

# Hispanic Creed

Written by Justo González,  
a Latino Methodist theologian and historian

We believe God, the Father Almighty  
Creator of the heavens and the earth;  
Creator of all the peoples and cultures;  
Creator of all tongues and races.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord,  
God made flesh in a person for all humanity,  
God made flesh in an age for all the ages,  
God made flesh in one culture for all cultures,  
God made flesh in love and grace for all creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit  
Through whom God incarnate in Jesus Christ  
Makes his presence known in our peoples and our cultures;  
Through whom, God Creator of all that exists,  
Gives us power to become new creatures;  
Whose infinite gifts make us one people: the body of Christ.

We believe in the Church  
Universal because it is a sign of God's Reign,  
Whose faithfulness is shown in its many hues  
Where all the colors paint a single landscape,  
Where all tongues sing the same praise.

We believe in the Reign of God — the day of Great Fiesta  
Where all the colors of creation will form a harmonious  
rainbow,  
When all peoples will join in joyful banquet,  
When all tongues of the universe will sing the same song.

And because we believe, we commit ourselves:  
To believe for those who do not believe,  
To love for those who do not love,  
To dream for those who do not dream,  
Until the day when hope becomes reality.

Amen.

NATIONAL  
HISPANIC  
HERITAGE MONTH

September 15 to October 15

Friends,

What is your story?

That was the theme of our conversation at the New Members' Course/In-Depth Study on United Methodism this last Thursday. Some were raised attending a Methodist church while the majority had experiences with other Christian communities and/or religious traditions. It was fascinating to hear about the various paths we had all been on over the years and how we are now here at the First United Methodist Church of Roseville.

We then discussed how mission statements communicate a story by looking over mission statements of commonly known businesses and organizations. Some mission statements were descriptive, like Starbucks: "With every cup, with every conversation, with every community - we nurture the limitless possibilities of human connection." Others were quick and to the point, like WalMart: "To save people money so that they can live better." Each word is carefully selected to convey the story's image and project the aims of the organization. We were intrigued, for example, that the City of Roseville managed to include "fiscally responsible manner" in their mission statement.

Whether a wordy sentence or an easy-to-remember one-liner, these mission statements summarize a story. So, what is our story as a local church? What are our aims as we reflect on the past and look towards the future?

Our story is two-fold.

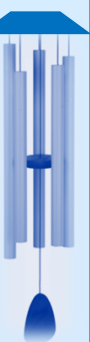
1. As a congregation of The United Methodist Church, our mission statement is **"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."** The *Book of Discipline* explains this further:  
"We make disciples as we:  
—proclaim the gospel, seek, welcome and gather persons into the body of Christ;  
—lead persons to commit their lives to God through baptism by water and the spirit and profession of faith in Jesus Christ;  
—nurture persons in Christian living through worship, the sacraments, spiritual disciplines, and other means of grace, such as Wesley's Christian conferencing;  
—send persons into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, freeing the oppressed, being and becoming a compassionate, caring presence, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel; and  
—continue the mission of seeking, welcoming and gathering persons into the community of the body of Christ." (BOD Para. 122, 2016).
2. The sentence that follows The United Methodist Church mission statement reads: "Local churches and extension ministries of the Church provide the most significant arenas through which disciple-making occurs." This means that it is at the local level that the mission comes alive. So, it is from our particularity and local context that First Church developed its own mission statement – *and we should know it by heart* – **"Where we do our very best to live into the gospel message of love, as a community, committed to offering hope to the world."** It is a beautiful story with intentional language. The task before us, then, is to live it out – as a congregation and as individuals – so that the story is communicated in all we do, so that there is no question if these words carry any weight.

I invite you to pray about our mission statements – as United Methodists and as members of First Church Roseville. Pray that God's Spirit will give us boldness to live them out in such a way that invites people to not only hear the story but to join in proclaiming it. That is how we make disciples. That is how we offer hope.

Paz,

Pastor Angel

*PS – Please join us for our In-Depth Study of United Methodism / New Members' Class every Thursday in September (excluding the last Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. It's okay if you missed the first one or if you can't make them all. All are welcome!*





### The Games People Play?

Did you know that at one time we had a pinocle group here at First UMC? They started meeting in 1988. At each meeting a donation of one dollar per person was collected. Over the years they completed several projects. These included: new pews in the balcony, ceiling fans, the large Methodist symbol on the outside of the building on Washington Boulevard, pictures of the old church that hung in the Narthex, The Last Supper Plaque, and the stain glass window in the balcony. The window was planned to be very simple and to echo the background pattern seen in the rest of the windows. The two in the balcony were to match and to give a finishing touch to the balcony seating area. I don't know when the group stopped meeting, but I did find a list of the members from 1997, so they were still meeting then.

Phoebe Astill, Historian



United Women in Faith, formerly UMW, invites you to lunch on Monday, September 11 at 12:00 noon. This year's programs are about the Fruit of the Spirit as named in Galatians 5:22-23. Nancy Bray will present the word LOVE this month. The annual Pledge Program will also occur.

UWF operates and supports nearly 100 national mission institutions, projects and initiatives in the United States and overseas that address the conditions and needs of women, children and youth. Included are clinics, women's residences, colleges, community centers, day care centers and more!

All are welcome to come to learn more about the Bible, come to be inspired, come for the fellowship, come for the lunch.

Peace be with you.

Nancy William, President

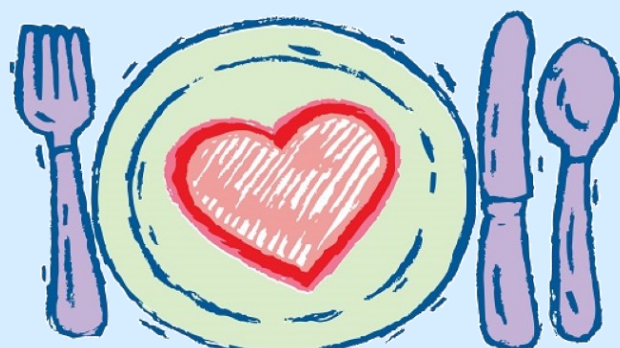
### GETTING TO KNOW YOUR PASTOR MEALS

**Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, Acts 2:46**

Come to a small group gathering to "break bread" with Pastor Angel and Martin and get to know each other better.

In September and October various members of the church will be hosting a meal on a given Wednesday or Sunday. Look for the sign up sheets every Sunday after worship at fellowship hour to see what date and time you can make it. Please note that Martin will only be at Sunday meals as he works during the week.

If you would like to host a meal for any number of people up to eight [counting yourself, pastor and Martin], please see Jan Sechrist after worship at fellowship hour or contact her at [925-787-0600] or email at [chibi7613@yahoo.com](mailto:chibi7613@yahoo.com).



# All Church Potluck Picnic



**Saturday September 23, 2023--9am-2pm**

**Woodbridge Park**

**Sponsored by United Women in Faith and AGAPE Men's Group**

**Save the date and decide what potluck dish you want to bring to share and come to enjoy some singing, some games and of course some scrumptious food!**

**No beverages in glass containers or pets are allowed in Woodbridge Park due to City of Roseville restrictions by which we must abide.**

**UWF will supply plates, forks and napkins.**

**The AGAPE men are supplying drinks for the picnic.**

**It is a lot of fun for the whole family. Hope to see you there!**

**\*In case of rain we will come here to Backman Hall and hold an indoor "PICNIC".**

# Not Quite Holiday Fair



**SAVE THE DATE**

**OCTOBER 21, 2023—9am-2pm**

Our "Not-Quite Holiday Fair" in Backman Hall will feature vendors selling hand crafted items, including baked goods. For early shoppers, coffee & donuts will be available for purchase and also Hot Dogs for those of you who come later. You can also purchase a table to sell your baked goods or hand crafted items and volunteers are needed to help with the event. If you want a table or can lend a hand to help the event, all you have to do is email Dave Sechrist at:

[dsechrist@firstumcroseville.org](mailto:dsechrist@firstumcroseville.org)

**Please mark your Calendar and come join the fun.!**



### AGAPE GROUP

The familiar axiom "life happens" most appropriately describes what transpired with the Agape Group during July and August. Due to team members' other activities, the group did not meet. Guess one could call it our summer hiatus. Larry Koncewicz, Agape friend and mentor, suggested our burning question of the day be "What's happening?" To expand the question: Any exciting trips this summer? and any new projects undertaken? Any questions please contact any of the Agape Team members (Dave Sechrist, Thom King, and Jim Wecker) or Dennis Bull at 630-781-6110. Hope that you can join us as we share our busy summer and look forward to fall!

Dennis Bull

### "DID YOU KNOW..."

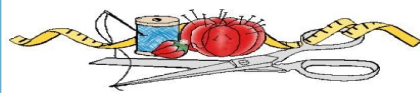


...inflation is real? I find myself routinely shocked by what I pay for everything today. A Big Mac Meal is \$8.99? I still think it should be under \$5.00! But after I express my outrage, I realize I'm comparing to my own experiences of 10, 20, even 40 years ago (I think it's a sign of aging). To do a little comparison, I found the average price of a new car went from \$12,700 in 1993 to 32,890 in 2013 (today it's \$48,000). A Big Mac Meal was in fact \$4.29 in 2003. But also, CA minimum wage has gone from \$6.75 in 2003 to \$15.50 today. Median household income in CA went from \$60,794 to \$84,0978 just in the last ten years. Social Security has added Cost-of-Living-Adjustments totaling 24% since 2013.

So what's the point? Even though I'm living with old numbers in my mind, the prices I see in 2023 are real and will continue go up in future years. Meanwhile, our financial giving as a church is ...lagging(?). In 2013, we received \$140,000 for general operations of the church. In 2022 that number was \$153,000. That's an 8.4% increase, and increases are always good, but...lagging. We came through the COVID pandemic shutdown intact, with our faithful givers continuing to give faithfully. I am positive we will continue to see that spirit of generosity from our congregation. We just need to remember it's 2023 now!

Dave Sechrist, Finance Chair

3 C's Invite  
You to Join Us!



### Creative Christian Crafters—3C's

3 C's will be meeting on **WEDNESDAYS, September 6, 20, and October 4 at 9:30 AM** to make Christmas cards for our table at the "Not-Quite-Holiday Craft Fair."

Everyone is invited to join us for this time of "Christian sistership", crafting and fun.

RuthAnn Baker

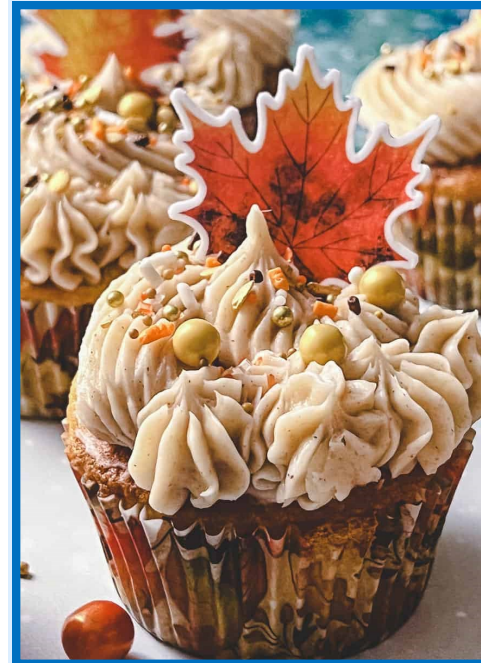
Please continue to pray for the following people.

### For Healing & Comfort

Stephanie, Jerry, Hazel Audrey, John, Earl



Please submit request for prayers to [prayers@firstumcroseville.org](mailto:prayers@firstumcroseville.org)



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**Church Office Hours**  
Monday— Friday 9:00 AM—12NOON

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1ST ELEANOR KNITZER
- 7TH KAYLYN THOMAS
- 8TH BOBBIE HENLEY  
KAE'RON WHALON
- 10TH SUE BARELA  
CACIQUE SANTIAGO
- 18TH SARA SPENCE  
LEO WIERBICK
- 19TH RAY AITKEN
- 20TH NORMA MILLER
- 24TH WILLIAM SILMAN



On 8/12/23 we received \$96.00 for CAV recycle cans & bottles. Thanks to all who saved and brought them to church to help pay our bills.  
Dave Sechrist, Finance Team Chair

**NEXT RECYCLE IS SATURDAY**  
**September 9, 2023**  
**9-11:00 AM**  
Please place items in Jim Wecker's gray pickup.

### FIRST CHURCH ROSEVILLE TEAM LEADERS

**Pastor—Angel Rivero**  
**Certified Lay Minister—Kathleen Mirtoni**  
**Church Council Chair—Liz Harvey**  
**Lay Leaders—Kathleen Mirtoni**  
**Jan Sechrist**  
**Ruth Ann Baker**  
**Treasurer—Chris Handley**  
**Financial Secretary—Elizabeth Harvey**  
**Finance Team Chair—Dave Sechrist**  
**Staff Parish Chair—Dennis Bull**  
**Mission Outreach—Dennis Bull,**  
**Thom King, and Paul Woicicki**  
**Memorial—Susan Reining**  
**Worship Team Leader—Nancy Bray**  
**Congregational Care—Gail Provine**  
**Music Director—John Handley**  
**Communications—Kristi Kinzel**  
**Lay Leadership Training—Kristi Kinzel**

### Worship

Attendance in August was 221.  
Average attendance was 55.

### The Monday Feeding Program

In August 281 meals were served to the hungry in our community.



### Give Me Your Hand by Gabriela Mistral



Give me your hand and give me your love,  
give me your hand and dance with me.  
A single flower, and nothing more,  
a single flower is all we'll be.

Keeping time in the dance together,  
you'll be singing the song with me.  
Grass in the wind, and nothing more,  
grass in the wind is all we'll be.

I'm called Hope and you're called Rose:  
but losing our names we'll both go free,  
a dance on the hills, and nothing more,  
a dance on the hills is all we'll be.

\*In 1945, Lucila Godoy Alcayaga (Gabriela Mistral) was the first Latin American and fifth woman to receive a Nobel Prize in Literature