

June

“The flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land”

Song of Solomon 2:12 ”

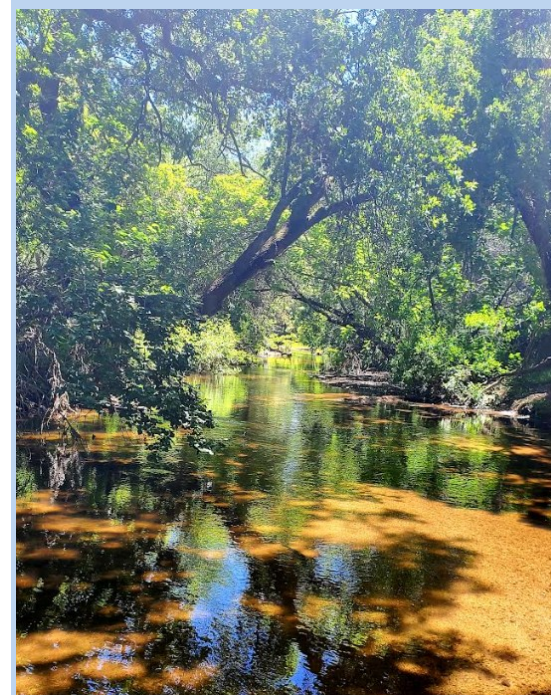
“We plan, God laughs”

Many of us are familiar with the old Yiddish proverb quoted above that expresses a degree of truth that when we plan something to happen, things do not always turn out the way we may have hoped. In fact, one may even recall the similar quote by Woody Allen, “if you want to make God laugh, tell Him about your plans.” At first I did not know what to write for this June article, and then life happened.

Plan: Memorial Day Hike

Though my hope was to watch baseball, my wife and daughter, aided and abetted by the always all-too willing partner named “Goog Al DeSearch”, conspired to identify some hiking routes for a family activity yet while I still slept. Bleary eyed, I emerged into the freshness of the day and was greeted with the demands...err I mean plans; “We are going to the Dry Creek Hiking Trails near Roseville!”

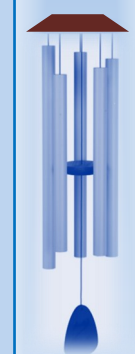
Though I was hesitant at first, my mood shifted to excitement as we packed our car. We brought snacks for ourselves and dog treats for Buddy. When we arrived, we were instantly enthralled by the majestic immersion that only Nature can provide. Large trees boughed their wooded arms over the trail forming a sanctuary, and the breeze swept silences were hymns of praise. Buddy, with a curled tail loved every moment. He especially enjoyed when we found the small path that led to the creek. When we arrived on the banks,



we marveled together at how the sunlight glistened off the surface of the water. I tried to make a reference to Psalm 23, “He leads me beside the still waters...” However, my daughter promptly reminded me that it was no longer Sunday and therefore, no sermons! I consented, and we continued along our walk without incident. Everything was going as planned. Until...

Laughter: Life Happens

Buddy abruptly stopped with a little yelp and whine. He then began tilting and shaking his head to the right as to indicate pain. We, being fairly new pet parents, freaked out a bit. We didn’t know what was happening so we scooped him up and made our way through the brush back to the car. We figured that he must have gotten bit, scratched, or had a bug lodged in his ear. We drove homeward and started furiously calling around for a veterinary clinic that could inspect Buddy’s sudden discomfort. Continued on page 2



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Unfortunately, it seemed like everything was closed because of the holiday. Our plans evaporated as quick as my dream-held hope to watch baseball.

Finally, we identified a clinic that was open to receiving small pets at UC Davis. When we arrived to the waiting room, Buddy was a little skittish. It is always hard when your pet looks at you (yes with puppy eyes), for a sense of comfort that you cannot provide. Fortunately, the scrubs-clad staff was exceedingly kind, and we were relieved. Far from the wooded trails at Dry Creek, we checked Buddy into the doggy hospital in the middle of the sprawling campus, and waited as we contemplated our “plans.”



We thought we were going to take a hike, instead we were unwittingly enrolled in a crash course about foxtails. They are the grass-like weed with barbed seed heads that can be very dangerous to dogs. In Buddy’s case, it got inside one of his ears. It took a few hours but eventually, the vets performed a procedure to get the multiple foxtails out from inside his right ear canal. When he was brought back to us, he was still a little groggy. However, his wagging tail showed us not only that was he Ok, but that he was just as happy to see us as we were to see him.

When we got home in the early evening, we reflected on our eventful day. The truth is, I do not know if God actually laughs or not, but I do know that life sometimes has a different agenda then even our most well laid plans. It is in these moments that I remember the words of my spiritual mentor, Rev. Deborah Johnson, who said, “Just because things are out of your control, does not mean that things are out of God’s control.” And so, as we enter into the summer, with all our plans, let us also remain open to the unexpected lessons and experiences that we call God’s laughter.

Blessings, Pastor Mahsea Evans



First Church Roseville First Annual Yard Sale

We raised just over \$1,000.00 at our first yard sale on Saturday May 21, 2022. Many, many people donated many items, from fine jewelry and clothing, to books and exercise bicycles, even a nut cracker. Just as important, we had many, many people volunteer their time and labors to bring the event together. But most important of all, we had FUN while we worked! THANK YOU to all who donated and volunteered, and especially to the

Yard Sale Subcommittee

Audrey Chittenden, Chris Handley, Kristi Kinzel, and Dave Sechrist.

Many Many Thanks to All,

Where My Feet May Fail by Oceans

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

And I will call upon Your Name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

So I will call upon Your Name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine, oh

And You are mine, oh

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

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Repeat last stanza 5 times

I will call upon Your Name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine.

Submitted by Gail Provine

P. S. I love you more than the ocean has waves!



**Saturday July 9, 2022
Backman Hall – First United Methodist Church
11:00 AM**

Please **RSVP by June 24** to the church office
916/783-3464
or online at
<http://evite.me/AcG7RamUYA>

Pastor Mahsea has been with us since November 2019 and this year at the California-Nevada Annual Conference Session on Sunday, June 12th, our beloved pastor,

Rev. Dr. Mahsea Evans will be ordained as United Methodist clergy.

On July 1st he will be officially reappointed to our church as our pastor.

Come celebrate with us as we give thanks and praise to God with a meal and program in recognition and honor of this momentous event in our church life.

They say that joy is a sign of God's presence and it will be in abundance on this day of celebration and beyond.

Thank you for saying "YES"

Pastor Mahsea, you have been, and are, truly God's blessing for us.



When you work, you are a flute through whose heart the whispering of the hours turns to music."

Kahlil Gibran

On behalf of First United Methodist Church of Roseville, we present Dave and Jan Sechrist with the "Good and Faithful Servant" award. It recognizes those in our community who have excelled in exhibiting God's love through service. We extend this humble signifier of our great appreciation because we have all been blessed by their "heart's music" ever-made melodically manifest through the care of their souls and the work of their hands. — Kahlil Gibran continues:

*"...all work is empty save when there is love;
And when you work with love you bind yourself to yourself, and to one another,
and to God... ..Work is love made visible."*

With deep gratitude, we celebrate Dave and Jan's selfless efforts and the manifold ways in which they have made love visible within this church community.



ACE: Numero Uno!!!

From January - May 2022, the California-Nevada Conference in partnership with the National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry of the United Methodist Church sponsored a *Lay Missioner* training designed to support Hispanic/Latino communities. The 9-session program via Zoom was for lay persons who wanted to be trained to work with Hispanics/Latinos in their communities. We had a homework assignment for each session with the final assignment to develop a model of community involvement for your church.

In the neighborhood surrounding First Church there is an enclave of Spanish-speaking families. My hope and reason for participating in the Lay Missioner Program was to establish a team to outreach to this community. In developing an outreach program, I utilized a concept that I have monikered with the acronym **ACE**.

A – Acceptance of Others: Treat all men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national identity with dignity and respect. This is demonstrated through compassion. Reconciliation is also a key component. Remember the Golden Rule.

C – Compassion: Theologian and ordained Presbyterian minister Frederick Buechner describes compassion in this manner: "Compassion is sometimes the preordained capacity for feeling what it is like to live inside somebody else's skin. It is knowledge that there can never really be any peace and joy for me until there is peace and joy finally for you too." In *Compassion in Practice* Dr. Frank Rogers, Jr. introduces radical compassion extended to others. Jesus advocated for the *kin-dom* of God. God's *kin-dom* is how the world would be governed if God were king instead of any person or entity of privilege (e.g., the rich and famous) that rises to power and influence. The politics of compassion are radically inclusive. We will demonstrate radical compassion by accepting and loving our neighbors.

E – Empowerment: Compassion transcends attending to the material needs of those who suffer. Compassion is able to empower them with the skills, tools, and personal capacities to sustain them in their own survival and thriving. Through empowerment we will help individuals to accept themselves as they are; to work with them to overcome life challenges; and help them to see new possibilities for their lives.

The **ACE Team** is up and running through our Missions Team, Fourth Friday at First Church volunteers, and all of you – the First Church family. Initially, we will be assisting our partnering organizations (e.g., Placer People of Faith Together, Placer Prosper, Latino Leadership Council, and Health Education Council). Please come see us in action at Fourth Fridays!

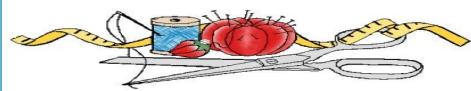
I strongly believe that **ACE** and our devoted team members will be the catalyst for First Church to achieve its mission and ministry of compassionate outreach not only to our neighborhood, Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters, but all peoples of Roseville and surrounding communities. **GO ACE – Numero Uno!!!**

Dennis Bull
Lay Missioner

**"Women United In Faith"
aka United Methodist Women or UMW**

Invite you to our First
"Gathering For Brunch"
this Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 11:00 AM
Alma Caravarin will be joining us so that
we can get to know her better and consider ways
in which we can contribute to the lives of the
women and children in our surrounding community.
Please let Nancy Bray or Kathleen Mirtoni or Jan Sechrist know if
you plan to attend so that we can prepare enough food.
Hope to see you there!

**3 C's Invite
You to Join Us!**



3C's continues to meet on the First and Third Thursdays of the
month at 10:00 AM. Susan Reining was able to restart the distri-
bution of pillows for the Gathering Inn this month and she distrib-
uted 12 pillows. She would like to have some help doing that once
a month, so please call her and let her know you would be willing
to help.
Susan was not sure of the Summer Schedule for 3C's at the writ-
ing of this June Chimes so please call Susan Reining or the church
office to confirm the meeting is taking place during the Summer.

"A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery while on a detour."
Anonymous

Pam Woicicki Memorial Service
Friday, June 17, 2022
11:00 am—12:00 pm
First United Methodist Church
109 Washington Blvd.
Roseville, CA 95678
Pamala Woicicki Obituary



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

For Healing and Comfort

Cathie, Connie,
Marie, Hazel, Jerry,
Sheraya, Francis,
Dreamer & baby Carson



For Bereavement

Paul Woicicki & Family
Phoebe Astill & Family

Please submit request for prayers to prayers@firstumcroseville.org

HISTORICAL GLEANINGS

Placer Church To Seek Funds

First Methodist Church will hold a kick-
off session Thursday for its campaign to
complete the new church building, pay
outstanding loans and bills and meet its
pledge to California-Nevada pension
fund. Roy Cowan, will head the campaign
as chairman and George Erb, the special
gifts committee. Mrs. Edna Drath is drive
vice chairman. Assisting will be J. W.
Hanson, men's teams: R.A. Bates, James
Arnett, W.C. Franklin and Buck Patterson
division leaders, Mrs. George Gates wom-
en's team. Mrs. Gates will be assisted by
Mesdames John Boyer, Glenn Minard,
Paul Gordon, and D.S. Marteney. Rev. Ro-
land Martin, minister, said every effort is
being made to speed completion of the
building to meet church and community
meeting requirements.

Sacramento Union June 13, 1952

Phoebe Astill, Historical Chair



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1ST JERRY ANGOVE

5TH DIANA WEMPLE

6TH DON HARRIS

LINDA KENNEDY

10TH AUDREY CHITTENDEN

LEONA DOHERTY

11TH LUZ SANTIAGO

16TH TRAVIS WALKER

**17TH HAYLEE BRAY
BRAD LYLE**

19TH KAILI BRAY

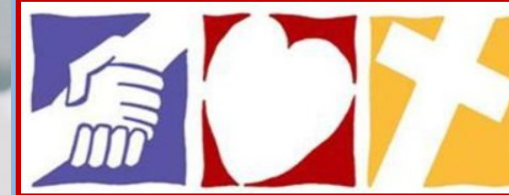
21ST DOROTHY NOWAK

23RD MAXIMUS SCOTT

27TH ANDREW RIPLEY

30TH ADDY BRAY

June Birth Flowers are
Roses and Honeysuckle



Agape Men's Group

For our May meeting the burning ques-
tion of the day was to share a story
about our mother, and how she or an-
other significant woman has impacted
our life. Well, for the second month in
a row, the discussion was postponed.
Our own Dave Sechrist, our yard sale
guru, had other plans for us---we
would distribute flyers in the church
neighborhood for our Yard Sale to be
held the next Saturday. Well, it hap-
pened to be a pleasant spring day
(without wind) for a walk in the neigh-
borhood. Our fearless leader Dave led,
Cliff, Thom, Don, and Dennis along with
our adopted "brother- for- the-day"
Elba Aulich. I am happy to report that
the flyers were distributed in less than
an hour's time. (Not bad for a group of
seniors!)

Our next gathering will be on Saturday,
June 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Heritage
Chapel. Since in June we honor our
fathers, our *burning question* of the day
will be to share a story about your
father, and how he or another man has
impacted your life. Any questions
please contact any of the Agape Team
members (Don Harris, Cliff Williams,
Dave Sechrist, Thom King, and Jim
Wecker) or myself at 630-781-6110.
And to all "Our Church Fathers" —

Happy Father's Day!!!
Dennis Bull

**May Worship
Attendance**

Total: 278 Average: 56

**The Monday Feeding
Program**

In May 318 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

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On 5/14/2022 the church
received \$66.00 from redeemed
cans and bottles.
Thanks for saving and bringing
them to church on the second
Saturday each month
Don Harris, Trustee President
NEXT RECYCLE IS SATURDAY

