

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES  
*Reaching out with Nurturing Love to All God's People*

ROSE CLIPPINGS



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**DEACON  
BUDDY DAY!**  
Sept. 17th!

**JOIN YOUR DEACON BUDDY  
FOR FUN & FELLOWSHIP  
IN BOWEN HALL  
AFTER THE SERVICE!**

**KICK OFF  
THE CHURCH YEAR  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th!**

Learn about our different committees and the various opportunities to serve in our community!



This summer we celebrated **Joy Steele** and our Charter on her 93rd Birthday, July 9th! Joy is pictured above with her family.



**GO TEAM! Chris Rhodes, Bill Morgan and Nancy Morgan** will be joining the PEDAL FOR PROTEIN RIDE Sept. 18-23. Support our local food bank! Checks can be made out to Redwoods Presbytery. Don't miss the Fair Trade Market on Sept. 10!

# This Church is Not a Social Club?

BY PASTOR CINDY

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29: 11)

**Soon we will be “launching” another church year.** We begin in September with planning among our committees and boards (Session and Deacons) so that from now through next summer our Church of the Roses is able to execute God’s plan for our ministry in this special part of the world. I am so grateful for all our church family members who are stepping up and participating in our committees making sure we are more than just a social club of like-minded individuals.

**But what do you think? Is our church just a social club much like other social clubs?**

Some people believe church is just a social club and so they choose to socialize elsewhere. Many people believe they can get their needs met by being individually “spiritual” and sociable through clubs and other activities of common interest. Do you know people who believe that way? Isn’t there something missing in those groups that only a faithful church can fulfill?

**Nothing links humans to one another as strong as seeking together a deeper connection to God who reminds us that our gathering is not just about “me.”** It is about doing what we can for others while working from a common foundation of God’s love. Just by gathering with other Christians (or seekers who want to know who Jesus is) we are providing an atmosphere of loving acceptance, inspiration, and hope. It’s hard to find that kind of atmosphere in other places. We provide this atmosphere of hope and inspiration by reminding everyone who comes in our doors that they are not alone and that we care for them.

**A “welcoming all” attitude goes a long way in**

**healing a broken soul.** More than any therapy or drug, it helps all of us when we enter a sanctuary full of people who want to share God’s love with us; not for just their own benefit but for the benefit of the whole world. Love is contagious. We gather together to multiply love and to spread it across the Universe for the sake of Jesus Christ who taught us how to love in healing, loving and forgiving ways.

**The entity we call “Church” is defined by its values.** A church is not a social club because it is founded upon Christian values that are shared among an open community. Many social clubs are elitist and charge money. We pass an offering plate but no one is turned away if they can’t donate for the future of the church. Our door is always open to people of all colors, sexual orientations, ages, and socio-economic backgrounds. Together we try our best to demonstrate our Christian core values of: peace-giving, hospitality, loving salvation, open sacraments, indiscriminate compassion, forgiveness of sins, advocacy for equality, upholding of dignity, respect and social justice for all.

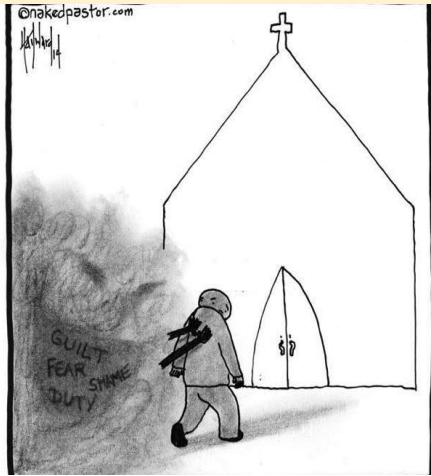
**We are a refuge for the lonely, friendless, and stranger.** Our sanctuary is a sacred place where peace is promoted and love generously shared. The ministry of our church provides a safe and healthy environment for children to learn from healthy role models of all ages. Inspiration to live with hope and a sense of purpose is promoted during every Sunday worship service as we encourage all to praise God for our many blessings and learn how to closely follow the best role model who ever lived, Jesus Christ.

**Gratitude and grace are everywhere in our church.** We feed each other, bond together, promote peace and justice and pray for one another’s healing in body, mind, and spirit. Our sense of the Holy Spirit guiding our lives and protecting us enhances our ability to cope with a world afflicted by chaos. Our resilience is enhanced through worshiping every Sunday with an attitude of thanksgiving, prayer, and praise to God for all we have been given.

**Attending our church on a regular basis is not meant to just assuage feelings of guilt and shame (even though it might help with those feelings).** Attending our church provides an oasis where we get rejuvenated and re-centered in the

Spirit. Inspired preaching, teaching, and positive fellowship strengthens us for the trials and tribulations that come with life on earth.

**Our church is a lighthouse of hope and a point of reference that shines a positive perspective on the world and an awareness of our individual impact upon it.**



**YOU make our church more than a social club.**

Your presence and willingness to promote the positive growth and development of our church ministries gives hope to the world. When you get involved with our church programs we are better able to reach out and help those in need around us. YOU are an important part of God's plan to develop the Church of the Roses successfully now and for a very happy future.

*Thank you all for showing up and doing your part! May God's grace grant us a wonderful year of growth and blessings ahead! God bless YOU!*

# Sacred Space

**SUN. OCTOBER 1st 6:30-7:30 PM**

**Meditate, pray, and experience God through creative worship in community.**

**ENTER THROUGH BOWEN HALL**

*"Wow! I loved my first Sacred Space worship experience. I had been under the impression that it was an alternative to a morning service. In fact, it was an intimate and enriching service and a beautiful way to close the weekend. It didn't feel as if I attended two services in one day. The morning service felt like an injection of strength and the evening service was a warm hug. Looking forward to the next one! ~ Ruth Canniff*

## STATEMENT FROM THE PCUSA GENERAL ASSEMBLY OFFICE CONCERNING THE EVENTS IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

In the aftermath of the events of August 11 and 12 in Charlottesville, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) reaffirms its condemnation of white supremacy and racism, names them as sin, and renews its commitment to disrupting them and working for justice and equity.

We give thanks for the presence and faithful witness of church members who stand against white supremacy and racism. Individually and collectively the church, including Presbyterians, stood against hate in Charlottesville. Individually and collectively the church, including Presbyterians, works to disrupt racism and to build racial equity in places across the country. We grieve for Heather Heyer, who was killed while standing witness; we grieve for state police officers H. Jay Cullen and Berke Bates, who died in a helicopter crash while monitoring events in Charlottesville; we pray for the recovery of all who were injured.

We acknowledge that Scripture has been misused to justify white supremacy and racism. However, we proclaim that the Bible's message presents a far more consistent and insistent witness to God's love for diversity and justice. This may be observed in God's delight in the varied creation; heard in the words of prophets who reject oppression and commend justice as true worship; seen in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, who values all persons regardless of any aspect of their identity; and experienced through the work of the Holy Spirit, who consistently blows through all the divisions we create, to reveal God's love for all humanity.

White supremacy and racism stand in stark, irreconcilable contradiction to God's intention for humanity. They reject part of the human family and are utterly contrary to God's Word made incarnate in Jesus. They are idolatries that elevate human-created hierarchies over God's freely given grace and love. They are lies about the human family, for they seek to say that some people are less than other people. They are lies about God because they falsely claim that God favors some people over the entirety of creation.

But as we give thanks, we acknowledge the church's complicity in the creation of white supremacy and racism. We confess the church's failure in challenging and disrupting white supremacy and racism. Too often we have accepted the status quo. Too often we have stood silent in the face of injustice and oppression.

By God's grace may we remember the events in Charlottesville; repent of our acquiescence and failures; and renew our commitment to proclaim and live the good news of Jesus Christ. May that commitment lead us to stand against, speak against and work against racism and white supremacy, this day and every day. May it be so. Amen.

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, Tony De La Rosa, Presbyterian Mission Agency, Rev. T. Denise Anderson & Rev. Dr. Jan Edmiston, Co-Moderators of the 222nd General Assembly (2016)

# LESSONS FROM THE FIELD: A NEW TYPE OF MISSIONS

BY CASSIE CARROLL



I have lead many trips for churches over the years.

The largest trip I led, for a large and well funded church, had about 65 students and 20 adults. For some reason I thought it was a good idea to take this hoard of people to sleep in tents, without real showers or restrooms, to build houses in Mexico.

We built four houses in five days. Student's understanding of God expanded, people's lives were changed, and God's love was seen through everyone. It was awesome!

The planning that's involved takes months. Registration forms, organization paperwork, passports, liability forms, rental vans, drivers, adult support, fundraising, parent help, devotional books, scheduling, overnights while traveling—sunscreen! The list goes on and on and on.

## SIDENOTE

I no longer use the language "missions trips." I choose to call these trips Serving and Learning Trips. Why? Because to use the language of "missions" has a lot of negative connotation surrounding the colonization of so many indigenous groups around the world.

It implies that the people on the team are going to save those other people. When in reality these trips are less about the destination, the activity, and more about the opportunity for those on the team to experience God's transforming power. Really, these trips are selfish.

By changing the name to Service and Learning, everyone is reminded that those on the trip are going to (1) *Serve*: partner with God in a place where God is already at work and (2) *Learn*: have the humble spirit of a student, ready to learn from God and those we meet along the way.

## WHAT WE NEEDED

With my new position at a church, that is primarily an older demographic, I was asked to plan a trip to Mexico. With different demographics come different obstacles. I wanted to make sure that anyone, of any age, and any ability level could attend this trip. Which meant not using the organizations I have used in the past. Here's what I was looking for:

- Sleeping arrangements that allowed for those with older bodies to sleep well.
- Showers and running water.
- An organization where we didn't have to cook.

***An organization that was not solely focused on building.***

## NEVER PLAN ALONE

I always plan these trips with at least two other people for a few reasons. One being that the more you bring others into a project, the more buy-in with the project they have, and therefore more excitement for the project stirs. Another, being that it's an opportunity to have other people in the congregation understand how to plan the project in the future. Last, being that it is not a good example of leadership to carry the entire burden of a project. It sets the leader up to be the center of the trip not Jesus.

So, I was on the hunt for a planning team! I asked the head elder at my church, who in the past had planned similar trips to what my experience was planning these trips. And the only 19 year old in my church, who had never been on any trip like this. We were a small but mighty!

## LET THE PLANNING BEGIN & FINDING PEOPLE TO GO

I had my planning team now, we just needed a place to go and people to take with us. It took us about three weeks to find an organization that would support the needs of our community. After finding Door of Faith Orphanage, we just needed to recruit the rest of the team.

Having worked with students for so long I was not prepared for the inability of adults to make up their minds and to fully commit to the trip. We started with 15 people interested in going. I thought that was a great number. I could easily divide them up into groups of three for prayer and support during the trip. We would only need two cars. I can work with 15.

I had planned to have two meetings between three months of leaving for the trip. Within the time between the two meetings ten people dropped out and two peo-

ple signed up. Seven...That's not even double digits?

## WHERE TWO OR MORE ARE GATHERED

I really had to check myself. For years I have been telling people that it doesn't matter how many people show up... it's about being available for the people that God calls on the trip. Now I had to own my words. I had to claim the fact that God wanted a specific group of people on this trip. I had to set my pride aside. God called seven specific people to this trip for seven specific reasons. I needed to honor those reasons. Seven it is!

## WHERE DID YOU SEE JESUS TODAY?

Every night of the trip we would gather together to debrief the day. The question I always ask is "Where did you see Jesus today?" In the beginning of the week this portion of the trip was short. Maybe a one word answer from each person.

"This trip is about helping us train our eyes to see where God is already at work," I said, "It may take time but if we keep seeking to see Jesus at work then sooner or later we won't be able to stop seeing the way God sees."

There is a flow to a trip like this. I learned that the size of your group doesn't matter, the flow still happens. There is something about the Wednesday or the midpoint of a trip. Maybe its because your group has had enough time with each other to realize that everyone is safe or at least in the same place of learning. I'm not exactly sure why, but it is always at the mid-trip moment when breakthrough happens.

"I saw Jesus today in the way the community rallies together to support each other no matter what. I wish I had that in my life... just a little bit," our youngest participant says.

The entire group freezes.

We just got called out, by the only 16 year old in the room, to be vulnerable and real. The group has the choice to shut it down or embrace it. After a much longer silence than normal the oldest person in the group says, "Me too."

## WHAT I LEARNED

From this we had the longest, most indepth evening debriefs I have ever been a part of. Community happened. People's hearts were softened. Worldviews were broadened. Lives will not be the same.

I am not sure exactly what the other six specifically learned from this trip, but I learned that God is faithful.

As a leader and pastor, I need to remember that God has

reasons that is outside my understanding for everything. Big isn't always better. Small is often more intimate and provides a fertile ground for growth. I need to trust, even though I don't know or understand the

*Originally posted on <http://thev3movement.org/2017/07/lessons-field-new-type-missions/>*



## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Memorial for Ba Hoff ~  
Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.*

- Please pray for the family of Vern Cooper who passed away recently.
- Please pray for the family of Julie Marquette who passed away June 3, 2017
- Please pray for the family of Randy Pierce who passed away on March 20, 2017.
- Please pray for the family of Ba Hoff who passed away on March 14, 2017.
- Please pray for the family of Pede Shelton as they mourn her passing. March 9, 2017.

### Those serving in our military

John Baker	Gene Michel
Judy Bello	Jason Montsier
Bob Bunting	Lucrecia Muñoz
Helen Burns	Carol Papsco
Sheri Cohn-Harvey	Marie Patchin
Jackie Del Carlo	Albert Reil
Margie Donaldson	Virginia Rylett
Dick Draper	Pamela Sage
Ray Foreaker	Joy Steele
Wendy Galde	Carol Papsco
Marilyn Hilan	Rhonda Patton Knoles
Sarah Hilan	Bob Simmons
Donald Kram	Marisa Taylor
Helen MacKenzie	Ines Teague
Ted McCarthy	Bob Weber

### Those serving in our military

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard  
Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D.  
is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-  
Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiolo-  
gist with the Alaska Native Medical  
Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

Helen Wickle

Betty Witchey-Ryer

### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

We've recently repainted the handicap parking signs in the church parking lot, so please be aware when you park at the church. The community garden is about ready for picking tomatoes, so please help yourself. Many Thanks to the buildings and grounds crews that do so much work around the church!

Steve Fenner, Chair

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**We have two upcoming Bible study classes!** Mondays @ 10 am: New Testament Video Class. Wednesdays @ 7 pm: How Jesus Became God Video Class.

### **DEACONS**

Join us for Deacon Buddy Day! Meet your Deacon Buddy after the service on Sunday, September 17th in Bowen Hall.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

We have recently gained eight new members! Help us welcome them to our church family. They are **Guy Cottle, Sam Martinez, Linda Lance, Barbara Nelson, Joy and Lindsay Olsen, Connie Soldate, and Kristina Teixeira**. They will be recognized during worship service on Sept. 10th.

Bill Morgan, Chair

### **MUSIC**

Choir and Bells resume practice on Thursday, September 7th! Everyone is welcome to join us!

We are in the process of scheduling the Community Concert Series. CANTIAMO SONOMA will be performing October 22, at 2pm. Save the date!

### **ROSEBUD PRESCHOOL**

Our new school year has begun. We have 21 four year olds and 15 three year olds. These children spend time in both the preschool classroom and the Pre-K classroom. We currently have nine children who are two. We also have an additional six children who will join us as they turn two throughout the fall. These children spend their entire time at school in the preschool classroom. We continue with the same staff this year as last year. The fall will be busy as we learn about each other and how to work and play together. As a staff, we are preparing for our quality review that is scheduled for the end of October. Quality Counts is the Quality Improvement and Rating System for early care and education programs in Sonoma County. It is Funded by First 5 California, First 5 Sonoma County, and the California Department of Education. We look forward to using our results to help increase the quality of our program.

Susan Jenkins, Director

### **Let's Go Play!**

**Church of the Roses is starting a new season of the Boomers social organization, welcoming ALL adult members of the church who want to get out and play!**

Beginning in October, we will be offering a monthly event with an opportunity to be active and have fun while meeting new friends and growing relationships within our Christian community.

**Joining is easy!** Find the Boomers table at the Sep. 24 Kick-off Sunday and add your name, phone number and email address to the list. A BOOMERS PLANNING MEETING POTLUCK IS SEPT.30TH.

Got an idea for outing? Want to lead an event? Share what you like and let us know!

We'll be contacting you with details for an October get-together and a schedule for the year soon after kick-off Sunday.

#### IDEAS FOR ACTIVITIES:

- Bicycling on Angel Island
- Pepperwood Preserve Hike
- Garden Tour of Alcatraz
- Planetarium Star Show
- Chantey Sing at Hyde Street Pier
- Western Railway Museum
- Square Dancing
- Sonoma/Marin Cheese Factory Tour
- Bocce Ball and Picnic
- Bouverie Preserve Hike and Tour
- Annadel PlanetWalk and Picnic
- Valentine's Day Chocolate Tasting
- Stairways of San Francisco
- Christmas Caroling

# Finance Update

I'm encouraged that for the month of July revenue was over budget and while YTD revenue still lags behind budget it is nicely up over same period from prior (2016) year.

A review of expenses suggest we continue to do a great job controlling our spending. Other than what we knew would be increases over prior year (Youth and Family Ministries director and Sunday school) the rest of expenses, excluding some timing differences, all appear in line.

Statements covering the first 6 mos of the year have been mailed. Maybe seeing (in your statement) that you were behind in your pledge payments created some catch up payments being made in July, which might explain why pledged income for the month of July was almost \$4,000 over budget for the month.

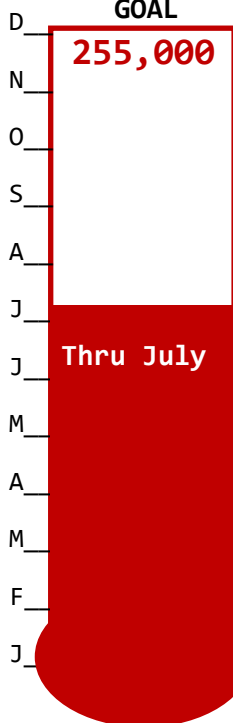
Operating cash reserves remain about \$120,000. Finance Committee didn't meet in August but will be focusing on this year's stewardship campaign as well fine tuning a potential capital drive for some facility upgrades (carpet and bathrooms). In addition, Linda Burille is looking into providing another forum on gifts and bequests.

Chris Nelle, Chair

**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM?  
PLEASE SEE PASTOR CINDY OR CHRIS NELLE SOON!  
THANK YOU!!**

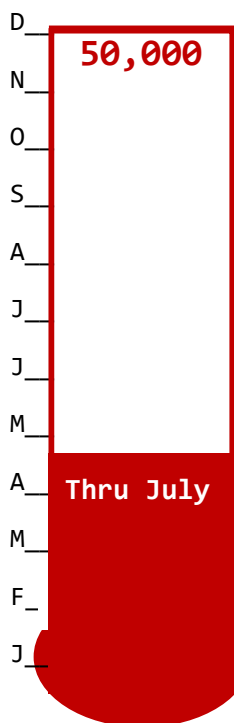
## GOAL

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GOAL



## GOAL

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## LEAVE A LEGACY

You are a regular contributor to the financial health of the church. Your gifts are an integral part of your budget. Thank You! We could not exist without members like you. But what happens when you are gone? If the church is an important part of your life, shouldn't it also be so at your death?

A gift can be made through a Will or Trust, or even via a bank account or life insurance policy, just to name a few methods. With a Will or Trust, the gift can be a specific bequest or a percentage of your estate. Your gift can be undesignated, or earmarked for a particular use, such as capital expenses.

Questions? Feel free to speak to Linda Burille, or other members of the Finance Committee.

## MAINTAINING OUR FACILITY

It takes a lot to maintain our lovely facility, and not just keeping it clean or paying the utility bills. Over the years, parts wear out and must be replaced – HVAC, paint, the roof, carpets, or appliances. We also want to keep our building healthy and welcoming to visitors and members alike.

Did you know that you can make a gift to the church specifically designated for this purpose? Memorial gifts can also be so designated.

Helping us build funds for the capital expenses of the church will keep our facility bright, shiny, and inviting for years to come.

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual**  
**Pasta Dinner**  
Benefiting F.I.S.H. & Elisha's Pantry

Dinner includes salad, bread, dessert, and wine or beverage. Vegetarian option available.

**Saturday, September 23**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
1300 St. Francis Road, Santa Rosa  
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

**Tickets**  
Adult \$15 / Youth \$8 - Cash or Checks Only  
Call 707-539-5252 for Reservations

**Silent Auction**  
Bid on entertainment, food, art, wine, and more.

**Raffles**

## MINDFULNESS MEDITATION IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH

BY DR. ROBERT YEE, MD, MPH, MAV,  
MEMBER OF ROSES HEALTH MINISTRY

### WHAT IS MINDFULNESS?

Joh Kabat-Zinn defines mindfulness as “paying attention in a particular way: on purpose, in the present moment, and nonjudgmentally”. Wherever You Go There You Are: Mindfulness Meditation in Everyday Life, Hyperion: 1994.

Shamsh Alidina adds to the definition of mindfulness that certain qualities including “compassion, curiosity, and acceptance” are used when being mindful. Mindfulness teaches us the difference between living versus existing. *Mindfulness for Dummies*. John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. 2010

MINDFULNESS is by no means a new fad. Ancient cultures and religions worldwide have long drawn on various methods from meditation and prayer to Yoga and Tai-chi, to help individuals move toward wellbeing by focusing their attention and attuning to the present.

The first historical record of the use of music therapy in ancient literature can be found in the Bible. Samuel 16: 14-23: Whenever tormenting spirit from God come on King Saul, David would play the harp. Then Saul was refreshed and was well. This historian Josephus says, “at the same time sung hymns and psalms, made use of both vocal and instrumental music”. David’s Music Therapy.

### MINDFULNESS AND SCIENCE

An eight-week study at University of Massachusetts Medical School Center for Mindfulness, 16 participants in the treatment group; 17 in the control group. The treatment consisted of a weekly 2.5-hour mindfulness meditation group meeting plus a daily audio recording of guided meditation to listen to at home. MRI images of the brains of both groups were taken before and after the study. **RESULTS:** Participants in the treatment group experienced improvements in the ability to focus

and concentrate, improved their skills of observing, and they were more capable at remaining nonjudgmental. The meditators (but not the control group) had increased concentrations of gray matter in several areas of the brain. The treatment group also experienced the added benefits of reduced stress levels.

### SOME CREATIVE WAYS TO PRACTICE MINDFULNESS

Give yourself quiet time each day, connect with people, enjoy the beauty of nature, see the wonder of the present moment. Remember that thoughts aren’t facts, be grateful every day, let go, breathe, and smile. David’s Music Therapy helped King Saul lift his tormenting spirit of fear, paranoia, jealousy, and violent rage. Today, Music Therapy Teaching Mindfulness skills can help us foster an array of benefits from emotional balance and improved cardiac and immune function to an enhanced sense of empathy and self-understanding. **Remember Tai-chi class is Saturdays at 10:30 AM and Music Memory Workshop (Learning to sing and play the ukulele) is Sundays at 9:00 AM.**



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*All Creation Proclaims the Glory of God*



# HOW JESUS BECAME GOD



**Dr. Bart D. Ehrman**  
New York Times  
Bestselling author  
and Bible expert

**VIDEO CLASS Starts 9/13 WEDNESDAYS @ 7 PM**

**How did Jesus become God?** How did a Jewish man of humble beginnings become elevated to stand with the ultimate deity above all other deities? Professor Bart D. Ehrman leads us (electronically) down the paths of history and religion and examines what elements and people had an influence on evolving our perception of who Jesus was and who and what he became. Dr. Ehrman takes us on a journey through the historical evolution of Jesus's transformation from Teacher (and Martyr) to his ascent in the minds of Men to stand at the right side of the ultimate deity, our God, sacred to three mainstream religions. The emphasis of this course is historical and not primarily religious in content but as Professor Ehrman states "it was this Christ God who conquered the Roman Empire, and continues the object of faith for billions of people in our world today." **Come, join our caravan as our journey begins. Wednesdays at 7:00 pm starting September 13<sup>th</sup>.**

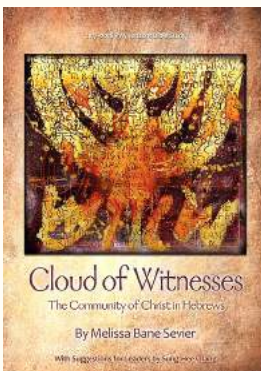
**SEPT. 10  
11:30 AM**

## ELDER ABUSE FORUM

Beware! Beware! There are criminals seeking you out whose entire life is spent trying to find ways of taking your money and sustenance away from you by trickery, isolation, or physical abuse, to enrich themselves. These are harsh words but so are the even more harsh strategies used by these criminals. But there are remedies. **On Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am, Donata Mikulik and her associate will present a seminar on elder abuse.** Elder abuse involves both direct and indirect means to achieve the purpose of the criminal. This seminar will describe the approaches used by criminals and means to protect yourself from them. Donata is well experienced in this as she is an Elder Justice Coordinator for Sonoma County and heads Senior Advocacy Services in Petaluma which is located at the Family Justice Center in Santa Rosa. Please take advantage of this unique opportunity while it is available.

## AN INVITATION FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Come join us each 3rd Tuesday of the month for a time of Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. You don't need to be a Bible scholar to take part in this excellent study. We enjoy Salad Potluck Lunch at noon and lots of good fellowship around the tables. Sometimes there is a special program. It's a great way to make new friends at church.



Welcome to the 2017-2018 PW/ Horizons Bible Study. **Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews** by Melissa Bane Sevier. In nine lessons, the author invites us to explore major themes found in Hebrews, relate these themes to other parts of our faith tradition, and tie them together with the overarching motif of community.

Join the hundreds of thoughtful Christians who will be sharing this study together in the coming months. Call Janice Holmes to order your study book. There is large print editions available.

**BE OUR SPECIAL GUEST ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 19th.**



**Noted  
Bible  
Scholar**

## Video Classes With Dr. Bart Ehrman

**Starting September 11 and 13**

**Mondays at 10:30 a.m.**

**The New Testament**

**Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.**

**How Jesus Became God**

# Tai Chi

with David Chung


**Saturdays**

**10:30 am - 11:30 am**

Presbyterian Church of the Roses  
(enter through the parking lot)

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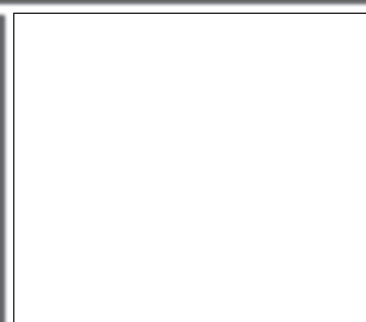
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>SEPTEMBER 2017</h1>					<b>1</b> Office Closed <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>7 PM</b> Gamblers Anon. <b>7:00 PM</b> Korean Youth Group	<b>2</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Korean Prayer <b>10:30 AM</b> Tai Chi
<b>3</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Korean Worship <b>9:00 AM</b> Ukulele <b>10 AM</b> Worship	<b>4</b> <i>Labor Day / OFFICE CLOSED NO BREAKFAST</i> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>5</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>8:30 AM</b> Buildings & Grounds <b>10 AM</b> PW Coordinating <b>12:30 PM</b> Fellowship <b>1:30 PM</b> Membership <b>7 PM</b> Stephen Ministry	<b>6</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Mtg.	<b>7</b> <b>7 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>12 PM</b> Committee on Ministry <b>12:00 PM</b> Noon Hour of Prayer <b>6 PM</b> Bells practice <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir prac.	<b>8</b> Office Closed <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>7:00 PM</b> Gamblers Anon. <b>7:00 PM</b> Korean Youth Group	<b>9</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Korean Prayer <b>10:30 AM</b> Tai Chi <b>1:00 PM</b> BA HOFF MEMORIAL
<b>10</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Korean Worship <b>9:00 AM</b> Ukulele <b>10 AM</b> Worship	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>10:30 AM</b> New Testament Video Class <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>12</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>8:30 AM</b> Buildings & Grounds <b>10:00 AM</b> PW Sewing <b>12:30 PM</b> Personnel <b>4:00 PM</b> Worship Committee <b>6:00 PM</b> Deacon's Mtg	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Mtg.  <b>7 PM</b> "How Jesus Became God" Class	<b>14</b> <b>7 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>12:00 PM</b> Noon Hour of Prayer <b>6 PM</b> Bells practice <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir prac.	<b>15</b> Office Closed <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>7:00 PM</b> Gamblers Anon. <b>7:00 PM</b> Korean Youth Group	<b>16</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Korean Prayer <b>9:30 AM</b> Handicapped <b>10:30 AM</b> Tai Chi  VOYAGERS CLAM CHOWDER
<b>17</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Korean Worship <b>9:00 AM</b> Ukulele <b>10 AM</b> Worship <b>DEACON BUDDY DAY</b>	<b>18</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>10:30 AM</b> New Testament Video Class <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>19</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>8:30 AM</b> Buildings & Grounds <b>10:30 AM</b> PW Bible Study & Luncheon <b>5:00 PM</b> Finance Mtg <b>7:00 PM</b> Christian Ed. Meeting <b>7:30 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>20</b> NEWSLETTER items due <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Mtg. <b>7 PM</b> "How Jesus Became God" Class	<b>21</b> <b>7 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>12:00 PM</b> Noon Hour of Prayer <b>3:30 PM</b> Book Club <b>6:00 PM</b> Bells practice <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir prac.	<b>22</b> Office Closed <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>11:30 AM</b> Widow Support @ Adel's <b>7 PM</b> Gamblers Anon. <b>7:00 PM</b> Korean Youth Group	<b>23</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Korean Prayer <b>10:30 AM</b> Tai Chi
<b>24</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Korean Worship <b>9:00 AM</b> Ukulele <b>10 AM</b> Worship <b>KICK OFF SUNDAY</b> <b>11:15 AM</b> Healthy BP Screenings	<b>25</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>10:30 AM</b> New Testament Video <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts <b>7 PM</b> Preschool Board Meeting	<b>26</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>8:30 AM</b> Buildings & Grounds <b>10:00 AM</b> PW Sewing <b>5:00 PM</b> Church and World <b>7:00 PM</b> Session MTG.	<b>27</b> <b>LATE START MHS BREAKFAST</b> <b>10:30 AM</b> Staff Mtg. <b>7 PM</b> "How Jesus Became God" Class	<b>28</b> <b>7 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>12:00 PM</b> Noon Hour of Prayer <b>2:00 PM</b> Favorite Film Series <b>6:00 PM</b> Bells practice <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir prac.	<b>29</b> Office Closed <b>7:00 AM</b> MHS Breakfast <b>7:00 PM</b> Gamblers Anonymous <b>7:00 PM</b> Korean Youth Group	<b>30</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Korean Prayer <b>10:30 AM</b> Tai Chi

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**Book Club**  
Thurs. Sept. 21  
3:30 p.m.

## **Rules of Civility** **by Amor Towles**

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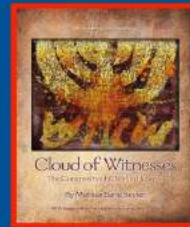
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