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**“You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep Spring from coming.”
— Pablo Neruda**

If you were to peruse my library of poetry books, you will find a short collection from Pablo Neruda. He was the brilliant Chilean born diplomat who became successful world recognized poet. He even won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1971. He was a prolific writer in multiple genres, but I know him mostly as the author of incredible and passionate love poems.

There are many things that are happening in the month of June. The most exciting event is that we are reopening the sanctuary for in-person worship after almost 15 months dealing with the pandemic. June is also Pride month when we affirm and celebrate the contributions from those in the LGBTQ community. As a pastor, I also know that this is the month that kicks off the wedding season.

So, as we move from Memorial Day weekend and officially enter the summer season, I can truly sense that Love is in the air. And in the same way you cannot stop Spring from blooming by cutting all the flowers, you cannot stop love from spreading when so many good things are happening in our church and beyond.

As such, I present to you a poem from Pablo Neruda. Of course, it is a love poem; a sonnet to be exact. It is my prayer that you may experience love in all its many forms this month, and that you always remember that God that surrounds you with infinite grace, the manifold expressions of divine love that enfolds our lives.

One Hundred Love Sonnets: XVII

I don't love you as if you were a rose of salt, topaz,
or arrow of carnations that propagate fire:
I love you as one loves certain obscure things,
secretly, between the shadow and the soul.

I love you as the plant that doesn't bloom but carries
the light of those flowers, hidden, within itself,
and thanks to your love the tight aroma that arose
from the earth lives dimly in my body.

I love you without knowing how, or when, or from where,
I love you directly without problems or pride:
I love you like this because I don't know any other way to love,
except in this form in which I am not nor are you,
so close that your hand upon my chest is mine,
so close that your eyes close with my dreams.

Blessings,
Pastor Mahsea



First Church Roseville Opens June 6th

IN-PERSON SERVICE SUNDAY JUNE 6TH 10:00 AM

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in church! What a glorious day it will be, when once again, we will gather in our sanctuary to worship our Lord.

Many of us have been meeting on Sunday mornings for a walk around Woodbridge School, and recently at Woodbridge Park. So, we will begin our service on the 6th with a walk around the church campus at 10:15. Of course, walking is not mandatory and seating will be provided for those who choose not to walk. We will process into the sanctuary together after the walk. Individual communion cups will be available before we enter the sanctuary, so once again, we will come to the table of the Lord together.

Masks will be required while we are in the sanctuary, allowing us all to sing as a congregation. Not to worry, masks will be provided if you happen to forget yours.

Please, if transportation is an issue, give me a call. We'll find you a ride. 916-782-2450

This day has been a long time coming. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! See you in church!

Love and Peace,
Kathleen Mirtoni, CLM

“SOFT OPENING”

With enthusiasm, we continue to plan for the reopening of our sanctuary for in-person worship. Kathleen wonderfully laid out what to expect on that first Sunday including the safety measures. I truly look forward to sharing worship space with you all on June 6th.

Please note, we will be easing our way back into worship. In fact, the month of the June should be seen almost as a “soft” opening. Things will not be exactly as it were before we had to take a pause because of the pandemic. But there is one thing that we learned this past year, whether we wanted to or not, is the importance of patience and flexibility. As such, I ask that you extend us those qualities as we use our discretion in reintegrating different aspects of our Sunday worship experience week by week.

In church, you should expect an informal feel at first. Further, we are encouraging families to sit together as there will be no childcare or Sunday School provided. We will also not be meeting in Backman Hall after church for fellowship. Over the next month, things will change. And we will figure out how to safely introduce all the elements of our Sunday morning worship especially as the state of California continues to relax its regulations. What is even more exciting, is the fact that we may try some new things as well!

Because of this, I am rejoicing and being glad as I think of the day when we gather again for worship on June 6th. Until then, may God keep you in perfect peace.

Blessings,
Pastor Mahsea

Parking Lot Sale Saturday June 5th 8AM—12PM

Thank you all for your prayers and assistance during my health issues these past three months. I have moved to WellQuest, a multi-level care facility on Sierra College Blvd in Granite Bay. I am actually closer to First UMC than my former address, and have begun to drive once again. Hallelujah! I am no longer using my landline number, but can be reached by cell or text at 916-539-0129.

I want to especially reach out to Team Coordinators Don Harris and Judy Solari, who made many trips back and forth to my house, loading their vehicles with donations to the church kitchen, the church maintenance department, and the Hospice Thrift Shop. In addition, many others volunteered their time to offer rides, load and drive trucks, and packed many bags and boxes of donations for the Neuropathy Association of Sacramento. Among those also helping: Norm Eggert and friend David, Dave and Jan Sechrist, Lorri Brady, Kathleen Mirtoni, Paul and Pam Woicicki, Thom King, Ruth Ann Baker, Elba Aulich, the Kuffour Family and Connie Witherow. FUMC Rocks!

Please stop by on Saturday morning, June 5th, for the Parking Lot Sale from 8 to 12 noon. All proceeds go directly to the church. In addition, you will have the opportunity to help set up at 6 am, help out during the sale, and take down after the sale at noon. If you can help with any of these phases of the sale please contact Foreman Don Harris at 916-712-8338 for more information on how you too, can volunteer.

Blessings and thank you,

Barbara Schwartz

***For more information on sale items please go to the church website at firstumcroseville.org and click on Events at the top of the page for a photo of items to be sold and more general information. Please contact Don Harris at 916-712-8338 if you want to look at the furniture ahead of time. Don will arrange to meet you at the church so you can view the pieces and make an offer if you want.**

Celebration of Life for June Wanish

Sunday June 27, 2021 3:30PM

June Wanish Stage
Vernon Street Town Square
311 Vernon Street, Roseville

W.E.L.L.

Women Encouraging

Life after Loss

Hello Friends, with whom I have not been able to meet for ages, I'm happy to announce

W.E.L.L.'s “Summer Fun in the Sun” Schedule.

I'm fully immunized and I hope you all are as well. Church has announced that it hopes to open its doors in June. So looking ahead on my calendar, **IF** Covid doesn't come back, I'll be hosting our Monday **W.E.L.L. Teas** every **THIRD Monday** as a gradual return to normal. June 21st, July 19th, and Aug 16th. Please put these dates on your calendar. We will meet in Heritage Hall from 1-3 pm.

I miss you all so Much!

May the Summer breeze blow blessings on you!

P.S. I love you,
Gail Provine



Please keep the following people in your prayers:

For Bereavement:

Sara Spence & Family
Adam & Family
Sharon & Mike & Family
June Wanish Family



For Healing and Comfort:

Jourdan, Charley, Samantha, Marie Moody,
Ryan, Bruce, Pat Beers, Ron & Family,
Marge & Kevin, Stacy, Bob

Please submit prayer requests to prayers@firstumcroseville.org



The Wind

There is Holiness in the wind this evening.
I want to linger here.
Listening to the rustling of the leaves
as the breeze passes through.
Watching the tree top branches bow gently to one another
"We are individuals, yet share the same roots", they seem to say.
Swaying outward to trees that surround them,
"We see you and know the splendor you bring to the garden".
The wind speaks to me, the message of the mysterious "I AM",
I sway like the branches
Serenity fills my soul,
One God, One Life, One Existence.
There is Holiness in the wind this evening.
I want to linger here.

Kathleen Mirtoni

Noticing the Wind—Several weeks ago, at the closing of prayer service, Rev. Mahseu asked us to take a moment to observe the nature around us, to really focus on one aspect, and perhaps write a reflection of our experience. This is mine.

"The Daffodil Principle" from the book *Celebration* by Jaroldeen Asplund Edwards

Several times my daughter had telephoned to say, "Mother, you must come to see the daffodils before they are over." I wanted to go, but it was a two-hour drive from Laguna to Lake Arrowhead "I will come next Tuesday", I promised a little reluctantly on her third call. Next Tuesday dawned cold and rainy. Still, I had promised, and reluctantly I drove there. When I finally walked into Carolyn's house I was welcomed by the joyful sounds of happy children. I delightedly hugged and greeted my grandchildren. "Forget the daffodils, Carolyn! The road is invisible in these clouds and fog, and there is nothing in the world except you and these children that I want to see badly enough to drive another inch!" My daughter smiled calmly and said, "We drive in this all the time, Mother." "Well, you won't get me back on the road until it clears, and then I'm heading for home!" I assured her. "But first we're going to see the daffodils. It's just a few blocks," Carolyn said. "I'll drive. I'm used to this." "Carolyn," I said sternly, "Please turn around." "It's all right, Mother, I promise. You will never forgive yourself if you miss this experience."

After about twenty minutes, we turned onto a small gravel road and I saw a small church. On the far side of the church, I saw a hand lettered sign with an arrow that read, "Daffodil Garden." We got out of the car, each took a child's hand, and I followed Carolyn down the path. Then, as we turned a corner, I looked up and gasped. Before me lay the most glorious sight. It looked as though someone had taken a great vat of gold and poured it over the mountain peak and its surrounding slopes. The flowers were planted in majestic, swirling patterns, great ribbons and swaths of deep orange, creamy white, lemon yellow, salmon pink, and saffron and butter yellow. Each different-colored variety was planted in large groups so that it swirled and flowed like its own river with its own unique hue. There were five acres of flowers.

"Who did this?" I asked Carolyn. "Just one woman," Carolyn answered. "She lives on the property. That's her home." Carolyn pointed to a well-kept A-frame house, small and modestly sitting in the midst of all that glory. We walked up to the house. On the patio, we saw a poster. "Answers to the Questions I Know You Are Asking", was the headline. The first answer was a simple one. "50,000 bulbs," it read. The second answer was, "One at a time, by one woman. Two hands, two feet, and one brain." The third answer was, "Began in 1958."

For me, that moment was a life-changing experience. I thought of this woman whom I had never met, who, more than forty years before, had begun, one bulb at a time, to bring her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure mountaintop. Planting one bulb at a time, year after year, this unknown woman had forever changed the world in which she lived. One day at a time, she had created something of extraordinary magnificence, beauty, and inspiration. The principle her daffodil garden taught is one of the greatest principles of celebration.

That is, learning to move toward our goals and desires one step at a time--often just one baby-step at a time--and learning to love the doing, learning to use the accumulation of time. When we multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of daily effort, we too will find we can accomplish magnificent things. We can change the world. "It makes me sad in a way," I admitted to Carolyn. "What might I have accomplished if I had thought of a wonderful goal thirty-five or forty years ago and had worked away at it 'one bulb at a time' through all those years? Just think what I might have been able to achieve!" My daughter summed up the message of the day in her usual direct way. "Start tomorrow," she said. She was right. It's so pointless to think of the lost hours of yesterdays. The way to make learning a lesson of celebration instead of a cause for regret is to only ask, "How can I put this to use today?"

Use the Daffodil Principle. Stop waiting.....

Until your car or home is paid off
Until you get a new car or home
Until your kids leave the house
Until you go back to school
Until you finish school
Until you clean the house
Until you organize the garage
Until you clean off your desk
Until you lose 10 lbs.
Until you gain 10 lbs.
Until you get married
Until you get a divorce

Until you have kids
Until the kids go to school
Until you retire
Until Summer
Until Winter
Until Fall

Until you die
There is no better time than right now to be happy.
Happiness is a journey, not a destination. Don't be
Afraid that your life will end, be afraid it will never
begin.

Article Submitted by Cathie Wierbick



Agape Men's Group

On May 20, the Agape Men's Group sought the answer to the burning question of the day: What is or has been one of your blind spots? Members discovered that they had grappled with this question for a month and found various interpretations of how to answer. In psychology a blind spot is a defensive mechanism that prevents the recognition of one's true feelings because in recognizing them, all the more they become painful and persistent. The consensus was that once recognized a blind spot can become a catalyst for making significant positive changes in one's life (e.g., increased positive thinking, new personal goals).

Please join us for our Agape Group gathering on June 3 and 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the entrance to Backman Hall. After tackling blind spots, we are taking a "softball" burning question on the 3rd: What is one of your favorite vacation spots, and why? Any questions please contact any of the Agape Team members (Don Harris, Cliff Williams, and Thom King) or Dennis Bull at 630-781-6110.

"Jesus comes not for the super spiritual but for the wobbly and the weak-kneed who know they don't have it all together, and who are not too proud to accept the handout of Amazing Grace."

—Brennan Manning—

Submitted by Cathe Moody

Historical Gleanings

Many interesting activities have happened in our church throughout the years.

Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Memorial

At the First Methodist Church Sunday at 8 pm will be observed the annual memorial service of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. On that occasion the service flag of the Order will also be dedicated. Special music will be furnished and Rev T.H. Mee will deliver the address of the evening. Everyone is invited.

Press Tribune June 13, 1918



Main Cabin of the Cumberland Mountain Mission, Stoney Creek area of Fort Blackmore, VA

Sky Pilot to Speak at Methodist Church

The Rev. Hiram M. Frakes, known as the "Sky Pilot of the Cumberlands" founder and superintendent of Henderson Settlement, one of Methodism's most progressive southern mountain missions, will be the guest speaker at the Methodist Church Friday, June 1, at 8 pm. There is no charge. A freewill offering will be taken.

Press Tribune May 30, 1951

Phoebe Astill, Historical Chair

3 C's Invite You to Join Us!

By Barbara Hulse & Susan Reining



Welcome back to church all 3 C's members and anyone interested in doing crafts, sewing, knitting, crocheting etc. We welcome you to join us. We will meet weekly starting Thursday, June 17th at 10 am in the sewing room upstairs in the church tentatively through August.

We are scheduling a meeting every week for awhile as we have a lot of organizing to do in the sewing room. We have had some donations that due to the pandemic we have not been able to work for many months. We will also discuss plans for a bake & crafts sale.

We will let everyone know when we shift to every other week. Come when you can please.

Blessings,
Barbara Hulse/ Susan Reining

"The Quest"

by Grace Coolidge

Crossing the uplands of time,
Skirting the borders of night,
Scaling the face of the peak of dreams,

We enter the regions of light,
And hastening on, with eager intent,

Arrive at the rainbows end,
And there uncover the pot of gold
Buried deep in the heart of a friend.

Poem from Marie Moody, it was her mother's

Thank You

Thanks and blessings to all of you who visited or gave me wonderful cards and flowers when I was so ill. I'm getting better and stronger all the time now.
Marie Moody



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1ST JERRY ANGOVE

5TH DIANA WEMPLE

6TH DON HARRIS

LINDA KENNEDY

10TH LEONA DOHERTY

11TH LUZ SANTIAGO

16TH ANETA LAUNDIS

TRAVIS WALKER

17TH HAYLEE BRAY

BRAD LYLE

19TH KAILI BRAY

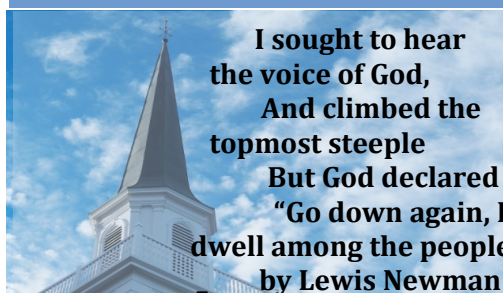
20TH TAMMY AWEAU

21ST DOROTHY NOWAK

23RD MAX SCOTT

27TH ANDREW RIPLEY

30TH ADDY BRAY



I sought to hear
the voice of God,
And climbed the
topmost steeple
But God declared :
"Go down again, I
dwell among the people"
by Lewis Newman



UMW is open to all women, not just Methodist Women. UMW of Roseville would like to invite anyone who is interested in joining the UMW to contact either Shelly Newton 916-759-3837 or Nancy Bray 530-941-8138.

We are hopeful that we will be able to have a general meeting in August. We will have a leadership meeting on Wednesday July 28th at 10:00 AM to discuss the agenda and program for the August meeting. Officers please let Shelly or I know if you are unable to attend the July meeting.

Current Officers:

Shelly Newton: Vice President & Acting President

Secretary: Barbara Schwartz

Treasurer: Nancy Bray

Communications: Sandy Williams

Spiritual Growth: Susan Reining

Social Action: Kathleen Mirtoni

Education: Kristi Kinzel

President: vacant

Nominations: vacant

Reading Resource: vacant

We would love to have some new talents join our leadership team so please call and let us know you are interested. Hope to hear from you. Blessings, Shelly and Nancy



Recycle May 8, \$41.00
Please keep saving your
recyclables to bring in on
Saturday June 5, 2021
in the parking lot
between 9-11am
Thanks to all! It helps our
church pay our bills.



FIRST CHURCH ROSEVILLE TEAM LEADERS

Pastor—Mahsea Evans
Lay Leader—Sandy Williams
Certified Lay Minister & Church Council Chair— Kathleen Mirtoni
Treasurer—Chris Handley
Financial Secretary—Elizabeth Harvey
Finance Team Chairperson—Dave Sechrist
Trustees President— Don Harris
Staff Parish Chair— Dennis Bull
Mission Outreach— Kathleen Mirtoni
Memorial— Barbara Schwartz
Worship Team Leader—Nancy Bray
Congregational Care— Gail Provine
Music Director— John Handley
Communications— Kristi Kinzel
Lay Leadership Training— Kristi Kinzel

April

Noses, Dollars, and Cents

Basic Monthly Statistics:

Income Apr. 2021: \$8,662.58

Expenses Apr. 2021: \$12,789.41

Net Income Apr. 2021: **\$4,106.83**

Transfer from Lending: \$ 0.00

New Total: **\$4,106.83**

Basic Yearly Statistics 2021

YTD Income: \$45,701.24

YTD Expense: \$48,985.43

Net Income: **\$3,284.19**

Transfer from Lending: \$2,500.00

New Total: **\$784.19**

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

May Worship Online Views

Total: 454 Average: 91

The Monday Feeding Program
for the homeless
served 344 meals in May



Please make note of these email addresses for First UMC Roseville

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