



Church of the Roses

New Blooms, New Blessings: Growing in Christ's Love

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES
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- 03/08—Presbyterian Women, 10am
- 03/12—Lenten Bible Study Begins, 7pm
- 03/13—PW Quilting, 10am
- 03/15—PCOR Men's Group, 8:15am
- 03/16—Boomers Blessing Bags, after service
- 03/20—ZOOM Book Club, 2:30pm
- 03/25—Session Meets, 7pm



- 04/05—Sacred Space, 5pm / Boomers Kenya Fundraiser, 3pm
- 04/10—PW Quilting, 10am
- 04/12—Presbyterian Women, 10am
- 04/17—ZOOM Book Club, 2:30pm / Maundy Thursday Supper, 5:30pm
- 04/18—Good Friday Concert, 7pm
- 04/19—PCOR Men's Group, 8:15am
- 04/20—Easter Sunday Service, 10am
- 04/22—Session Meets, 7pm



Ponderings from the Pastor —

We are so blessed to have an amazing group of church officers to lead the Church of the Roses this year! Your Elders and Deacons are faithful, motivated, and gifted. In our church officer training day they showed how enthusiastic they are to help shape a blessed future for the Church of the Roses. I feel so very fortunate to have this amazing group to work closely with this year! It gives me great hope for the future of our church! Thanks be to God!



The staff had a wonderful time showing our appreciation and love for all the church volunteers who keep the church thriving so well. Photos from the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Feb 13th.



These are 3 amazing "Lindas" among our church volunteers!





The kitchen staff had fun making our baked potato buffet delicious once again!



Now as we enter into the Lenten Season leading up to Easter, let us prepare our hearts and minds for a very special Springtime! We start with Ash Wednesday on March 5th where we have communion, the imposition of ashes, and a reminder of the fragility of life on earth. We trust in God to preserve us for God's good purposes. We are reminded that we have one life to live so we must treasure our time here on earth and focus on accomplishing the goals for the kingdom of God which include: spreading love, compassion, and care for the vulnerable earth and all its creatures.

"Then I turned to the Lord God to seek an answer by prayer and supplication with fasting and sackcloth and ashes." (Daniel 9:3)

We have 40 days of Lent leading up to Easter Sunday on April 20th. Fasting from something in your life during Lent may help you focus on your spiritual health. You can stop drinking alcohol, stop eating sugar, fast from anything that might hurt your one body.

But first we celebrate Maundy Thursday with a special soup supper led by the Deacons, and a Good Friday worship service concluding with a beautiful Good Friday Requiem concert. The Rosebud Preschool is having their Easter celebration on Easter Saturday. Please remember to bring fresh cut flowers for our lawn cross on Easter Sunday morning. Fellowship will serve their special Easter morning "monkey" bread and we will have hot crossed buns! Bring all your neighbors, family, and friends!

Grace & Peace to you, Pastor Cindy

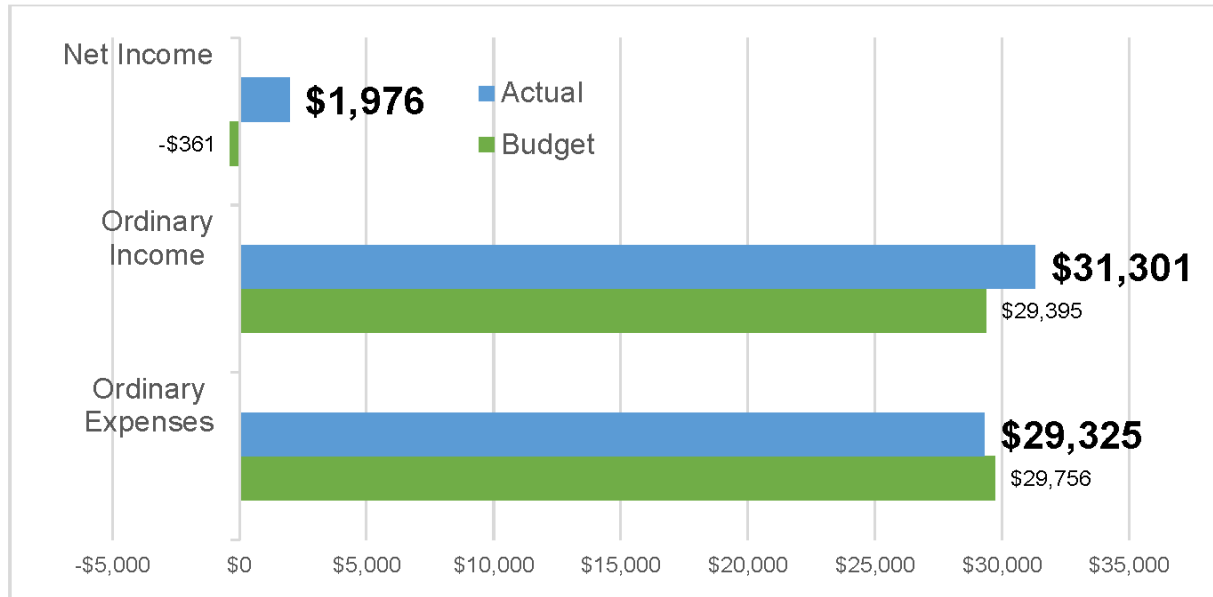


THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee Report

Please see the graph below prepared by Bill Nakata that shows that as of January 31, 2025, our church income exceeds our expenses by **\$1,976** – hurray! This is largely due to our church giving exceeding our budgeted giving by \$1,623, or almost 7%.

Net Ordinary Income – Jan 2025



The Finance Committee has set the following four goals for 2025:

1. **Achieve a balanced budget** so that our church's annual income is equal to or exceeds our annual expenses. We accomplished this for the first time in many years in 2024 and are hoping to repeat this again in 2025. This is very ambitious considering that the 2025 budget predicts a net loss of \$8,060 for 2025, but we believe in miracles!
2. **Achieve a 50% rate or higher of church participation in fulfilling the "per capita obligation."** Our participation rate in 2024 was 36%. We believe we can do better! You will hear more announcements about this over the coming weeks and months ahead. If you are not sure if you have paid your "per capita obligation," you can check with Nancy Morgan and she will let you know.
3. **Begin our stewardship campaign for 2026 by September 2025.**
4. **Increase both oral and written communication between the finance committee and members of the church regarding church finances.**

Please don't hesitate to talk to any member of the Finance Committee if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes,

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

WORSHIP IN THE Arts

Presbyterian Church of the Roses was blessed to have Peggy Precely as guest preacher to begin Black History Month on February 1. Peggy is a civil rights activist from Long Beach whose history includes being arrested as a teen for sitting at a lunch counter, being a Freedom Rider and marching with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She is a community organizer, author and poet who has written two books. Her sermon was inspirational and laced with poetry from some of Peggy's favorite hymns. Those attending worship on Sunday, February 8 heard the first public performance of "In Quiet" composed by Robert Howard Ott and arranged for handbells by Nick Rankin. It was exquisitely performed by Bellissimo under the direction of Jessie Arriola. If you would like to hear more of this comforting music you can go to the website www.roberthowardmusic.com and listen to piano music from "Sound Offering."



Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday is a time of repentance and reflection. Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance and the placing of ashes on the forehead is a traditional part of Ash Wednesday services. Our Ash Wednesday service will begin at 5:30 pm. The 40 days of Lent reminds us of the time Jesus went into the wilderness to pray. The Worship Committee encourages daily devotions to lead us in prayer and reflection as we all try to align our thoughts and priorities with our understanding of God's will.

We received a few devotions from members of the congregation to share. Look for them in this and possibly future issues of Rose Clippings. Following is a devotion Jessie Arriola offered at the last meeting of the Worship Committee.

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoicing focused in the Lord is perpetual, not episodic or seasonal. More than urging a rejoicing about the Lord, the rejoicing is done in the presence of the Lord. In the Lord is where we can safely rejoice. Rejoicing is not a naïve denial of hardship. Nor is it slapping a happy face on every moment of the day.

Rejoicing in the Lord takes the shape of being gentle to everyone because the Lord is near and present. Rejoicing in the Lord can be living without anxiety because God is not distant. God attends to prayers and supplications and thus rejoicing includes making known our requests to God.

And, the call to rejoice always in the Lord is guarded by the peace of God. When hearts are disturbed and joy muted, the

peace of God generates rejoicing. When our minds reach their limits, the peace of God quiets our anxiety and makes room for rejoicing.

God, grant us your peace and quiet our hearts and minds so that we may flourish in rejoicing. Amen.

Holy Week, beginning Palm Sunday, April 13, will have worship services on Maundy Thursday evening and Good Friday afternoon as well as the Good Friday concert at 7:30 pm.

Charlotte Finney, Chair

Christian Education

Join Us for a Fun-Filled Summer Evening Program!

PCOR is excited to offer a special evening program for kids ages 4-11 this summer! It's the perfect opportunity for children to learn about the Bible, explore their faith, and make new friends in a fun and engaging environment.

Dates: Tuesday, 7/8 – Thursday, 7/10

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Cost: \$20 per child (max \$50 per family)

Includes: Exciting activities, Bible lessons focused on "Fruits of the Spirit," and dinner each night!

Sign up today! Registration is quick and easy at www.myvbs.org/pcor.

For questions, contact **Jill Bryant**. We can't wait to see your little ones there!



A Program for Children 4-11

**At Church of the Roses
2500 Patio Ct. Santa Rosa
July 8-10 5:30- 7:30 P.M.**



Summer Fun with the Son

**Dinner and Activities Every Evening
Cost per Child \$20.00 Family Max \$50.00**

**Register your Children
March 3 to July 1**



**Register online at www.myvbs.org/pcor
Contact Jill Bryant for help
Church of the Roses Christian Ed.
707-718-5467**

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee is pleased to let you know that we have hired Teddy Neyman to be our Director of Children and Youth. Both the Personnel committee and Christian Education committee interviewed Teddy and are excited to hire her in this new position. Teddy has already started volunteering in the Sunday school class. She has been working alongside Judy Clark and the other Sunday school volunteers. She is getting to know the children and teenagers as well as being familiar with the Sunday school curriculum.

Teddy works at the Rose Bud Preschool for the past year as one of their teachers. The Rosebud Preschool has been short staffed and many staff have been out sick this winter so she will officially start her paid position in June. She is enjoying getting to know the children and is excited about the opportunity to be our Director of Children and Youth. Teddy and her fiancé Fred ... recently joined Church of the Roses, you will see them nearly every Sunday at worship.



Church and World

Montgomery High School (MHS) Breakfast Program: Thanks to our Breakfast Angels for keeping our MHS students happy and nourished every school day! We are still distributing between 50-60 breakfast burritos per day—now with a turkey sausage option. We are supportive to the students with the challenge of the potential of MHS being closed. We are awaiting the City of Santa Rosa School District's decision on which schools will be closed by the end of February. The Program is being challenged with increased egg costs. Please know we always accept donations for the breakfast program. We do need more volunteers, especially for Wednesdays and alternates for Mondays through Fridays. Please call the church and speak to Raven if you can help: (707) 542-4272.

Thank you for your continued contributions to the **Cents-Ability** collection baskets in the Narthex and Campbell Court on the **second Sunday of every month**. 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. We submitted an application for a Hunger Task Force Cents-Ability Grant for \$5000 on January 12, 2025.

As an **Earth-Care Congregation**, we continue to mentor and learn how to be better stewards of our planet. An application was submitted on January 17, 2025 to be recertified as an Earth-Care Congregation.

Earth Day is April 22, 2025!

The Committee received a **thank you for our \$500 donation to the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church in North Carolina** after the Hurricane Helene disaster.

The Committee sent a **Fire Relief Donation of \$500 to the Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church** which was destroyed in the Los Angeles fires last month.

We were honored to have **Peggy Precely** participate in church service on February 2nd to celebrate Black History Month. Ms. Precely is an icon of the Civil Rights Movement, a Freedom Rider, active member of Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, and worked with John Lewis and Julian Bond. Ellen and Chris Bowen graciously hosted lunch at their home so committee members could talk further with Peggy Precely. I personally left our visit feeling so much more hopeful on hearing her call for kindness and peaceful activism. Norm Smith received a call from Ms. Precely requesting a copy of our church's sermon she gave on February 2nd, as she had received word that she is receiving a recognition award from the Southern California senators for her continual work and message for everyone's rights.

SAVE THE DATE: John Creager of the United Methodist Church group, Smooth Stones, will be doing an informal presentation on "conversations" of the Against Violence Project and what you can do, on Sunday, March 9th, 11:15 AM after service in the Rose Room.

There will be 18 congregants and their family or friends attending the **Mission to ByGrace Children's Home in Kenya in June 7-21, 2025!** Airline tickets have been secured. Dennis Darrow and DJ Kellam will be leading a Mission Rummage Sale in Bowen Hall on Saturday, April 5th, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. They will be collecting gently-used items to sell a few days prior to the event. Watch for a Go-Fund-Me notification set up by Joshua Lim. Please feel free to donate to the cause, as we will be paying for supplies and materials for the new building project of a new dorm room at the children's home.

The next **Special Offering will be One Great Hour of Sharing**. The collection will be on **Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025**.

Our current membership includes **Anita Pinney, Jonathan Steele, Chris Rhodes, Norm Smith, Pat Silva, Pastor Cindy, Guy Cottle (ad hoc) and myself**. This Committee meets by Zoom on the second Thursday (new day of the week) of every month at 6:00 P.M. Please let us know if you would like to join our committee! If interested or have ideas on local missions or earth-care activities, please contact Rhonda Darrow at rdarrow@pacbell.net or (707) 481-4743.

**Prayers for World Peace,
Rhonda Darrow, Chair (2023-2025)**



Director of Music

From the Director of Music ...

Choirs are like family – a built-in support system where fun is the main goal! And it's wonderfully good for your brain! Think of all the synapses that need to fire in order to sing well ... there's pitch, tone, breath, language, blend, ability to sing harmony next to someone singing another part, memory, and the list goes on. All that has to happen simultaneously! Then there's the camaraderie of singers that are all working toward the same goal – making beautiful music.

This is a great time to step up and join the choir! Or maybe you always wanted to play the handbells? Please keep the choir and/or Bellissimo in mind if you're looking for a fun activity that keeps your brain working at high speed! Just find me or Jessie on any Sunday or send me an email: carol@churchoftheroses.org

The last concert on the **Roses Signature Concert Series** is the **Good Friday Concert**. This year we will present Mozart's sublime **Requiem**. The choral ensemble, Cantiamo Sonoma, some members of the Chancel Choir, and selected members of the community will join us once again, and there will be a large chamber orchestra. **The Requiem** is scored for 2 bassett horns (these days clarinets are used), 2 bassoons, 2 trumpets, 3 trombones, a string quartet plus a double bass, timpani and organ. Mozart started composing the **Requiem** in Vienna in 1791, but was unable to finish it because he died that same year December. There is much mystery surrounding Mozart's life during this time, but we have a completed version of the **Requiem** by his student, Franz Xaver Süssmayr, and that is the version that is generally used in the present day. Be sure to add this to your calendar Friday, April 18th at 7:30 p.m. – it's one of the gems of choral literature!

Friday, April 18th at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Concert ~ Requiem by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Carol Menke

Church of the Roses
presents
Requiem
W. A. Mozart
April 18, 2025
7:30 pm
Carol Menke, *Conductor*
Cantiamo Sonoma & Church of the Roses Chancel Choir
with Orchestra & Soloists
Church of the Roses
2500 Patio Court
Santa Rosa, CA 95405
Suggested Donation at the door



PRESBYTERIAN
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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.

Our Rosebuddies have been busy little bees—literally! They’ve been diving into books and songs about friendship and the meaning of Valentine’s Day while creating heartfelt cards for their friends and family. The best part? Watching their excitement as they deliver their

masterpieces to their friends’ mailboxes with big smiles!

As we inch closer to spring, we’re gearing up for one of our favorite units—bugs! Ladybugs, bees, butterflies... oh my! Spring is the perfect season for our little explorers to do what they do best—discover the wonders of nature all around them.

A few important dates to keep in mind: Spring Break is just around the corner, and we will be closed from March 17th-21st. And don’t forget about our much-anticipated Easter celebration on April 19th! It’s always a joyful time for families to come together, craft, play games, and, of course, hunt for eggs.

We can’t wait to share more of the fun and learning ahead with everyone. Here’s to a season

full of curiosity, adventure, and lots of sunshine!

Amber Ashworth-Hix



Thanks to PCOR for providing a new washer/dryer for the preschool!

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

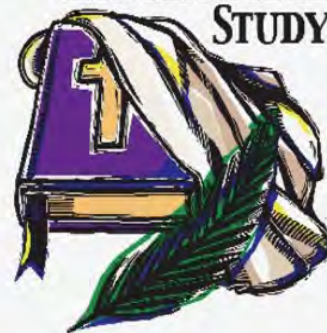
“Hosana! A Journey Through Holy Week”

Led by Linda Burille

Starts Wednesday, March 12th at 7pm

Guides available soon

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY



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.

DEACONS BUDDY DAY



We had an amazing time at Church of the Roses for Deacons Buddy Day on March 2nd! After the service, a large crowd gathered to enjoy fellowship, laughter, and great company. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect, celebrate, and strengthen our church community. Thank you to everyone who joined in the fun—here are some photos capturing the joy of the day!





WHERE: Presbyterian Church of the Roses

2500 Patio Court, Santa Rosa

WHEN: Saturday, April 5, 2025

TIME: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**All proceeds will be donated to our mission at the
ByGrace Children's Home in Nairobi, Kenya**

***Girl Scouts will provide fresh coffee and cookies.**

***Boy Scouts will be available carry purchases.**

Local pickup or delivery will be available for a fee.

Call the church office: 707-542-4272 or email:

dddarrow@att.net



ByGrace Children's Home
RUMMAGE SALE DONATION ITEMS LIST
April 5, 2025

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS - *Please all items in good working condition:*

- Clothing & shoes – must be clean, in good condition, no rips, no tears, no stains
- Hats, gloves, scarves, belts – must be in good condition
- Toys, games & puzzles - no broken or missing pieces
- Household linens: blankets, towels, sheets
- Fabric, yarn & art supplies
- Paintings, prints & other art
- Small appliances: toasters, blenders, coffee makers, etc.—recent models
- Jewelry & watches
- Vintage & collectible items
- Figurines & decorator items
- Smaller Furniture, side tables, coffee tables, chairs and stools
- Lamps, flashlights – lamps with shades and no stains
- Dishes, Utensils, Pots and Pans, Bakeware – free of chips, cracks, stains
- Yard & Garden Tools, Flowerpots
- Tools, Power tools, Small Garage items - in good working condition

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS – *Please no items listed below:*

- Wire hangers
- Large appliances: washers, dryers, refrigerator, etc.
- Upholstered furniture - No couches, Lazy Boy chairs
- Computers, Printers, Computer Components, Outdated Software
- Bed pillows & Mattresses
- Firearms
- Hazardous materials
- Home-recorded media
- Strollers, Cribs & Car Safety Seats
- Blinds & Curtain Rods
- Old Televisions
- Propane tanks
- Fluorescent tubes
- Car stereos
- Skis, poles, & ski boots
- Tire chains
- Sports equipment, golf clubs
- Encyclopedias
- Furs



PRAYER REQUESTS

NO UPCOMING MEMORIALS

Hal Sneath's memorial service is scheduled on
03-08-25 at 1:00 PM.

THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

Darren Adams	Rusty Jump
Donald Adams	Carolyn Kenworthy
Dennis Baker	Colby Lundmark
Greg Basham	LeRoy Mattson
Jeff Basham	Vivian Mazeski
Jim Bauer	Carol Menke
Bill Beaumont	Gene Michel
Barbara Blinn	Jessica Morse
Nora Boyd	Lesley Pillsbury
Diana Burdick	Nita Pinney
Joyce Cairns	Sherry Rupp
Marjorie Cortez	Elizabeth Schulz
Diana	Bob Simmons
Eldon Davis	Marie Slack
David Dews Jr.	Alexis Spence
Yvonne Draper	Bill St. John
Robert Flandermeyer	Tina
Wendy Galde	Lynne Vandercook
Cathy Guy	Darlene Volkmann
Michele Hare	Jill & Roger White
Julie Harris	Rich Wells
Sue Upshaw Heidt	Helen Wikle
Phil Henry	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Jennifer	Mandy Woolward
Wendy Jones	

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

March / April

March 2 - Transfiguration Sunday
Psalm 99 and Luke 9: 28-36
Listen to Jesus

March 5 - Ash Wednesday
Psalm 51: 10-17; Matthew 6: 1-6

March 9 - First Sunday in Lent
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Luke 4: 1-13
Lead Us Not Into Temptation

March 16 - Second Sunday in Lent
Psalm 27; Luke 13:31-35
Deliver Us from Evil

March 23 - Third Sunday in Lent
Psalm 63:1-8; Luke 13: 1-9
Thine is the Kingdom, Power, Glory

March 30 - Fourth Sunday in Lent
Psalm 32; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
The Power to Forgive

April 6 - Fifth Sunday in Lent
Psalm 126; John 12:1-8
The Glory Forever

April 13 - Palm Sunday
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40
The Lord Needs You!

April 17 - Maundy Thursday Soup Supper

April 18 - Good Friday – Requiem

April 20 - Easter Sunday
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Luke 24:1-12
He is Risen Indeed!

April 27 - Second Sunday of Easter
Psalm 150; John 20:19-31
Hard to Believe?

Join us each Sunday for
inspiring messages, spirit-filled music, and
thoughtful reflections.

Fellowship Committee

Church of the Roses

May 31, 2025
11:30am - 3:00pm



SPRING SAFARI FLING 2025

Our Spring Fling is a fundraiser to support our community outreach programs including:

- * Montgomery High School Breakfast Program
- * Community Garden
- * Support Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts
- * 4H Club
- * Council on Aging

TICKETS
\$35 in advance
\$40 at the door
\$250 VIP table for 7

We gratefully accept donations of new or gently used items, baskets, and gift certificates from local businesses for our silent auction and raffle. Please drop off all donations at the church office. All donations are tax-deductible. Thank you for your generosity.

Our BIG FIVE ENTERTAINMENT :

- * Silent Auction
- * Fashion Show
- * Wine Pull
- * Raffle Items
- * Live Music from Four For His Glory

Church of the Roses
(707) 542-4272



The Fellowship Committee is pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Spring Fling again this year on May 31. Donations for silent auction items of new or gently used items is greatly appreciated. If you have a relationship with a winery or boutique, we would love you to reach out to obtain donations of gift cards, wines or baskets.

We have a subcommittee that meets to plan and execute this event. If you are creative and want to contribute your talents, please contact Linda Lance at 707-217-6226 or linda.lance31@gmail.com. We look forward to another successful fundraising event.



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Love to socialize with people after church service?

Coffee is essential in your life!

Well this is your chance to enjoy coffee and share with others.

We are looking for some coffee makers substitutes to help out on Sundays as needed. This could be once a month or even once a quarter would be helpful. Ron Dodge will demonstrate/train you how to use our coffee maker which is easy.

What is involved?

1. Arrive at church around 9:30 am and turn on coffee makers. Brew 3 pots of regular and 1 pot of decaf. Bring coffee carafes to the table. After the service create a carafe off hot water for tea drinkers. Set out condiments, napkins, stirrers, and cups.

Now enjoy the social hour with others.

A Big Thank You goes out to all those that helped set/clean-up and supply food so far this year. Lynn McCarty, Cindy Goode, Deacon group, Sheldon Erkkila Raven Duchscherer, Patty Sanders, Linda Burille, Ben & Jill Bryant, Rhonda & Dennis Darrow, Linda Lance, Pastor Cindy, Ron & Sandy Dodge and more who stepped in the last moment when help was needed.

Please contact Sandy Dodge if you would like to try this FUN volunteer opportunity. dodgesandy@yahoo.com. 707-318-3096.

Devotional Stories for Lent

Devotion by Ellen Marks for Lent

My favorite Bible verse is Matthew 28:20 which says, "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." For me, this is God's promise that I will never be alone, never have to do something without his aid and counsel, never have to wonder if I am loved. I know that at the end of my life, I will be with God forever.

Just remember, God doesn't work 9 to 5, doesn't take sick days or snow days, doesn't go on vacation—he is available to you 24/7, and will always be with you.

Devotional for Lent 2025

From Carole Michel

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Matthew 7:12 - "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

Reporters and city officials gathered at a Chicago railroad station one afternoon in 1953. The person they were meeting was the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize winner. A few minutes after the train came to a stop, a giant of a man – six-feet-four – with bushy hair and a large moustache stepped from the train. Cameras flashed. City officials approached him with hands outstretched. Various ones began telling him how honored they were to meet him.

The man politely thanked them and then, looking over their heads, he asked if he could be excused for a moment. He quickly walked through the crowd until he reached the side of an elderly black woman who was struggling with two large suitcases. He picked up the bags and with a smile escorted the woman to a bus. After helping her aboard, he wished her a safe journey. Returning to the greeting party he apologized, "Sorry to have kept you waiting."

The man was Dr. Albert Schweitzer, the famous missionary doctor who had spent his life helping the poor in Africa. In response to Schweitzer's action, one member of the reception committee said with great admiration to the reporter standing next to him. "That's the first time I ever saw a sermon walking."

LENTEN

DEVOTIONALS



MY LENTEN STORY: (Psalm 23)

EVERY evening of the year, not just during Lent, my short Prayer thanks God for the Day, even when it's not "good" !! My story explains why:

In early December 2001 (23 years ago), a home accident in the garage saw my foot at the ankle snap off my right leg, attached to leg only by Skin. In early January 2002, due to not exercising broken foot enough, Blood clots formed, passed through my heart, onto top of lung openings, creating a Triple Pulmonary Embolism. Nothing could be done At the hospital, but take a "wait and see" attitude that no more clots Would form and travel to heart or lungs, and the 3 clots on my lungs Would dissolve. I could have died that night.

The next morning I woke up, finding 4 doctors, including hospital director, standing at foot of my bed, grins so wide across all their faces ! I wanted to shout at them, "YOU did not save my life, GOD did" !! But I Kept my big mouth shut as I still needed them to treat me into healing

I knew I was kept alive to accomplish something that would save lives And make a difference to people. I found I was able to help with my Mother's life and my daughter's life. I am presently seeking and wondering "who is next". THUS, each day for me is a GIFT from GOD. My Simple prayer of thanks continues. Barbara Nelson

Lamentations 3: v 22-27

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him". The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord."

Twenty years ago I was required to memorize the Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can,
and wisdom to know the difference.

These words have meant a way to live and everyday I begin with that thought.

-Dan Barger

PCOR: An Earth Care Congregation with the Spirit of Easter

At the Presbyterian Church of the Roses, we are proud to be an Earth Care Congregation, recognizing that our faith calls us to be stewards of God's creation. As we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter, we are reminded that Jesus' resurrection is not only a promise of new life for humanity but also a call to nurture and protect the world around us.

The story of Easter is a story of renewal, restoration, and love. Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection demonstrate God's boundless love for creation, calling us to reflect that love in all we do. As an Earth Care Congregation, we respond to this divine invitation by caring for the environment, embracing sustainability, and ensuring that future generations inherit a world that reflects God's glory.

Our mission of Nurturing Love extends beyond our relationships with one another—it includes our relationship with the Earth. Just as Jesus cared for the poor, the outcast, and the vulnerable, we are called to care for the most vulnerable parts of creation, which suffer under the weight of pollution, deforestation, and climate change. To be faithful stewards of God's creation is to embody Christ's love in action.

At PCOR, our commitment to Earth Care is reflected in the choices we make as a congregation. Whether through sustainable practices, reducing waste, planting trees, or advocating for environmental justice, we live out our faith by protecting the beauty of God's creation. Each effort, no matter how small, is an act of resurrection—bringing life where there is decay, healing where there is harm.

This Easter season, let us rejoice in the risen Christ and reflect on how we can extend His love through Earth Care. May we continue to honor the sacred gift of creation, knowing that in doing so, we walk in the footsteps of Jesus—nurturing love, embracing renewal, and celebrating the abundance of life.



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS



Below are the daughters of Diane and Randy Pierce: Kimberly, Kelly, and Lesley. They donated this bench and a yellow rose tree in memory of their parents.



The painting of the walls on the Hahman Drive side is completed. They look marvelous now!

Stronger Seniors Exercise Class



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

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!**

FROM THE SESSION

SESSION MEETING FEBRUARY, 2025

In the Clerk's Reports to Session, it was noted that the cumulative membership of the church through February, 2025, counting new members less deaths to date, is a net negative 1 member (Total: 207). Hal Sneath's memorial service is scheduled on 03-08-25 at 1:00 PM.

Action Items:

David & Cecelia Coar, and Al Ludwick were accepted as new members. 13 members were disenrolled from membership, either by request or no response to inquiries.

Committee Highlights:

Building & Grounds: Our carpets have been given a good deep cleaning, and a replacement washer/dryer combo has been purchased for Rosebud Preschool. Suggestions are requested for what to plant in our community garden.

Christian Education: Lenten Bible Study on Holy Week will start 03-12-25 at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Parent's Night Out on 02-21-25 hosted 34 children! Summer children's program 07-08 – 07-10-25 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM.

Church & World: 19 now potential for Kenya trip in June. Rummage sale April 5 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM to provide funds for By Grace Children's Home in Nairobi, Kenya. Donations from congregation may begin now.

Fellowship: Spring Fling planning has begun. Looking for fashion show sponsor, with "The Safari" theme.

Finance: Through January, net ordinary income was \$1,976 vs. budgeted (\$361).

Membership: Pizza With the Pastor a great success.

Personnel: Office Administrator's office being moved next to Pastor Cindy's office. Teddy Neyman will not start as Director of Youth Ministry until June 1.

Worship & the Arts: Some submissions received from congregation for Lenten devotions.

Next meeting: 03-25-25



BOOMERS 2025

March, April and May

SUNDAY, MARCH 16th

After church service on Sunday
The Girl Scouts host in making Blessing Bags
Lunch / Ice Cream Social following
Donation Box in Bowen Hall

Join the **BOOMERS** 

BLESSING BAGS

Girl Scouts Lunch and Ice Cream Social

Sunday, March 16th
After church service

Donation boxes are in Bowen Hall.

 Last year we made about 200 Blessing Bags to hand out.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 5th

Mission to Kenya Fundraiser
8:00 am - 3:00pm - Bowen Hall
All Church / Community Event
Donations accepted Wednesday, April 2nd

Join the **BOOMERS** 

In support of the PCOR trip to Kenya

MISSION TO KENYA FUNDRAISER
Proceeds to support:
'ByGrace Children's Home'
in Nairobi, Kenya

Saturday, April 5th
8:00am - 3:00pm
Bowen Hall



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SATURDAY, MAY 3rd

Volunteering at the Wine County Century Bike Event
Join the fun and Camaraderie.
Beverage / Dessert Table 10:00am - 5:30pm
Contact Patty Sanders to sign up for a time slot.
Volunteers receive a cool T-Shirt & Lunch
HOST: Patty Sanders pattytri25@gmail.com

Join the **BOOMERS** 

Santa Rosa Cycling Club

Sonoma County Organizations include:
• Sonoma County Cycling
• Redwood Empire Food Bank
• Sonoma County Parks
• The Living Room
• Dogwood Rescue Center
• Council on Aging
and a lot more!

Fundraiser for the club
with donations going to nonprofits

Saturday, May 3rd - shifts from 10:00am to 5:30pm
Luther Burbank Center / Santa Rosa

Volunteers needed for the Beverage / Dessert table.
* Volunteers get a cool T-Shirt & Lunch
* Join the excitement & Mingle with the riders
* Share our PCOR spirit!

 WINE COUNTY CENTURY BIKE EVENT MAY 3, 2025

 See the Rose Clippings for more information
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SATURDAY, MAY 31st

PCOR's Annual SPRING FLING has a SAFARI Theme
All are invited to join the fun - family & friends
Tickets are \$40 at the door, \$35 advance
VIP table seating available
Host: Linda Lance linda.lance31@gmail.com

Join the **BOOMERS** 

Spring Fling - SAFARI

Fun for the Whole Family

Saturday, May 31st
11:30am ~ 3:00pm

SAFARI THEME:
* Fun Fashion Show
* Wine Pull
* Safari Photo Booth
* Foods & Beverages

* Silent Auction
* Raffle
* Merchant Tables
* African Music
* Four For His Glory



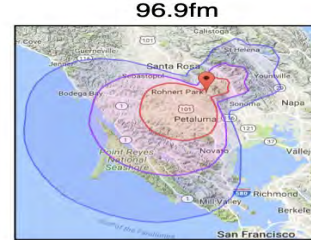
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Each Sunday morning from 7:30-8, we broadcast a 30-minute church sermon on KSRO radio.

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

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



PCOR MEN'S GROUP



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!



Mark your calendar for March 15th and April 19th – 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 cleanup. 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!

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.



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

It's Cents-Ability Sunday

**Baskets await your
Contributions in the Narthex and
Campbell Court!**

**Book Club Zoom Meetings
2:30 p.m. March 20 and April 17**



March 20



April 17

**To join the Book Club Sonoma Cty. Library
call Jeanne Nussmeier supplies Books
707-595-3544**

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE ROSES

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EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT IN A NEW WAY

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

5-6 PM



Presbyterian Women

**10:00 a.m. to noon
in the Rose Room**

March 8

**Lesson 7: Economic
Climate Justice**

April 12

**Lesson 8: Intergenerational
Justice**

We invite all women to join our friendly fellowship.

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UPCOMING LENTEN SEASON EVENTS

- Lenten Bible study begins on March 12th and runs for 5 Wednesday evenings at 7pm on Zoom.
- Maundy Thursday Soup Supper & Worship is April 17th at 5:30pm.
- The Good Friday Concert is at 7:00pm in our sanctuary on April 18th.

**Join us for a glorious Easter Sunday at 10am on
April 20th.**

A Program for Children 4-11

**At Church of the Roses
2500 Patio Ct. Santa Rosa
July 8-10 5:30- 7:30 P.M.**



Summer Fun with the Son

**Dinner and Activities Every Evening
Cost per Child \$20.00 Family Max \$50.00**

**Register your Children
March 3 to July 1**



**Register online at www.myvbs.org/pcor
Contact Jill Bryant for help
Church of the Roses Christian Ed.
707-718-5467**

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