



**Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns,
and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.
Are you not of more value than they?**

Matthew 6:26 NRSV

*I am woman, hear me roar
In numbers too big to ignore
And I know too much to go back an' pretend
'Cause I've heard it all before
And I've been down there on the floor
No one's ever gonna keep me down again*



I know very little about Helen Reddy except for her Australian accented voice proclaiming through the radio, "I am woman, hear me roar!" This song, released in 1972, is recognized as an anthem of an era defined by the women's liberation movement in the U.S. Coincidentally, it became a hit the same year that the Equal Rights Amendment passed in the Senate and Shirley Chisholm ran for president. Because March is Women's History Month, an annual celebration of women's contributions to the history, culture, and society in the United States, I think it is more than fitting to lift up the "roaring" presence and testament of women.

This month should be more than a moment, but an open summons to an ongoing celebration of how women, across generations and time, have passed on their legacy of accomplishments from one era to the next like a baton in a race. I take great inspiration in recognizing the historical brilliance of women, even as I am quickened to remember the well-worn resilience needed to overcome the maze of societal obstacles set in their path. This month we are invited into the realm of the glower and grin; the glowering at the glass ceilings that remain firmly affixed, and the grinning at other ceilings of glass that now lay about gloriously shattered.

This month I am remembering the "roaring" life of Jane Bolin. Though she is unknown to most, she is extremely significant in the development of woman's history. She was born in Poughkeepsie, New York in 1908 to an interracial couple. Bolin proved to be a superb student, completing high school early before enrolling at Wellesley College in Massachusetts. Though facing overt racism and social isolation, she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree at the top of her class. She then attended Yale Law School in 1931, becoming the first African-American woman to earn a law degree from that prestigious institution.

On July 22, 1939, the 31-year-old Bolin was called to appear at the World's Fair before Mayor Fiorello La Guardia. Unbeknownst to her, the mayor had concocted a plan to swear her in as a judge. That very day, Bolin raised her right hand and made history (again) by becoming the first African American female judge in the United States. She remained a judge of the court for another 40 years, and later became an activist for children's rights and education. Bolin died in Queens, New York, on January 8, 2007 at the venerable age of 98.

Speaking of baton passing, Ketanji Brown-Jackson, like Jane Bolin, will also be a first—on track to become the first African-American woman on the Supreme Court. By all accounts, Judge Jackson is incredibly capable with an impeccable resume. She was born in the nation's capital but grew up in the Miami area. Jackson earned both her undergraduate and law degree from Harvard University. She clerked for Justice Breyer (whom she is replacing) and served as a federal public defender in Washington. Later, Jackson served on the federal district court in DC as an appointee of President Obama before being elevated to the DC Court of Appeals last year.



Though Jackson is poised to become the first Black woman on the nation's highest court, she is grounded and guided by her faith. At the podium where President Biden announced her as his selection, Jackson began her speech by saying, "[I thank] God for delivering me to this point in my professional journey. My life has been blessed beyond measure, and I do know that one can only come this far by faith."

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Ketanji Brown-Jackson stands on the shoulders of many "roaring" women from Jane Bolin to Sandra Day O'Conner. She has taken the baton and continues to run headlong into the spray of history's mists. At the end of her announcement speech, Jackson completed her remarks by saying, "if I am fortunate enough to be confirmed as the next Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, I can only hope that my life and career, my love of this country and the Constitution, and my commitment to upholding the rule of law and the sacred principles upon which this great nation was founded will inspire future generations"

As I look at my daughter and her generation, my prayer is that they may be inspired to live into the fullness of their divine potential, grab batons with roaring enthusiasm, shatter ceilings with reckless abandon, and whether by glower or grin, shake up the world while ecstatically singing, full-throated, the words of Helen Reddy,

*I am woman
I am invincible
I am strong
I am woman!*

Blessings,
Pastor Mahsea Evans



SAVE THE DATE!

First Annual YARD SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

- Donate your gently used clothes, appliances, furniture, etc., to the church.
- Or, rent a separate individual table for \$50.00.
- Proceeds of the sale will go to support the missions of the church.
- There will be volunteer opportunities galore – stay tuned!

For more information or to reserve a table, please contact Dave Sechrist at

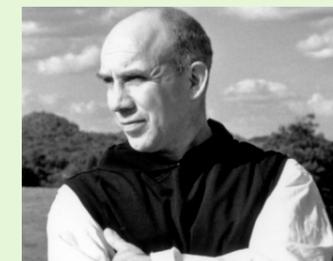
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Like many of you, my heart has been weighted as I have witnessed the malevolent wilds of war whip through the democratic country of Ukraine. Beyond the blanket of sadness, I have been visited upon by gusts of anger when considering the heartless vigor from which the aggressor and its delusional leader has prosecuted this war of choice with almost sociopathic depravity.

The violence that war brings is almost always incomprehensible. It is so much more than scrolling images of destroyed infrastructure and rolling tanks. It is the lives lost, the families separated, and the throngs of people becoming instant refugees within their own country. It is the terror of bombs dropping, the sense of helplessness, the stirring of collective trauma, and the unnecessary blood being spilled on native soil. Thomas Merton once said, "The root of war is fear." What we are seeing on the news, halfway across the globe in Eastern Europe, is not only upsetting, nor is it only the product and producer of new fears, but a tragic exclamation point to the unassailable truth that **war is evil**.

Thomas Merton also said, "Peace demands the most heroic labor and the most difficult sacrifice. It demands greater heroism than war. It demands greater fidelity to the truth and a much more perfect purity of conscience." This I know is not an easy task, especially when we are witnessing things that are so outrageous.



While watching the news with my family, a picture was put on screen that featured the common people of Ukraine being forced to take up arms to defend their country. This included girls who seemed to be the same age as my 14-year-old daughter, Niara. Reflecting on this Niara said, "It must be devastating to have to fight for your life like that. They must feel terrified and confused about what is happening. War is unfair and I hope no more people die."

In response to the events in Ukraine, the pastoral team opened the sanctuary and chapel for candle lighting and prayer. As I looked out the window from the narthex, I thought about Niara's words and the unfairness of war. I also contemplated Merton's teaching about maintaining our "fidelity to the truth" with a purity of consciousness that allows us to combat the violent winds of fear that envelopes both mind and body. War is always destructive and unpredictable; who knows where this is all heading? This is why we must continue putting our trust in God, even as we find ways to support our siblings in Ukraine. This is also why we must stay mindful lest we get swept away by the dictates of fear that corrode the soul. In the meantime, whenever you begin to feel anxious, powerless, or justifiably upset, I encourage you to find a place of quiet, and offer a prayer or possibly light a candle in solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

Blessings, Pastor Mahsea Evans



*When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.
In God, whose word I praise—
In God I trust and am not afraid.
Psalm 56:3-4a*





LENT AND EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND: ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 12 NOON

**THURSDAYS, MARCH 3RD, 10TH, 17TH, 24TH, 31ST, AND APRIL 7TH: ZOOM @ 6:00 PM
LENTEN STUDY "THE WAY OF JESUS: COMPASSION IN PRACTICE"**

SUNDAY, APRIL 10: PALM OR PASSION SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:15 AM

THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH: MAUNDY THURSDAY NO SERVICE

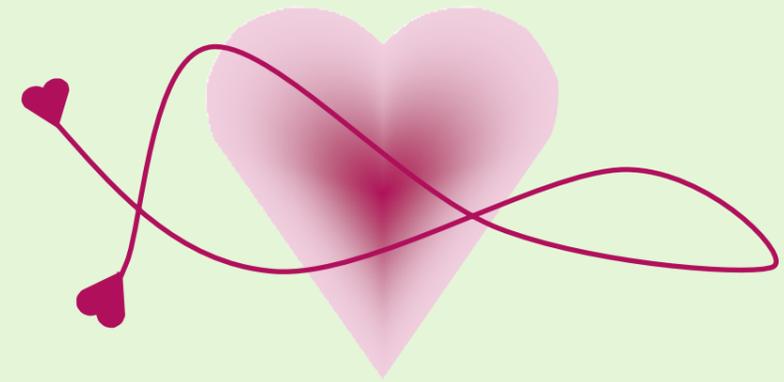
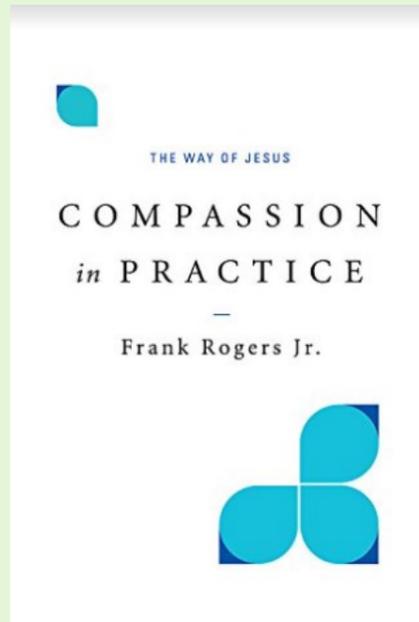
FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH: GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH: EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO GET YOUR COPY OF
"THE WAY OF JESUS COMPASSION IN PRACTICE"**

BY FRANK ROGERS JR.

**YOU CAN FIND DIGITAL COPIES ON AMAZON, IBOOKS, AND COKESBURY
ALL THE HARD COPIES HAVE BEEN HANDED OUT**



CHOOSE LOVE

by Rachel Macy Stafford

Today I will choose love.
Tomorrow I will choose love.
And the day after that,
I will choose love.
If I mistakenly choose
distraction, perfection,
or negativity over love,
I will not wallow in regret.
I will choose love.
I will choose love until
it becomes who I am.

Submitted by Nancy William

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

Connie
Marie
Hazel
Debbie
Barbara



Angel
Victoria
Denna
Sam

Please submit request for prayers to prayers@firstumcroseville.org



Sunday March 27

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to respond with extravagant grace. Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. The official date set to celebrate UMCOR Sunday is March 27, 2022. This offering understates UMCOR's "cost of doing business," allowing UMCOR to keep the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go towards that project and not administrative cost.

UMCOR equips local churches, annual conferences and nonprofit organizations to be in mission with their communities and to respond to those left most vulnerable during challenging times. Also, UMCOR doesn't just respond to the emergency for the short term. Working with local organizations, churches in the community and United Methodist volunteers, UMCOR builds relationships and helps communities rebuild, in the years following a disaster.

UMCOR responds to U.S. and international disasters, addresses diseases and poverty, assists refugees and immigrants, provides clean water and works to reduce hunger. UMCOR would be unable to do this work without your support. From training Conference Disaster Coordinators and Early Response Teams to keeping the office lights on, the UMCOR Sunday special offering equips the organization to respond quickly to disasters. Your sustaining gifts on UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for UMCOR to share God's love with communities everywhere.

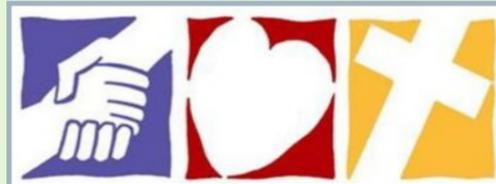
Submitted by Cathie Wierbick



Jesus' Baptism Window

This window was dedicated to the memory of Ida Mae Jones, by her daughter Edythe and son-in-law Paul Gordon.

Ida Mae Jones was born Oregon July 3, 1887. She was the daughter of Milton O. and Elizabeth Jane Reynolds and had four brothers. She married George Franklin Jones and they had three children, Ivan, Edythe, and Milton. The family moved from Dunsmuir California to Roseville in 1926. She became a member of the Roseville Methodist Church in 1939, where she was active in the WSCS (Women's Society of Christian Service). She worked for many years on their committees serving lunches weekly to the Rotary Club of Roseville. She was also a member of the Eagles Lady Auxiliary # 1552. She was widowed 1965. She had four granddaughters, one grandson, twelve great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren. She passed away April 11, 1977 and Rev Edgar Bradley held the service. She was survived by her daughter, Edythe and her great and great great grandchildren. I remember Ida being very busy within the church, serving on several committees and just being so helpful to all in need. I really missed her when she passed, but we still had Edythe and Paul who were also very active in the church. Phoebe Astill Historical Chair



Agape Men's Group

In paying homage to St. Valentine at our February meeting, we revealed our first sweethearts and a memory of Valentine's Day from our childhood. Two related having girlfriends at age 5 years. These were our "early bloomers". All recalled Valentine's Day school parties in which Valentine cards were given to all classmates--- even those who you did not like so well. Guess this was an early lesson with the Great Commandment: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31)

March has Ash Wednesday, the Ides of March, St. Patrick's Day, and the Final Four. Thus, coming up with a burning question should be easy. This was not our experience. The Agape Team struggled with our March topic. I guess one might say we had an early case of *March Madness!* We finally settled on our *burning question* of the day: What is a favorite springtime activity--- something you look forward to after the winter months. Any questions please contact any of the Agape Team members (Don Harris, Cliff Williams, Dave Sechrist, Thom King, and Jim Wecker) or Dennis Bull at 630-781-6110. Please join us as we celebrate Spring. Happy Spring! Dennis Bull

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A big THANK YOU to everyone who brought baked goodies to the bake sale. Again it was fun to be together, enjoying each other and good eats. Thank You!!!!



MABCH BIRTHDAYS

7TH SHERAYA JORDAN

**10TH DICK GALVIN
DONNA SCOTT**

13TH MARTY NISHIMOTO

15TH HAZEL NOFZ

16TH SALLY ALBERS

18TH HARRY MATHENY

19TH CRAIG KILPATRICK

**29TH DON LESNICK
VICK MARTIN**

30TH SUSAN REINING

**MARCH BIRTH MONTH FLOWER
DAFFODILS**



January/February Noses, Dollars, and Cents

Basic Monthly Statistics

Income Jan. 2022: \$14,156.54
Expenses Jan. 2022: \$16,418.01
Net Income Jan. 2022: **\$2,261.47**

Basic Yearly Statistics 2022

YTD Income: \$14,154.54
YTD Expense: \$16,418.01
Net Income: **\$2,261.47**

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

**March Worship Attendance
Total: 203 Average: 51**

**The Monday Feeding Program
for the homeless served
202 meals Feb1-Feb.21, 2022**



The 2022 Women's History theme, "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope," is both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history.
<https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org>

FIRST CHURCH ROSEVILLE TEAM LEADERS

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On 2/12/2022 the church received \$70.00 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 SATURDAY
MAR. 12th, 2022**