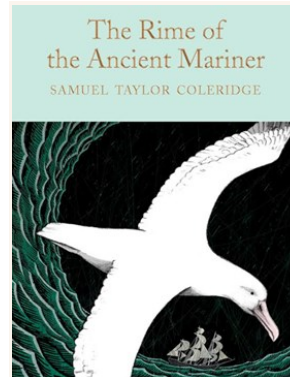




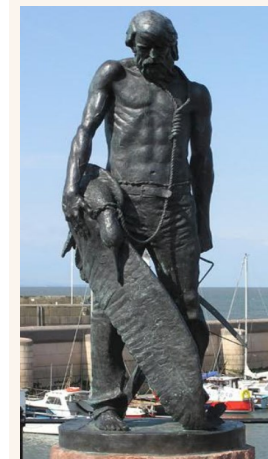
He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set  
eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what  
God has done from beginning to end. Ecclesiastes 3:11



“The Sun came up upon the left,  
Out of the sea came he!  
And he shone bright, and on the right  
Went down into the sea.  
-Samuel Taylor Coolidge (1798)

Somewhere in the swirl of my grade school-formed memories lies the floating remnants of half-remembered stanzas from poems once forced to memorize. The long poem, “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner” is one such flotilla and its bandied words drifted into the waters of my awareness. This occurred last month as I took a night time stroll down the starboard side of deck four on a cruise ship to Mexico.

I was left alone after a young couple, caught up in revels of infatuation and libations, clinked their ornate champaign flutes and disappeared through the doors into mist of whatever comes next. My thoughts, far removed from romance’s rapture, attended to rescuing the half-remembered poems within “the swirl” of my mind; an act accompanied by my murmuring words that joined itself to the silent breezes in the 8 o’clock hour. At night, the open sea is a shrouded mystery of awe and terror; it commands a certain mental acuity and wonder. With this heightened sense I walked, passing by rows of empty deck chairs and a large shuffleboard whose red-painted dimensions seemingly pointed me deeper into my ruminations. As I arrived at the stern of the massive ship and looked over, I witnessed the mighty arrhythmic churn of waters that left a wake of white-tipped froth in the moonlight tinted waters. At this point, Coolidge’s poem began to surface from the depths of youthful recollections.



I remembered, somehow, that the “Ancient Mariner” was the captain of a ship that was blown off course and driven southward to Antarctica by way of a storm. I also remembered the presence of a large albatross circling the ship. Though it assisted them out of their icy predicament, its presence so rattled the Mariner that he killed it with a crossbow. After this act of violence, things go from bad to worse and the crew begin to suspect that the captain’s rash action was responsible for their bad fortune. Thus, the doomed crew made him wear the large dead albatross around his neck; the poem birthing an idiom of “carried-burdens” that survives to the present.

Ah! well a-day! what evil looks  
Had I from old and young!  
Instead of the cross, the Albatross  
About my neck was hung.

The next morning, I woke up early and returned to the starboard side of deck four to drink my coffee. The mysterious darkness was replaced by sunlit brilliance, and the shifting ocean shimmered with multiple shades of blue. Around midship, there was a yellow lifeboat that seemed perfectly framed against the morning sky.



For a moment, I was grateful for this vision of safety just in case a cursed captain randomly emerged from the bridge with a large bird tied around his neck. Unlikely? Yes. Still, I determined to not test my luck against the wiles of wind-blown “bad fortunes” or the unfettered temperament of the Sea. Therefore, I placed my mug on a small table, and bowed to the open waters with no regard to how I may have appeared to others. Besides, I have seen the movie The Poseidon Adventure, and I rather not star as Gene Hackman’s reprised character in a modern-day adaptation. For now, I leave you with one of the lessons of the poem that is found in one of its later stanzas:

He prayeth best, who loveth best  
All things both great and small;  
For the dear God who loveth us,  
He made and loveth all.

Blessings  
Mahsea Evans

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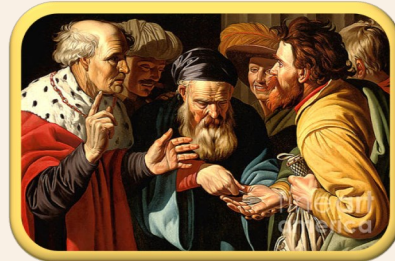






## March Women’s History Month

On Woman’s History Month, I am honoring Michelle J Howard. In 2014, she became the first woman four-star admiral in US Navy History. This California-born leader remains an inspiration to many and enduring model of excellence.  
Blessings,  
Mahsea Evans



## Judas Bag

A Bag was filled with 30 pieces of silver by the priest and given to Judas for the betrayal of Jesus. Judas regretted what he did and tried to return the silver to the Chief priest & Elders. That money was used to buy a field from the potter. Today Potters Field is where the poor are buried. Money from these Judas Bags will be used to help the poor in our area. Please put 30 coins (no pennies please) in the bag and return it to First United Methodist Church, 109 Washington Blvd., Roseville, CA 95678 by Easter, Sunday April 9, 2023. These bags are available in the sanctuary each Sunday or in the office.

Don Harris, Trustee Chair

## SAVE THE DATE!

**PAPER SHREDDING FUNDRAISER**  
**SATURDAY MAY 6, 2023; 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**



### HERE’S HOW IT WORKS:

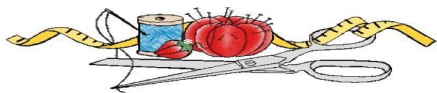
- **PRE-PURCHASE** Seal N Shred bags (approximately one “banker box”) for \$25 each.
  - **Fill your bag with material to be shredded – paperclips, 3 ring notebooks and all.**
  - **Bring your filled bag to the church parking lot on Saturday May 6, 2023; 10 am – 12 pm.**
  - **You can watch your paper being shredded inside the truck by camera!**
- Call 916/783-3464 or [finance@firstumcroseville.org](mailto:finance@firstumcroseville.org) to buy a bag in advance.

**Bags will be available the day of the event as well.**

**Proceeds go to the ongoing mission of Roseville First United Methodist Church**

**Dave Sechrist, Finance Team Leader**

**3 C’s Invite  
You to Join Us!**



3C’s, aka Creative Christian Crafters, is meeting on the first and third Thursdays of the month in the craft room on the second floor. Currently we are making greeting cards under the tutelage of Betsy Green and enjoying working together with each other and learning how to make different cards. We would love to have you join us as we have lots of room and lots of fun to share.

If you have a project requiring fabric, please come and look through our store of fabrics. We might have just what you are looking for and the price is right, Free.

Hope to see you soon! Nancy Bray for 3C’s



## AGAPE Men’s Group

## A Burning Question for First Church???

At our February meeting Larry Koncewicz was scheduled to make a presentation on The Fourth Quarter of Your Life. Unfortunately, his presentation had to be postponed due to the death of Grace’s brother. Never at a loss for a topic, the group tackled a super burning question facing our congregation. On February 7, 2023, at a special meeting of the Church Council unanimous approval was given to the Staff Parish Relations Committee’s (SPRC) recommendation that Roseville First United Methodist Church request a full-time position for the pastor. Accompanying the recommendation reality issues present the following challenges:

- 1) Pastor Mahsea’s position is three-quarters time.
- 2) We have not paid for Pastor Mahsea’s healthcare coverage as it is through his spouse.
- 3) The church currently provides a yearly housing allowance of \$22,000. This will need to be increased to meet the demands of cost-of-living increases.

The group discussed potential strategies for confronting the challenges:

- 1) Request major donations from specific members of the congregation
- 2) Increase fund-raising efforts
- 3) Borrow from the church’s endowment funds
- 4) Apply for an equitable compensation stipend from the California-Nevada Annual Conference.

Throughout its 141-year history our church when faced with challenges, including financial, (e.g., leaking roof, playground equipment, and lift), members have stepped forward to confront them. The guide for the SPRC and the leadership team has been Faith. The words of Dr. Martin Luther King are apropos: “Take the first step in faith. You don’t have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.”

Our next gathering will be on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Larry Koncewicz will be making a presentation on The Fourth Quarter of Your Life. 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. Happy St. Patrick’s Day!!!



*Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
renew a right spirit within me.*

*Psalms 51: 10*

Please continue to pray for the following people.

### For Healing & Comfort

Kathleen, Connie, Marie, Hazel,  
Jordyn, Brandon, Carla, Jay, Isabel,  
Johnna, Stacy, Julie, Christy, Holly,  
Ryan & Andrea



### For Bereavement

Mildred Batiste,  
Peggy and Ledell Banks  
and family

Please submit request for prayers to [prayers@firstumcroseville.org](mailto:prayers@firstumcroseville.org)





### Anniversary Services at the M.E. Church

At the suggestion of the Ladies Aid Society and through their assistance the Methodist Church of Roseville lived for a space in the past Sunday evening March 3rd. Mrs. Blair, a member who was present, 29 years ago the 4th of this month, gave an interesting bit of the history of the event. Rev. H.L. Gregory, of El Dorado County, now retired on pension, was the Pastor. The dedicatory sermon was preached by the Rev. Jewel of San Francisco and the Rev. Benson of Santa Clara had charge of the ceremonies. Some of the singers, being on the sick list, the Rocklin choir came to their rescue and was responsible for the music. Before the building of the church the little society met in the old schoolhouse on the hill, where Sunday School and preaching services were held. The lot on which the church now stands was presented to the Society by Mrs. Judah, through agent J.D. Pratt. Mr. Pratt furnished the bricks for the building. Robert Jones helped with the work and mixed the mortar. The water used was brought to the scene of operation from Jessie Blair's well, which still remains back of the dance pavilion. On the day of the dedication it was necessary to raise about \$2000.00, which sum was met in full, by the generous giving of the citizens, a number giving from \$50.00 to \$500.00 each. It was the expectation to have a number of old time songs played by the one who was then organist of the Church, Mrs. Susan Dryer, but she feared the crowd and we were denied this treat. For years she remained organist and we are indeed glad that, though no longer acting as organist, we have her with us to cheer and aid. Her modest manner and sweet smile and generous hear gives cheer to all who come to know her. And we are fortunate in the possession as our very own, of one who was a Pastor of the Church 17 years ago, Rev. G.H. Van Vleit, who gave an inspiring address on the ancient days and present needs. Following the address the dear old hymnal "In Sweet By and By" was sung. Rev Van Vleit pronounced the benediction and the anniversary was over.

This was a hand written notice I found in the archives of the church, and since March 2023 marks the 140th anniversary of the dedication of the original church, I thought you might enjoy reading this notice.  
Phoebe Astill, Historical Chair



### Schedule of Events

**April 2nd Palm Sunday Worship Service 10:15 AM**

**April 6th Maundy Thursday "Is It I?" Play 7:30 PM**

**April 7th Good Friday Service 6:00 PM**

**April 9th Easter Sunday Worship Service 10:15 AM**

### A Story for First United Methodist

Hello my name is Pamela Bergmann. I grew up as the oldest of a big family right here in Roseville, California where I embraced God's gift of the arts from an early age. I spent long summers sewing with my Grandmother, a core member of First United Methodist, Barbara Hulse. This engineer's daughter wanted to become a fashion designer in the big city, and she did.

After graduating into a recession, I stumbled into Engineering and Technology, Praise be to God. For 11 years I helped big companies chase big dreams, with big risks and big rewards. But there's a trade-off to taking lots of risks: waste. I myself was trapped in living our culture of "more". We teach children you must ***have more to be more***. We tell ourselves we're "too busy" and look for a short cut. I'd witnessed how large, global businesses make these excuses legitimate because they're "changing the world". My conscience knew better as I watched 9 out of 10 start-ups fail and the millions they spent on a dream, dissolve into asset liquidation. My eyes could see the signs of the glorious planet, our Lord's creation, choking on our convenience. How "change the world ideas" had neighbors looking across the globe while their neighbor suffers needlessly. It is no surprise then why I have been called to leave that life and do things differently.

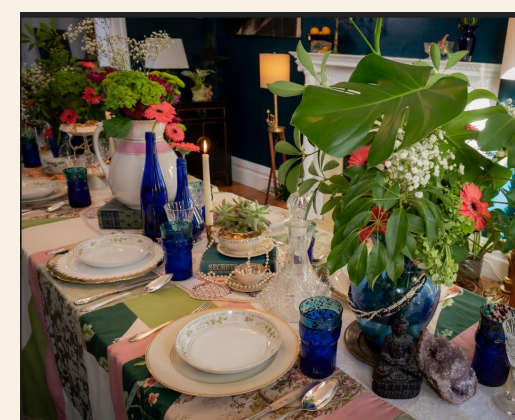
What can I do about these big problems? A beach is not a beach without each grain of sand so I asked myself "what can I do about it with what I have right here?" I decided to return to my design roots, where consumerism is rampant. I committed to a reduce and reuse ideology at home and in business. And finally, I promised myself to connect with the community around me to make it all happen. The pandemic taught us the importance of being at home and the impact of having a home where you love to be. *Turtle and Fig* is a home design brand focused on helping you love your home. We are curious about how to see old things in a new way and looking for things in our own backyard.

That brings me back to First United Methodist and their remarkable **3C's Community**.

There are fewer and fewer places where people of all ages can explore the world of textile arts and this fixture survives on donations from members of the Church. Donations that have even graced my new venture. I am so very grateful for the second and third hand supplies that kick started *Turtle and Fig* and I would like to share my journey with you all. I'll be chronicling my story online to share the home goods and home designs I'm creating entirely from locally sourced, second hand materials. You can find me on Instagram@turtleandfigtextiles or reach out directly via email: turtleandfigtextiles@gmail.com to share a story, ask questions, or offer help. It takes a village.

Before I sign off, I humbly ask that you stay curious about areas of waste in your own lives. Look for creative ways to find the value in old things for yourself and those around you.

God Bless, Pamela Bergman







United  
Women  
in Faith

UWF, United Women in Faith formerly known as UMW invites all women of the church to a luncheon of Hearty Soup on Thursday March 23rd at noon. In keeping with Lent, we will also have a traditional Call to Prayer and Self Denial Program led by Nancy William. UWF operates and supports nearly 100 National Mission Institutions, projects and initiatives here and abroad that address the conditions and needs of women, children and youth at home and abroad. Included are various clinics, women's residences, colleges, community centers, day-care centers and more! Even though we hardly met during the pandemic, isn't it good to know that our treasurer kept our offerings current to help fund the various missions!

Newcomers to our church or new to the old UMW are personally invited to join us as we make plans for the coming year. Do we want to meet monthly, bi-monthly or quarterly? Do we want to use the circle format for special interest groups? One example, continuing the Prayer Shawl Ministry? Come, give your input as we plan together for the future and reminisce over where we were before the pandemic.

Yes, it is nice to have an approximate count, but please don't hesitate to come even if you haven't contacted me or Judy Solari @ 916-773-4879 or 916-413-5577! You know that old saying "We're happy to share with you what ever we've got. 413-The leaks in the roof and the soup's in the pot". Blessings,  
Shelly Newton  
916-759-3837 or  
email [shellyandal@yahoo.com](mailto:shellyandal@yahoo.com)

**NEXT RECYCLE IS SATURDAY**  
**March 11, 2023**  
**9-11:00 AM**



Feb. 11, 2023 we received \$70.00 from CAV refund  
**Second Saturday Recycling.**  
Thanks for saving CAV items and donating them to the church to help pay our bills.  
Don Harris, Trustee Chair

### FIRST CHURCH ROSEVILLE TEAM LEADERS

**Pastor—Mahsea Evans**  
**Certified Lay Minister—Kathleen Mirtoni**  
**Church Council Chair—Liz Harvey**  
**Lay Leaders—Kathleen Mirtoni**

**Jan Sechrist**  
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### Worship

Attendance in February  
was 267. The Average was 66

### The Monday Feeding Program

In February 247  
meals were served to the  
hungry in our community.



### WE PRAY THIS DAY

O God, we pray this day  
for all who have a song they cannot sing,  
for all who have a burden they cannot bear,  
for all who live in chains they cannot break,  
for all who wander homeless and cannot return,  
for those who are sick and for those who tend them,  
for those who wait for loved ones and wait in vain,  
for those who live in hunger and  
for those who will not share their bread,  
for those who are misunderstood and  
for those who misunderstand,  
for those who are captives and for those who are captors,  
for those whose words of love are locked within their hearts  
and for those who yearn to hear those words.

Have mercy upon these, O God.  
Have mercy upon us all.

*Kneeling In Jerusalem*  
By Ann Weems

