN ACTION



MEET
CONNECT
BELONG

Thank you to our Membership Committee and all who helped make this outreach a success. Together we are sharing a warm welcome and a brighter tomorrow.

FAITH
IN THE COMMUNITY
MAKES A DIFFERENCE



Church & World

September/October 2026



Montgomery High School (MHS) Breakfast Program

School began on Monday, August 17th, and our generous Breakfast Angels are serving breakfast burritos (and pancakes) to the middle and high school students every school day. We are grateful for recent grants from the Welfare League (\$2,500) and the MHS Alumni Foundation (\$200). The program's cost is around \$2,200+ per month. Donations are always welcome. Interested in being a Breakfast Angel, especially as an alternate for Mondays through Fridays? Please call the church and speak to Raven at (707) 542-4272.



Merit Award Honor

Our beloved MHS Breakfast Program will be honored with a City of Santa Rosa Merit Award and recognition by the City Council on Monday, September 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the Finley Community Center. Please let Rhonda know before September 7th if you would like to attend!



Cents-Ability Collection

Thank you for your continued contributions during the second Sunday service and in the cans in the Narthex and Campbell Court. The collection is for the Presbytery Hunger Fund. We are able to keep 25 percent of the contributions which will go toward the Montgomery High School Breakfast fund.



Earth Care in Action

PCOR is a re-certified Earth Care Congregation (6th year). Please join us for California Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, September 19th, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, at Doran Beach Regional Park. Please contact Rhonda at (707) 481-4743 if you are interested in joining in being a steward of our coast and waterways.



Connecting Across Borders

After service on July 26th, Adam Manasra returned to share about his home village, Wadi Foquin, in the West Bank and his book, *A Chronicle of Our Land*. He and friends sold items from Palestine to support villages there. Pat Silva arranged a Zoom meeting with Eman Rashid of Our Sister Village initiative to talk with the committee about how our church can help. More information will be shared with the congregation.

Upcoming Special Offering



World Communion Offering

September 6 – October 4

This special churchwide collection cultivates global reconciliation by supporting racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations.

Watch for inserts and World Communion offering envelopes in the bulletins on September 27th and collection on Sunday, October 4th.

Join PCOR Friends! nami Walks SONOMA COUNTY



Saturday, October 17, 2026
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Howarth Park
(by the boat house)

Please register to be on PCOR Team as a walker (Rhonda Darrow is captain) and/or donate at namiwalks.org!



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 the 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 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.



Prayer for World Peace

RHONDA DARROW, CHAIR (2026-2028)



Save *the* DATE



CHURCH
— OF THE —
ROSES

Called to Care.
Committed to Creation.

*We are Stewards
of the Earth.*



CA COASTLINE CLEANUP DAY



Saturday, 9/19/26

If interested to attend cleanup at
Sonoma County Doran Regional Park,



please contact:

Rhonda Darrow/Church & World Committee



rdarrow@pacbell.net | (707) 481-4743

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE News

CHURCH OF THE ROSES

FAITH
FAMILY
COMMUNITY
ALL GENERATIONS

TEACHING • NURTURING • GROWING IN CHRIST

Young Disciples

The new school year is upon us!

And with that, **Young Disciples**, our Sunday school program with Miss Teddie, has resumed on Sunday mornings during worship for ages 4-11. Please be sure to submit an updated registration form for your child for the new church year.



CHILDREN
LEARN
BELONG
GROW
IN CHRIST

parent's NIGHT OUT

Family Time for You. A Fun Night for Them!

The Christian Education Committee, in conjunction with Rosebud Preschool, will host our first PNO of the school year on **Friday, September 25th**. We'll have fun activities, dinner, and a short film for children ages 2-11. Register **your children no later than Wednesday, September 23rd** 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.



ROSEBUD
PRESCHOOL

PLAY
LEARN
FRIENDSHIPS
FAITH
A BRIGHTER
TOMORROW

GENERATIONS OF JOY

GRANDPARENT DAY

HONOR • CONNECT
CELEBRATE

Generations of Joy — Grandparent Day!

We are excited for our upcoming event, Generations of Joy, on **Sunday, September 13th** (Grandparent Day)! This event will be a joyous way to honor and celebrate our grandparents and grandchildren, and encourage all generations to visit our church to participate in the fun. We will offer a light lunch and snacks as well as activities including a photo booth, conversation cards, and grand-kin interviews. Submit photos of you and your grandparents and/or you and your grandchildren by **Thursday, September 3rd** to be included in a special slideshow presentation, and a "Guess That Grandkid" game! Digital or hard copies of photos can be submitted to the church office, office@churchoftheroses.org.

We hope you can join us for this wonderful opportunity to bond, reminisce, and celebrate the joy of family. Please feel free to invite your families, bonus-kin, neighbors, and friends. **RSVP no later than Sunday, September 6th.**

ADULT EDUCATION – KERYGMA BIBLE STUDY



We are pleased to announce the latest Bible study class, an 8-week Kerygma Study of the Book of Exodus, beginning **Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 PM** on Zoom, and continuing through Wednesday, November 18. As with our last Kerygma Study, weekly lessons will be available either via email or printed for you the Sunday before. Please talk to either Linda Burille or Pastor Kevin as to your preference, and to be on the list to receive both the materials and the weekly Zoom link announcements.

Come join us as we explore this ancient text together.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION CLASS



We are also instituting an in-person Spiritual Formation Class, to be held once a month on Sunday following worship in the Rose Room.

Our first session will be held **Sunday, September 20**, to explore the topic **Explaining Our Faith to Unbelievers: How to Talk, What to Say**. For our next session on Sunday, October 25 (Reformation Sunday), we will discuss Reformed Theology.

The classes will be led by Pastor Kevin.
All are welcome to join.



CHURCH OF THE ROSES
A CHURCH FOR ALL GENERATIONS



TOGETHER IN FAITH • FOR TODAY • FOR TOMORROW



Pedal For Protein

Serving Northern California Food Pantries



Pedal for Protein (P4P) is returning to a multi-day event - October 20 - 23, 2026!

Details of which are shared through a beautifully written endorsement by
Eric Beene, General Presbyter, Presbytery of the Redwoods



Dear Friends,

The Redwoods Presbytery Pedal for Protein bike ride is back with a multi-day ride this October 20-23! Over 12 years, Pedal for Protein has raised almost half a million dollars for food banks in the bounds of our Presbytery as well as for projects to relieve hunger in other countries. It's a great time of fellowship and adventure for the riders and a great way that our whole Presbytery comes together to serve our neighbors who are hungry.

After a couple of years of shorter rides, this year there will be a 229-mile route over four days through stunning scenery, with gracious hospitality from Redwoods Presbytery congregations along the way. The group will start and end in Mendocino, with stops in Gualala, Santa Rosa and Ukiah. They will return to Mendocino for our Presbytery meeting at Mendocino Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 24, beginning at 10 a.m. At that meeting, we will have a special presentation on imaginative innovation in ministry, and Pedal for Protein will be a great illustration of the energy and commitment we put toward praising God and serving others!

Those of us who aren't riding can support the riders with our prayers and with our contributions. The generosity of everyone in our congregations is what has made this such a Spirit-filled expression of our connection with each other and call to serve our neighbors.



• EVENT AT A GLANCE •



**229-mile route
over four days**



**Start/End:
Mendocino**



**Stops:
Gualala, Santa Rosa,
Ukiah**



**Presbytery Meeting
Presentation:
Saturday, October 24,
10 a.m.**



*Together, we ride.
Together, we serve.*

Praising God. Serving others.
Building community.



For more information, including links to register as a rider or to donate to support the riders, see the Pedal for Protein website at <https://www.pedalforprotein.com/>





From the DIRECTOR of MUSIC



The Chancel Choir is back!

Following our annual Choral Retreat on Sunday, August 23rd after church. I can't wait to introduce some new music I found! Then every week thereafter we'll be rehearsing on Thursday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30-ish, and singing in church again starting on Sunday, September 13th!

We've had a lovely summer of various soloists, ensembles, instrumentalists offering their musical talents ... hopefully we will continue with the occasional sprinkling of a solo here and there once the choir is back.



As always, it's never too late to consider joining the choir –

it's a wonderful group of people who love singing to the glory of God. Singing is wonderful for your health – vocal technique, breathing, concentration, focus, culture, spiritual growth ... it's all there!



Why not consider joining us?

Just find Carol on Sunday morning at coffee hour, or email: carol@churchoftheroses.org.

There's always *Bellissimo* too, in case playing the handbells is something you'd like to try.



The Roses Signature Concert Series 2026–2027

is all planned– there are four concerts on the series this year.



We're starting the series off with a bang – with **Bennett Friedman and his Jazz Quartet** – back by popular demand on **Sunday, October 18th at 2:00 p.m.**



Our annual Christmas Concert will be an ecumenical one this year – we're inviting the Lutherans and the Mormons to join us! All the singers will gather at 1:00 p.m. on **Saturday, December 19th** to rehearse some Christmas pieces all together – and then we'll give each choir some time to present their individual pieces.



The Four For His Glory men's quartet will also be joining us, as well as a men's ensemble so we can perform the lovely "*Ave Maria*" by **Franz Biebl**. We'll present a concert at 5:00 pm that afternoon and have a festive reception immediately following the program.



We hope you'll want to support this series and tell all your friends! We are offering these concerts *free to the community*, but *donations are gratefully accepted*.



Our annual Good Friday Concert will be the *Fauré Requiem* with orchestra and soloists. Please see the "*Music at Roses*" poster.



Carol Menke,
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC



Music at Roses



Roses Signature Concert Series

∞ Sunday, October 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Bennett Friedman Jazz Quartet

∞ 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 pm.

Cantiamo Sings!

Special Concert

∞ Friday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Annual Good Friday Concert

Fauré Requiem

with Orchestra and Soloists

Carol Menke, Director

Requested Donation: \$25

Church of the Roses

2500 Patio Court, Santa Rosa





Rosebud PRESCHOOL

A New School Year Begins!



There is lots of excitement at Rosebud Preschool as we begin our Fall Semester and a brand-new school year! The classrooms are once again full of laughter, music, busy little hands, and lots of new friendships beginning to grow.



In our Main Classroom, the first weeks of school are all about getting to know one another and learning what it means to be part of our preschool community. The children are becoming familiar with their teachers, classmates, classroom spaces, daily schedule, and routines. **Ms. Roxy** has been introducing fun songs and games that help teach classroom expectations in a playful and positive way. Our teachers are especially focused on building strong relationships with each child and family and helping everyone feel safe, comfortable, welcomed, and ready to play and learn.



Our Pre-K children are also settling into their new classroom and learning the routines, structure, and expectations of their day. We have been playing plenty of get-to-know-you and name games, helping children learn their classmates' names while also practicing recognizing their own names. There is already so much excitement as this new group begins to come together!

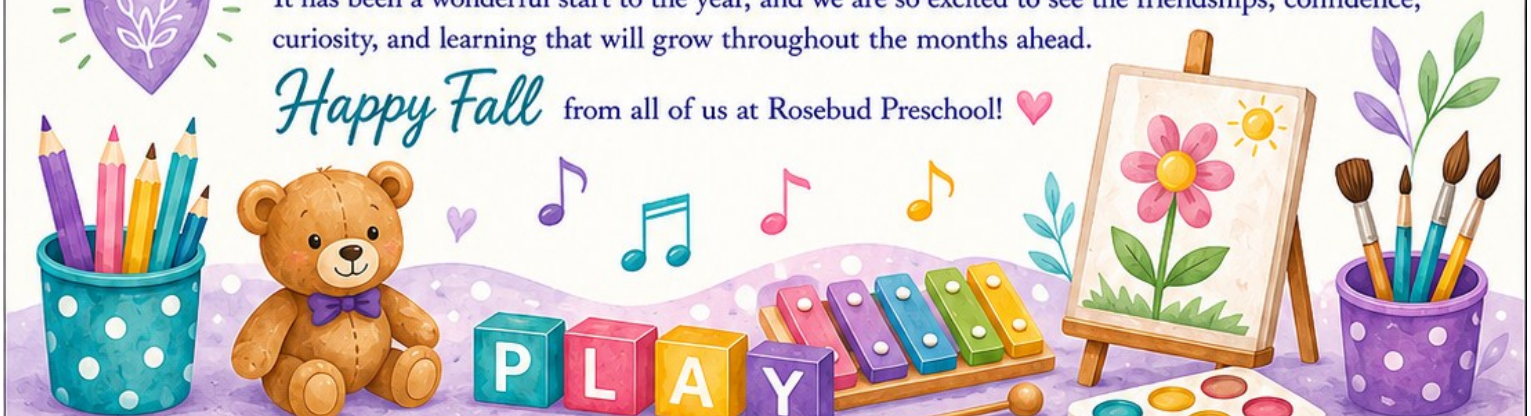


September 17th is our **Back to School Night**. We can't wait to mingle with all our new and returning families and to share with them what makes Rosebud so special, our amazing dedicated teachers and wonderful families. Back to school night allows us to get to know families better as well as convey important information regarding our program and is a great opportunity for families to meet each other.



It has been a wonderful start to the year, and we are so excited to see the friendships, confidence, curiosity, and learning that will grow throughout the months ahead.

Happy Fall from all of us at Rosebud Preschool! 



BUILDING & GROUNDS



Building and Grounds experienced a very busy last few months, but many may not know that because when all is working well our work is usually out of sight so I have attached our **Unscheduled Call Record** that shows volunteer B&G activities other than landscaping.

Maintaining our large and historic building requires a significant amount of work by our volunteers, as well as from contractors for work we cannot do or requires someone with a license to perform. The following highlights are typical of our work:



PROPERTY APPEARANCE: Dave Nelson mows our lawns, Dannis Darrow and Steve Fenner trimmed our overgrown shrubbery, some of which have grown beyond the ability to maintain and are being considered for replacement. Pam Ryan and Ellen Marks prune the namesake roses and we have been spreading mulch created by the recent tree trimming. We are a prominent building in a nice residential area across from a major shopping center so it is important that at first sight we present an appropriate positive appearance that represents our mission and those who worship here or otherwise use the building, and most importantly, is appropriate to the house of the Lord.



ENVIRONMENTAL COMFORT: three non-functioning Bowen Hall HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) units were repaired, improved temperature control for the choir room was investigated.



INTERIOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Dennis Darrow and Gary Smith repaired two roof leaks and patched the ceiling damaged by water. Jim Taylor repaired two leaking water faucets. I am working with our janitorial contractor on a performance improvement plan. Lindsay Olsen and Rhonda Darrow reorganized the Bowen Hall bulletin boards resulting in an appropriately professional appearance.



Ron Dodge



Thank you to all the volunteers and contractors who faithfully serve behind the scenes to keep our church a beautiful, safe, and welcoming place for all who enter.



CLICK ON THIS PAGE TO GO TO THE **UNSCHEDULED CALL RECORD**

Deacons

SERVING
WITH FAITH,
LOVE & JOY

CARE • CONNECTION
COMPASSION • COMMUNITY



BIBLE EMERGENCY NUMBERS

REAL HELP • REAL HOPE • RIGHT NOW

WHEN LIFE CALLS ... CALL ON GOD'S WORD

	When in sorrow	John 14
	When man fails you	Psalms 27
	When you have sinned	Psalms 51
	When you have worry	Matthew 6:19-34
	When you are in danger	Psalms 91
	When God seems far away	Psalms 139
	When your faith needs stirring	Hebrews 11
	When you are lonely and fearful	Psalms 23
	When you grow bitter and critical	1 Cor. 13
	When you feel down and out	Romans 8:31-39
	When you want peace and rest	Matthew 11:25-30
	When God seems too small	Psalms 90
	When you need assurance	Romans 8:1-30
	When you prepare for travel	Psalms 121
	When your prayers grow narrow or selfish	Psalms 67
	When you want courage for a task	Joshua 1
	To get along with your fellowman	Romans 12
	For a great intervention or opportunity ...	Isaiah 55
	For Paul's secret to happiness	Col. 3:12-17
	If you want to be fruitful	John 15
	If your pocketbook is empty	Psalms 37
	If you're losing confidence in people	1 Cor. 13
	If people seem unkind	John 15
	If discouraged about your work	Psalms 126
	When you feel small	Psalms 19

A
caring
church
is a
stronger
church.



CARING FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The Deacons are grateful for the opportunity to serve our congregation. Through visits, phone calls, cards, meals, and a compassionate presence, we seek to care for and support members and friends of our church family in times of joy and in times of need.



A SEASON OF SERVICE

As we move into the fall season, we are reminded of God's many blessings and of our call to share Christ's love with one another. The Deacons are intentional about listening, encouraging, and responding to the needs in our congregation and community.



WALKING TOGETHER

Our ministry helps strengthen the connections that make Church of the Roses a welcoming and caring place. Whether through a friendly call, a home or hospital visit, a meal, or simply being present, the Deacons are here to walk alongside you.



YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Please keep our Deacons in your prayers as they continue this important work. And if you or someone you know could use a listening ear, a visit, or support, please reach out to a Deacon or the church office. We are happy to help.

TOGETHER
WE SHARE
GOD'S LOVE
IN PRACTICAL
WAYS.

GALATIANS 6:2

"Carry each other's
burdens, and in this way
you will fulfill the law
of Christ."



**GOD'S WORD
IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE.**

READ • PRAY • TRUST • REPEAT

Fellowship

— COMMITTEE —



Sunday Fellowship

Each Sunday following worship, Fellowship Hour gives us a chance to slow down, enjoy a cup of coffee and a snack, catch up with friends, welcome visitors, and get to know someone new. These simple moments of conversation and connection are an important part of building a caring church community.



More Than Coffee

The Fellowship Committee helps create opportunities for our congregation to gather — not only on Sunday mornings, but also for special church events throughout the year. Behind every cup of coffee, plate of treats, reception, luncheon, and celebration are the volunteers who help make it happen.



We Could Use Your Help!

You don't have to join the committee to help. You can sign up for a Sunday to bring snacks, help prepare coffee, assist with setup, or stay a few minutes afterward to clean up. Even helping once in a while makes a difference and helps keep the responsibility from falling on the same few people.



All Are Welcome

If you enjoy planning gatherings, decorating, hospitality, or simply making people feel welcome, the Fellowship Committee would love to have you join us. There is always room at the table for another person and another idea.



Interested in Helping?

Sign up at the refreshment table on Sunday or speak with a member of the Fellowship Committee.



Finance Committee Report

GENEROSITY
BUILDS
BRIGHTER
TOMORROWS

STEWARDSHIP • SUSTAINABILITY • MINISTRY

*"For where
your treasure is,
there your heart
will be also."*

MATTHEW 6:21



SUPPORT
WORSHIP



NURTURE
COMMUNITY



EXPAND
OUTREACH



INVEST IN
THE FUTURE

As we move into the fall, we want to give the congregation a brief update on the church's finances and thank everyone for your continued generosity and faithful support of our church and its ministries.

Through the end of July, the church received \$173,923 in income, compared with the \$192,657 we had budgeted. On the positive side, our expenses have also been lower than expected: \$197,164, compared with a budget of \$210,592. Overall, however, we are currently operating at a deficit of about \$23,000, which is approximately \$5,000 more than we had anticipated at this point in the year.

The largest factor in our income shortfall is pledged giving, which is currently about \$18,000 below budget. We recognize that giving patterns vary throughout the year, and some members may simply be a little behind on their pledges. You will soon receive an individual update showing where your 2026 pledge stands. If you are able, we encourage everyone who made a pledge to make every effort to fulfill that commitment by the end of the year. Our annual budget is built around the pledges we receive, so following through on those commitments makes a real difference in our ability to support the ministries and mission of our church.

In other financial news, Rosebud Preschool is doing very well. Through July, its net income was \$9,946, vs an anticipated \$202 budgeted deficit. Hallelujah!

Finally, Session has approved the purchase of a two-station cappuccino/hot cocoa machine, which will provide hot cocoa for our Montgomery High School breakfast ministry as well as cappuccino when appropriate. The total approved amount is up to \$1,839, including supplies and contingencies, and will be paid from designated Gifts and Bequests Funds rather than from our regular operating budget. Gratitude to the Gifts and Bequests Committee which includes Bill Nakata, Linda Burille, and Barb Basham for spearheading this initiative (please forgive me if I am leaving anyone out!).

Thank you again for your generosity and faithful stewardship. Every gift helps sustain the worship, fellowship, outreach, and ministries we share together as a church family.

— Finance Committee

(Anthony Lim, Linda Burille, Barbara Basham, Kim Seamans, Dave Nelson, Ron Dodge, Linda Lance, Nancy Morgan, and Pastor Kevin)



INCOME

\$173,923

(Budgeted \$192,657)



EXPENSES

\$197,164

(Budgeted \$210,592)



CURRENT DEFICIT

\$23,000

(About \$5,000 more
than anticipated)



ROSEBUD PRESCHOOL

\$9,946

(vs. \$202 budgeted
deficit)



SESSION NOTES

– AUGUST, 2026 –

SESSION ACTION:



- Appointed **Chris Rhodes** and **Linda Burille** as commissioners to the next Redwoods Presbytery meeting on October 24, 2026 in Mendocino.



- Approved the **purchase of a 2-station cappuccino machine**, plus supplies for both hot cocoa and cappuccino, for a total of \$1,839, with funds to come from Memorial Funds.



- Approved the **deletion of membership of Deborah Blum**, at her request.



- Approved that the position of **Bell Choir Director** be offered to **Carol Menke** under usual and customary terms. Said position to be a specific position separate and distinct from her current duties as Director of Music. Compensation based upon estimated time of 10 hours per month at \$30 per hour for 9 months of the year, with a maximum salary of \$2,700.

SESSION REPORTS:



- Clerk of Session:** As of 08/25, our membership stands at 199.



- Pastor:** Pastor Kevin continues to work with the Mission Study Committee to create a Mission Study for approval by Session.



- Building & Grounds:** Their Janitorial Improvement Program is working, with positive feedback. Exterior plants and shrubs being trimmed and pruned regularly, and gradually upgraded as appropriate.



- Christian Education:** Highlight Grandparent's Day celebration on 9/13, new Wed. night Bible Study on Exodus starting 9/16, and start of monthly after-worship Spiritual Enrichment class on 9/20.



- Church & World:** Coastal Clean-Up on 9/19 at Doran Beach. SR Merit Award for MHS Breakfast Program on 9/21 at the Finley Center. Contact Rhoda Darrow if you would like to attend.



- Fellowship:** New committee members are needed!



- Finance:** As of 7/30, there is a net deficit of (\$23,241) vs. budgeted deficit of (\$17,935). Pledge Status Reports will be emailed to all pledgers by the end of September.



Next Session meeting will be
Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 PM
on Zoom.

Linda Burille, Clerk of Session



PCOR

Beading Group

OUR PCOR BEADING GROUP
MEETS THE **4TH SATURDAY**
AT **9:30AM** IN THE
ADULT ED ROOM



We started out making prayers beads to either the **23rd PSALM** or **Fruits of the Spirit** and now also make bracelets and necklaces.



We are a small and mighty group that has learned a lot a beading, creating truly lovely pieces of jewelry while enjoying a very calming, comforting, peaceful,time together as well as a great time of commadrarie.

“

I love spending time with friends and being creative with no expectations—no pressure, just hanging with friends and enjoying a sense of peace and relaxation on a Saturday morning.

”



Everyone
WELCOME!



Bring your own
beads or use
from ours.



No experience
needed.



Bring a friend!

SEE YOU HERE ON *Sat. September 26th* | **9:30AM**

Questions? Contact:



Raven@churchoftheroses.org



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PCOR MEN'S GROUP



BROTHERHOOD. CONNECTION. COMMUNITY.

Stronger Together in Faith and Friendship



Mark your calendar for
Sept. 19 and Oct. 17 –

two Saturdays dedicated to brotherhood,
connection, and good conversation.



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!



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.



*Every helping hand
makes a difference!*

MERIT AWARDS CEREMONY

September 21, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Finley Community Center
2060 W. College Ave, Santa Rosa

You are invited to the 2026 Merit Awards presentation.
Please join us to honor Santa Rosa's outstanding
community volunteers.

***Celebrating people who make
our community better!***



THANK YOU
VOLUNTEERS!





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Together in Faith, *Growing in Love*♥



SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2026



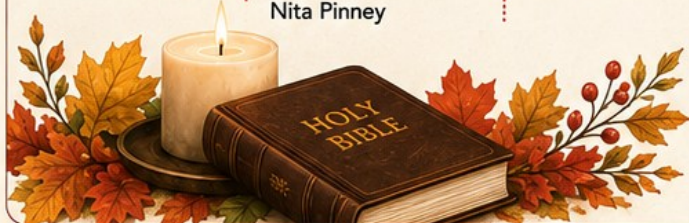
Prayer Requests

Please include in your prayers-

Dennis Baker
The family of David Barber
Greg Basham
Jim Bauer
Barbara Blinn
David Barber
Diana Burdick
Lisa Chaffey
Marjorie Cortez
Steve Cummings

Yvonne Draper
Robert Flandermeyer
G- Oregon Coast
Michele Hare
Jennifer Hochstettler
Andy Kaweck
Linda Lance
Dorothy LeCel
Chris Ledwick
Vivian Mazeski
Gene Michel
Nita Pinney

Lesley Pillsbury
Lavern Pinder
Catherine Priestley
Jonathan Steele
Susan & Sarah
Valerie Soldate
Bill St. John
Lynne Vandercook
Walker Cash
David Woff
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!



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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



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COMMUNITY
& CONNECTION



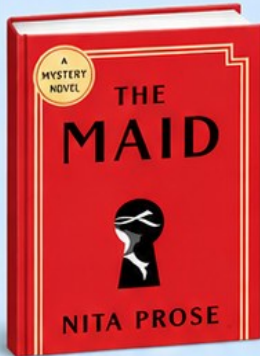
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Growing Together in Faith. ♥*

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Church Happenings

Events in and around Church of the Roses



Book Club

Thursday, September 17
2:30 p.m. on Zoom

The Maid by Nita Prose

The Maid is a compelling and quirky mystery about the death of a prominent hotel guest and the maid who finds his body.

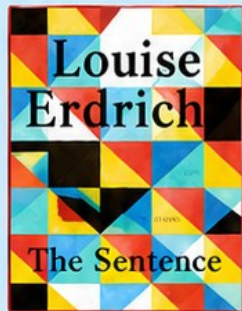
➤ Jeanne will have books ➤

Bible Study: Wednesdays
7:00 p.m. on ZOOM
Sept. 16 - Nov. 18



A Kerygma Study on

Exodus



Book Club

Thursday, October 15
2:30 p.m. on Zoom

The Sentence by Louise Erdrich

"The Sentence" is filled with humor and humanity. Her characters ask life's hard questions, usually coming out the wiser, and you might too.

➤ Jeanne will have books ➤

Presbyterian Women



Saturday Sept. 12 at 9:45
A new study begins!

**United through Christ,
Bound to Each Other**

Lesson 1: Unity in Christ,
Wisdom from God.
1 Corinthians 1-2

Saturday Oct. 10

Lesson 2: Connected in Christ
1 Corinthians 3-4

Come join our friendly fellowship!

Parents Night Out!
Friday, Sept. 25 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 Sept. 23
by contacting Amber at Preschool
707-544-8600 or rosebudpreschool@sonic.net

**Support the Presbytery Hunger Fund
and the Montgomery High Breakfast**

It's Cents-Ability Sunday

Sunday Sept. 13
Sunday Oct. 11

Bring in your contributions!

For more information about any of these events,

contact the church office at (707) 542-4272
or visit our website: www.churchoftheroses.org



If you or someone you know
is being abused

(and they are under 18 years old), call:

📞 707-565-4304.

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!** — <<< —



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*Growing in Faith,
Sharing God's Love*



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.



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.



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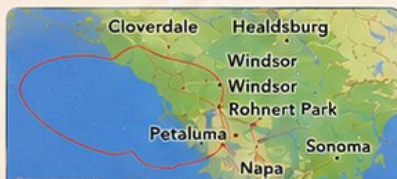
Each Sunday morning from 7:30–8, we broadcast
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Over the last couple years, we have grown our audience and in 2023
we had an average weekly listenership of 5,380 each week!

KSRO has 3 signals, 1350am, 103.5fm and 96.9fm.



1350am



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North Bay

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Russian River Valley

*Thank you for supporting our ministry
and sharing the Good News!*



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THINGS TO DO in Santa Rosa!

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2026

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WEEKLY & RECURRING EVENTS



SANTA ROSA WEDNESDAY NIGHT MARKET

Sept. 2 – Oct. 28, 2026

Wednesdays
5:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Courthouse Square,
Downtown Santa Rosa

Live music, delicious food,
artisan vendors, kids' activities
and community booths!

wednesdaynightmarket.org



SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY FARMERS MARKET

Every Saturday Morning

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Courthouse Square

Fresh produce, flowers,
baked goods, local crafts
and a wonderful community
atmosphere!



SPECIAL EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2026



LUTHER BURBANK ROSE PARADE & FESTIVAL

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

Parade floats, performances, family
activities, food vendors and more!

roseparade.org



SONOMA COUNTY BALLOON GLOW

Sept. 17 – 20, 2026

Hot air balloons, live music, food,
and family fun under the stars!

sonomacountyballooning.org



PATRIOT DAY MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Friday, Sept. 11, 2026

Ceremony and remembrance at
Old Courthouse Square.
Honoring and never forgetting.

srcity.org



SANTA ROSA SYMPHONY OPENING CONCERT

Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026

Celebrate the new season with
powerful music for the whole family!

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ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

6TH STREET PLAYHOUSE

Community theater productions
and musicals.

Sept. & Oct.!

6thstreetplayhouse.com



FAMILY & KIDS ACTIVITIES

HOWARTH PARK

Playgrounds, mini train, paddle boats,
picnic areas and beautiful trails!

CHARLES M. SCHULZ MUSEUM

Celebrate the beloved Peanuts
characters in this fun museum!

FINLEY COMMUNITY CENTER

Youth programs, sports, camps,
arts & crafts and summer
activities for all ages!

srcity.org/397/Recreation-Parks



OUTDOOR & NATURE FUN



SPRING LAKE REGIONAL PARK

Walking trails, lake views
and picnic spots.



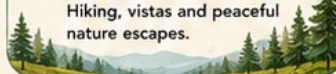
PRINCE MEMORIAL GREENWAY TRAIL

Bike, walk or run along
this scenic path.



TAYLOR MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

Hiking, vistas and peaceful
nature escapes.



HALLOWEEN FUN IN OCTOBER!



Pumpkins in the Parks

Scavenger Hunt
All October long!



Safe Trick-or-Treat Events

Check local listings!



Fall Festivals & Harvest Fun

Find family fun
all season long!



*Our community.
Our faith. Our family.*

TOGETHER IN THE HEART OF
SANTA ROSA!



STAY CONNECTED!

Check event websites for updates and details.
Plan ahead and make wonderful memories
with your loved ones!



VISITSANTAROSA.COM/EVENTS
for a complete calendar of events!

Thank You!

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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**

JudithRiversMoore@gmail.com

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on a 7.5 month journey...

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