

For behold, the winter is past;
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth,
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove is
heard in our land.

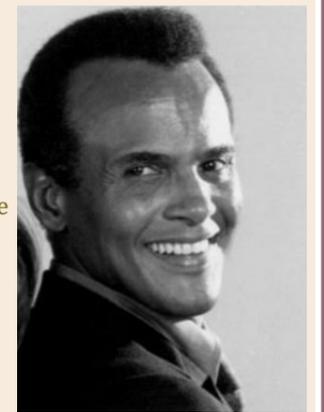
Song of Solomon 2:11-12



"Each and everyone of you has the power, the will and the capacity to make a difference in the world in which you live."

Harry Belafonte

Harry Belafonte, the incredibly suave singer, actor, and activist passed away recently at the age of 96. Belafonte was a barrier-breaking figure who was celebrated as a gifted performer and a trailblazer in popular culture. Besides his success in the entertainment industry, his legacy is defined by his work toward achieving racial justice as a fierce defender of civil rights. He had a lifelong friendship with Rev Martin Luther King Jr who he befriended early in his career. Beyond attending marches, Belafonte acted as a major donor to the civil rights movement behind the scenes, and often provided the needed funds to bail out King and other activists from jail.



I thought of Harry Belafonte and his legacy as I boarded a plane out of Sacramento to Spartanburg, South Carolina. I was at this national conference representing Roseville with a delegation that was convened by our partner, The Health Education Council. First Church has been involved with regional projects that promote the holistic health of communi-

ties from economic to social well-being. Our commitment to service and "love for neighbor" has fueled efforts like the Monday Meal Program and Fourth Fridays. It has also put us in vital collaborative relationships. As a faith leader, I have been well positioned in many conversations with other cities seeking new and innovative approaches to serving their communities.

This brings me back to Spartanburg. Though it is smaller than its sibling city, Greenville, it still has its own identity and flavor. Against the backdrop of sweeping green hills, I talked with city officials and activists about the church's role in being a community partner with local government. While this happened, many pleasantries were shared and much sweet tea was sipped. While standing near a corner market with a vintage Coca Cola sign, I learned about Spartanburg's history from Mayor Jerome Rice including its



unique challenges and triumphs. I also had an enlightening conversation about how the railroad tracks delineated the racial neighborhoods. This happened while stopped at a railroad crossing as a north-bound freight train rumbled through the center of town.



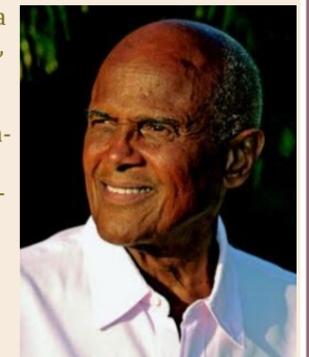
Ostensibly, this opportunity in Spartanburg was about networking and elevating best practices for community upliftment. Further, I was able to brag about what First Church is doing in Roseville, even as I was able to learn from others about what they were doing in their cities. However, it

turned out to be much more than that. These encounters in the deep South, not only challenged me, but it inspired me to be a better leader.

Upon returning from the conference, I had some time to think about my trip to South Carolina while being laid over in Denver. Harry Belafonte came back to my mind as I, through puffy eyes, saw myself in the airport mirror. My ruffled sweatsuit-wearing visage was far removed from the naturally smooth and debonair aura that accompanied Mr. Belafonte. However, I took comfort in knowing that I was doing my best to follow his example. Tragically, emulation is not manifesting through my physical appearance (especially during a cross-country travel day), but in my deep dedication in trying to "make a difference." I am grateful for the life and witness of Harry Belafonte, and honor all those who are still inspiring people to do good in this world.

"If I've impacted one heart, one mind, one soul and brought to that individual a greater truth than that individual came into a relationship with me having, then I would say that I have been successful."

Harry Belafonte



Blessings
Mahsea Evans

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Meet Rev. Angel Rivero

I grew up in Rosamond, Calif., a small desert town in the Antelope Valley. I moved to Northern California to attend Pacific Union College, a small liberal arts college in the Napa Valley affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Though I went there intentionally to prepare for pastoral ministry within that denomination, my college years were a time for me to think critically, ask hard questions, and learn more about myself. I started to connect with pastors from other denominations, which was discouraged, and later even landed a side gig, working in children's ministry, at St. Helena UMC. By the time I was ready to graduate, I had come to understand my sexuality and knew I had no choice but to leave the tradition that formed since my youth. Denominationally disconnected, I felt drawn to the ecumenical and interfaith environment on Berkeley's Holy Hill. There I received the Pacific School of Religion's presidential merit award, providing me a full-ride scholarship for my Master of Divinity.

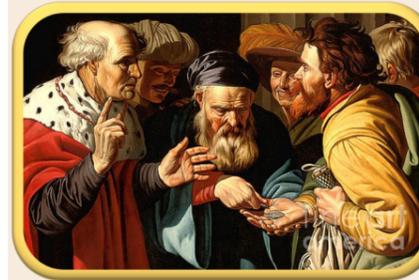
In seminary, I flirted with a couple denominations, but ultimately found my theological home within The United Methodist Church, in spite of the denomination's homophobic language in the Book of Discipline. A friend encouraged me to attend a discernment conference for young adults in Portland organized by the UMC. Frankly, it wasn't that great, so I ditched the conference for Powell's Books and found a book on the life and teachings of John Wesley. I read it during the conference, fell in love with the Wesleyan way of Christianity, and I came back home a Methodist. I then became a professing member at Open Door UMC in Richmond and they became my sponsoring parish for the ordination process and later my field education site.

My appointed ministry started in July of 2020 as the pastor at Marina UMC. The first year was primarily focused on building online presence, administrative restructuring, and creative strategies for faith formation and community engagement in a world of social distancing. I also led efforts to invest in the building and property, prioritizing delayed maintenance and accessibility concerns. In July 2021, my appointment was expanded to include the East Salinas Family Center, a small Latino UM Fellowship, in Salinas. In East Salinas, I reinstated weekly worship services, developed lay leadership, and identified long-term challenges for congregational vitality, which led us in a period of discernment about mission, purpose, and capacity. This led us to merge with Salinas First UMC in December 2022, transforming Salinas First UMC into a two-campus, bilingual community of faith.

I met my husband, Martin Juarez, in 2019. He was raised in Redwood City and is a "P.K." (pastor's kid). Martin graduated from the University of San Francisco and he is a soon-to-be graduate of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey. When he's not surfing Reddit, he enjoys specialty coffee, bookstores, and running. After a couple postponements due to pandemic concerns and wildfires, we got married in Pacific Grove in 2020. Martin and I are cat dads to Simon & Garfunkel, our two nearly three-year-old rescues. Simon, an orange long-hair, is very friendly while his brother from another mother, Garfunkel, a gray short-hair, is not a fan of company. We enjoy thrifting, being outdoors (hiking, kayaking), going to the movies, and road trips.

As your incoming pastor, I look forward to learning more about the purpose and values that make up the community known as First Church. Building on that foundation, together we will be able to be more strategic with our assets and in our leadership, intentional with existing and future partnerships, and bold in our welcome, worship, and witness. I ask that you keep us in your prayers - Martin is actively looking for employment, we need to secure housing in Roseville, and do the difficult task of saying farewell to our congregations and community here in Monterey County. We look forward to this next chapter with you.

Pastor Angel



Judas Bag

The Judas bags were collected before and on Easter morning. A total of 51 bags containing 38 dollar coins, of which 7 were the large Ike dollars, 85 half dollar coins, 738 quarters, 392 dimes, 563 nickels and 250 pennies, mostly collected on the church grounds by our custodian, Kevin Hubert. (Thanks Kevin) One of the nickels was a liberty head dated 1896 but the back was badly worn so was only worth 5 cents but interesting. Also included in the Judas bags were a \$30 check, (3) \$20 dollar bills, (1) \$10 bill, a \$2 dollar bill and (7) \$1 dollar bills. These along with the coins totaled \$429.85.

Thanks to Veronica for pulling the Judas bag wagon up to the altar to be blessed. Many Thanks to all the people that supported this Judas Bag project. Don Harris and Judy Solari





*Ode,
Composed on a May Morning*
By William Wordsworth

*While from the purpling east departs
The star that led the dawn,
Blithe Flora from her couch upstarts,
For May is on the lawn.
A quickening hope, a freshening glee,
Foreran the expected Power,
Whose first-drawn breath, from bush
and tree,
Shakes off that pearly shower.*

Submitted by Mahsea Evans

God's Masterpiece is Mother
by Herbert Farnham
*God took the fragrance of a flower...
The majesty of a tree...
The gentleness of morning dew...
The calm of a quiet sea...
The beauty of the twilight hour...
The soul of a starry night...
The laughter of a rippling brook...
The grace of a bird in flight...
Then God fashioned these things
A creation like no other,
And when his masterpiece was
through
He called it simply—Mother.*



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

The Sacramento Master Singers are ready for their close up at this Hollywood inspired concert. Join us for a night of favorite songs from the silver screen. From *Top Gun* to *Encanto*, there's a bit of every film genre to enjoy at *Master Singers Go to the Movies*.

PREFORMANCES

Friday, May 19th @ 7:30 pm—Sunday, May 21st @ 3:00 pm
For more information and to purchase tickets go to:
https://www.mastersingers.org/2022_23_concerts/master-singers-go-to-the-movies/

Spring Bouquet Brunch
Saturday the 3rd of June

11:00 am

Menu:

*Ham & Cheese or Veggie Quiche,
(Vegan Quiche available on request)
salad, fresh fruit, scones
and cream puffs for dessert*

Tickets:

Adult—\$20.00 Age 15 & Under—\$15.00
Door prize drawing ticket included with each purchase,
and additional tickets can be purchased at the door
\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

"Keep it Simple" flower arranging and
"How to Build a Birdhouse" demonstrations
Face Painting will be available for the "young at heart"

Tickets go on sale May 14th!

Please see Ruth Ann Baker or Elba Aulich
to purchase your tickets.

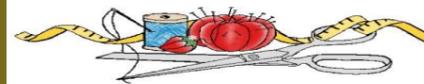
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The Agape Group did not meet on Holy Saturday as members were taking a break after a week of rehearsal and performance of the play "Is It I?" based on Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting of the Last Supper. This was the eighth time it has been presented at Roseville First United Methodist Church under the direction of Don Harris. Although it may have been harder for cast members to memorize their lines than in years past, the presentation was a gift of love. A secondary benefit to the cast members was the shared camaraderie.

Our next gathering will be on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Heritage Chapel. The burning question of the day will be to share a life-changing event you experienced with your mother or a humorous event in which you both shared a good laugh. 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.

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



Spring Cleaning Time Has Arrived!

3C's has received lots and lots of donations for which we are very grateful! Thank you for all your donations to us. Most of the time you can just put your donations in the craft room however, we would really appreciate knowing who has made donations so that we can thank you personally.

Now it's time to organize our craft room so that we can make better use of our supplies and the craft room. We will start our Spring Cleaning at our first meeting, Thursday, May 4th at 10:30 am. As always we welcome newcomers. Come on in and give us the benefit of you organizational skills. We would love the help. Of course we also enjoy the camaraderie as we work.

If you are in need of any crafting supplies please do not hesitate to contact Susan Reining, Nancy Bray, or Chris Handley and let us know what you need. We may just have it and the price is right, as in "free". We have lots of fabric, yarn, craft supplies, etc. Hope to see you on the 4th of May!
Blessings, Nancy Bray



YESTERYEAR IN ROSEVILLE

Carrie Keehner King was the daughter of Roseville pioneer Charles Keehner, and a lifelong member of this church. The family came to Roseville in 1870 and operated a blacksmith shop on Vernon and Lincoln Street. She was born in a house at the corner of Vernon and Lincoln Streets where the Mike's Bike shop now stands. The following is her recollections of early life in Roseville:

"When my father wanted me to help him, he would pound three times on the anvil. I would drop everything and go running. I'd help him shoe horses by taking a broom and keeping the flies off him. We used to go to church in a wagon. After church we would get a bite to eat and then go for a ride in the country. I liked Roseville the way it used to be. It's nice to see it grow, but I loved it the way it was. You knew everybody then." Carrie was 97 years old when she gave this interview to the Press Tribune. Carrie was very active in the church until her passing, and I remember her with fond memories.

Phoebe Astill Historical Chair

Please continue to pray for the following people.

For Healing & Comfort

Connie, Marie, Hazel, Brandon, Earl, Deena,
Roy, Juliana, Audrey, LeRoy, MaryAnn,
Denise, Roy and Karen

Please submit request for prayers to prayers@firstumcroseville.org





“If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character. If there is beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home. If there is harmony in the home, there will be order in the nations. When there is order in the nations, there will be peace in the world.”

Confucius

Submitted by Susan Reining



“DID YOU KNOW...”

While FUMC travels a new and exciting path of community engagement with our neighbors and allied agencies, our regular operations and ministries continue to require substantial funding. FUMC has not run a balanced budget (where operating income meets or exceeds operating expenses) in at least five years. We are blessed to have substantial resources in the form of endowment funds created years ago by prior generations of church members, but it is only by drawing down those resources that we have been able to meet all of our obligations over those years. The endowment funds still have significant balances on hand, but they are dwindling. The 2023 budget as approved by Church Council was no exception, with an anticipated negative balance \$42,186.11 at the end of the year. This budget was based on the existing pastoral compensation package with Pastor Mahsea on a three-quarter time basis. As you undoubtedly know, we will instead be installing a new pastor on July 1 st on a full-time basis. This will increase our anticipated negative balance for all of 2023 to \$60,034.94. We anticipate that the conference will be forthcoming with a grant of \$5,000.00 to assist as we convert to a full-time pastor, and there may be an additional \$2,500.00 grant coming from an anonymous donor. This will obviously help! Just as we are excited by the new ventures and relationships we have developed in the past year, our Bishop, District Superintendent and conference are also excited by this new growth. They are very eager to see FUMC continue to grow and engage even further with our community.

Dave Sechrist,
Finance Team Chairman



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1ST RUTH WARD
- 4TH GARY MCROBERTS
- 5TH IGNAZIO SANTIAGO
- 6TH PHOEBE ASTILL
- 7TH MARY BUSKIRK
- 11TH LINDA TRIGUBETZ
- 12TH DECLAN WILLIAMS
- 17TH JOYCE HARMON
KATHLEEN MIRTONI
- 18TH HILDEE GALVIN
- 21ST LIZ HARVEY
DONNA HALL
- 22ND GAIL PROVINE
- 24TH NANCY BALENZANO
JON BALENZANO
- 25TH GIL HUMPHERYS
- 26TH JIM BALL
- 27TH SAVANNAH SCOTT
ASHLEY RIPLEY
- 28TH NORMAN EGGERT
- 31ST JULIE ROMIG
DAVE SECHRIST



United Women in Faith

Our next general meeting will be on Wednesday May 10, 2023 at noon. Bring your own “brown bag lunch” if you so desire. The Leadership Team will meet at 11:00 prior to the general meeting.

At last month’s meeting, we were informed of the Great Northern District’s annual Spiritual Retreat being held at The Mercy Center in Auburn, July 14th-16th.

Reservations are limited, although they will have a waiting list if rooms are unavailable. Several of us have sent in our registrations. Contact Shelly Newton or Nancy William for a registration form and further information. Mercy Center is located in a beautiful secluded setting, has an exciting program planned, and serves delicious meals!

In May we will continue our study of The Fruit of the Spirit. This month’s Spirit is on Peace lead by Shelly Newton. We are enthused to continue this study on all nine of the Fruits of the Spirit. Nancy William, lead us on the meditation of Kindness last month.

As always we welcome newcomers and visitors to our meetings. Hope to see you on May 10th!
Shelly Newton



On 4/8/2023 we received \$62.25 for recycled cans & bottles. Thanks for saving them and donating them to the church.

Don Harris, Trustee Chair

NEXT RECYCLE IS SATURDAY
May 13, 2023
9-11:00 AM

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—Dennis Bull,
Thom King, and Paul Woicicki
- Memorial—Susan Reining
- Worship Team Leader—Nancy Bray
- Congregational Care—Gail Provine
- Music Director—John Handley
- Communications—Kristi Kinzel
- Lay Leadership Training—Kristi Kinzel

Church Office Hours
Monday— Friday 9:00 AM—12NOON



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PAPER SHREDDING FUNDRAISER
NEXT 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 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



Learn to Speak Spanish

The Mission Team is sponsoring a beginner’s Spanish conversation group which is meeting weekly on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM in Heritage Chapel. Everyone is invited to attend and you don’t have to come every week. Please drop in whenever you can!

Cathie Wierbick



Worship
Attendance in the first 4 weeks of April was 320, the Average was 80.

The Monday Feeding Program

In April 246 meals were served to the hungry in our community.

