

Palm SUNDAY

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

MATTHEW 21:9

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**"I believe in kindness.
Also in mischief. Also in singing,
especially when singing is not necessarily prescribed.
—Mary Oliver—**



Mary Oliver

I begin with a Mary Oliver poem because my soul always sighs in satisfaction when I hear her words. Further, as someone usually adverse to singing, her admonition to sing recklessly during inappropriate times makes me laugh. It has been a little over 2 years since she died, but like her, I do believe in kindness, and a little mischief.

March happens to be Women's History Month. This is time when the contribution of women in our society is highlighted and celebrated. In the rhythms of our own community, this month seems right on time as we have just spent the last few weeks spotlighting women in the Bible who may have gone under the radar.

One may be familiar with the story of Peter miraculously escaping prison in the 12th chapter in the book of Acts. To give context, this was a very perilous time in the life of the early church. King Herod was capturing, torturing, and executing the adherents to this nascent Jesus movement. In fact, James, the leader of the Jerusalem church, was just killed at the same time Peter was imprisoned. Despite the risks, Mary the mother of John Mark, secretly opened her home for Christians to shelter-in, gather, organize, and pray. So, after Peter's angel-aided escape into the night, he went to the only place in town that he knew he can find safe refuge, Mary's house. If not for her courage, the history of the early church would have been quite different.

In like manner, we are familiar with the voting rights marches in Selma, Alabama, and the events at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in 1965. These watershed moments made leaders like John Lewis a household name. However, it is possible that none of this would have happened if it not for an extraordinary woman named Richie Jean Jackson who was willing to open her home like Mary once did thousands of years ago. Despite the risks, Jackson provided her kitchen for food, her spare bedrooms for lodging, and her living room for conferencing with everyone from local activists to President Johnson. Jackson's Selma home became the de-facto headquarters for Martin Luther King Jr and his lieutenants like Lewis, and it was there that they sheltered-in, gathered, organized, and prayed. If not for her courage, the history of the Civil Rights movement would have been quite different.



Richie Jean Jackson

In March, we rightly honor everyone from Dorothy Day to Condoleezza Rice, from Sally Ride to Dolores Huerta, from Mary Mcleod Bethune to Sandra Day O'Conner. It is my hope that we find inspiration in these women's stories as we celebrate those with well-known names and those with names yet to be discovered. I conclude as I began, with a quote from the incomparable Mary Oliver, the one who encourages me in kindness, mischief, and song:

"Keep some room in your heart for the Unimaginable"

Will do Ms. Oliver...will do.
Pastor Mahsea Evans

Martian Motivation



Niara Evans

Like millions of people around the world, Niara and I watched as new high-definition images from the Martian planet beamed across our TV screen. In between our gasps, Niara began to reflect on how Dr. Mae C Jemison still inspires her to this day. Dr. Jemison is a highly accomplished engineer, physician, and former astronaut who became the first African American woman to travel in space in 1992. She remains a tireless advocate for all girls, like my daughter, to embrace, play, and train in the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. With all that this former astronaut does, her first love is still dance. Niara dressed up like her for a school project in 5th grade! When watching the images from Mars and expressing gratitude for Dr. Jemison's amazing life, Niara said, "She makes me feel like I can accomplish anything!"



New Mars Rover Perseverance

Blessings,
Pastor Mahsea Evans

Lord make Me an instrument of Your peace
Where there is hatred let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness joy.

O Divine master grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console
To be understood, as to understand.
To be loved, as to love

For it's in giving that we receive
And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born...To eternal life
Amen

Honoring Women's History Month

In honor of Women's History Month, I'm sharing a portion from our recent book study, *Strong Was Her Faith*, by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

"It is sometimes said that men had written history, and therefore women haven't gotten their fair share of the pages. In spite of that, it's surprising how many notable women come to mind as one skips over the top of history. We immediately think of Deborah, an early judge of Israel; Cleopatra, one of the most powerful leaders of the ancient world during her time as queen of Egypt; Elizabeth I and Victoria, queens of England; Teresa of Avila, who established seventeen monastic houses and left us with devotional literature that is still sought out today; Frances Willard, a person of so many achievements in so many areas that when she died, flags were lowered in both Washington, D.C., and in Chicago her adopted city, and 30,000 people filed through Chicago's Willard Hall on a cold February day in order to pay honor at her death; and Marie Curie, who won Nobel Prizes in both physics and chemistry. One thinks too of Eleanor Roosevelt, whose work in drawing attention to the needs of the poor and of the racially segregated may have made as much of a long-range impact on history as the achievements of her president-husband, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, in leading America through depression and war. Most recently, Mother Teresa was perhaps the best-known personality in the world through some years of the late twentieth century."

When I think of the women who have earned a place in the history of our country, some names come immediately to mind; Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Shirley Chisholm, Nancy Pelosi, Geraldine Ferraro, Delores Huerta, Condoleezza Rice, Hillary Clinton and our current Vice-President, Kamala Harris.

But we can say, without hesitation, that no woman is better known throughout the world than Mary, the mother of Jesus. "Millions of people recite her name in prayer each day. Thousands of institutions, throughout the world, carry her name, institutions as diverse as elementary schools, colleges and universities, hospitals, homes for orphans and the aged, and of course churches. Some of the poorest and most depressed persons in the world think of her as their closest friend; they somehow find particular strength and comfort in approaching God under the embrace of her name."

I don't believe that any of these women set out with the goal to become famous. They shared their God-given gifts and talents with the world by living into their passions. They were mindful and intentional, and relentless in their pursuits. They remind me of the women in our church! Celebrate Women's History Month by remembering that we, all people, are making history everyday.

The Peace of
Christ be with you Always,
Kathleen Mirtoni

Touch Care Ministry Seeks New Volunteers

As many of you are aware at the beginning of the "stay at home Covid 19" restrictions the church realized that we needed to stay "in touch" with one another. Many of our members don't have access to computers or get email so it was realized that the telephone would allow us to reach out to many of our church family members. So 13 wonderful members were enlisted to begin calling people once a week and many of them have been doing this ever since.

We are currently experiencing some "calling burn out". Hence we are requesting some new "Caller Volunteers". If you are willing to call 3 to 10 of our Church family twice a month, please raise your hand and email or call Gail Provine (916 740-1777) gailprovine@hotmail.com, Nancy Bray(530 941-8138) nbray@firstumcroseville.org, or Connie Witherow (916 783-3464)cwitherow@firstumcroseville.org. We need at least new 4 "Calling Birds" added to our crew. We'll be putting together lists to provide phone numbers to each of the new volunteers. This has been a very beneficial endeavor to both callers and receivers in our church family. To put it in Ruth Ann Baker's words, it's been a blessing.

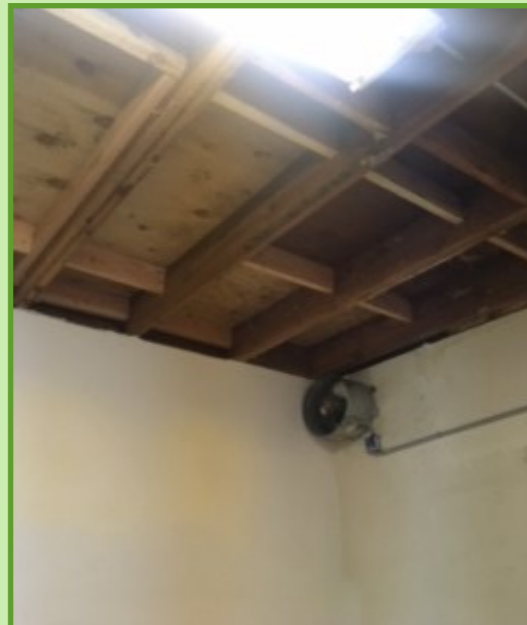
Trustee's Report: Roofing Repair Estimates and Costs to Date 2/25/2021

Crowell	Remove drywall in pantry	pd \$ 1,800.00	discover some damage
Crowell Contract	Skin removal & replace 20X40 over pantry	\$17,500.00	
Crowell	Patch roof temporarily & remove dry rot	pd \$ 400.00	time & materials
Crowell	Flooring 5/8 inch plywood	\$ 800.00	invoiced
Flooring	9 boxes Vinyl tiles	\$ 409.85	ordered from Home Depot
Lay tiles	Labor estimate	\$ 1,000.00	
Crowell Bid	Insulation & dry wall pantry	\$ 2,900.00	
Cliff Williams	Paint pantry and other dry wall	Donation	
Estimate	Glue	\$ 50.00	
Estimate	Floor Leveler	\$ 50.00	
Crowell Bid	Repair 6 leaky sky lights & labor	\$ 2,900.00	
Crowell Bid	New shingles on 1/2 backman hall	\$ 7,500.00	
New gutters & leaf guards are needed		No bid yet	
Total Estimate		\$35,309.85	

Caleb Crowell Roofing, our contractor, has begun to put some of the skin on the roof as of 2/24/2021. They are doing a great job. I'm very pleased with their work.

To date we have received \$6,600.00 in donations for the roof repairs. You can now donate to "roof repair" through the online service on the church website or you can mail a check to the church office and indicate on your check that it is for the "roof repair". Your donations to this necessary project is very much appreciated. Thank you to all of those who have already donated.

Don Harris
Trustee President



March SANDWICH Madness



Freshly made-to-order sandwich
With chips and bottled water
TAKE OUT ONLY
Sunday, March 21st
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
\$12
[net proceeds go to General Fund]

Please prepay online at
firstumcroseville.org
Or call 916-783-3464 [church office]

Masking and social distancing
Protocols will be observed

Bread Choices: white, whole wheat, sourdough
Meat Choices: ham, roast beef, turkey
Cheese Choices: sharp cheddar, swiss, provolone



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Agape Men's Group

In a recent talk Soledad O'Brien, broadcast journalist and host for the weekly talk show Matter of Fact, addressed the need to talk about the tough issues and to look beyond the headlines. Well, the Agape Group did just that at our February 18, 2021, meeting. In commemoration of Black History Month, we discussed our experiences with people of color. Our experiences were varied, and it was discerned that poverty needs to be included in the discussion. The group consensus was that the Golden Rule with its principle of treating others as you want to be treated needs to be used in our interactions with all humankind.

Please join us for our Agape Group gatherings on March 4 and 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the entrance to Backman Hall. We follow social distancing guidelines and wear masks. Our burning question of the day on the 4th will be: What is your favorite type of footwear? (e.g., Are you a flip-flop man, or a real tough guy who prefers western boots?) Any questions please contact any of the Agape Team members (Dave Sechrist, Don Harris, Cliff Williams, and Thom King) or Dennis Bull at 630-781-6110. Hope to see you sporting your favorite pair of shoes!

PRAYERS

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

For Bereavement:

Codi, Kolby and Family on the death of his grandmother Inge
Kristi Kinzel and Family
Those who have lost loved ones from Covid 19

For Healing and Comfort:

Beth and Ray Aitken's daughter Katie
Pat Kennedy & daughter Karen
Leona Doherty
Marie Moody
Hal Volb
Ruth Ann's sister Marlene
For those affected by the severe winter weather across the country
Those who have little contact with others during this pandemic

Please submit prayer requests to prayers@firstumcroseville.org



3 C's Invite You to Join Us!
By Barbara Hulse & Susan Reining



The 3C's quilt silent auction was awarded to Kathleen Mirtoni. Congratulations to Kathleen. We hope she will enjoy the quilt for many years to come.

Prayer shawls are still being distributed where needed. Debbie Thompson continues to make the shawls. She is a very talented crocheter. Thanks Debbie for all of your beautiful handiwork which you so generously share with everyone.

We are all looking forward to the day we can meet in our sewing room to work on projects together.

Barbara Hulse
Susan Reining



Strive not to be a success but rather to be of value.

Albert Einstein

Submitted by Susan Reining

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 7TH SHERAYA JORDAN
- 10TH PAMELA BURT
DONNA SCOTT
- 13TH MARTY NISHIMOTO
- 15TH HAZEL NOFZ
- 16TH SALLY ALBERS
- 18TH HARRY MATHENY
- 19TH CRAIG KILPATRICK
- 29TH VICK MARTIN/SONNY
DON LESNICK
- 30TH SUSAN REINING

Woodbridge Walk

Join us each Sunday morning at 9 am at Woodbridge School, 515 Niles Avenue, Roseville for a "walk and talk" around the school. Or if you prefer there's a bench to "sit and visit". Of course masks and social distancing are the way we stay safe. Remember if it's raining the walk is canceled for that day. Hope to see you Sunday!



Recycle February 13th, \$70.00

Please keep saving your recyclables to bring in on Saturday March 13th, 2021 in the parking lot between 9-11am

Thanks to all! It all helps our church pay our bills.
Don Harris, Trustee President



FIRST CHURCH ROSEVILLE TEAM LEADERS

Pastor—Mahsea Evans
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Memorial— Barbara Schwartz
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Music Director— John Handley
Communications— Kristi Kinzel
Lay Leadership Training— Kristi Kinzel

December

Noses, Dollars, and Cents

Basic Monthly Statistics:

Income Jan. 2021:	\$12,430.85
Expenses Jan. 2021:	<u>\$13,156.79</u>
Net Income Jan. 2021:	\$725.94
Transfer from PPP:	\$0.00
New Total:	\$725.94

Basic Yearly Statistics 2021

YTD Income:	\$12,430.85
YTD Expense:	<u>\$13,156.79</u>
Net Income:	\$725.94
Transfer from PPP:	\$0.00
New Total:	\$725.94

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

January Worship Online Views
Total: 513 Average: 103
5 Sundays in January

The Monday Feeding Program for the homeless served 252 meals in February

SAVE THE DATE!



PAPER SHREDDING FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Here's how it works:

- PREPURCHASE Shred 'N Seal bag (approx. one "banker box) for \$20 each.
- Fill your bag with material to be shredded – paperclips, 3-ring notebooks, and all.
- Bring your filled bag to the church parking lot on Saturday May 1, 2021; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
- You can watch your paper being shredded inside the paper-shredding truck by camera!

Please purchase bags in advance at our website (firstumcroseville.org), by email: finance@firstumcroseville.org or by phone: 916-783-3464
Proceeds go to the ongoing mission of Roseville First United Methodist Church