



"HOPE is like the sun. If you only believe in it when you see it...You'll never make it through the night. May the Force be with you."



The saying by General Leia Skywalker Organa Solo is quoted by Vice Admiral Holdo in a precarious time before a battle in the film, "The Last Jedi." Most people know the quoted protagonist, ably played by the late Carrie Fisher, as Princess Leia, but her character grew to be much more than the young woman in flowing white with her hair in double-side-buns. I reference this quote for two reasons:

First, the fourth day in the month of May is designated as Star Wars appreciation day. That date was chosen because "May the Fourth" patterns the famous saying/blessing, "May the Force...be with you."

Second, George Lucas' Star Wars and the universe of stories set "a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away", is more than just a space soap opera and science fiction interpretation of Joseph Campbell's Hero's Journey. It is, at its core, a story about hope. That is why, way back in 1977, Lucas entitled the first installment of his vast media franchise, "Star Wars: A New Hope."

Why all this talk about Hope? I begin with this Star Wars preamble not only because I am a fan, but because like that story, we are moving into a new season of Hope. This hope is reflected in Easter as we affirm the triumph of Life over Death in the celebration of Christ's resurrection. This hope is also reflected in the fact that many folks in our community are fully vaccinated and have ventured out from the rolled-back stone tomb of the pandemic's darkness into the light of new freedom. Lastly, this hope is reflected in the fact that we are actively making plans to reopen our sanctuary so that we can gather and worship under the same roof once again!

This is great news! This is hope!

We will continue meeting at Woodbridge Park at 9:00 AM for a time of outdoor praying, sharing, and walking through the month of May. On June 6th, we will open the sanctuary in the morning so that we can gather inside as a church. Though it will not be a full service, we will begin easing ourselves back into worship practices in the sanctuary each Sunday during the month of June. It is my hope that we can find a new rhythm for our Sunday worship service by July with all the safety protocol and technological challenges fully addressed. In the next month, there will be plenty of communications and updates as we prepare ourselves for the red-doored church on the corner of Washington and Church to reopen.



As I think about General Organa's Star Wars quote, there is no doubt that this last year has been a type of "night" that we have gone through. However, it is only because we never lost the "Sun" of hope in our hearts that we have not only endured the night but continued as a loving supportive faith family that never forgot that the church is more than a building but the people. Now, with hope in our hearts, we look forward to gathering as a people in our sanctuary once again. What joy!

I continue to remain grateful to God who gives us the grace and strength to do all things, and maybe it is just another clever Jedi mind trick, but I feel compelled to conclude this message by saying, "May the force be with you all"

Blessings,
Pastor Mahsea

*For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise*

May— National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



The History

The history of North America is shaped by the stories of immigrants from Asia and the Pacific and the native people of the Pacific Islands. While some of the earliest Asian immigrants arrived from China, Japan, India, and Korea, immigration reforms tied to U.S. civil rights legislation brought even more groups to the United States—such as Vietnamese, Cambodians, Laotians, Indonesians, the Hmong and other peoples from South and Central Asia.

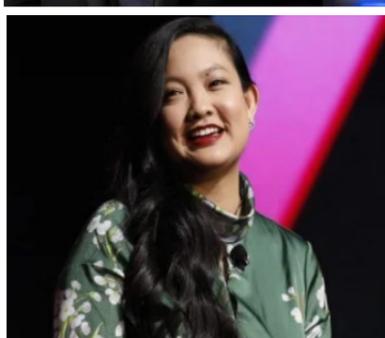
According to the 2017 census, there are 22.2 Million Asian Americans in the U.S., which is an 18% increase from 2010, making Asian Americans the fastest growing ethnic community in the country. Of California’s 39.512 million residents, 2.6 million are Asian Americans and 2.7 are Pacific Islanders. Over the entire history of the U.S. there have been many contributions to our country by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. I chose to focus on 3 recent contributions.



Ajay Bhatt, Indian born, had a hand in developing a range of computer-related technologies. He is best known for being a co-inventor of the Universal Serial Bus—better known as USB. In the late 1990’s, the USB became one of the most popular ways of transferring data from one device to another. “I was totally surprised by how it has impacted everybody. I mean, my name became a common name—at least at schools and in technical communities. I truly get a rock star treatment and that is quite unusual for me—people asking for your signature, people asking for your picture.” CNN interview 2013
Where would we, who use computers and mobile phones, be without the USB?



Steve Chen is co-founder of You Tube, Inc. Two widely publicized but very different events from 2004—Janet Jackson’s “wardrobe malfunction” at the Super Bowl, and the deadly tsunami that ripped through parts of Asia—gave Jawed Karim the idea for a video-sharing site. Along with Karim, a Bangladeshi-German American, the core team behind YouTube included Taiwanese American Steven Chen, as well as Pennsylvania native Chad Hurley. What started out as a way of watching and sharing funny cat videos grew into a much broader platform that captures the attention of billions of people every day.



Amanda Nguyen is the daughter of Vietnamese refugees and in 2013 was a student at Harvard University. She attempted to access information on her rights as the survivor of a sexual assault, and found it nearly impossible. So when she realized that there was no national legislation in existence establishing consistent rules, rights and protections for individuals who have experienced sexual violence she wrote it herself. The [Sexual Assault Survivors Rights Act of 2016](#) provides survivors with certain rights. Nguyen was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize in 2019 and is the founder and CEO of [Rise](#), a multi-sector coalition that advocates for survivor’s rights and assists people in writing and passing their own bills. **The above information was taken from This Day In History*

Is It Time?

Dear Church Family,

It is just a few days past the halfway mark of April as I begin this letter. Time seems to be zooming by for me. I wonder how you are experiencing time these days. Has it changed since the shutdown? I suppose how we experience time, in some part at least, has to do with where we are in our lives; our age, our health, our living situation, our faith, our attitude.

How many times have you heard the phrases, “I have too much time on my hands”, and, “I don’t have enough time for that”. But really, we all have the same amount of time, until we pass over.

One afternoon when I was about eight years old, I was hanging out with my mom, who was ironing. A friend and neighbor, Vera Bassford, dropped by. As my mom continued her ironing, Vera invited her to a United Methodist Women’s meeting at the local church we attended. My mom’s response was, “Oh, I’d like to, but I don’t have time”. And Vera replied, “If you didn’t iron the bed sheets, you would. have time”.

I remember it all so clearly because it was a truly transformational moment in my mother’s life. And an excellent lesson for my own. Not only did she attend that UMW meeting, she eventually became the President. From that moment on, my mother’s life in the church was extraordinary. We didn’t have ironed bedsheets any more, but we had a much happier mother!

As time nears for our church to reopen there is much to consider. It won’t be as simple as announcing a Sunday date and opening the sanctuary doors. For example, we will have to consider how COVID-19 restrictions will affect the number of people who can attend a service.

But even more than that, our reopening is a time to look with fresh eyes at our place in the community. Who are we, as a church? How do we want the neighborhood to know us? How do we represent who we are as a church, not only to our members, but to the community at large?

The reopening will require all of us to take part in its development and manifestation. So, I am asking each of you, to revisit your experience of time and the choices you make that create your experience.

My prayer is that each of you will choose to spend some of your time to help with the reopening. We each have God-given gifts and talents. My prayer is that we will pool those God-given resources, so that together, we create and reopen our church as a vibrant light to one another and to the community beyond our walls.

Here are some ways we can manipulate time:

- How to stop time: Kiss
- How to travel in time: Read
- How to escape time: Music
- How to cherish time: Serve the Lord

The Peace of Christ be with you,
Kathleen Mirtoni



IN LOVING MEMORY
Junz Wanish
June 1, 1931-Aril 21, 2021

Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, and cherished memories never fade because a loved one’s gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart, for as long as there is memory, they will live on in our heart

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

For Bereavement:

- June Wanish Family
- Pam and Family
- Jewell’s Family
- Greyson’s Family
- Hazel Nofz and Family



For Healing and Comfort:

- Charley, Jen, Marie Moody, Ruth Ward, Cayden, Michelle’s father and mother, Ryan, Chris McAnally, Delores, Stacy, Bob, Ron, Marge and Kevin

Please submit prayer requests to prayers@firstumcroseville.org

Judas Bags



As of 4/6/2021 the church has received 2,036 coins of which 66 were dollar coins. A mix of Ike big silver dollars, Sacagawea Golden Dollar Coins, Susan B. Anthony Dollars and many of the Brass color Presidential series dollar coins, some folding cash, one check, some pennies and other stuff.

Judy Solari & Don Harris rolled the coins and found a couple of surprises. Don took the one Canadian 5 dollar silver coin to the coin shop and received \$25.00 for it which is part of the total.

We laughed about a battery that looked like a nickel in one bag but did not find a market for it. The nine pennies received are part of the total.



48 cloth bags and 22 plastic bags were returned for a total of \$516.29

There are still 23 cloth bags out which might come in later. The church will take them in any collection, dropped it in the mail slot at the church or given to Judy or Don.

Thanks to all of you who donated money in all its forms to help with our roof repair and feeding the people that come to our church on Mondays for the feeding program. Don Harris

March Madness



Almost \$850 was raised for our general fund at our recent "March Sandwich Madness" event on March 21st. More importantly a fun time was had by all and Pastor Mahsea started us off with prayer. Chef Kathleen [Mirtoni] had a well-oiled and organized assembly line of sandwich makers including Elba Aulich, Kristi Kinzel, Ellen Lopez, Connie Witherow, Ruth Ann Baker, Cathie & Leo Wierbick, Judy Solari, Chris & John Handley, Dennis Bull, Xander Crowell, Debbie Thompson and Jan Sechrist. Dave Sechrist, along with Don Harris as traffic controller, oversaw an eager and highly capable squad of carhops which included Niara Evans, CJ, Drew Gordan and Ayla Crowell.

We also want to give a big shout out to Better Foods Deli at 900 Douglas Blvd in Roseville. We were able to order our meat and cheese from them and they sliced it for us with some expert tips from owner Scott. Be sure to stop by for one of their excellent sandwiches and say thanks!

THANK YOU to all and most especially our folks who ordered sandwiches – couldn't have done it without you! We are blessed to have a faith community who are not only hearers but doers of the Word. God is good. Dave Sechrist



PAPER SHREDDING FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY MAY 22, 2021

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

PRE-PURCHASE Seal N Shred bags (approximately one "banker box") for \$20 each.

Pick up and pay for bags at church office (Memo line: "Fundraiser – 2021 Shred Event")

Fill your bag with material to be shredded – paperclips, 3 ring notebooks and all.

Bring filled bags to the church parking lot on Saturday May 22, 2021; 10 am – 12 pm.

You can watch your paper being shredded inside the truck by camera!

To order a bag contact 916/783-3464

or finance@firstumcroseville.org.

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

Roseville United Methodist Church

109 Washington Blvd.

Roseville, CA 95678

Proceeds go to the ongoing mission of

Roseville First United Methodist Church

Church & Society and Missions Zoom Meet

As we start the process of re-opening the church and restarting many activities that were less active since last March, The Church & Society and Missions/ Outreach Teams will hold a joint meeting on Tuesday, May 4 at 7 pm via Zoom. Anyone interested in participating in the work of either team is invited to attend. Church & Society is the advocacy arm of the UMC, and a more recent team here in Roseville. We have been most visible in coordinating our participation in Sacramento Pride events through our participation in the local area UMC Pride Collective, and organizing the vigil held on the corner of Washington and Church protesting the separation of families at the border. Nationally, the Church & Society areas of focus are Climate, Health, Immigration, Peace, Poverty, and Racial Equality.

Missions/Outreach is a more familiar presence here at Roseville United Methodist Church. They have been responsible for our involvement with Woodbridge School, a variety of United Methodist Volunteers In Mission projects, Placer Prosper, St. Rose's Social Concerns Ministry, and many others. If you have any interest in participating in the activities of either team, or would simply like to be kept informed, please join us after the Prayer Service on Tuesday, May 4.

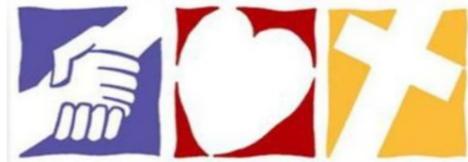
Kristi Kinzel, Church and Society Chair Person

Roof Repair Update as of April 23, 2021

Don Harris, President Board of Trustees

The Church has received \$27,138.30 as of 4/23/2021 for roof repair as per Dave Sechrist, Finance Chairmen. Thanks to each and everyone of you that have helped raise the money for the roof repairs. Currently we had to take \$13,647.35 from Major Maintenance to cover the roof expenses. We still need to raise that \$13,647.35 to replenish the money in the Major Maintenance fund so it will be there when we need it for the next rainy day. Please make sure to mark your donations for "roof repair". Don Harris, Trustee President

| Rrepair roof and water damage at FUMC as of 2021-04-26 | | | |
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| Crowell | remove drywall in pantry | \$ 1,800.00 | paid |
| Crowell | replace roof over pantry | \$ 17,500.00 | paid |
| Crowell | Patch time & materials | \$ 400.00 | paid |
| Crowell | Flooring 5/8 plywood & labor | \$ 800.00 | paid |
| vinyl flooring tile | 9 boxes | \$ 409.85 | paid |
| Crowell | insulation & drywall pantry | \$ 2,900.00 | paid |
| floor repair | Lever & glue & labor | \$ 675.77 | paid |
| Crowell | 6 skylights & labor | \$ 2,900.00 | paid |
| Crowell | new shingles on half of Backma | \$ 7,500.00 | paid |
| Crowell | new gutters & leaf guards | \$ 2,400.00 | paid |
| Crowell | half roof east side | \$ 3,500.00 | paid |
| total estimate | | \$ 40,785.62 | |



Agape Men's Group

Well, at our April 1st meeting on April Fool's Day, all members were well-behaved with no jokes perpetrated. Instead, we learned about past jokes we had played on unsuspecting family members and friends. On April 15, Larry Koncewicz joined us and presented the movie Jesus of Nazareth. We viewed the events from the Last Supper to Pontius Pilate asking the crowd by popular acclaim whether to commute the death sentence of Barabbas or Jesus. The crowd scene was reminiscent of what we had witnessed on January 6, 2021, at the United States Capitol. The consensus was that in terms of crowd behavior nothing much has changed in 2000+ years.

Please join us for our Agape Group gatherings on May 6 and 20, 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 6th will be: What is or has been one of your blind spots? Any questions please contact any of the Agape Team members (Don Harris, Cliff Williams, Thom King, and Dave Sechrist) or Dennis Bull at 630-781-6110. Hope to see you! Dennis Bull

Woodbridge Walk

Join us each Sunday morning at 9 AM- Woodbridge Park, 415 Sierra Blvd, Roseville for a "walk and talk" around the park. Or if you prefer there are benches to "sit and visit". We use masks and social distance to stay safe. Remember if it's raining the walk is canceled for that day.

Please make note of these email addresses for First UMC Roseville

- Church Email: firstumc@firstumcroseville.org
- Prayer Requests: prayers@firstumcroseville.org
- Chimes Article Submissions: chimes@firstumcroseville.org
- Pastor: mevans@firstumcroseville.org
- Certified Lay Leader: kmirtoni@firstumcroseville.org
- Administrative Assistant: cwithrow@firstumcroseville.org
- Office Volunteer: nbray@firstumcroseville.org



Winslow Homer's drawing of a Ladies' Aid Society in Harper's Weekly, 1862

Historical Gleanings

Ladies Aid Society
1930

Mrs. G.C. Starkey entertained members of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist church yesterday afternoon at her home. Following the devotional period a program was given in honor of Mrs. E.G. Lawson, newly elected president of the Sacramento district. Mrs. G.W. Barker gave an original reading composed about Mrs. Lawson. Mrs. H.B. Berry, Helen Sandrock and Clair Sandrock each contributed musical numbers. Mrs. Annie C. King in behalf of the society presented the honor guest with a lovely bouquet of flowers and recited a poem which she had written. The hostess served refreshments in conclusion.

Ladies Aid Society was formed during the American Civil War to provide supplies to soldiers and care for the sick and wounded soldiers. In 1879 the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant church was founded; in 1884 the Women's Missionary Society was organized in the Evangelical Association. These groups became powerful, independent women's organizations, sending hundreds of missionaries all over the world and supported many projects. The Ladies Aid Societies were incorporated into the missionary societies in the 1940's. Through reorganization and denominational mergers, these various groups were brought together. In 1973, United Methodist Women became the women's mission organization of The United Methodist Church.

Phoebe Astill —Church Historian



Although we have not met in person this past year due to COVID, our local unit of UMW, has continued to support the National and International UMW programs and facilities with our contributions. In addition to our regular pledge support, we sent a generous contribution during Lent. We missed getting together for our traditional program "Call to Prayer and Self Denial", but our contributions go to fund such projects that help underserved women, children and youth. These programs include GED, ESL, job readiness, life skills and livelihood training, scholarships and micro enterprises, as well as others, here in our country and abroad.

We have kept in touch with each other by phone, email and cards. Some of us have even gone the step further by utilizing zoom and by being active in the outreach of our church through The Circuit Riders, and by continuing to make and distribute prayer shawls. Some of us by having more time at home, have been dropping off food at neighboring shut-ins and helping them out in other ways. Keeping a safe distance. This year has been an opportunity to live out our UMW Pledge in perhaps a more varied way. We are looking forward to when we meet again, hopefully by September!

Shelly Newton, Acting President

Thank You!

Thank you, Church, for your many prayers, cards, emails, phone calls and offers to help as I recover from my recent concussion. I praise God for your loving kindnesses.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1ST RUTH WARD
DONNA DAMMANN
- 4TH GARY MC ROBERTS
- 5TH IGNAZIO SANTIAGO
- 6TH PHOEBE ASTILL
- 7TH MARY BUSKIRK
- 12TH DECLAN WILLIAMS
- 17TH KATHLEEN MIRTONI
- 18TH HILDEE GALVIN
- 21ST DONNA HALL
LIZ HARVEY
- 22ND GAIL PROVINE
- 24TH JON BALENZANO
NANCY BALENZANO
- 26TH JIM BALL
- 27TH ASHLEY RIPLEY
SAVANNAH SCOTT
- 28TH NORMAN EGGERT
- 31ST DAVE SECHRIST



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



The 3 C's are definitely looking forward to the church opening, hopefully soon. The group has missed being together to create their lovely items to have available for church folks. Items are sold after church on a quarterly basis and funds are used for various church and community programs. The sharing of the Christian faith and socialization brings us all closer together as we serve our Lord. We have many supplies given to the group, which we are willing to share with other crafters. Our next meeting will be announced in a future Chimes newsletter. Plan on joining us for a morning time of conversation and idea sharing. Call Susan Reining, Barbara Hulse or Donna Hall to learn more. We welcome newcomers!

Susan Reining
Barbara Hulse



Recycle April 10th, \$76.00
Please keep saving your recyclables to bring in on Saturday May 8, 2021 in the parking lot between 9-11am

Thanks to all! It helps our church pay our bills.

Don Harris, Trustee President



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

March

Noses, Dollars, and Cents

Basic Monthly Statistics:

Income Mar. 2021: \$10,307.31
 Expenses Mar. 2021: \$12,058.59
 Net Income Mar. 2021: **\$ 1,754.28**
 Transfer from Lending: \$ 0.00
 New Total: **\$ 1,751.28**

Basic Yearly Statistics 2021

YTD Income: \$37,038.66
 YTD Expense: \$38,551.22
 Net Income: **\$1,512.56**
 Transfer from Lending: \$ 2,500.00
 New Total: \$987.44

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

April Worship Online Views
Total: 393 Average: 98

The Monday Feeding Program for the homeless served 260 meals in April

"My secret is very simple, I pray. Through prayer I become one in love with Christ. I realize praying to Him is loving Him." Mother Teresa
Submitted by Susan Reining