

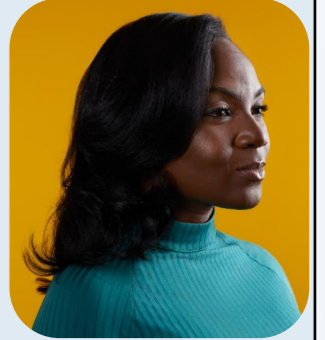
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's dream was a manifestation of hope that humanity might one day get out of its own way by finding the courage to realize that love and nonviolence are not indicators of weakness but gifts of significant strength.
Aberjhani

*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is LOVE!
1 Corinthians 13:13*



"I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God Speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in."
George Washington Carver

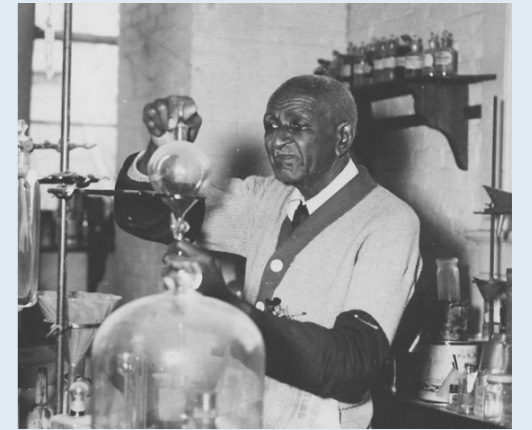
"I am Christian. I'm black. I am Southern, I'm an empath. I'm feisty, sassy, and fashionable. That's kind of how I describe myself. I would say that my role as a scientist is really about my passion and purpose for the world and for giving back to the world."
Dr. Kizzmekia S. Corbett



February is when Black History Month is celebrated. This is a time dedicated to uplift the achievements by African Americans and recognize their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event developed out of "Negro History Week," which was spearheaded by the leadership of the historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Since 1976, this country's bicentennial year, every U.S. president has recognized Black History Month.

Since I was born in the heart of the Ford administration, I never knew a time when Black History Month was not celebrated. I have early memories of being in awe as I flipped through books and magazines filled with black and white photos of wizened faces rising from the murky depths of racially repressed obscurity—only to shine new rays of possibility in my supple imagination.

I remember seeing people like George Washington Carver, the great American agricultural scientist and inventor, seemingly come to life through pictures of him laboring quietly in his lab, teaching in his Tuskegee Institute classroom, or observing his crops up close in the fields he carefully tended. I learned how he developed techniques to improve soil depletion and discovered seemingly endless products from the peanut. Apart from being a scientist, he was also an early environmentalist, and was so universally praised, that "Time" magazine dubbed Carver a "Black Leonardo da Vinci"



Despite it all, he remained humble. This was mostly due to his deep faith that undergirded and informed everything that he did. He would always start his day by taking walks in the woods and communing with God. This, and other spiritual practices, gave him unique insight as he engaged his work. He once famously said, "Anything will give up its secrets if you love it enough. Not only have I found that when I talk to the little flower or to the little peanut—they will give up their secrets, but I have found that when I silently commune with people, they give up their secrets also - if you love them enough." There is no doubt that love defined him, and on his gravestone is written, "He could have added fortune to fame, but caring for neither, he found happiness and honor in being helpful to the world."

Black History Month is not only about celebrating the past, it is also about acknowledging how people are making history in the present. Though Carver was considered the most prominent black scientist of the early 20th century, his legacy lives on in individuals like the brilliant scientist, Dr. Kizzmekia "Kizzy" S. Corbett. She is presently an Assistant Professor of Immunology and Infectious Diseases at Harvard. A native of North Carolina, Corbett, 36, received a BS in biological sciences, with a secondary major in sociology, from the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Later, she obtained her PhD in microbiology and immunology from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2014. Dr. Corbett is mostly known for being one of this country's leading viral immunologist. She spent six years as a research fellow at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) before joining the Coronavirus Vaccines Team where she was instrumental in developing the groundbreaking research that directly led to the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

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As I child, my imagination was piqued by looking at black and white photos in books. However, it was my daughter's eyes that widened when Dr. Corbett's picture filled the TV screen. Dr. Fauci, in one of his many cable news forums, explained, "Kizzy is an African American scientist who is right at the forefront of the development of the vaccine...in fact, the vaccine that you're going to be taking was developed by an African American woman."

Seeing this brilliant young scientist, clad in the crispest of lab coats, offer consultation to two U.S. presidents in the midst of the historic pandemic, not only reminded me of the importance of Black History Month, but the many ways that all people have contributed to the greater aspects of this pluralistic American Project. Like Carver, it is my prayer that we may "tune in" to God's voice, and like Kizzy, it is my hope that we may channel our passion and purpose into "giving back to the world."

Blessings, Pastor Mahsea Evans

Hello Church family!

As we move into the month of February, I hope that you revel in the glimpses of joy that God puts in your path. I was always taught to look for the unexpected ways that God is blessing us, and my prayer is that you will discover the hand of the Divine in both the big and small things. I want to share this reading from Chip and Joanna Gaines. They are famous for their HGTV show, Fixer Uppers. In their, "Magnolia Manifesto", they lay out many of their core values in "we believe" statements which I found to be truly inspiring. As you enter into this new month, what "Manifesto" would you like to write for your life?

Dr. Kawami Evans



We believe in home, that it should restore us from today and ready us for tomorrow. We believe in friendship, because friends who feel like family are the best kind of friends, and that nothing matters more than family. We believe in seeking the balance between hustle and rest and learning to find contentment in both.

We believe everyone deserves a seat at the table and everyone has a story worth telling. We believe in human kindness, knowing we are made better when we all work together.

We believe in courage, in cartwheeling past our comfort zones and trying something a little bit scary every day. We believe that failure needn't be a negative thing; rather, we learn from our mistakes and fail smarter the next time.

We believe in doing good work that matters and, in choosing that, nudging others toward doing the same. We believe that newer isn't always better and that it's time for the pendulum of trend to swing back to the basics.

We believe in unearthing beauty, however hidden or subtle it might be. We believe that each day is a gift and that everyday miracles are scattered about if only we have eyes to see. And of all heroic pursuits large or small, we believe there may be none greater than a life well loved.

- Magnolia Manifesto



2020 and 2021 Stellar Years??? - A Resounding Yes!

As you read this, we will be in the Chinese New Year, starting February 1, with the advent of the new moon and ending 15 days later when the moon is full. This is the Year of the Tiger. The tiger is assertive, courageous, sensitive, and brave.

In February 2021, I penned a Chimes article entitled "2020 - A Stellar Year??? - Yes!" Well, I now want to retract my pronouncement and replace it with the headline: "2020 and 2021 Stellar Years??? - A Resounding Yes!" The Chinese character for Crisis combines the characters for Stress and Opportunity. The Staff Parish Relations Team is happy to report that in 2020 and 2021 our church family stepped up and replaced stress with opportunity. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the life of Roseville First United Methodist Church has been unprecedented. I will briefly review the stories of ministries that were initiated to keep us connected: (As you read, please think like the assertive, courageous Tiger about how these ministries may continue to grow and thrive, and how you might become involved.)

Touch Care Ministry: Gail Provine recruited thirteen callers to contact the same individual/family unit each week to simply say "hello" and to check on their welfare.

Circuit Riders: The Circuit Riders---Barbara Schwarz, Kathleen Mirtoni, Jan Sechrist, and Cathie Wierbick--- made home visits in Roseville and Rocklin to women who had been primarily homebound and lacked computers to access the virtual ministries. Gift bags of "goodies" were presented to the host, and communion was shared through prepackaged mini-communion service.

Tuesday Evening Prayer Service led by Jan Sechrist was an in-person service in Heritage Chapel prior to the pandemic. It was transformed into a Zoom service that now has 12 - 15 participants. After the service, the participants are invited to a time of spiritual sharing led by Pastor Mahsea Evans.

Walks at the Woodbridges: As a means of reconnection, members of the congregation gathered on Sunday mornings to walk around the perimeter of our adopted neighborhood elementary school. Later the walks moved to Woodbridge Park. Participants prayed and chatted on the way. The highlight was a Time for Sharing which has now been incorporated into our Sunday morning worship. Hopefully, as time moves forward our Time of Sharing will serve as a reminder of how we all pulled together to support one another during the pandemic.

Book Study Groups: Eight women met to learn about historic and current institutional racism in America. Books studied were: America's Original Sin, Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America, and White Fragility: Why It's so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism. Chris Handley led a Lenten study based on the book The Grace of Les Misérables, and Kathleen Mirtoni led a study of the book Strong Was Her Faith.

Partnering with Community Groups: 1) Lorri Brady and Cathie Wierbick have become Placer Prosper "allies" to local members of our Hispanic community who are working through Placer Prosper to be "change agents" for their families. There is an emphasis on family goals, including educational opportunities, budgeting, financial strategies, and nutrition.

2) Our Mission Team partnered with Placer People of Faith Together to support vaccination clinics in underserved neighborhoods of our community. We hosted four clinics at our church and supported others in Auburn and Lincoln.

3) NorCal Resist - This is a group of community organizers advocating for a better world with a focus on the Latino community. Our church hosted their free brake light repair program in our parking lot.

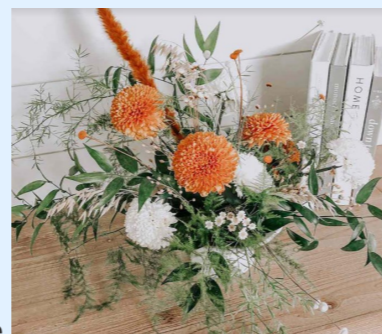
4) The Gathering Inn has been supported throughout the pandemic--- contributing meals once a month and recently welcoming them back to Backman Hall for monthly overnights. In addition, Cathie Wierbick has recruited, trained, and scheduled volunteers to be receptionists at the weekly free Medical Clinic.

Agape Men's Group: On May 19, 2020, after the Tuesday evening Zoom prayer service there was a discussion about not reaching out to members of our congregation who did not have access to computers in order to participate in the Sunday morning service via YouTube or the Tuesday evening prayer service via Zoom. During this discussion Don Harris, Cliff Williams, Dave Sechrist, Thom King, and Dennis Bull volunteered to form a team now known as the Agape Team. Later, Jim Wecker joined us as an active team member. We started in Weber Park as a group of men sitting in a 30-foot diameter circle, then moving to under the canopy over the entrance to Backman Hall, and presently socially distanced on the sofas in Heritage Chapel. A hallmark of our group is a burning question of the day with topics ranging from What is your favorite tool and why?; and where were you when you learned of the 9/11 attacks? Through the burning questions, our team has experienced growth in the depth of our relationships to each other.

Next Generation Ministry: Pastor Mahsea Evans and Dennis Bull, SPRC chairperson, facilitated two Zoom meetings with parents and grandparents of youth who potentially would benefit from the children/youth education program/activities offered by Roseville FUMC. Due to the increase in the Covid-19 Delta variant at the time, there was an awareness that there would not be in-person gathering of children in the foreseeable future. A midweek Zoom meeting for kids was proposed. This saw fruition on October 27, 2021, when Roseville FUMC and St. Mark's UMC conducted a joint Zoom meeting hosted by Dr. Kawami Evans and Jen Banghart (St. Mark's). Thirteen children participated. The plan is to further develop the Zoom ministry, and eventually when health safety measures permit, have in-person activities.

Halloween Trunk-or-Treat: Organized by Connie Witherow, the church hosted a Trunk-or-Treat on October 31, 2021. Thirteen trunks hosted by witches, goblins, and a variety of other characters greeted 90-100 kids along with their parents. Placer People of Faith Together assisted in the event by providing games.

Wow, 2020 and 2021 were busy years in the life of our church as we found new opportunities to connect together during a pandemic! Our dream to be a viable and relevant faith community has been realized with new and innovative ways. As we go forward in 2022 and the Year of the Tiger (with exuberance, confidence, and bravery) let us expand our caring reach to connect with the people of our community in a meaningful way as we have done for 140 years. Dennis Bull, SPRC Chairperson



Please keep the following people in your prayers. Please submit prayer requests to prayers@firstumcroseville.org

Healing and Comfort:

Connie, Marie, Hazel, Linda, John, Angel, Jim, Robert and Tonya, Kim



For Bereavement

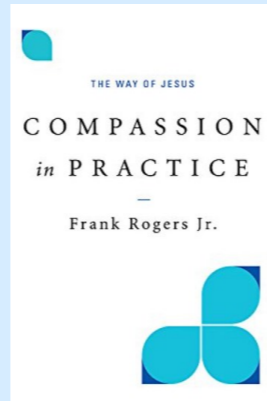
Doris, Stevan's family, Hazel and family

LENT BIBLE AND BOOK STUDY MARCH 3RD THRU APRIL 7TH

This Lent, I invite you to join me in a Bible Study that looks at the role of compassion in the Gospels. Over the course of the Lenten season, we will examine the scriptures, and explore what we may need to release in order to unleash the fullness of our own capacity to be compassionate.



This Bible study will be accompanied by a book study: *"Compassion in Practice: The Ways of Jesus"* by Dr. Frank Rogers Jr. At Claremont School of Religion, Dr. Rogers is the Professor of Spiritual Formation and Narrative Pedagogy. He is also the co-director of the Center for Engaged Compassion. Dr. Rogers' teachings are contemplative, creative, and socially liberative. It was truly inspiring to be his student during my doctoral work at CST, and it is now my great joy to bring his insights to bear in conversation with gospel vision of compassion.



The Bible and Book Study will begin on the Thursday after Ash

Wednesday, March 3rd at 6:00pm via Zoom. It will continue

every Thursday night throughout Lent until April 7th, the Thursday before Palm Sunday. The book, "Compassion in Practice" is available on Amazon, but the church has a limited supply that you can purchase directly from the office. More information will be forthcoming throughout the month of February.

Blessings, Pastor Mahsea Evans

Trustees Update for the Church Building Don Harris, Trustee President

First, I want to thank Paul Woicicki for sharing his knowledge of trimming roses. You might notice the roses in the Centennial Garden. Pastor Mahsea made note of them in his sermon on January 16, 2022

Second, I want the people of our congregation to know we now have a sink in the nursery after a few years of effort.

Third, we now have a mop sink in the custodian's room. This has been needed for a long time.

Fourth, you may notice driving by on Washington Blvd that one of the stained glass windows has been removed and boarded up. The window was removed to be repaired from the rocks thrown thru it on October 31, 2022. The window will be reinstalled when the repairs have been made.



*Today I give Love.
It feeds my soul.
Today I receive Love.
It lives in my heart.
My head is very happy,
it makes me feel
like I am
Loved.*



Marie Moody
2022



On Sunday, February 27th, there will be a class that explores the historical roots and theology of Methodism and the traditions that inform the values of First United Methodist Church of Roseville. This will be a great opportunity for those seeking new membership or those just simply wanting a refresher. All are welcome!
Pastor Mahsea Evans

HISTORICAL GLEANINGS



DOLL SHOW MAKES CHURCH SOCIETY HISTORY

The Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service made local church social history with their doll show on Wednesday afternoon, both as to the theme employed and interest displayed. On exhibit was almost every kind of doll imaginable - from a crudely whittled wood doll from a native village in the Canal Zone to a beautifully gowned lady from the French court of Louis XIV. Of special interest, of course, were the early American made dolls. The costumes of one group represented periods from 450 B.C. to the present day. The exhibitors were as follows: Period dolls, exhibited by Mrs. Telen Wyllie, old Chinese and domestic dolls exhibited by Mrs. C.W. Landers, imported and domestic dolls Mrs. C.A. Robertson, German and early American by Mrs. B.A. McCall, novelty dolls by Mrs. J.R. Dyer, early American by Mrs. Mert Lampson, W.S. Perry and H.T. Bell, modern doll by Mrs. W.C. Keehner. The doll show took place amid a setting of many spring blossoms with the tea table reflecting a George Washington theme. Presiding as tea hostesses were Mesdames Mary Horner, C.H. Preston and Lampson. Mrs. G.W. Barker was the general chairman, Mrs. C. W. Decater, president of the organization received at the door. In connection with the affair a luncheon was served to the exhibitors with Mrs. Edna Drath and Mrs. Rex Rich in charge. Those ladies of the church were very busy

This event took place Feb 12, 1941

P.S. The Historical Committee would like to thank Susan Reining for donating a printer/copier machine to the committee for use in the Historical room.

Phoebe Astill, Historical Chair

St. Mark's United Methodist Church &
First United Methodist Church of
Roseville presents

2022 YOUTH PROGRAM SERIES

*This year we are bringing together the youth in
our church communities to engage in fun
activities, socialize with their peers, and learn
from one another!*

**OUR FIRST VIRTUAL PROGRAM IS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
@ 6:30-7:30 PM
THEME: VISION BOARDS**

Sign up at <https://surveymonkey.com/r/YDTT8NP>. All
materials will be provided in advance. If you have questions,
email Kawami (kawamicraig@hotmail.com) or Jen
(jen.banghart122@gmail.com).

We hope your child(ren) will join us!



Agape Men's Group

At our January meeting we shared
our personal goals for 2022. We con-
cluded that personal goals are what
"pushes and pulls" us through our life
journey. The reason for establishing
goals is reflected on a plaque on this
writer's desk--"Shoot for the moon.
Even if you miss, you'll land among
the stars".

Our next gathering will be on Satur-
day, February 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.
in Heritage Chapel. Paying homage to
St. Valentine (3rd century Roman
saint), our *burning question* of the
day will be: Who was your first
sweetheart?; and share a memory of
Valentine's Day from your childhood.
Any questions please contact any of
the Agape Team members (Don Har-
ris, Cliff Williams, Dave Sechrist,
Thom King, and Jim Wecker) or Den-
nis Bull at 630-781-6110. Please join
us as we celebrate Valentine's Day.

Be my Valentine!

Dennis Bull



Sunday February 13th

*After church
Backman Hall*

*If you can provide some
baked goods please sign up
on Feb. 6th.*

*or call Susan Reining
There will be a few craft
items for sale also.*



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1ST NOLAN HICKS

**3RD DICK GALVIN
NAJI THOMAS**

4TH CONNIE WITHEROW

**8TH KRISTI KINZEL
KIRK WATKINS**

12TH BARBARA HULSE

14TH CALEB WILLIAMS

19TH SUE ANGOVE

21ST DONNA COUCH

23RD COLBY LAUNDIS

24TH MO SCOTT

CJ WITHEROW

28TH DAINE WILLIAMS

**FEBRUARY BIRTH MONTH FLOWER
IRIS AND VIOLETS**



December/January Noses, Dollars, and Cents

Basic Monthly Statistics

Income Dec. 2021: \$ 21060.52
Expenses Dec. 2021: \$17,546.05
Net Income Dec. 2021: \$3,514.47
Transfer from Lending: \$ 0.00
New Total: \$3,514.47

Basic Yearly Statistics 2021

YTD Income: \$146,157.83
YTD Expense: \$168,514.14
Net Income: \$22,356.31
Transfer from Lending: \$2,500.00
New Total: \$19,856.31

**Thank you for your continued
financial support. It is very
much appreciated.**

January Worship Attendance
Total: 234 Average: 47

**The Monday Feeding Program
for the homeless served
254 meals in Jan. 1-24,2022**



**AGAPE
LOVE**



Agape love is the motivation you
have to cook a gigantic dinner for
your friend who is going through a
tough time. It's the feeling that
lives inside of you, encouraging
you to make society a slightly bet-
ter place, one kind gesture at a
time. It's the love for your God,
whoever that may be; your people,
whoever they are; and nature, the
ability to respond and love and
care for the planet around you.

Agape love makes the world a
better place.

By Jessica Tholmer



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
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**On 1/8/2022 the church
received \$88.00 from recycle
cans and bottles.**

**Thanks to all the people who
save cans & bottles for the church
and bring them to the church
parking lot between 9-11 AM
each second Saturday of the
month.**

**Every bit helps us pay our bills
and keep our church open.**

Don Harris, Trustee President

NEXT RECYCLE IS FEB. 12TH