

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.  
*His love endures forever.*  
Give thanks to the God of gods.  
*His love endures forever.*  
Give thanks to the Lord of lords:  
*His love endures forever.*  
to him who alone does great wonders,  
*His love endures forever.*  
who by his understanding made the heavens,  
*His love endures forever.*  
who spread out the earth upon the waters,  
*His love endures forever.*  
who made the great lights –  
*His love endures forever.*  
the sun to govern the day,  
*His love endures forever.*  
the moon and stars to govern the night;  
*His love endures forever...*  
He gives food to every creature.  
*His love endures forever.*  
Give thanks to the God of heaven.  
*His love endures forever.*  
(Psalm 136:1-9, 25-26 NIV)

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***“From the depth of need and despair, people can work together, can organize themselves to solve their own problems and fill their own needs with dignity and strength” -Cesar Chavez***

From September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>, National Hispanic Heritage Month is recognized. During the four weeks, celebrations honor the heritage and contributions made by members of the Hispanic community. Labor Day also occurs in September. It pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894.

In the person of Cesar Chavez, we have the coming together of both of these September observations. Chavez was born in 1927 in Yuma, New Mexico, and became famous for being an American labor leader and civil rights leader. In 1962 Chavez co-founded the organization which eventually became the United Farm Workers – the UFW. He was joined by Dolores Huerta, who came up with the famous slogan, “*Si, Se Puede*” (Yes, We can). This union’s presence was recognizable by its distinct red and black flag featuring a stylized eagle. Of this symbol, Chavez remarked, ***“A symbol is an important thing. That is why we chose an Aztec eagle. It gives pride...When people see it they know it means dignity.”***



Despite the volatility of the times, Chavez was committed to leading the farm workers movement through his faith values. He said, ***“Farm workers everywhere are angry and worried that we cannot win without violence. We have proved it before through persistence, hard work, faith and willingness to sacrifice. We can win and keep our own self-respect... through a rededication and recommitment to the struggle for justice through nonviolence.”***

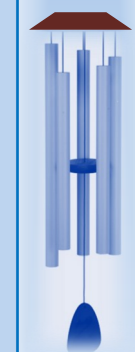
Though Chavez died in 1993, his work partner, Dolores Huerta continues to advocate for the working poor, women, and children even at the age of 92. As founder and president of the Dolores Huerta Foundation, she travels across the country engaging in campaigns and influencing legislation that supports equality and defends civil rights. She often

speaks to students and is quoted as saying, ***“Every moment is an organizing opportunity, every person a potential activist, every minute a chance to change the world.”***

There is a park in the middle of downtown Sacramento named Cesar Chavez Plaza. This urban greenway is a meeting place for the city and has been the home for concerts, political rallies, or state government workers seeking rest on their lunch break. There is a statue of Chavez that evokes the “dignity and strength” that he and others like Huerta embodies.

This September, may we keep in mind those who have committed their lives to making the lives of others better. And as we continue to live into fresh visions of new possibilities, as a community or as individuals, may we find strength in the words and wisdom of Chavez who once said, ***“To make a dream come true, the first requirement is a great capacity to dream; the second is persistence.”***

Blessings,  
Mahsea Evans





***“It is important for all of us to appreciate where we come from and how that history has really shaped us in ways that we might not understand.”***

***Sonia Sotomayor***

When I don my Yankees jersey, with its regal pinstripes, with its elegant interlocking “N” and “Y” on the chest, it means so much more than just than an ostentatious expression of my fidelity to a sports team. It is, rather, a tipping of a cap to where I come from, and the histories that have shaped me. I am a third generation Yankees fan who was raised a few hours outside of the Big Apple. As such, it brings me joy to pass this inheritance to my daughter. Every year, we have this standing daddy-daughter date where we go see the Yankees play when they make their way to Oakland on their West Coast swing. Just last week, I swooped her up after school in order to attend the Bay Area game. We put on our jerseys and joined our bodies and voices with thousands of other Yankees fans that filled the crumbling concrete bowl of the Oakland Coliseum. It elicits a peculiar joy to go to these games, especially as the Yankees’ faithful seem to always outnumber the Athletics fans. What makes it even more special for all of us East Coasters living in California is that going to the game feels like a beautiful homecoming.

Like me, Sonia Sotomayor is also a huge Yankees fan. Unlike me, she is nationally known because of her status as an Associate Supreme Court Justice. In 2009, President Barack Obama nominated her and she became the first Hispanic to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, and only the third woman.

Despite the heights of her professional accomplishments, Sotomayor came from humble roots. In 1954, she was born in the South Bronx to a Puerto Rican family. This is the same borough that the Yankees have called home since George Henry Ruth built his grand stadium. Though her father tragically died when she was nine years old, her mother worked tirelessly and encouraged her children to study hard.

Despite the many obstacles and challenges, Sotomayor excelled and graduated from prestigious Ivy league schools on her way to a career in law. Of her journey, she said:

***“Experience has taught me that you cannot value dreams according to the odds of their coming true. Their real value is in stirring within us the will to aspire.”***



I remain inspired by Sonia Sotomayor for many reasons, and she is rightly celebrated during National Hispanic Heritage Month. However, what makes me truly love her is that she once said, in one of those countless media interviews when she was being introduced to the nation, ***“The world should know, I am a Yankees fan, unabashedly so!”***

Whether recalling her youth as a “bleacher creature,” or those with seats in the cheaper but rowdier sections of Old Yankee Stadium, or throwing out the first pitch as the Yankees representative sitting on the highest bench in the nation, she never forgets where she comes from and the histories that shaped her.

As I sat with my daughter at the ball game in Oakland, and watched her eat peanuts as she entertained my lengthy explanations about the difference between a four-seam fastball, a curve ball, and a change-up, I truly felt grateful. Not only were the Yankees winning, but somehow and somehow, like Sotomayor, I felt we both had that “stirring within” to aspire to the dreams that move us. It was a good night, and it did not hurt that the Yankees beat the A’s 13-4!

Blessings,  
Mahsea Evans



## When I am in My Garden

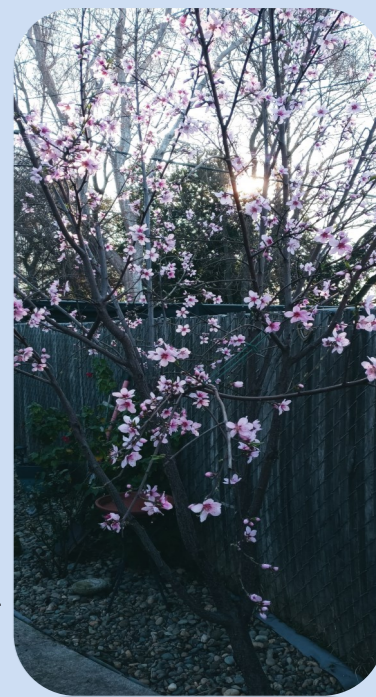
I love waking up to the Sunrise. It shines directly in my room where I can oversee my pond and garden. I thank the good Lord each morning for the beauty he shows to me from my bedroom window.

When I was a young girl, I walked to church on my own. My mom would attend during the holidays which was also frowned upon. One day I overheard the pastor’s wife telling a member that she did not know why I bothered coming to church. I quit going to church. I always had the feeling that I was not good enough for the Lord’s love or to be around church people. I moved to Roseville when my kids were small. My neighbor, Lela Circle and her husband, long time members of FUMC Roseville basically adopted me and the kids. They would help out in any way they could. Lela, started bringing my kids to church. I would stay home and clean house or work in my garden. I attended when the kids were involved in something at church. When my kids were grown I still didn’t feel worthy to go to church. I prayed in my garden a lot during the day and at night I prayed also. One day, while in my garden, Jesus spoke to me and asked me why I did not believe that he loved me. He also told me that he was with me all of the time even as a child. When I look back on my life, I can see how he carried me through my troubled times and gave me the strength to carry on. I also know that he gives me strength when I need it most.

I love just sitting in my garden to relax and thank him each morning. When I am stressed, I start yanking out weeds and cleaning up the yard while I complain to Jesus. It is funny because he shows me something in my messy yard that makes me stop and take a breath. I feel grateful and so blessed that I know I can share my frustrations and know he is there listening to me. I feel blessed every day. I was also blessed to come to FUMC Roseville and be welcomed as soon as I walked through the door. The church welcomes all. Of course that is what church is all about. Loving one another and helping people in need. I always ask him for strength to carry on his work in whatever he chooses.

## Jesus loves us all!

By Connie Witherow



## Safe Gatherings: Keeping our Church Family and Community Safe

The California-Nevada Conference of the United Methodist Church is committed to ensuring we provide safe places of fellowship and worship to everyone we serve.

**Safe Gatherings** is an online abuse prevention program that screens and educates staff and volunteers to help prevent abuse of children, youth, and vulnerable adults in group settings. When employees and volunteers are trained to identify potential abusers, recognize the signs of abuse, and know how to handle reporting, they are better equipped to prevent abuse.

The California-Nevada Conference and its congregations utilize Safe Gatherings to enable churches, camps, and affiliated groups to meet their screening and training responsibilities for those who work with children, youth, and vulnerable adults. With the advent of Fourth Fridays at First Church, where we are interacting with kids and adults from the community, there is a need for the volunteers to complete this training.

Staff and volunteers who serve in ministry to the above groups complete the approval process every 3 years to maintain their approval status. Individuals who complete an application, background check, and the online training may be approved to work with those groups in any church-related setting. Screening includes obtaining background checks and professional references. The training is comprehensive and customized for the church organization. Applicants may complete the online training modules at their own pace. The training typically takes about 3 hours to complete.

### Instructions for beginning the background screening process:

Log onto the California-Nevada Conference website: <http://www.cnumc.org>. In the blue box on the home page, click on Background Check/Online Abuse Prevention Training; this takes you to the Background Screening and Safe Sanctuary Training Program page. Read the “About” and “Details” sections, proceed to the “Get Started” section, and click on “Click Here to Start the Safe Gathering process”.

Roseville First United Methodist Church pays the application fee for approvals for those serving our congregation. Because our church is covering this cost, it will be indicated when you complete your online application. (If able, request is made that applicants reimburse the church the \$41.00 application fee.)

The approval process requires one professional and one clergy reference to assist in qualifying an applicant. Reference requests are submitted and received electronically. It may be helpful to notify your chosen references so they can anticipate receiving the request.

Training may be completed online at your convenience once your application has been completely filled out. If you prefer not to complete the training in one sitting, you may log out and complete it later. Safe Gatherings allows you to either restart the training where you left off, or start again from the beginning.

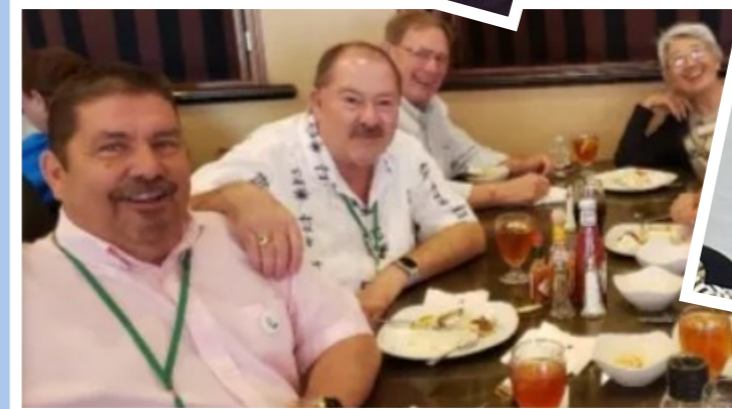
Upon satisfactory completion of all components of the Safe Gatherings process, applicants and their church administrator (Dennis Bull) will be notified via email. Your approval is valid for 3 years.

If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Bull (630-781-6110). Thank you in advance for your participation in keeping our church and community safe!

## Memories of Roy DeBise Loomis

Somewhere I read that  
“Cooking is Love Made Visible”  
and Roy was certainly the embodiment of that philosophy. He shared his knowledge of canning, cooking, making candy, making jelly, and so much more. Roy's generous heart and loving spirit transformed us, as a church and as individuals. He lives forever in our memories and in our hearts. We will miss him immensely but we thank God for his time here with us.

Nancy amd Kathleen





## Spaghetti Lunch & White Elephant Sale

**Hosted by:** First Church

Board of Trustees

**When:** Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022

**Time:** 12 Noon

**Place:** Backman Hall

We are starting to collect valuable items that people no longer need or use but would be a wonderful addition for another person. New items handmade or creations you think others would buy.

Some items that come to mind might be binoculars, a coin collection you no longer do anything with or cannot see the small dates or mint marks anymore, an old trunk that would be a hope chest for a grandchild, a magic trick with solution, that power tool you don't know how to use or are afraid to use.

Let your mind wonder and come up with something to donate to the church for this meal and fun time together.

Contact Don Harris, 916-712-8338 to donate items.

\*No pianos please as they are too difficult to move.

Don Harris, Board of Trustees Chair

## Placer Food Security Coalition

(Christy, Alex, Megan, Roxana, Sal, & Nadia)



## Hunger Action Month

Placer Food Security Coalition will have a Community Food Drive at the Auburn Gold Country Fair, September 8th—11<sup>th</sup>. September is Hunger Action Month.

Please sign up to help run the table at the Fair if available

Volunteer Sign-Up Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AA8AD2CA2F4C07-placer>

Please help us promote the upcoming food drive at the Auburn Fair by sharing our attached Food Drive flyer, which is available in 3 languages.

Please share the Facebook Event <https://www.facebook.com/events/470195387968394/?ref=newsfeed>

At the Food Drive table at the Fair, we will also promote food assistance programs and distributions.

Speak with Kathleen Mirtoni if you need more information.



When you feel broken, remember a kaleidoscope is made of broken pieces; and when we look into it, we see something beautiful! We all add our part to the beauty of our Church.

Submitted by Gail Provine



## FISHERS OF MEN WINDOW

This window was dedicated March 28, 1982, in memory of Forrest (Bob) Schweers by his wife Carman. Bob was born July 1902 and graduated from high school in 1922 in Tribune Kansas. In 1937 he married Carmen Thero in Eskridge, Kansas. They had a small grocery store in Emporia Kansas. Later he worked with the water district in Citrus Heights, Calif. They were active in folk dancing and he was a caller. After he retired, they took a tour of the Orient and twice toured the United States. They joined the church in April 1978, where he often served as usher. After his death in 1979, Carmen moved back to Kansas to be near here sister. Both Bob and Carmen were very active in the church and were missed after his passing and her moving to Kansas  
Phoebe Astill, Historian

Please keep the following people in your prayers for healing and comfort.

## For Healing & Comfort

Cathie, Connie, Marie, Hazel, Jerry, Sheraya, Barbara, Sara, Rob, Sarah, Henretta, Francis, Danny, Brandon, Melissa, Jordan, Millie, Kathy, Lockye

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



## For Bereavement

Rolly Loomis



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1ST ELEANOR KENITZER

7TH KAYLYN THOMAS

8TH BOBBIE HENLEY

KAE'RON WHALON

10TH CACIQUE SANTIAGO

SUE BARELA

11TH CAROLYN HEMIG

18TH SARA SPENCE

LEO WIERBICK

19TH BETTY CULBERT

RAY AITKEN

20TH NORMA MILLER



## SEPTEMBER BIRTH FLOWERS ARE MORNING GLORY AND ASTORS



## Agape Men's Group

When the Agape Team met on Saturday morning August 13, in the coolness of Heritage Chapel, outdoors it was already on its way to becoming a hot, blistering August day. To commemorate the dog days of summer, our burning question of the day was: What is one of your favorite vacation destinations and to share a memorable vacation experience. Responses included the YMCA Camp at Estes Park, CO, Camp Far West (CA), and a Vietnam veteran who met his wife on an R & R (rest and relaxation) trip to Hawaii. It was concluded that our favorite vacations were often simply common places shared with family and close friends.

Our next gathering will be on Saturday, September 10, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Heritage Chapel. Our burning question of the day will be: What was your reaction to the birth of your first child or grandchild? Any questions please contact any of the Agape Team members (Don Harris, Cliff Williams, Dave Sechrist, Thom King, and Jim Wecker) or Dennis Bull at 630-781-6110.

Think cool thoughts!

Dennis Bull

## Worship Attendance

Total: 243 Average: 61

## The Monday Feeding Program

In August 297 meals were served to the homeless in our community.



## FIRST CHURCH ROSEVILLE TEAM LEADERS

**Pastor—Mahsea Evans**  
**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**  
**Trustees President—Don Harris**  
**Staff Parish Chair—Dennis Bull**  
**Mission Outreach—Kathleen Mirtoni**  
**Memorial—Susan Reining**  
**Worship Team Leader—Nancy Bray**  
**Congregational Care—Gail Provine**  
**Music Director—John Handley**  
**Communications—Kristi Kinzel**  
**Lay Leadership Training—Kristi Kinzel**

**\*\*New Church Office Hours\*\***  
Monday— Friday 8:00 AM—11AM

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We received \$79.30 in July for recycle cans & bottles. .

Thanks to all who save cans & bottles for this project. Every bit helps us pay our bills.

Don Harris Trustee Chair

**NEXT RECYCLE IS SATURDAY**  
**September 10, 2022**