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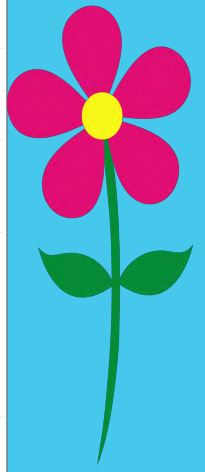
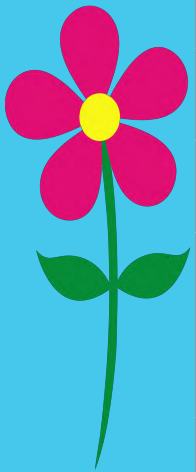
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Blossoming in the Love of Jesus!



CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT THE EVERLASTING LOVE OF JESUS ON EASTER SUNDAY



HELLO SPRING

Where Has the Time Gone?

by Pastor Cindy

"Time is one of your most valuable commodities. How you spend it determines what your life will be. You can either waste it, invest it, or give it away". - David Khalil

"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90: 12)



As we age we appreciate time more and more. I am amazed how fast time seems to be going now! It is almost Mother's Day weekend! We zoomed from Easter to Mother's day in a matter of seconds it seems. How does that happen?

Life in the Fast Lane is a song by the Eagles. The song tells the story of a couple who take their excessive lifestyle to the edge. Glenn Frey (one of the authors) revealed that the title came to him one day when he was riding on the freeway with a drug dealer. Frey asked the dealer to slow down and the response was, "What do you mean? It's life in the fast lane!" Sadly, Frey died at age 67 of pneumonia and ulcerative colitis. He didn't get as much time as he and his family wanted. But isn't that true for most of us? We would like to live a good long time.....

Living a good quality life for 100 years is the goal for many. And now it is possible if we eat healthy, exercise, attend church and have a positive attitude. Dr. Anthony Lim's class, "Let Food be Thy Medicine, the Miraculous Power of Food," taught us how to live longer and healthier with the right food choices. YOU can do it, too!

We hope you will continue to attend church this Easter season, celebrate Pentecost with us on May 19th, and enjoy "ordinary time" with us, too! The research is conclusive that going to church to celebrate your faith and to give and receive social support helps a person live longer. So keep coming to our church! It is as mentally good for you as eating healthy fruits and veggies is good for your body.

Time is a great gift from God. Enjoy every moment and share your



(Pastor Cindy & daughter, Kathryn)



The Scouts Race it Out!



Cub Scouts gather weekly at PCOR and this time for the thrilling tradition of the Pinewood Derby. Transforming pinewood blocks into sleek racing cars, young scouts display creativity and competitiveness. When the races start, cheers fill the air as cars zoom down the track. Among them, a standout—a pool table-inspired car. Beyond racing, the derby fosters teamwork, sportsmanship, and camaraderie.



PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Diane LaFoe, Siza Nyuliwe, Crystal Isakson, and Richard Roszak and their newly baptized children: Leonie and Cooper.



Upcoming Events

- 05/04—Sacred Space, 5pm
- 05/10— PNO, 5:30pm
- 05/11—Presbyterian Women, 10am
- 05/14—PW Quilting, 10am
- 05/16—Zoom Book Club, 2:30pm
- 05/18—PCOR Men's group,, 8:15am
- 05/18—Boomers Trip, 10am
- 05/19—SRCCA Spring Concert, 4pm
- 05/28—Session Meets, 6pm
- 06/01—Sacred Space, 5pm
- 06/03—Church Cleanup, 8:30am
- 08/08—Presbyterian Women, 10am
- 06/11—PW Quilting, 10am
- 06/15—PCOR Men's Group, 8:15am
- 06/20— ZOOM Book Club, 2:30pm
- 06/23—Church Picnic, 11:30am
- 02/25—Boomers Blessing Bags, 11am
- 06/25—Session Meeting, 6pm

Soulful Sermons: Guest Preachers Enrich Church of the Roses

REV. DR. STEWART PERRILLIAT ON MAY 5TH



Oakland native, **Reverend Dr. Stewart Perrilliat** overcame adversity to serve his community. A former Marine Sergeant, he founded 'Man 2 Man - Urban Youth Advocate' to empower young men of color. Stewart, married to Jonnique, is a proud father

of 4, a grandfather. He holds degrees in Business Administration, Theology, and Executive Leadership. An author and ordained Reverend, he is deeply committed to breaking the cycle of Father Absence for our families of color in the SF Bay Area, by providing the culturally relevant knowledge, skills, resources, and support for young men and Fathers to thrive.

ELDER ARIEL MINK ON MAY 12TH



Ariel Mink, a Commissioned Ruling Elder, has served as the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Redwoods since May 2020. She has served as the interim Pastor at the Presbyterian Church of Novato. Ariel has been active in our Presbytery for several years, serving on the Presbytery Council, Committee on Ministry, and Committee of the Preparation for Ministry. Ariel is a lifelong learner and has three advanced degrees (Business Administration, Library Science, and Knowledge Management) as well as an undergraduate degree in English Literature. Ariel lives in Novato with her husband, David. Their adult daughter, Sierra, lives in Boston.



Spring Into Action: It's The Spring Thing To Do!

Explore the Santa Rosa Creek Trail: Enjoy a scenic walk or bike ride along this picturesque trail, surrounded by lush greenery and blooming wildflowers.

Visit Luther Burbank Home & Gardens: Discover the botanical legacy of famed horticulturist Luther Burbank as you wander through his historic home and beautifully landscaped gardens.

Picnic at Howarth Park: Pack a picnic basket and head to Howarth Park for a leisurely afternoon surrounded by nature. Enjoy a scenic picnic by the lake, go for a paddleboat ride, or explore the park's hiking trails.

Explore Spring Lake Regional Park: Embark on a nature hike or bike ride around Spring Lake, admiring the stunning views of the surrounding hills and blooming flora.

Attend the Luther Burbank Rose Parade & Festival: Celebrate the beauty of spring at this annual event, featuring a colorful parade, live music, food vendors, and of course, stunning dis-

plays of roses.

Go Birdwatching at Shollenberger Park: Grab your binoculars and head to Shollenberger Park, a haven for birdwatchers. Spot a variety of migratory birds and waterfowl amidst the park's wetlands and marshes.

Enjoy Outdoor Dining Downtown: Take advantage of the mild spring weather by dining al fresco at one of Santa Rosa's many charming restaurants and cafes in the downtown area.

Attend a Spring Festival or Farmers' Market: Experience the local culture and flavors of Santa Rosa by attending a spring festival or browsing the stalls at a farmers' market, where you can sample fresh produce, artisanal goods, and more.

Take a Scenic Drive: Hit the road and explore the breathtaking landscapes of Sonoma County on a scenic drive. Wind through rolling vineyards, majestic redwood forests, and coastal vistas, soaking in the beauty of springtime in Santa Rosa.

FROM FLAMES TO FAITH

Journeying through Pentecost into Ordinary Time

As we approach the sacred celebration of Pentecost on May 19th, our hearts are filled with anticipation and reverence. This auspicious occasion marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the birth of the Church. It is a time of renewal, transformation, and empowerment as we are reminded of the Divine Presence within us and among us.

Pentecost beckons us to open ourselves fully to the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Just as the disciples were filled with courage and zeal to spread the message of love and salvation, may we too be emboldened to share the good news with unwavering faith and conviction. Let us allow the Spirit to ignite the flames of compassion, kindness, and empathy in our hearts, illuminating the path of righteousness and service.

Moreover, as Pentecost signals the end of the Easter season, we transition into Ordinary Time, a period of growth, reflection, and discipleship. In the ordinariness of our daily lives, amidst the routines and challenges, let us remain vigilant in our commitment to live out the teachings of Christ. May we cultivate a spirit of gratitude, humility, and mindfulness, recognizing the sacredness inherent in every moment and every encounter.

As we embark on this journey of faith together, let us be mindful of the diverse gifts bestowed upon each member of our community. Let us embrace our differences with love and understanding, recognizing that we are all integral parts of the Body of Christ. Let us support and uplift one another, fostering a sense of belonging and unity that transcends all boundaries.

In the spirit of Pentecost and the commencement of Ordinary Time, we rededicated ourselves to the mission of spreading God's love and mercy to all corners of the earth. May our words and actions be a testament to the transformative power of the Gospel, inviting others to experience the joy and peace found in Christ.



Yours in Christ,
Jonnique Perrilliat
Director of Communication

WORSHIP IN THE Arts



The church pews were quite full for the Good Friday Concert and again on Easter Sunday. Holy Week worship began with Palm Sunday and continued with a supper prepared by the Deacons and communion on Maundy Thursday, solemn reflections on the "Seven Last Words" Good Friday afternoon and then the beautiful "Requiem for the Living" in the evening. Easter was a glorious celebration of the risen Christ.

Coming in May and June are Mother's Day, Father's Day and Pentecost. The PCOR Players will again present a drama as part of the service on Pentecost, May 19.



Join us June 2nd to thank local potter, Chris Landwehr of First Presbyterian Church of Windsor, for the beautiful new communion set. We will have an official thank you and blessing of the new set at our regular worship service and use the new pieces to celebrate communion.



*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



The number of children in worship and attending Sunday School has been increasing lately. Thank-you to Judy Clarke and all of our Sunday School volunteers for

providing a meaningful program that the kids seem to really enjoy!

On Friday, May 10 we will host another PNO (Parent's Night Out) from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. This is a very fast moving 2 hours with play time, crafts, dinner and a short movie. It's a fun evening event for the preschool, neighborhood and church families to attend. Anyone want to guess how many children will attend?



Wednesday, June 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm we will kick off our Family Fun Nights program. Our theme is Caring for the Earth and our crafts will be designed to help the children think about how they can be part of doing that. If anyone has a great craft for kids that would reflect that theme, we'd love to have you share it with us!

Our second Family Fun Night will be Wednesday, July 17. It will again be from 5:30-7:30 pm and will feature Lindsay Olsen's Coral Reef Night Light craft. Of course, we will be serving pizza, baby carrots with ranch dressing, and dessert at both events. We are planning for good attendance based on the success of the Christmas Family Craft Night in November.

All of these events will not work without volunteers. We will need volunteers for the Parent's Night Out, Family Fun Nights, and we still need 3

volunteers for the Sunday School Program. Please contact either Diane Osten (Petmom@sonic.net) or Barb Basham (Barbbasham@comcast.net) if you would like to volunteer. It is fun and extremely rewarding watching the kids having such a good time!



Barb Basham, co-chair Christian Education



Church and World

The Montgomery High School (MHS) Breakfast Angels continue making 100 breakfast burritos daily and about 50 pancakes on "Pancake Days"! The students seem to be in good spirits with big smiling faces and expressions of gratitude. The Kiwanis Club of Santa Rosa honored our beloved Breakfast Angel, Diane Pierce, with a \$750 donation to the MHS Breakfast Program. We continue to mentor the students with helping to recycle and compost their trash better. This is all part of why we are an Earth Care Congregation. We have the funds to continue our MHS Breakfast Program through this school year, which ends June 7th. We continue to seek out grants to fund the program. We have submitted two applications: Junior League Napa-Sonoma and John Jordan Community Grant. We do need more volunteers, especially alternates, as there are vacations coming up, for Monday through Friday. Please call the church and speak to Raven if you can help: (707) 542-4272.



The Cents-Ability collection baskets are 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 have recently received \$2,000 from the Hunger Task Force Cents-Ability Grant for the MHS Breakfast Program.

Announcement: PCOR has been re-certified for the fifth year as an Earth Care Congregation! Thank you Guy Cottle, our Earth Care Congregation Liaison, for your expertise in making this happen!

Earth Care Sunday was April 21st. Pastor Cindy's sermon and the Church & World Committee celebrated Earth Day by presenting related scriptures, prayers and songs on Earth Care Sunday.

We are overwhelmed with the loss of seven World Central Kitchen staff and three vehicles in the Hamas-Israeli conflict. Church & World Committee has donated \$250.00 for continued food deliveries to those starving in Gaza.

PROTECTING OUR PLANET STARTS WITH YOU

<p>BIKE MORE DRIVE LESS</p>	<p>reduce REUSE recycle</p> <p>Cut down on what you throw away. Follow the three "R's" to conserve natural resources and landfill space.</p>	<p>choose sustainable seafood</p> <p>Learn how to make smart seafood choices at www.FishWatch.gov.</p>	<p>Trees provide food and oxygen. They help save energy, clean the air, and help combat climate change.</p> <p>PLANT A TREE</p>
<p>EDUCATE</p> <p>When you further your own education, you can help others understand the importance and value of our natural resources.</p>	<p>CONSERVE WATER</p> <p>The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that eventually end up in the ocean.</p>	<p>-SHOP-WISELY</p> <p>Buy less plastic and bring a reusable shopping bag.</p>	<p>Don't send chemicals into our waterways.</p> <p>Choose nontoxic chemicals in the home and office.</p>
<p>Volunteer!</p> <p>Volunteer for cleanups in your community. You can get involved in protecting your watershed too!</p>	<p>Long-lasting light bulbs - ARE A - BRIGHT IDEA</p> <p>Energy efficient light bulbs reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Also flip the light switch off when you leave the room!</p>	<p>oceanservice.noaa.gov</p>	

EARTH CARE CONGREGATIONS

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." *Rainier*

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM
certifies

Presbyterian Church of Roses

as an

EARTH CARE CONGREGATION

on this

5th year of certification

for its outstanding environmental stewardship achievements in worship, education, facilities and outreach in the life of the church.

Through February, 2025

Signature: *Joanna Mandlin* Date: 3/8/2024
Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns

The next Special Offering is Pentecost. Watch for the offering envelopes and bulletin inserts on May 12th for collection on May 19th.

Watch for upcoming service missions of park clean-ups with City and County Parks, like Doran Beach this fall.

Our current membership includes Anita Pinney, Jonathan Steele, Chris Rhodes, Norm Smith, Pat Silva, Guy Cottle (ad hoc), Pastor Cindy and myself. This Committee meets by Zoom currently on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. Please let us know if you would like to join our committee! If interested, please contact Rhonda Darrow at rdarrow@pacbell.net or (707) 481-4743.



**With God's Blessings and Peace,
Rhonda Darrow, Chair (2023-2025)**

RoseBud Preschool News



Our Rosebuddies have been busy bees the last couple months learning all about lifecycles of various animals and bugs. They conducted an in-depth study of Eagles while following the lives of 2 Eagles in Bear Valley named Jackie and Shadow, via live stream. They got to see the mother and father eagle care for their 3 eggs and go about their daily lives. The children observed the pair for about 3 to 4 weeks waiting for the hatching. The kids were so excited every morning to come in and observe their feathered friends. The kids then spent the next

couple weeks learning all about ladybugs our favorite garden friends and are excited to now begin leaping into a new unit studying frogs.

April 30th, we hosted our annual Spring Easter celebration. It was so great to host together with the church this year. The event was a great success with many families and neighbors attending. We had well over 60 children and 1500 stuffed eggs. The kids thoroughly enjoyed the various crafts and games, and everyone was able to find and collect plenty of eggs. We even had a surprise visit from the Easter bunny at the end thanks to Jill Bryant. As well as a thanks to Diane LaFoe for making an adorable, quilted Easter Bunny to display at the event. The kids had fun taking pictures with it. And many thanks to all the church and preschool staff who showed up to help make this event such a success. Without their dedication these events wouldn't be possible.

The teachers and children are so excited to be welcoming spring and with it the warmer weather and clear skies. We're all basking in the warmth and beauty this wonderful weather brings, That's all for now. We'll check in again soon.

A Special Invitation from Pastor Cindy & Norm



CELEBRATE WITH US!

You are invited to celebrate the Blessing of our Marriage with a reception at the Church of the Roses during Fellowship hour.

We hope you can stay after worship and enjoy some cake, fruit, and sparkly juice with us on May 19th, 11:30am in Bowen Hall.



We so appreciate all your support of our marriage!
God is good and we feel very blessed!

STRIVING FOR A HEALTHY PCOR

We are thankful for Dr. Anthony Lim and his extremely informative and motivating presentation on healthy eating. He presented a well attended program titled: "Let Food be Thy Medicine, the Miraculous Power of Food."



PCOR MEN'S GROUP



Mark your calendar for May 18th and June 15th – 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!

Cents-Ability Baskets are out each second Sunday in the Narthex and Campbell Court

Support the Presbytery Hunger Fund And our MHS Breakfast Program.

An illustration of two woven baskets, one on the left and one on the right, with a stack of US dollar bills and a coin in the center between them. The entire graphic is framed by a decorative border of small green and purple flowers.

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.

We have the prints. But we need more Quilters

Join us Second Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Sunday School Room. Cut, Design, Stitch and Tie! With the P.C.O.R. Quilters! Call Yvonne Draper at 707-230-2173

A background image of various colorful quilt patterns, including floral, geometric, and abstract designs in shades of red, blue, green, and yellow.

THE DEACON REPORT



The church honored the Deacons and Memorial Group on April 14 during coffee time.



The Deacons provide care and support to our members thru the Buddy Program and in service to the the community thru donations to local worthy causes.

The Memorial Group aids families at memorials by hosting the reception following the service.

Members include Sheldon Erkkila, Marilee Marcoux, Karen & Bill Nakata, Barbara Basham, Kristina Teixeira, Raven Duchscherer, and Pastor Cindy.



CONGRATULATIONS TO PCOR 2024 GRADUATES

Pastor Cindy's proudly announces that her great niece, Kyla, has graduated High School in Elkhorn, Nebraska.

Wishing her many blessings and success!



Rev. Dr. Stewart and Jonnique Perrilliat are excited to share that their daughter, Destiny Grace Perrilliat is graduating with Honors from Marin Catholic High School, in Kentfield CA.

She will be attending Grand Canyon University, where she has received an academic scholarship. She intends to major in Psychology.

Many Blessings and success!

PRAYER REQUESTS

UPCOMING MEMORIALS

No Upcoming Memorials

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**The family/friends of Leonard Soohoo as they mourn his
passing on February 2nd, 2024*

THOSE WITH HEALTH ISSUES

Darren Adams	Brittany Hunt
Donald Adams	Jennifer
Dennis Baker	Rusty Jump
Barb Basham	Patti/Andy Kaweck
Greg Basham	Carolyn Kenworthy
Jeff Basham	Margret Kram
Jeanette Bauer	Vivian Mazeski
Jim Bauer	Marilyn MacLean
Bill Beaumont	Gene Michel
Barbara Blinn	Jessica Morse
Patrick Butler	Tom Nolen
Joyce Cairns	Nita Pinney
Peggy Call	Howard Powers
Leslie Colby	Lynette Randerson
Marjorie Cortez	Kaylynn Rupp
Mary Crowell	Sherry Rupp
Eldon Davis	Ann Saltzman & family
Robert Flandermeyer	
Denise Fossi	Kathryn Scott
Wendy Galde	Bob Simmons
Cathy Guy	Marie Slack
Michele Hare	Dina Takahama
Julie Harris	Dale Trowbridge
Melissa Henry	Jill White
Phil Henry	Roger White
Mary Lou Hensley	Helen Wikle
	Betty Witchey-Ryer

THOSE SERVING IN OUR MILITARY

James Kuntz (Sorani), US Navy on the USS Scranton.
Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast
Guard Lt. Commander Ian Alloway Culver, Col. David
Trowbridge, M.D. with the Air Force Reserve. Private
Caleb Thorstad, US Marine's Camp Pendleton

Scriptures and Sermons

May / June

May 5th Guest preacher: Rev Dr Stewart Perilliat

Scriptures: Psalm 98 and Matthew 11:28-30

Sermon title: Embracing the Journey: Finding Comfort
in Christ Through the Valleys of Mental Health

May 12th (Mother's Day) Guest preacher: Ariel Mink,
Elder and Presbytery of the Redwoods Stated Clerk

Scriptures: Psalm 1 and John 2:1-12

Sermon title: Mom Knows Best: Do Whatever He Tells
You

May 19th Pentecost and Presbyterian Heritage Sunday

Scriptures: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b and Acts 2:1-21

Sermon title: Faith in God, funeral sermon for Abe Lin-
coln

May 26th Trinity Sunday and Memorial Day weekend

Scriptures: Psalm 29 and Romans 8:12-17

Sermon title: Creator God, Son, and Holy Spirit: 3 in 1

June 2nd Communion Sunday

Scriptures: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 and 2 Corinthians
4:5-12

Sermon title: Life and Death Matters

June 9th Third Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Sermon title: Momentary Afflictions

June 16th (Fathers Day) **Men's group in worship**

Scriptures: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; Mark 4:26-34

Sermon title: **Mustard Seed Faith of our Father's**

June 23rd Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 and Mark 4:35-41

Sermon title: Jesus Rocked the Boat

June 30th Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Psalm 30 and Mark 5:21-43

Sermon title: Jesus Cares for your Health



Join the Fun at Fellowship Coffee Hour Exciting Changes Ahead!

Get ready for a delightful start to the summer at our Fellowship Coffee Hour!

We're inviting all you wonderful bakers and treat enthusiasts to contribute to the spread. Donations of any kind are welcome, so whether it's your famous cookies or a bowl of fresh strawberries, your generosity will make Fellowship Coffee Hour even more special.

But wait, there's more! We're on the lookout for volunteers to join our fantastic set-up and clean-up crew every

Sunday. Don't worry; it won't be a solo mission. You can sign up for a frequency that suits you—be it once a month or once a quarter. Sandy Dodge will be your go-to person, reminding you of your date and ensuring you have all the support you need.

If you're eager to be a part of this vibrant community effort, simply use the sign-up sheet during coffee hour. And in case you have any questions or just want to share your excitement, reach out to Sandy Dodge at 707-318-3096 or dodgesandy@yahoo.com.

Let's make our Fellowship Coffee Hour a celebration of community, health, and joy! We can't wait to see you there.

With Thanks, Sandy Dodge

The Fellowship Committee wants to thank people who donated time and/or healthy snacks to Fellowship hour after church on Sunday during the months of March and April.

Sheldon Erkkila, Cindy Goode, Linda Burille, Ellen Marks, Dorothy LeCel, Charlotte Finney, Bill & Karen Nakata, Linda Lance, Melissa Henry, Barbara Nelson, Pastor Cindy, Bob Lee, Deborah Baker, Rhonda Darrow, Ron & Sandy Dodge.

Looking for people to assist on May 19, 2024. Pastor Cindy and Norm will be celebrating their marriage and bringing treats to share. Coffee will be handled. We need 2-3 people to assist with set-up and clean-up. Please contact Sandy Dodge if you can help. 707-318-3096 dodgesandy@yahoo.com.



We are moving into the Spring growing and cleanup seasons. The well-fed irrigation system has been repaired and has been placed back in service. A great deal of pruning and weeding has already occurred but is a never ending challenge. The front lawn has been re-sodded with help from a couple of very generous donors. The roses have been fed and pruned and seem to be doing very well.

Pictured below is Jim Taylor giving the rest of the crew a demonstration on

how to use a spiffy new electric lawn mower - another generous donation from an anonymous benefactor. As we go forward we will continue to convert from gas to electric powered equipment.

As always, many thanks to the crew that comes every Tuesday morning in support of PCOR.



B & G chair, Gary Smith

From the Director of Music

Since I came to Church of the Roses this will have been the third Good Friday Concert we have offered, the first two being Fauré's *Requiem* and John Rutter's *Requiem*. This year Dan Forrest's lovely *Requiem for the Living* was very well attended ... the choir and soloists sang beautifully, accompanied by the Roses Chamber Orchestra. Donations at the door were generous, and they will help us to fund the orchestra for next year's Good Friday Concert. Thanks to Lindsay Olsen for capturing the event on film!

The Choir and Bellissimo are looking forward to singing (and ringing!) for another month or so through Pentecost Sunday, May 19th, after which we'll hang up our robes/gloves for the summer months. We will return on September 8th. The music in the summer months will be a combination of soloists, hopefully a few choral selections, duets, instrumentalists ... I'm planning for as much variety as possible! Joining a choir or the bell choir is a wonderful way of praising God, with the added bonus that both activities are very good for the brain! It takes coordination and focus, and it's great for your social life! We're always looking for a few more bell ringers and singers! Come see me on Sunday morning if you'd like to join Bellissimo or the Chancel Choir, or email me at carol@churchoftheroses.org.

SRCCA SPRING CONCERT ~ May 19, 2024

The Santa Rosa Children's Choral Academy, grateful to call the Church of the Roses their rehearsal home, will present their annual Spring Concert here at Roses on Sunday afternoon, May 19th at 4:00 p.m. where all three levels will delight you in song! We hope you'll want to attend this one ... these young singers are not only learning to enhance their singing ability, but also expanding their minds with music theory, and then there are lessons in stage deportment. Come and support this local choral organization ... these are the singers of tomorrow! This concert is free to the community – donations are gratefully accepted.

CHORAL EVENSONG ~ Friday, July 19, 2024

One more event you might be interested in ... the a cappella choral ensemble Cantiamo Sonoma will sing Choral Evensong on Friday, June 19th at 6:00 p.m. here at Roses. Originating in Anglican ritual, Evensong combines chant, hymns, Renaissance polyphony and modern choral works with Biblical readings and prayers. The intent is to provide listeners with a peaceful half hour of music and meditation at day's end. This service is offered free to the community. This event is free to the community – donations are gratefully accepted.



Carol Menke



THE HAPPENINGS

Parents Night Out!
Friday, May 10 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
At Church of the Roses



Fun activities for Kids (Ages 2-11)
 and a short children's movie.
 Pizza for Eats

Register your children by May 7
 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



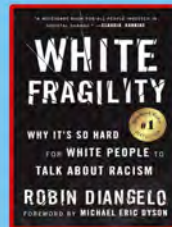
Book Club
 Thursday May 16
 2:30 p.m. on Zoom

The Bluest Eye

by Toni Morrison

Her First Novel. Winner of the Nobel Prize

Jeanne will have books



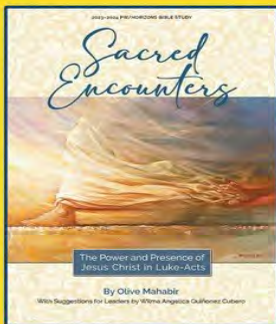
BOOK CLUB
 June 20 2:30 p.m.
 on Zoom

White Fragility

by Robin Diangelo

Why it's so hard for White People to talk about Racism.

Jeanne will have Books



Presbyterian Women

Saturday, May 11
 10:00 AM to noon

May: Lesson 9

People Encounter Jesus

Through the Work
 of the Disciples

Acts 9:36-43

Bring your PW Birthday Offering

Family Fun Nights

At Church of the Roses

2500 Patio Ct. Santa Rosa

Wed. June 19 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Wed. July 17 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Earth Care Crafts Fun Games
Pizza Dinner

Forty
 Family
 Limit



Reserve
 Your
 Place

Phone the Church Office at 707-542-4272

Join the
BOOMERS



Our Last Event for the Year

MINI GOLF Mini Golf Family Fun

Saturday, May 18th at 10:00am

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