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"The Mission of First United Methodist Church of Roseville is to lovingly invite, nurture, teach and send out disciples of Jesus Christ."



Smiling Sudanese Women living in constant fear and hardship.

Amazing Grace, by Pastor Rolly Loomis

Who is the prodigal son? I am, maybe you are?

You see, I was raised in a privileged environment. I was protected from harm and suffering. I had a loving family. My parents had money in the bank. They owned our comfortable house outright. I never, ever went to bed hungry. When I got sick, the doctor would come to my house. I had a good education. My schools had good roofs, heat, blackboards and books.

I am blessed with things that many people in this world do without. I have so much more than I need while others barely survive. Many do not survive at all. God was gracious with me. Why me? I was blessed with abundant life. And I squandered it. I used it up. Threw it away. I took advantage of the gifts that God and my parents and grandparents provided. And like so many, I was never satisfied. I blame myself and a society that gauges success on the amount of riches that one accumulates during one's short life.

Several years ago, I attended a conference in Kingsport Tennessee. United Methodists from all over the world gathered for a summit on how to address the suffering in Sudan. The highlight of the

Pastor Rolly Cont.

conference was a sermon by Bishop Swanson. There he commissioned a team who would soon leave for Yei, Sudan. He began to preach.

In a morning prayer, a staff member told him of a book that she had just finished, "They poured fire on us from the sky." The Bishop was most intrigued, because on that very morning he had received a picture of a small child, dressed in rags, bent on her knees, head touching the ground. In the background was a vulture waiting for her to die.

In his sermon, Bishop Swanson spoke of the so called poor economy, how apportionments were down, churches cutting back, many fearful. He also noted that there are still a lot of people shopping in the Wal-Mart and every restaurant seemed to be busy on most nights. The Bishop helped us to open our eyes to the light. He challenged us to be extravagant with our brothers and sisters in Sudan. "After all", he said, "Everything we have is from God, not ours to keep but to be good stewards of the blessings."

"Stop cheating God", he yelled to us - To me.

I have been cheating God in my self-indulgence. We as a people of this great country, with all our riches, have been cheating God. We as a human race have been cheating God. It's evident in the suffering of millions of invisible people, bright shining, light filled children of God, hidden from our view because we refuse to see them.

If we open our eyes to God, to the light, to each other's suffering, the light will stream into our souls and transform us, heal us, brighten us, grace us, bless us, forgive us, save us. None of us are saved until all of us are saved. None of us can rest in our salvation while someone is hungry, sick, without shelter, without healthcare. We must not become complacent and comfortable with our riches while millions of children are fleeing from the violence of war. We must not deny the suffering of others just to hide our guilt.

Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost but now am found.
Was blind but now I see.

Open my eyes Lord and fill me with light. I am the prodigal son. I yearn to return to God. I'm worried, it's not easy, and I'm weak. I'm used to watching out for me and mine. It's hard to follow Jesus. Look what happened to him. It's hard to walk the walk that God has chosen for us to walk if we deny the suffering of strangers.

I want to celebrate at a banquet for the world. I want to work for justice here and afar. I want the world to change. I want heaven on earth. It's God's grace that has planted these dreams in my head. I pray to stop cheating God by being only on the receiving end of Grace and not extend it beyond myself. God is extravagant with me. I long to share in the extravagance and not to grab it all for myself.

TIME FOR PRAYER AND DEVOTION

THE WONDER OF WAITING/ADVENT

What are you waiting for? If only this would happen (fill in the blank) life would be so much better. We all have our struggles in life and are waiting for things to change. What should we be waiting for?

This has been a difficult month. I am trying to regulate my Mom's health situation and feeling very inadequate as a care giver. Then the father of my children Bill is admitted to the hospital with severe stomach pains, then it is chest pains, and a week later it is kidney problems. This along with his cancer and a week later he is still in the hospital.

There have been many shootings in the last month the one brought to mind is the country bar and then there are the fires in Paradise and Malibu.

I am waiting for my Mom to get better and I am waiting for Bill to be released from the hospital. I am waiting for our country to become more loving and for these shootings to stop. I am waiting for the recovery of the people missing in the fires.

What should I be waiting for? Jesus.

Yes we are in the season of Advent and that is what we should be waiting for the coming of Jesus.

I have been doing different Devotional Plans on the Bible app with a friend of mine. We are able to do this together and see each other's responses. On December 1 we will be starting one on Advent. Consider doing something similar with some of your friends. There is no cost for this. Or you could find another Advent Study. Concentrate on the wonder of waiting and keep your focus on Jesus during this season of Advent.

**Donna Dammann
Prayer Coordinator**

UMW News for December

Planning the Advent Dinner for December 1, 2018

Birthdays for December

4th Sawyer Stauffer
10th Jackie Beyer
10th Rebecca McGuire
16th Grace Downing
20th Chris Handley
23rd Ryan Perdue
24th Ellen Bull
27th Ray Davis
29th Diane McGuire
29th Dick Hulbert
29th Chase Witherow
29th Samantha Lumley



December 2018 3Cs Merry Christmas to everyone



3 Cs wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas as we remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. Enjoy the activities of church and family and friends. Jesus ministry was all about doing good which is what our group wants to follow. . When we serve God by helping others , many blessings return to us. They will know we are Christians by our love we share. If we can help even one person by making a difference in their life, it's worth it.

Our last bake /craft sale of this year will be December 9th after worship. Please stop and shop. Maybe you can find something for someone on your Christmas list. We will be deciding very soon where our donations will be sent, Please see one of us if you would like to make a suggestion for someone or a group in need.

Hazel continues to make beautiful pillows for the Gathering Inn when our church hosts them once a month.

We meet 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 10 am until 12 pm. Please come by to visit, and share your ideas about projects to help our church and community. (sometimes we go out for lunch!)

For more info see: Anne Gregory, Donna Hall, Nancy Bray, Hazel Nofz, Dee Huston, Shelly Newton, Debbie Thompson, Barbara Hulse, Sherel Harris ,Susan Reining

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts ♥

Susan Reining/ Barbara Hulse

Worship Team

If you would like to participate in the worship service as an Usher, Worship Leader, or Communion Steward please speak with Cathie Wierbick.



To all our church family,

I want each of you to know that I appreciate each kindness and prayer for me and my family. You have done so much via cards and letters, feeding me, visiting and playing games of cards and chess, endless support and prayers via Facebook, praying with and for us and giving me those needed hugs. Thank you.

A special thank you to the people who are going the extra mile preparing goodies, setting up, taking down and then setting up again for the Advent Dinner, then church, then Mary's Memorial services, and clean up all within two days.

To each of you individually and as the body of Christ (our church) Thank you with much Love.

Don Harris & Family

Prosper Placer

You are invited to an information session about this counselling mission that supports families struggling to emerge from poverty. Volunteers are needed to identify clients, prepare meals, and serve as support allies.

Tuesday, December 4th, at 6:30

SS Peter and Paul Church at 4450 Granite Drive, Rocklin, CA 95677.

(Go to Library - building beyond sanctuary.) With any questions contact: Cathie Wierbick or Donna Dammann

Attendance
October: 346 (4 Sundays) = 87

October, 2018

We received \$12.50 from recycle cans & bottles . Thanks to all who brought their recycle cans & bottles.



Don Harris, Trustee President

SUPER SALES EXTRAVAGANZA

Priscilla Circle wants to thank everyone who helped with our Super Sales Extravaganza on October 27 2018. You baked, you bought, you donated, you volunteered, you ate, and you drank. We're especially pleased to tell you we are sending \$500 to Compassion Planet on top of the \$35 cash we gave them as the beautiful toilet paper pumpkins sold. If you missed it, you missed it.

JANUARY OUT TO TEA EVENT

Priscilla Circle invites the ladies of the church to go out-to-tea with us on Sunday January 20 2019, at 2:00 p.m. We'll head over to Roseville's own **Dash of Panache** on Vernon Street. We can carpool from the church or you can meet us there. We have to let them know the total guest list by the 13th, so please RSVP to Diane McGuire at dianedmcguire@gmail.com or call/text to 916-837-7302 by that date. The cost of the tea party including tax and tip is \$20. We hope you can join us.

Never Miss an Event
Check our Calendar website for all events. Call the office or email the office to add events to the Calendar.

Church Calendar
calendarwiz.com/firstchurchroseville or
firstumcroseville.org

There is always something happening at First Church



First UMC's First Annual Trunk or Treat



A great time was had by all!
We are pleased to say we had over 100 people attend,
over 50 were children from our Surrounding Community! And 13 Trunks!
Thank you to all that volunteered!



On Veterans Day First Church,
honored Our Veterans. Thank You All!



First UMC's Thanksgiving Day Meal



On Thanksgiving Day,
a number of volunteers got together,
to serve Our Brothers and Sisters.
First UMC's UMW made the beautiful Centerpieces.
Thank you to all that volunteered!

168 people were served!



Save the Date

Community Christmas Party

Saturday December 15th

3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Dinner Buffet

Free to all!

We will be making Tie Blankets
for the Homeless
Children will be making
Christmas Cards
for our Troops

Every Child will
receive a gift
from Santa Claus
RSVP required for all
children 17 and under.



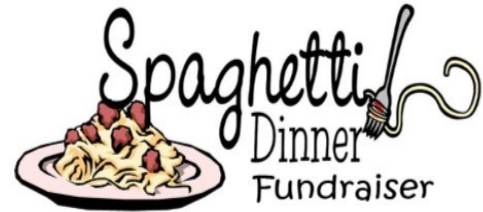
Volunteers Needed!
(916)783-3464 or

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Friday, January 18th

**Eat in
Take out**

5:00 - 7:00

**Menu: Tossed Salad
Spaghetti & Meatballs
Garlic Bread
Cannoli**

\$10.00 per person

\$5.00 Children under 13

Children 5 and under Free

100% of proceeds benefit "The Lift"

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Our Church Team Leaders

Pastor – Rev. Rolland Loomis

Lay Leader – Sandy Williams

Council Chair – John Handley

Treasurer – Chris Handley

Financial Secretary – Diane McGuire

Finance Team Chair-Vacant–

Trustees President – Don Harris

Staff Parish – Dennis Bull

Mission/Outreach – Kathleen Mirtoni

Memorial – Ruth Morse

Worship Team– Cathie Wierbick

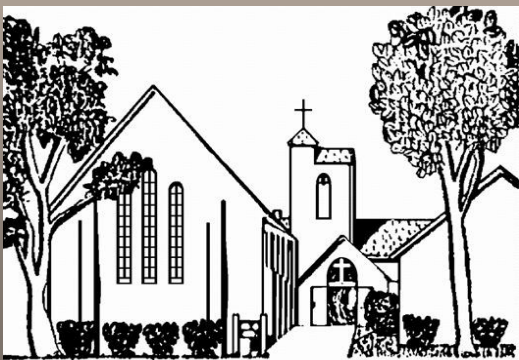
Congregational Care – Gail Provine

Music Director – John Handley

Communications – Vacant

Lay Leadership (Training) – Kristi Kinzel

Prayer Coordinator—Donna Dammann



Merry Christmas



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in changing lives,
transforming communities,
renewing the Church.*

Sunday Worship Service Schedule

Rev. Rolland Loomis

Choir Practice 8:00am

Bible Study for all ages 9:00am

Children's Church School 10:15am

Traditional Sunday Worship 10:15am

Coffee Fellowship 11:30am



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