

Summer Flowers

Geraniums persevere.

They preserve with an abundance of blooms, blooming almost endlessly to the point of thriving on their blooms.

Petunias endure.

They endure gorgeous blooming until there is nothing left of the plant, it has bloomed itself to death.

Impatients should really be called Patients.

They do patiently bloom, growing more lovely as time goes on, the plant as well as the blooms.

Pansies are vulnerable and sensitive, very delicate.

Marigolds steadfast and strong. Bold orange and golden flowers.

Gardenias lily white. Fragrant givers of themselves with their perfume.

Roses a combination, of the above characteristics, so beautiful and fragrant.

The Tea Rose proudly standing tall on long stems, gracefully enduring.

Life Is like a Rose Garden. Thorns and all. Solitude soothes the thorny pricks of life.

Submitted by Shelly Newton



Friends,

“Back to School” is, by far, my favorite shopping season! I don’t know what it is – the freshly sharpened pencils, crisp folders and notebooks, or fun lunch box designs – but it reminds me of the excitement of starting a new school year.

I sense, in a way, that same excitement as we embark in this new season in the life of First Church Roseville. This first month as your pastor has been filled with learning! I have met a lot of new people, learned more about our ministries and committees, and started getting acquainted with our various community partners. And, while there are a lot of new things for me to discover at First Church, I take comfort knowing that we share in a rich tradition as members of The United Methodist Church.

It seems, however, that in the public sphere our United Methodist tradition has a bad rap. I did a quick “United Methodist” search online and came across headlines such as “United Methodist Church lost 20% of US parishes in schism,” “UMC Bishop faces trial after complaints,” and “Thousands of congregations split from the national church over LGBT+ issues.” It can be discouraging to know that these points of division and tension have taken the center stage in the media and to see that same polarization we see in society mirrored in the Church.

What has helped me, as a newly ordained pastor who is part of the LGBTQ community, is that expression, “Think globally, act locally,” meaning that we ought to consider the needs and hurts of the world and take action in our local context. The news headlines aside, we must remember that First Church is the local embodiment of United Methodism for Roseville and the surrounding area. We, then, have a responsibility to live out our United Methodist faith, heritage, and values while incorporating the unique purpose – and quirks – that make up First Church. To do this, it would be good for us to discover anew what it means to be a United Methodist.

In the spirit of the “Back to School” season, our worship series for the months of August and September will be entitled, Back to School – United Methodism 101. Each week we will focus on a pillar of United Methodism like Open Table, Christian Perfection, Mission and Vows, and more. So, whether you are a cradle Methodist or are not sure what The United Methodist Church is about, I pray that this is a time of grounding, discovery, and renewed commitment.

In conjunction with the worship series, I will be leading an In-Depth Study on United Methodism for those who want to dig deeper and for those desiring to join First Church’s membership. We will have more details about that study (day, time, and location) shortly. If you’re interested or have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

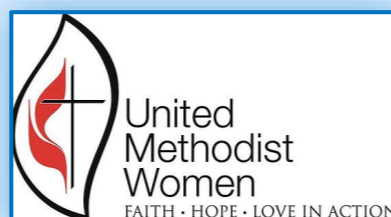
Blessings, Pastor Angel Rivera





Ladies Aid Society & Wesleyan Service Guild 1911
Woman's Society of Christian Service 1940
United Methodist Women 1960's
United Women in Faith 2022

In 1911 the Roseville Ladies Aid Society was formed and Lutie Anderson was the first president. It appears to have functioned under that name until 1940, when the name was changed to Woman's Society of Christian Service and Lillian Taylor was the president. The Wesleyan Service Guild also existed at the same time. The purpose of the WSCS was to help women grow in the knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and to challenge them to respond to God's redemptive purpose in the world. Each individual component was divided into groups, called "Circles", that met together on a monthly basis. The circles met on different days and times and had different interests of focus. Women chose to join the circle of their choice which met their needs time wise and their interests. Each circle had a name. Some of the Circle names in 1967-1969 were Charity which became Mary Johnston, Bethlehem, Beulah, Jesse, Lee, Susanna Wesley (which I think was an evening group), a Grace Circle in 1982, an evening one named Evening Circle in 1997 which was changed to Pricilla Circle in 1998. There was even a sewing circle called Triple L. In 1972 the WSCS along with the Wesleyan Service Guild combined and became the United Methodist Women, UMW, and Judy Forrester was president here in Roseville.



On March 2, 2022, UMW began doing business as United Women in Faith to be more inclusive of all faith traditions. There are currently nearly a half million members. United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities. .
 Phoebe Astill, History Chair



New Group Forming
"A Journey of Creativity & Faith!"

"Shoot For The Moon. Even If You Miss, You'll Land Among the Stars."
 Norman Vincent Peale Quote

Enhanced Creativity & the Power of Faith supporting Change.
God Created a Masterpiece and you are that Masterpiece!
What is your calling? What is your source?

Gay Brodsky MACC is known in the Bay Area and San Francisco for her work facilitating the Artist's Way process and is certified as a Spiritual Director thru the Hesychia School of Spiritual Direction. Along with her knowledge of worship music, she has the perfect skill set to provide a rich environment, inspirational for creating.

Join me for 4 Saturdays in August (9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30) @11am - 1pm in the Heritage Chapel, for a spirit filled experience, using music, writing and conversation, on our Journey of Creativity and Faith.

Please contact me for information and/or to sign up, via phone/text at 415-259 -7675 or email: Gaybrodsky@gmail.com.

Submitted by Gay Brodsky



***Please note the date changes from August to September.**

United Women in Faith District Annual Retreat



Nancy William, UWF Roseville president, and I attended the Great Northern District United Women in Faith retreat which was held at the Mercy Center in Auburn, from Friday, July 14 - Sunday July 16. Forty members of local UWF units from churches in Northern California and Nevada were in attendance. The Mercy Center is a 33 acre campus, beautifully landscaped, which is the residence for the Sisters of Mercy and offers a beautiful facility with private rooms, and delicious meals, meeting rooms, a chapel and gift shop for its guests.

Michael Pope (pronounced "Michelle") CA/NV Conference Lay Leader led the retreat. The program offered focused on leaning into our fears and assumptions which hold us back from being the persons that God intends us to be. Besides digging deeply into ourselves, we did a lot of singing and dancing, praying, sharing and eating. I think I ate more food than I do in a weeks-time! Friday and Saturday nights we gathered in the recreation room where we enjoyed many snacks, games, crafts and puzzles.

On Saturday afternoon we had several hours of free-time to walk the labyrinth, stroll the paths which include the Stations of the Cross, meditate, nap, read, shop and enjoy one another's companionship.

Saturday night, we had a "talent show". There was singing, poetry, puppeteering, storytelling and stand-up comedy. Plenty of fun and laughter.

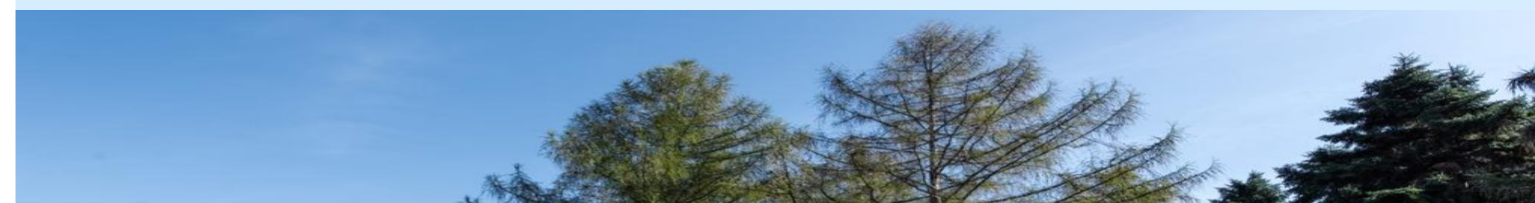
On Sunday morning, after breakfast, we met to sing and dance and reflect on the weekend and then moved to the chapel for Communion. We were sent home with bagged lunches.



I am so grateful for this opportunity to grow personally and spiritually. I felt myself letting go of "stuff" that I hadn't been fully aware of, through a process Michael calls "brain-dumping", and as a result, I feel freer to express my authentic self. Michael Pope is a person whom I admire greatly and feel a strong connection with. I would advise any of you who have an opportunity to spend time with her, to do just that. A bonus for me was to spend time with the wonderful Linda Kennedy. Linda attends Lincoln UMC and other than an occasional email, we had lost touch. We are now planning to meet for a meal once a month.

Spiritual Sisterhood is a powerful experience. I invite all women to attend our UWF gatherings when they resume in September. Together we can achieve wonders for our world and the glory of God.

The Peace of Christ be with you now and always.
 Kathleen Mirtoni





The Agape Group did not meet in July, because three members were unable to attend. Thus, after our one-month break, our next gathering will be on Saturday, August 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Heritage Chapel. The burning question of the day will be to reminisce about a favorite vacation or favorite vacation destination. Any questions please contact any of the Agape Team members (Don Harris, Dave Sechrist, Thom King, and Jim Wecker) or Dennis Bull at 630-781-6110. Stay Cool!



“DID YOU KNOW...”

2023 is half over already, which is a good time to look at how we are doing financially. For the first six months of 2023:
 Income: \$ 98,304 (including a one-time transfer of \$12,078 from endowment fund)
 Expenses: \$ 103,331 (expenses are actually below budget)
 Net Loss: \$ - 5,027

For the remainder of 2023, our payroll expenses are increasing as we transition from a three quarter-time to a full-time pastor. It is not all gloom and doom, however. In July, we received a one-time \$5000 donation from a private donor to support our transition to a full-time pastor. The annual conference is providing a \$5000 grant for the remainder of the year, also to support our transition to a full-time pastor. We can celebrate the success of the Spring Bouquet Brunch in June; people had a wonderful time and we brought in \$847! Next up will be our “Not-Quite-Holiday Craft Fair and Bake Sale” in October.

Dave Sechrist, Finance Chair

Ray William Memorial Service

Ray William passed away on Sunday, July 23 after a hemorrhagic stroke. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, August 20 at 2:00 PM First UMC Roseville.

In the tradition of potlucks, Nancy requests that you bring fresh fruit or a dessert to a reception following the service. If anyone wishes to help set up or clean up, please contact Connie in the office. “Many hands make light work.”



Please continue to pray for the following people.

For Healing & Comfort

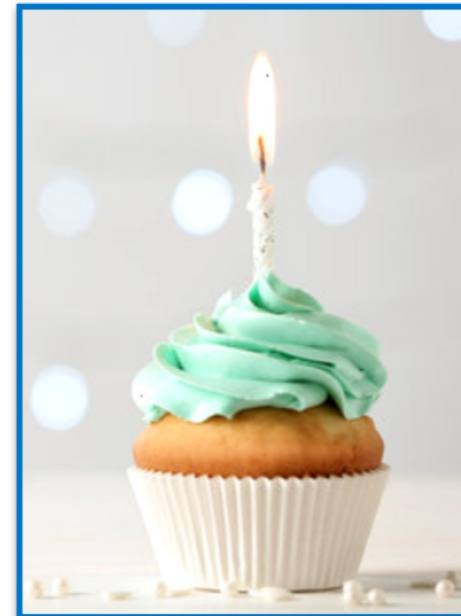
Connie, Jerry, Hazel, Audrey, John



For Bereavement

Nancy and Family
 Connie, Jim and Family

Please submit request for prayers to prayers@firstumcroseville.org



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2ND ROBERT BRAY
- 3RD LORRI BRADY
- 5TH CATHE MOODY
- 7TH NANCY CLARK
CODI STAUFFER
- 12TH VERA KUFFOUR
- 13TH ESTHER GASCON
KAP WATKINS
REBECCA SCOTT
- 14TH YVETTE SIPES
- 16TH JOSETTE HUMPHREYS
- 24TH DAVID PACHECO
- 25TH JIM WECKER
- 27TH ALEXIS PATTERSON
- 29TH ELLEN LOPEZ
- 31ST MIRABEL KUFFOUR
JILL ELHONSALI

“ Life is for living, mistakes and all. It’s part of the journey.”



Barbara Freethy, writer



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



On 7/8/1012 we received \$47.00 for CAV recycle cans & bottles. Thanks to all who saved and brought them to church to help pay our bills.

NEXT RECYCLE IS SATURDAY August 12, 2023

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
Trustees President—Don Harris
Staff Parish Chair—Dennis Bull
Mission Outreach—Dennis Bull,
 Thom King, and Paul Woicki
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 July was 277
 the Average was 55

The Monday Feeding Program

In July 346 meals were served to the hungry in our community.



*God can turn...
 a mess into a Message,
 a test into a Testimony,
 a trial into a Triumph,
 a victim into a Victory!*



Submitted by Gail Provine