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# Church of the Roses...

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The Choir's View: Singing to a Full House!

### Upcoming Events

11/02—Sacred Space, 5pm  
11/07—PW Quilting, 10am  
11/09—Presbyterian Women, 10am; Sacred Space, 5pm  
11/10—Boomers Potluck, Movie, 5pm  
11/16—PCOR Men's Group, 8:15am  
11/17—Stewardship Luncheon, 11:15am  
11/21—ZOOM Book Club, 2:30pm  
11/26—Session Meets. 6pm  
11/28—Thanksgiving Day, Office closed  
12/07—Sacred Space, 5pm  
12/10—PW Quilting, 10am  
12/13—Parents' Night Out, 5:30pm  
12/14—Presbyterian Women, 10am  
12/19—ZOOM Book Club, 2:30pm  
12/21—PCOR Men's Group, 8:15am  
12/22—Boomers: Caroling/Potluck-Gift Exchange, 3pm  
12/24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7pm

Merry Christmas  
from  
Church of the Roses



# Advent/Christmas/Epiphany is Almost here!

By Pastor Cindy

The Advent devotional I found for us this year is: *A Weary World Rejoices* by Dr. Kate Bowler of Duke University. She loves to preach, lecture, and write books about life's struggles and joys, hopes dashed, and promises kept. She had stage IV cancer and now she is cancer free and grateful. Her podcast is titled: *Everything Happens*. In the introduction she writes:



*"Have you been looking at the jaw-dropping new images that are coming in from the James Webb Space Telescope? These photos of deep space are wild and surreal. Pillars of gas and dust. Clouds of yellows, oranges and blues that capture the mystery and dazzling beauty of the universe. You are immediately struck by the sense that there is so much out there, but it's not here. Not yet."*

*The days leading up to Christmas (we call this season Advent) are kind of like that. It is a promise that is coming, as surely and steadily as light traveling from a distant star. It is the promise of a return, a restoration of all things to their true being, a goodness which was conceived from the beginning of time, a realized hope we've been longing for. For the "days are coming," say the prophets of old. "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will fulfill the good promise." The promise of truth, compassion, restoration, and justice. These four promises are developed in the devotional guide. They will serve as our guiding themes—pulling us toward a future that we can only glimpse. But it is a future that will turn everything upside-down (or maybe right-side up). Everything wrong will be made right; everything bad will be made good; everything empty and devoid of love will be filled."*

I don't know if Dr. Bowler credits prayer or a miracle for her cancer remission. But it is wonderful to learn that such a great inspirational person has a longer life to live. Kate remains alive today because the cancer responded to a new immunotherapy drug. She makes the best of living with the uncertainty of what the future holds. For now, she is cancer free.

I hope you will live Advent differently this year in some way. Maybe take more time to take care of yourself. Maybe share your life with someone in need more fully. Maybe stop, smell the roses and look up at the stars at least once a day and night. YOU are a gift to the earth for the time you are here. Act like one! Enjoy being a blessing. Happy Advent, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and may there be a new Epiphany in 2025! - Love, Pastor Cindy



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 2023



# Being a Good Steward

Dear Generous Members and Friends of PCOR,

As I sit down to write this letter, I am reminded of the beautiful words that speak directly to the heart of our faith and our community: *"Each should give as they have decided in their heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."* —2 Corinthians 9:7-8

These verses from 2nd Corinthians remind us of the joy and freedom that come with giving. The apostle Paul speaks of a type of giving that flows from the heart, not out of obligation or pressure, but out of an abundance of love and gratitude for what God has done in our lives. It's this spirit of *cheerful giving* that has sustained our Church of the Roses through the years, and today, I want to invite you to continue being part of this joyful response to God's grace.

## Our Mission, Our Ministry, Our Impact for over 73 years!

Here at the Church of the Roses, we are blessed to have a church family that believes in serving both our community and the wider world. Our church's mission is simple yet profound: to be a light in the world, reflecting the love of Christ through worship, discipleship, and service. Our church building is used by the community in many ways.

Whether it's through the outreach ministries that feed those in need, the children and youth programs that plant seeds of faith in young hearts, the worship services that lift spirits, or the missionary efforts that reach beyond our local community—our church's ministries are vibrant, impactful, and life-changing. We provide a place for the Scouts, Rotary clubs, 4-H, AA, Co-DA, the Korean Presbyterian Church, Rosebud Preschool, Council on Aging, the Threshold choir, Cantiamo choir, the MHS choir, and other organizations who benefit from using our wonderful facility on a regular basis. However, none of this can happen without your faithful support. It is through your generosity that our church building remains a sanctuary for the whole community.

## The Joy of Giving

Paul's words remind us that giving is an opportunity for joy. When we give cheerfully, we are participating in the grace of God, allowing blessings to flow through us to others. It's not about the amount we give, but about the heart behind it. God calls each of us to

give according to what we have decided in our hearts—not reluctantly, not because we feel pressured, but because we are responding to the incredible love and grace that we have received. The giving of your gifts and talents will sustain our church into the future.

And as we give, God promises something amazing: *God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.* **God's blessings overflow, not only to meet our own needs, but to enable us to continue to do good and spread God's love.** This is a beautiful cycle of grace—God blesses us, we give cheerfully out of that blessing, and in turn, God blesses us even more so that we can continue to abound in every good work. It's a cycle that has sustained our church for **73 years**, and it's one that we are called to continue today.

## Our Need and Your Invitation

As we look ahead to the coming year, we are excited about the opportunities God is placing before us to expand our ministries, to reach more people, (young and old), and to deepen our impact in the community. But in order to do so, we need your support. Our church relies on the cheerful and faithful giving of its members and friends to keep our ministries thriving and our mission in Santa Rosa and beyond alive.

Please prayerfully consider how you might contribute to the work of the church. Whether you are able to give financially, offer your time, or share your talents, every gift is precious and so greatly needed. Please remember: God knows your heart, and God delights in whatever you can give out of your love and faithfulness. Your generosity, no matter how large or small, helps sustain our mission and ensures that we can continue to be a beacon of Christ's light in our community and wherever we are called to shine.

## Thank You

Thank you for being part of this church family. Thank you for your prayers, your service, and your generosity. It is because of your faithfulness that we are able to do the good work God has called us to do.

As you consider how you will estimate your giving for 2025, we pray you may experience the abundant grace of God as you contribute to this exciting journey of faith that started with the "church built in one day." Please fill out the "Estimate of Giving" card included and place in the offering plate or mail into the church office. (All giving cards are CONFIDENTIAL between you and God and the church finance department.)

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Cindy and the Finance Committee: Bill Nakata, chair, Linda Burille, Linda Lance, Ron Dodge, Nancy Morgan, Dave Nelson, Barb Basham and Kim Seamans

[Click here to download your "Estimate of Giving" form.](#)



## OUR VISION

*Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to ALL*



## OUR MISSION

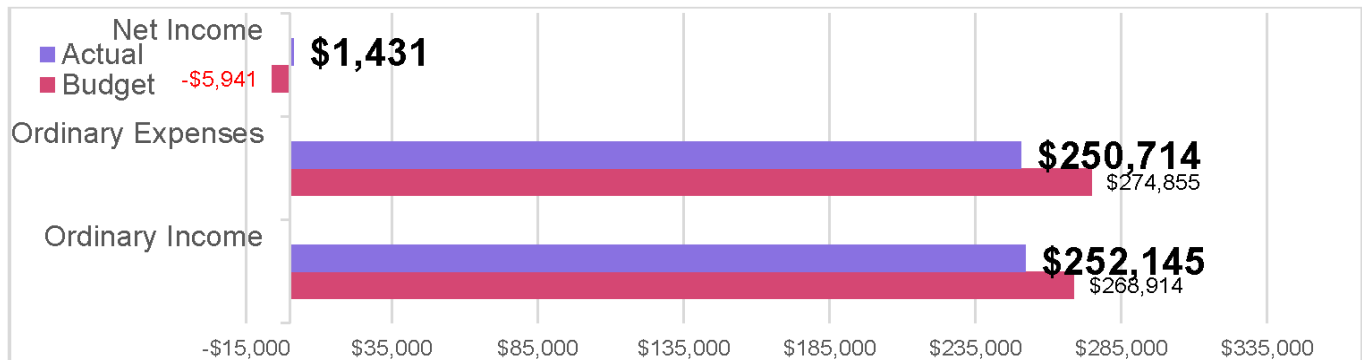
- To be an inclusive, caring Christ-centered community.
- Follow the Holy Spirit's guidance as we live and proclaim the Good News of God's love, peace and justice.
- Worship God with gratitude in a welcoming environment
- Bring glory to God.
- Serve youth, families, seniors and singles who need God's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

# THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

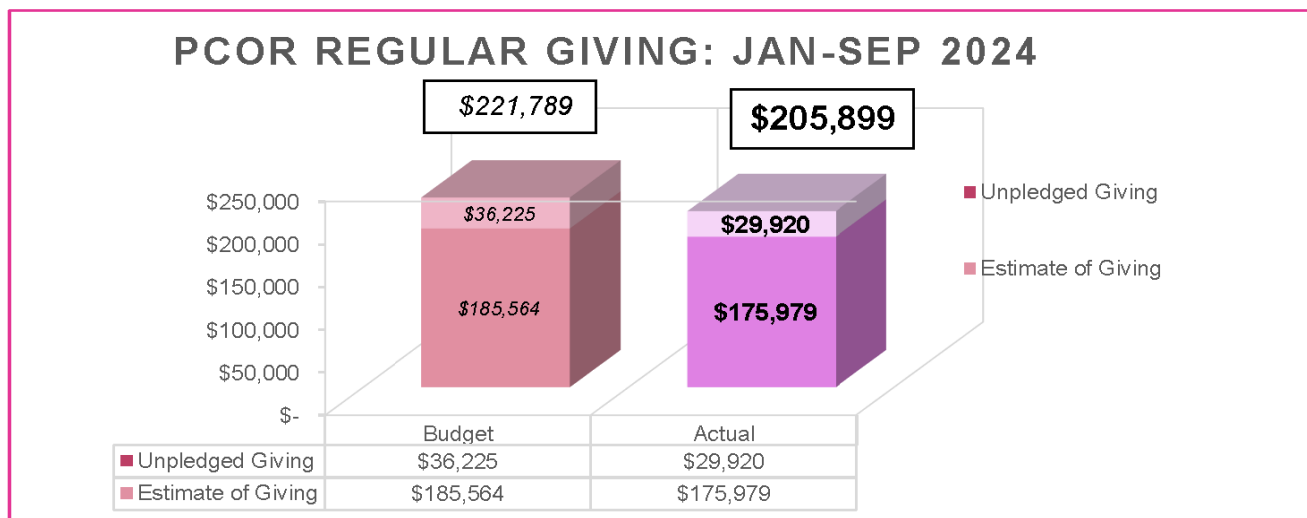
## Finance Committee Report

Thank you for your continued support and we continue our positive financial position.

### Net Ordinary Income – 9 months



### Regular Giving (does not include special giving) – 9 months



Please submit your Estimate of Giving as early as possible. It is a critical component to develop our 2025 financial budget.

Tax laws and our own personal tax situation continue to change. Have you considered:

- ✓ Qualified Charitable Deductions (QCD) – QCD can be a tax exempt part of a Minimum Required Distribution (MRD)
- ✓ Transferring appreciated securities. No taxes on gains and can deduct the full value.
- ✓ Donor Advised Funds. Fastest growing tax exempt entity caused by the 2019 TCJA law.
- ✓ Charitable Trusts,
- ✓ Adding PCOR to you will?

If you request additional information about the graph or anything financial please contact a Finance Committee member. Thank you,

Finance Committee: Bill Nakata, Linda Burille, Barbara Basham, Kim Seamans, Dave Nelson, Ron Dodge, Linda Lance, Nancy Morgan and Pastor Cindy Alloway



# How Alternative Christmas Works

You study the Shopping List.  
 You choose the causes you want to support.  
 You come to church on December 1st or 8th.  
 You write your check to Church of the Roses.  
 Or you mail your check to PCOR with your list.  
 You pick up gift cards to send to friends.

**Best Christmas Shopping Ever**



## Alternative Christmas Gifts For 2024



### PCUSA Mission Agency

Family of Chicks \$25.00

Farming Tools \$10.00



### Doctors Without Borders

Working in Gaza \$30.00



M.H.S Breakfast \$15.00

Feeding Kids daily



### World Central Kitchen

in Disaster areas \$20.00



### New Roseland Library

More readers in Santa Rosa

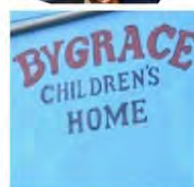
\$20.00



### ByGrace Children's Home

In Kenya \$40.00

Pays for a child for one month



**SUPPORT ALL \$160.00**

**Make a difference in the World!**

## A Blessing for Opening To Grace and Truth

JESUS, bless the hearts we have,  
 for we are troubled by many things.

Hearts that are hard like flint,  
 or melting like wax at the way things  
 are in the world.

Bless these troubled, flinty, melty  
 hearts.

We open them to You.

Jesus, there's freedom in this,  
 In realizing that You are there  
 at the very center of things.  
 Holding our trouble and our fears  
 and also our joy and excitement.

You are there,  
 hands cupped around our  
 contradictions.

You are the home we always wanted.

For Your Truth is unfailingly gracious,  
 And Your Grace is unfailingly true.

Come, Lord Jesus.



# WORSHIP IN THE Arts

We notice the seasons changing. Days get shorter. There is more darkness. Yet we look forward to the season of great light when "the light of the world" is born.

But first we celebrate All Saints Day giving thanks for those of faith who came before us. Then to express gratitude for the bounty of the harvest season, Thanksgiving provides the opportunity to share by bringing non-perishable foods to decorate the sanctuary and provide for less fortunate members of our community. Watch for announcements and information in the Mail Chimp for details.

While our landscape changes with the season, so will the sanctuary as decorations help us feel the spirit of the season. You are invited to stay after the worship service on December 1, the first Sunday of Advent, to help decorate the sanctuary. If you have a creche you would like to put on display for part or all of Advent, please contact someone on the Worship Committee or the church office. These always pique interest and add to our feeling that Christ comes to be a savior to all people. There will be bulletin inserts for making a donation of a poinsettia in memory or in honor of loved ones. As always, music will lift our spirits. Please join us for as many of the special times and events for worship in the Advent and Christmas season.



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Be an Integral part of our ministry  
by supporting our Sunday Radio  
broadcast!

Donate \$100 to pay for a month of  
sermons and music played over  
KSRO's radio stations in the  
Santa Rosa region.



*Volunteer(s) needed for Door Security-*

*We are looking for someone to check on our building each night making sure all doors are secured. You may pick one or more nights. Please contact:*

*Raven@churchoftheroses.org or 707.542.4272*

*Thank  
you*



# Youth Christian Education



Judy Clarke was celebrated with a presentation from the Sunday School kids during the service on August 18th. That day also marked a welcome back to school and the start of the Sunday school program for the year. The Sunday School classroom is all decorated with the Walk with Jesus theme. There was cake, of course, in Bowen Hall right after church for the fellowship time.

Another Parent's Night Out is planned for Friday December 13th from 5:30 to 7:30. This is usually a well-attended event by the kids in the Rosebud preschool program as well as some of our Sunday School children. There will be crafts in addition to the usual games, movie, and pizza dinner. Maya, Leoni and Julia, our first



youth volunteers, will be helping the younger children with the crafts. The parents really enjoy the 2 hours to shop or eat dinner in Montgomery Village.

If you didn't see the Moment for Mission prepared by our Sunday School students on October 20th—you missed a real cute plea from the kids for 3 volunteers to help with the Sunday School Program. Please contact either Diane Osten ([Petmom@sonic.net](mailto:Petmom@sonic.net)) or Barb Basham ([Barbbasham@comcast.net](mailto:Barbbasham@comcast.net)) if you can be a volunteer.

*Barb Basham, co-chair Christian Education*





# MEMBERSHIP



Our church's Membership Committee brought community spirit and support to the NAMI Walk at Howarth Park! We set up an inviting table filled with mental health resources, sharing our commitment to wellness and letting everyone know they're not alone. It was a powerful day of connecting, learning, and showing up for mental health in our community.

Kim Seamans

## LET'S RAISE SOME DOUGH!



Pizza the way it oughta be!

### EAT & DONATE WITH US

Please Join Us At Our Fundraiser Event With



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OF THE ROSES

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All People

To support our outreach programs such as the free breakfast we serve to the MHS students and the community garden we supply to the neighbors in need.

### MOUNTAIN MIKE'S PIZZA

Timing : 11AM to 9PM | Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

1150 Santa Rosa Ave, Santa Rosa | 3125 Cleveland Ave, Santa Rosa |  
4501 Montgomery Dr, Santa Rosa | 6314 Commerce Blvd, Rohnert Park

Show or mention this invitation  
and 20% of your order will be donated to our fundraiser.

### THE MORE WE EAT, THE MORE WE RAISE!

Invite your friends, neighbors and co-workers. Order pizza for the office lunch! Can't find the time? Send pizza to a friend. Can't get out of the house? We deliver.

Invitations must be mentioned before the order is placed. It may not be combined with other discounts, specials or promotions. Other restrictions may apply. Ask the store for details. \*Alcohol not included.



Pedal For Protein

Serving Northern California Food Pantries



The Pedal for Protein team would like to thank all of you for your support during our one-day ride on Saturday September 21st. We owe the success of the day to:

- Pastor Cindy and the church's support for hosting the 2024 ride
- Linda Lance, Raven, and all the many "food angels"
- Ron Dodge, our "rescue ranger"
- Sam Martinez, our feed station volunteer

**All the DONORS like you who help us help others!**





# Church and World

## Dear Earth-Care Congregation

Please join Church & World Committee on Saturday, November 16, 2024, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM Join the Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee at their monthly volunteer workday on the third Saturday of each month. Address is 1600 Franklin Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. Projects include the cemetery beautification efforts such as weeding and landscaping projects, painting, repairing borders, restoring plots and various maintenance work.

Please note that rain cancels. Meet at the Franklin Gate (at Franklin and Monroe).

Please Register: (Ctrl-click to open link):

Calendar • [Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Workday \(srcity.org\)](https://srcity.org)

Please contact Rhonda Darrow (Chair of Church & World Committee) if you are interested at (707) 481-4743 or [rdarrow@pacbell.net](mailto:rdarrow@pacbell.net).



A big thank you to Norm Smith and the whole group who attended the NAMI walk, set up a Church of the Roses table, and raised money to help those who need support with mental health issues!

YOU are great blessings to our community!

Sincerely,

Pastor Cindy on behalf of the Board of NAMI Sonoma County



Advent Bible Study starts Wed. Nov.13<sup>th</sup> 7pm (same bible study zoom link)

Linda Burille will lead our Bible study-(no video)

**"The Light Will Shine"** it's available by PDF- email the [office@churchoftheroses.org](mailto:office@churchoftheroses.org) or if you'd like hard copy please see Linda- she will have one for you.



# From the Director of Music

Since I fell and fractured my back I have had to miss some Sundays while in the hospital, but I'm home and on the mend! Both the choir and Bellissimo stayed on task and we have Linda Burille to thank for that. She stepped up in my absence and made sure nobody missed a beat! Thank you so much, Linda! And there has been a more permanent change ... Jessie Arriola, a member of our choir and a bell ringer, is the new Director of Bellissimo! She was the clinician for our Handbell Clinic on September 8th, which was a huge success! Jessie has a wealth of experience, both as a ringer and a director, and we are fortunate to have her in her new position - congratulations, Jessie! Bellissimo is working on a new piece called "In Quiet" by local composer, Rob Ott, and they are planning to premiere it soon. More info on that as it unfolds!

The other important event that took place in my absence, thanks in large part to Deborah Wolff-Baker and Bill Morgan, was the Allan Petker Choral Workshop. It was an ecumenical event that was well attended (two full choirs, among others, came and were featured, as well as our own Roses Chancel Choir,) on the 5:00 pm concert at the end of the day. It's important to host these types of events - it brings church choirs together and encourages fellowship. Bill and Deborah had a crew of helpers to make this happen, and this event was well worth the effort!

The Roses Signature Concert Series dates have changed a bit, below please make a note of these upcoming concerts. We have had two concerts already; the Bennett Friedman Jazz Quartet and the Fall Cantiamo concerts, both of whom drew large crowds. Please plan to attend these concerts.

## *Roses Signature Concert Series* **2024-2025**

<i>Sunday, September 15</i> 5:00 p.m.	<i>Bennett Friedman Jazz Quartet</i> Jazz Concert
<i>Sunday, October 27</i> 5:30 p.m.	<i>Cantiamo Sonoma</i> Fall Concert
<i>Sunday, December 15</i> 4:00 p.m.	<i>Roses Chancel Choir &amp; Guests</i> Christmas Concert
<i>Sunday, February 23</i> 2:00 p.m.	<i>Young Aspiring Musicians</i> Recital
<i>Friday, April 18</i> 7:30 p.m.	<i>Requiem by W. A. Mozart</i> Annual Good Friday Concert

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

**Free Admission**  
Donations Gladly Accepted





# Journey to Christmas: An Invitation to Live Kindness Daily

Dear PCOR Family

As we enter this season of Advent, we are invited to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, the ultimate expression of God's love and kindness to the world. This sacred time reminds us to pause, reflect, and open ourselves to His light, allowing it to fill us with hope, peace, and purpose.

In the spirit of this season, I want to offer a gentle challenge: let's make kindness not just a gesture, but a habit that carries into the new year. Let us move with intention, sharing God's love in simple ways—a warm smile, a helping hand, or a compassionate ear. Each act, however small, can be a spark of hope and healing in a world that needs it deeply.

As we celebrate the miracle of Christ's birth, may we embody His love and let kindness become our daily offering. Together, let's make this season a starting point for a year filled with intentional acts of love.

With Joy and Blessings,

*Jonniue Perrilliat*  
*Director of Communications*

**7 WAYS TO START MAKING KINDNESS THE NORM IN YOUR DAILY LIFE:**

- 1 Send an uplifting text to a friend or family member.
- 2 Let that guy merge into traffic with a wave and a smile.
- 3 Include intentional moments of kindness, laughter and delight in your daily routine.
- 4 Go *slightly* outside of your comfort zone at least once a day to make someone smile.
- 5 Share a compliment with a co-worker or friend.
- 6 Reach out to a family member you haven't spoken to in awhile.
- 7 Treat someone to a cup of coffee (a friend, stranger, or even yourself).

**make kindness the norm.**

#WorldKindnessDay  
#MakeKindnessTheNorm  
[www.randomactsofkindness.org](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org)



# PRAYER REQUESTS

## UPCOMING MEMORIALS

Services for Dale Trowbridge will be on September 7th at 2pm.

## FOR THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Please pray for Judith Rivers-Moore and the family and friends  
of Bob Moore as they grieve his passing on  
Sunday, September 22nd.



## THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

Darren Adams	Jennifer
Donald Adams	Wendy Jones
Dennis Baker	Rusty Jump
Greg Basham	Carolyn Kenworthy
Jeff Basham	Margret Kram
Jim Bauer	Vivian Mazeski
Bill Beaumont	Marilyn MacLean
Barbara Blinn	Carol Menke
Maya Bryant	Gene Michel
Diana Burdick	Ron Miller
Joyce Cairns	Jessica Morse
Colby Lundmark	Lesley Pillsbury
Marjorie Cortez	Nita Pinney
Marshall Cowden	Elizabeth Schulz
Diana	Bob Simmons
Eldon Davis	Marie Slack
David Dews Jr.	Bill St. John
Yvonne Draper	Lynne Vandercook
Robert Flandermeyer	Darlene Volkmann
Wendy Galde	Jill & Roger White
Cathy Guy	Rich Wells
Michele Hare	Helen Wikle
Julie Harris	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Phil Henry	

## 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, Col. David  
Trowbridge, M.D. with the Air Force Reserve. Private  
Caleb Thorstad, US Marine's Camp Pendleton

## Scriptures and Sermons

### September/October

November 3rd - All Saints Sunday  
Isaiah 25:6-9 and John 11:32-44  
Sermon: Be a Saint of God

November 10th -  
Psalm 146 and Mark 12: 38-44  
Sermon: Giving from the Heart

November 17th -  
Psalm 16 and Mark 13:1-8  
Sermon: Be Not Afraid

November 24th - Thanksgiving Service  
Psalm 126 and Matthew 6:25-33  
Sermon: Thankful for Our Blessings

December 1st - First Sunday of Advent - Communion Sunday  
Psalm 25:1-10 and 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Sermon: Abound in Love

December 8th - Second Sunday of Advent  
Luke 1:68-79 and Philippians 1:3-11  
Sermon: May your Love Overflow

December 15th - Third Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 12:2-6 and Luke 3:7-18  
Sermon: The Lord is your Strength

December 22nd - Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Micah 5:2-5a and Luke 1:39-45  
Sermon: Leap for Joy!

December 24th - Christmas Eve Candlelight service  
7:30pm

December 29th - 1st Sunday after Christmas - Chris Rhodes  
Colossians 3:12-17 and Luke 2:41-52  
January 5th - Epiphany Sunday - Communion

The LORD is my Light and my Salvation  
Join us each Sunday for  
inspiring messages and thoughtful reflections.

# HEALTH MINISTRY UPDATES

The Presbyterian Church of the Roses Health Ministry is invigorated with new plans to renew its mission to encourage health, healing and wholeness within our Congregation and our Community. Do you remember our monthly Blood Pressure screenings and "Ask the NP - Brown Bag Medication Review" the 3rd Sundays after worship? We will restart these services in January 2025. Maintenance of blood pressure at target goal is important in the prevention of stroke, cardiac events and renal impairment. Is your blood pressure in range? Often patients have questions not answered (or even thought of) in a hurried office visit with their Medical Provider. This will give our members a confidential opportunity to share their concerns and develop a list of questions to bring to their next visit with their own Primary Care Provider if they desire. It will also offer an opportunity to assess lifestyle factors and root causes of dis-ease that might be addressed to improve overall health and wellbeing.

Other upcoming plans are for a study of the beautiful holistic teachings and book by Gladys McGarey, MD: The Well-Lived Life - A 102 YEAR OLD Doctor's Six Secrets to HEALTH And HAPPINESS At EVERY AGE. I can't wait to share her amazing life's work with you! Her life and her wisdom are truly inspiring! Each of her six "Secrets" is divided into sections that guide learners in accessing their innate inner wisdom to release the "physician within" on their journey to Health, Healing and Wholeness.

**You are here for a reason**

**All life needs to move**

**Love is the most powerful medicine**

**You are never truly alone**

**Everything is your teacher**

**Spend your energy wisely**

Other Health Ministry developments include: Revamping the First Aid kits in various locations throughout the Church campus over the next couple of months. More to come on this endeavor, but I also want to share that our Church is participating in an important safety measure through the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) entitled: The NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION PROJECT. The goal of this project is to reduce the number of opioid overdose-related deaths throughout California by providing individual doses of intranasal naloxone free of charge to various qualifying organizations. Narcan is an opioid reversal agent that may be used to save lives of those who have been found unconscious with the suspicion of overdose on or around our campus. As of May 2024, we have stocked several vials of Narcan provided to us by DHCS in our first aid kits throughout the Church Campus. Because Health and Safety are related concepts in answering God's call to Care for One Another, our Church has convened a new Safety Team and has begun putting together a Safety and Crisis Management Plan. This plan utilizes Prevention, Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery strategies. The plan is currently in development at this time and will cover a variety of potential threats such as: Severe Weather/Wildfire/Earthquake, Fire, Lockdown, Active Threat, Suicide, Missing or Kidnapped Students, Death, Accident, Serious Injury, or Medical Condition, Hazardous Material Spill, Bomb or Suspicious Device, Homeland Security Advisory Systems, Civil Disturbance, Spilled Body Fluids, Child Abuse and Neglect, Communicating During a Crisis, and Pandemic Illness Response. Current Safety Team members include: Pastor Cindy, Raven Duchscherer, Dennis Baker, Lindsay Olsen, Kristina Textiera, Connie Soldate and Al Ledwick. A well-written article on why a Safety Plan is a good idea in churches can be found here: <https://theleadpastor.com/how-to/church-security-plan/> Look for more information to come on this as plans continue to develop, and let us know if you have an interest in joining this important group dedicated to the safety of our Congregation.



As described, Health Ministry is a wonderful lens to view and plan many of the activities and outreach of the Church. Christ calls us to Life Abundant (John 10:10) and through these offerings, this is our aim for ALL.

**Deborah Wolff Baker MSN, ACHPN, FNP-BC, GS-C**  
**Faith Community / Parish Nurse Practitioner**



Our Parish / Faith Community Nurse Practitioner, Deborah Wolff Baker, received the Excellence in Leadership Award from the National Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association. We are so very proud of her achievements and grateful for how she shares her knowledge in Gerontology, Palliative Care and Health Ministry with our church as well.



# Personnel



"PCOR is happy to welcome Jessica Arriola to our music ministry staff. She is the new conductor of our Bellissimo Bell choir."



"Welcome Damaris Hamilton, our newest member of the Audio-Visual Tech Team. Damaris is the niece of Althea Wright. She is studying in the media department at the SRJC."



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

Oct. 16, 2024  
Dear Congregation of  
the Church of the Roses,  
I want to thank you  
for the years that you have  
allowed me to serve as  
your organist. I have  
grown to consider you as  
my family. I appreciate  
each and everyone of you,  
Eighteen years makes me  
feel old. Many of you work  
tirelessly and give of your  
efforts freely. You were here  
before I came. You also are→

to be honored and thanked  
for what you do, To work  
together to tell the story of  
Jesus is our mission. I  
Love You all,  
Sincerely, <sup>Althea</sup>Hallmark  
Althea Wright



**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 re-  
sources they need. BLESS YOU!**



# Fellowship Committee



The Church retreat was a wonderful experience. The Fellowship committee was given a big thank you for all the work they did to organize such a wonderful time with the Westminster Woods staff assisting.



We are seeking volunteers to assist with Fellowship hour after church services. Volunteer once a month or once a quarter to help us continue this social hour after church services. Please use the sign-up sheet to select a Sunday to bring a snack, help with clean-up/set-up, or make coffee. We will reimburse your costs up to \$20. Just give the receipt to Sandy Dodge, and she will arrange for the reimbursement.

Contact Sandy Dodge to volunteer or if you have any questions.  
Email: [Dodgesandy@yahoo.com](mailto:Dodgesandy@yahoo.com) Phone: 707-318-3096

**At Rosebud,** we're diving into fall with enthusiasm! The kids are busy birdwatching, catching falling leaves, marveling at the vibrant colors around them, and enjoying the delicious apples from our trees. In the classroom, we're exploring all things autumn, from trees and leaves to the harvest season. Our Pre-K children have been learning about healthy bodies through the foods they eat and ways to stay active. They are now in the middle of a unit on apple and pumpkin exploration.

Last month, we held our back-to-school night, and it was wonderful to connect with our families, share what's happening in the classroom, and introduce ourselves. We had a fantastic turnout, and we're excited to see just as many—if not more—families at our upcoming, much-anticipated Trunk or Treat!



This year, in addition to the teachers decorating their cars for trick-or-treating, we'll have a jumpy house, pumpkin bowling, a spider toss game, and plenty of yummy snacks and treats to enjoy. We can't wait to see everyone dressed up and ready for a fun-filled evening. Trunk or Treat will take place on Thursday, October 24th, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. It's sure to be a spooky good time!

That's all for now from all of us at Rosebud. Happy Fall!

Amber





# What's Happening in the Community?



Alan Petker, composer and conductor, led a 2 day workshop with three choirs at the Church of the Roses. The concert was a beautiful musical gift for all attending.



Over 100 people attended a talk by an ex-Israeli soldier who shared about the trauma imposed on the Palestinians AND the psychological trauma experienced by Israeli soldiers who (for many years) have had to execute orders to attack and uproot the Palestinian people. It was sponsored by the Jewish Society for Peace. Reverend Lindsay Kerr of Christ Church Methodist led the discussion along with a testimony by Meital Yaniv who wrote a book about their experience. Meital has family members in the Israeli army and cousins who are Palestinian stuck in Gaza.

## Stronger Seniors Exercise Class



**Changing to Mondays at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Start your week out right!**  
**Come join us.**





# Boomers Are Booming into the New Year!

Join the

## BOOMERS

### HOLIDAY POT LUCK



WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

Potluck after caroling ~ 5:30 pm

Host: Bill and Nancy Morgan



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

## BOOMERS - NOVEMBER 10th at 5:00pm

Join the Boomers for an old PCOR traditional Potluck Dinner.

Who: Boomers are 'hosting', but ALL ARE INVITED to participate and enjoy

What: Potluck Dinner ... appetizer, salad, entree, dessert ( your choice \*\*\* )

When: Sunday, November 10th at 5:00pm

Where: Bowen Hall

Host: Joy Olsen ( [olsen@sonic.net](mailto:olsen@sonic.net) )

RSVP: to give us an idea of what you are bringing, so we don't end up with everyone bringing dessert ( I guess that wouldn't be too bad ).

\*\*\* Bring what dish you prefer, but also any flatware/dinnerware needed, also should it need cleaned afterward, that is your responsibility.

Nobody really wants to do dishes!

Single use ( recyclable ) encouraged.

Finger foods - people will bring their own fingers!

Then at 6:00pm in the Rose Room, we will have a screening of the Collector's Edition film 'OUT OF AFRICA'. In anticipation of the upcoming PCOR trip to Kenya next June.

Come for the awesome Potluck with friends and family, come to the screening of the Out of Africa video, best yet ... come for both!



Join the  
**BOOMERS**  
as we go Christmas Caroling  
on Sunday, Dec. 22nd.

Caroling on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 22nd.

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. *Masks Required in Homes*  
Wear your festive Christmas attire! Songbooks provided.

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

Please RSVP to Joy Olsen - [olsen@sonic.net](mailto:olsen@sonic.net)

Join the  
**BOOMERS**



Sunday, November 10th ~ All are invited !

\* **POTLUCK at 5:00pm**  
in Bowen Hall



RSVP:  
Joy Olsen  
[olsen@sonic.net](mailto:olsen@sonic.net)

\* **MOVIE at 6:00pm**  
in the Rose Room

In anticipation of the upcoming  
PCOR trip to Kenya in June, 2025



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



# Happiness is... VOLUNTEERING!







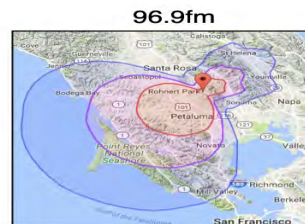
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Each Sunday morning from 7:30-8, we broadcast a 30-minute church sermon on KSRO radio.

Over the last couple years, we have grown our audience and in 2023 we had an average weekly listenership of 5,380 each week!

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## PCOR MEN'S GROUP



Mark your calendar for November 16th and December 21st – two dates filled with camaraderie and connection.

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

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

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

## Coffee, Pastry, and Camaraderie

*PCOR women, join us at Pascaline every 3rd Saturday, 8:15 a.m. (during Men's Club) for no-host, no-agenda cup of coffee and pastry. And, of course, GREAT conversation!*



## Volunteers are NEEDED!

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

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





# THE HAPPENINGS

**Parents Night Out!**  
**Friday, December 13, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**  
**At Church of the Roses**



**Christmas crafts for kids (Ages 2-11)**  
**and a short children's movie.**  
**Pizza for Eats**

**Register your children by December 10**  
**by contacting Amber at the Preschool**  
**707-544-8600 or rosebudpreschool@sonic.net**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES

## SACRED SPACE

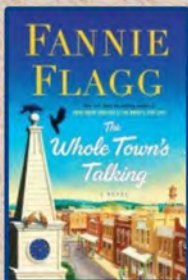
EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT IN A NEW WAY

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

**5-6 PM**

### Book Club

**Thursday Nov. 12**  
**2:30 p.m. on Zoom**



**The Whole Town's Talking**  
**By Fannie Flagg**

Strange happenings in a Missouri town.

**Jeanne will have our library books**

**Book Club December 12 2:30 pm**  
**at Jeanne's House**



**Raven**  
**will be**  
**serving**  
**tea**

We will be planning 2025 books.

**Bring a book to share with a friend!**

A QUILT can be many things: a way to make something useful out of scraps, a work of intricate beauty like a mosaic, or a simple but beautiful, warm, comforting cover for a lap.

Church of the Roses Quilt Group has been making quilts like that to give to home hospice groups and to comfort people in our own church.

We have a wealth of beautiful fabrics and all the tools we need to continue this ministry. What we need is designers and cutters and stitchers. Come join our friendly group on 2nd Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Sunday School Room and we'll show you how it's done! Starting in September.

## BOOMERS 2024

**NOVEMBER 10th**  
**5:00 Potluck / 6:00 Movie**  
**Bowen Hall & Rose Room**



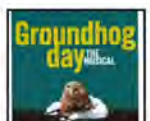
**DECEMBER 22nd**  
**Caroling at 3:00pm**  
**and Potluck at 5:30pm**  
**and our**  
**famous Gift Exchange !**



**2025**

**Order your tickets now!**

**FEBRUARY 2nd 2:00pm matinee**  
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**no host**



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