

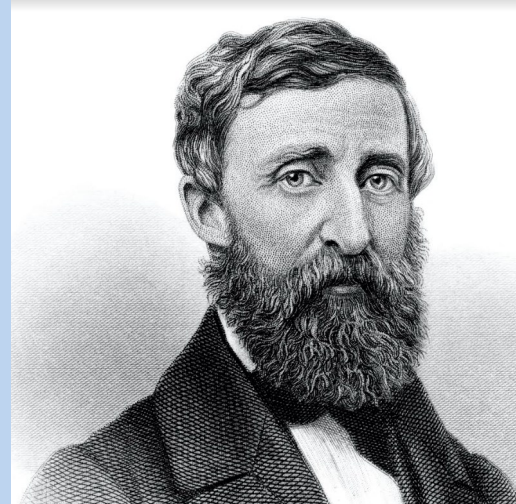


*© give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his steadfast love
endures forever.*

Praise the Lord!

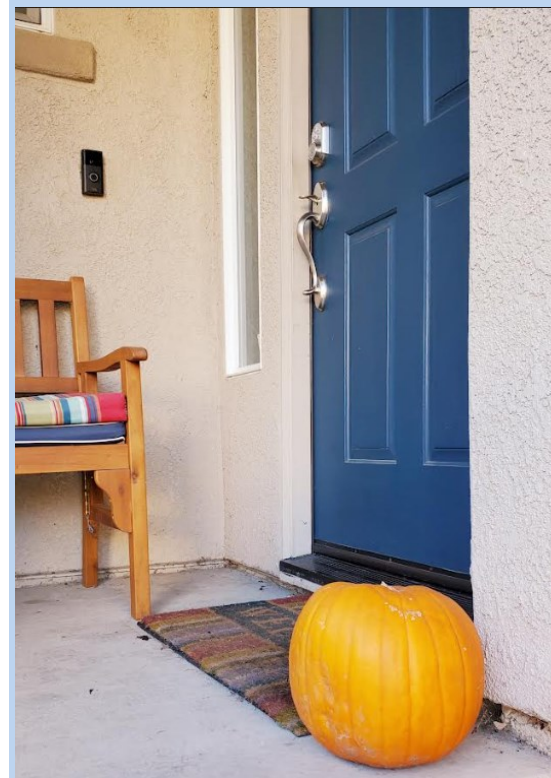
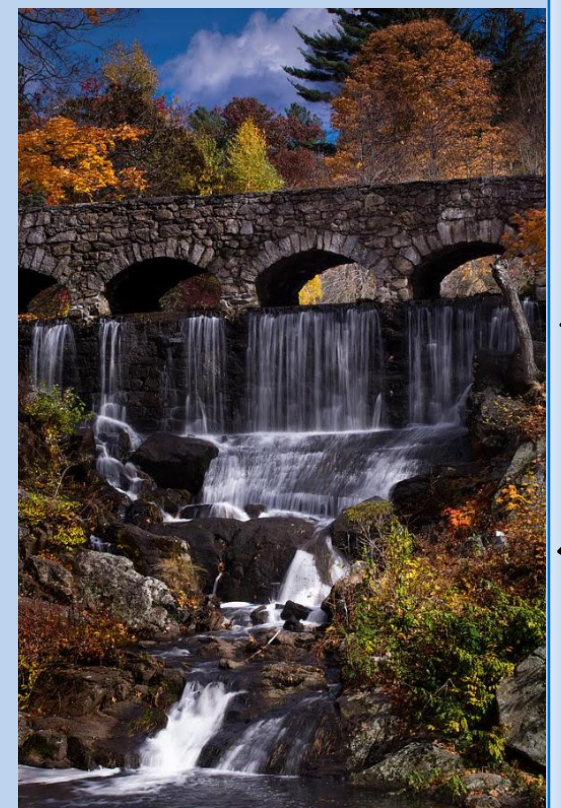
Psalms 118: 1

Thoughts of the Season



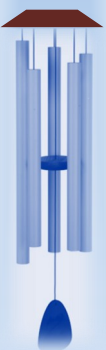
Henry David Thoreau, the great 19th century author and philosopher from New England, once wrote, "I would rather sit on a pumpkin, and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion." As a naturalist, it makes sense that Thoreau would wax poetic on how the virtues of a simple pumpkin eclipse the perceived nobility of velvet. More, it is expected that Thoreau would employ his skillful wit to describe the unique joy found in the expanse of Autumn's court, imploring us to seek audience with the quiet regality enrobed in the twilight season of the year's procession. The throne of November, adorned with gems of shortened days, offers the irony of an extended scepter; a quiet permission to meditate on the beauty of letting go like felled leaves arrayed in colorful grandeur.

In Manchester, CT, the town where I was born, there is a place called Case Mountain. It is a large wooded area filled with hiking trails, streams, and hills with natural vista points that overlook a scenery densely dotted with deciduous trees until Hartford's skyline rises with defiance in the distance. What is most notable in my memory about this space is how the waters near Highland Park flow under the beautiful stone bridge that was constructed around the same time that Thoreau was writing. It is quintessentially New England. Being only one mile from my house, I often loved going to this location in November when the falling water and arched stones were perfectly framed by the splendor of Autumn.



I thought of all these things as I came home the other night and noticed that Kawami had positioned a single pumpkin at our front door. The bold orange of this rounded winter squash seemed as if it was standing sentinel at the threshold of my home. Though I do not have the urge to sit on it as Thoreau may have suggested long ago; at this age I much prefer velvet cushions. I do, however, feel compelled to embrace the invitations of this royal season; to welcome the wisdom of slowing down, to let go what is no longer needed, and to meditate on Nature's majesty—especially when it flaunts the beauty of its Fall collection.

Blessings,
Mahsea Evans



A Trip To Paradise

The Camp fire in 2018 destroyed the town of Paradise. 88 people lost their lives. 19,000 structures were destroyed. More than 11,000 homes burned to the ground. But four years later, the town is being reestablished. Businesses and churches are open, residents are occupying their newly built homes and many more houses are under construction. Still, the charred tree trunks, barren lots, and hundreds of tree stumps are evidence of the momentous destruction of this beautiful area in Northern California.

On October 12, six members of our church met up with four members of Eureka FUMC and one member, Melanie Kincheloe, of Smith River FUMC, in Paradise to aid in the rebuilding of the community. Over the next three days, the ten of us worked on three new homes, under the direction of employees of Hope Crisis Recovery Network, (formerly known as Hope City). Some volunteers installed new flooring, others painted, installed shelving and towel racks, and did clean-up.

We worked hard during the day, enjoyed hearty meals and fellowship in the evenings, and left knowing that we had contributed in some small way, to the revival of the community.

Don Harris and Judy Solari had this say about their experience:

We thought the mission trip was rewarding. We felt we were closer to feeling the actual pain and the relief of it by our manual work. Seeing the devastated town and all the tree stumps after years of total destruction was sobering. Meeting other Methodist church members and feeling the positive attitude of all those workers was uplifting in our spirits. Yes, we were tired when we got home but it was a good type of tired. The physical tired will pass but the good feelings in our hearts will live on. In a sense I feel like a hummingbird with a beak full of water helping put out a forest fire. I am very small but I am doing my part.

Cathie Wierbick shared that “Everyone should do this at least once!”

Dave Sechrist summarized his experience with some key words:

Rewarding Fellowship—with both old friends and new acquaintances.

Rewarding work—learning new skills and banging a big rubber mallet, what could be better? And we got to say “done”(my all time favorite word) with floors.

Unsettling—seeing the level of destruction still in evidence four years after the fire

Inspiring—seeing the work already done and feeling the commitment of the community to rebuilding

Soreness—just, ouch!

Norman Eggert mentioned that he is “always happy to be a part of helping where I can”.

This was my sixth disaster recovery mission. I was not surprised by the devastation, but was nonetheless horrified by it. Again, I was inspired by the innate resilience of the human spirit, and the way people come together during disastrous times. I am grateful that I could bring this opportunity to my church family members so that they could experience the unique sense of God’s presence through a recovery trip, and humbled by their level of commitment to the mission. Also, it was a joy to work, again, with three of the members from Eureka FUMC. I first met Pam, Steve and Sue on my first recovery trip in Colorado. I was happy to get to know Pastor Rebecca, the relatively new leader of Eureka FUMC.

As we say in UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEER IN MISSION—“Sempre Gumby”, “Always Flexible”. It’s a motto that applies to all areas of our lives.

Peace, Kathleen Mirtoni



What in the World is a Las Posadas?

Las Posadas (The Inns) is a religious festival celebrated in Mexico and some parts of Latin America and the United States between December 16 and 24 (symbolizing Mary’s 9-month pregnancy). Las Posadas commemorates the journey that Mary and Joseph made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus. When they were unable to find lodging at an inn in Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph had to seek shelter in a stable where the Christ Child was born.

Each evening during the festival, a couple portraying Mary and Joseph and/or children dressed as angels carrying lit candles lead a procession through the streets of the town. Adults follow the procession which visits selected homes and asks for lodging for Mary and Joseph. Per tradition, at each stop the procession is refused lodging, a portion of the Christmas story is shared, and Christmas carols sung. At the final stop Mary and Joseph are provided shelter at the inn. A party for the procession then ensues with a tamale dinner, music and dancing, games, and the breaking of a pinata filled with candy and small toys.

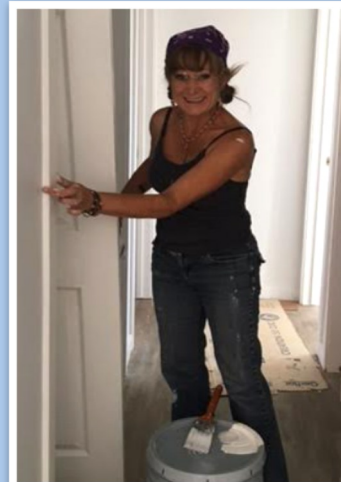
When and where can I experience a Las Posadas?

First Church, Saturday, December 17, 2022, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Transportation will be provided for those who have difficulty walking. Our procession stops include our neighborhood Weber Park, historical downtown Roseville, and First Church’s Centennial Garden.

More details to follow in the December “Chimes”. Please save the date for this celebration that not only pays homage to Jesus’s birth but also brings together the community and strengthens relationships.

Dennis Bull



LIVING INTO OUR VISION

by Jan Sechrist

As Pastor Mahsea has been leading us through our vision of “doing our very best to live into the gospel message of love as a community committed to offering hope to the world,” it became apparent at what a manifestation of that looked like for me.

Earlier this year, when the assisted living facilities started opening back up to visitors, I started serving communion on the first Sunday of the month to Barbara Hulse who lives at Sierra Pointe [now called Ivy Park]. She was finding receiving communion in person so meaningful that she started mentioning that she knew a couple of other folks at the facility who might also enjoy receiving communion as much as she did and wondered if she could invite them. My reply was that the table is open to all and that would be fine with me if she felt there would be room in her small apartment.

The first time a couple other ladies came; the next time there were 3 or 4 others. It soon became apparent that a larger room was needed so Barbara started reserving a small activity room for whoever would like to receive communion as the word started spreading. Since that time, I have been serving communion once a month at Ivy Park to as few as 4 to as many as a dozen or so.

I have since realized why God led me to do this. Every time I have served communion, everyone expresses their gratitude of having received it in person as I was made aware that none of them can attend a worship service. There are no in person worship services offered at Ivy Park and even though they can view services at various churches in the area online [including ours], it is not the same. Fortunately for those who are Catholic, they also receive communion regularly at Ivy Park but none of the folks I serve can receive it.

Thanks be to God for Barbara’s open and caring heart and for Pastor Mahsea’s grace and blessing to allow me to do this for God’s people at Ivy Park. It is truly God’s blessing, for me as well as those I am serving. It concretely affirms for me how this meaningful act is expressing the gospel message of love as a community that brings hope to the world. As those I am serving in turn, pass that message of love and hope they receive on to others they are in community with [the world], the ripple effects are astounding as I reflect on it.

What does your manifestation of our vision look like?

Nothing is insignificant, it ALL counts – even a smile speaks love in all languages.

God is truly with us.

Amen.

Charge Conference and Potluck Lunch

**Please save the date of Sunday, November 27 for our Annual Charge Conference.
It will be In Backman Hall following worship that day along with a potluck lunch.**

The Rev. Ginger Foster from Pioneer UMC in Auburn will be presiding.

Potluck sign ups are:

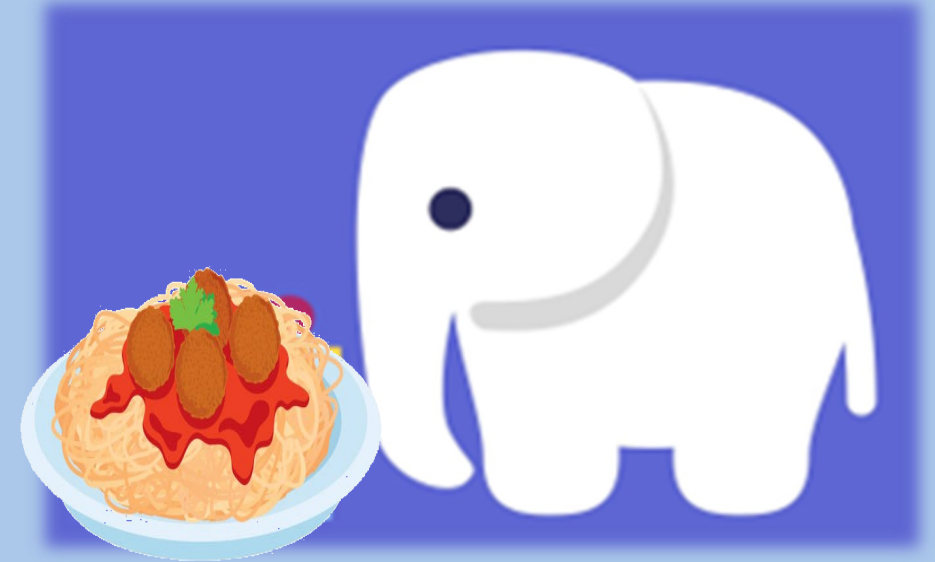
If you last name starts with, please bring:

A to J Dessert

K to O Main Dish

P to Z Side dish [salad, vegetable, bread, etc]

If you need more information please contact Jan Sechrist



Spaghetti Lunch & White Elephant Sale

Church Fundraiser Hosted by: First Church of Roseville

When: Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022

Time: 12 Noon

Place: Backman Hall

Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and a Drink

Tickets: \$20.00 for Adults

\$12.00 for Children 12 years and under

We are still collecting items that people no longer need or use but would be a wonderful addition for another person, plus new handmade items or creations you think others would buy. Please go to the church website, <http://www.firstumcroseville.org>, click on Events in the top bar and scroll down to “White Elephant Sale” to view items already donated that you may want to purchase.

I hope all of you will support this church fundraiser by donating an item or two, and by coming to the event. Please come and enjoy the fellowship and buy a treasure you have been wanting or discover that special item you just cannot live without! .

Tickets may be purchased from Don Harris, Judy Solari, RuthAnn Baker, Kristi Kinzel, or in the church office from Connie Witherow.

With each of us participating, we will have a very successful fundraiser to benefit our church! I look forward to seeing you at the White Elephant Sale Lunch.

Contact Don Harris, 916-712-8338 to donate items

Don Harris, White Elephant Sale Committee Chair

*No pianos please as they are too difficult to move.

Historical Gleanings

Phoebe Astill Chair

The Church Bell

NO MORE SWINGING

The church bell was installed in the original Methodist Church in 1882 and was dedicated in 1883. In Nov of 1951 the bell was moved to the new tower when the church was remodeled. It was rung by pulling a rope that extended from the tower to a small room in the basement of the building. Some of the boys of the church were the bell ringers and it usually took two of them to ring the bell. The bell always let most of the town know it was time for church. When Paul Gordon, a member of the church, went up to the tower he stated that he was surprised at the size and weight of the bell. It was some 30 inches across and weighed at least 300 pounds.

Now instead of someone going to the basement to ring the bell, all that someone has to do is push a button and the mechanical device installed in 1974 in the tower will pull the hammer to strike the side of the bell and it will ring out. No longer does the bell swing or move to vibrate the air waves adding to the freshness of the tones, just the dull "D" sound which you can hardly hear today. I can still remember hearing that wonderful sound as I walked to church with my mother each Sunday morning.

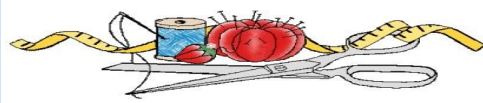


(Online photo not our bell.)



You may have noticed that the donation box for the Gathering Inn has disappeared from the back of the sanctuary. We hope that the thief found some relief in the (typically) small sum inside! Those small sums do add up, however, and we hope you will continue to support the Gathering Inn. Just seal your donation into a giving envelope from your pew, and write "The Gathering Inn" on the envelope (with or without your name.) Put the envelope into the offering plate with your regular offering. Blessings!!

3 C's Invite You to Join Us!



3 C's

3 C's will hold a pop up craft sale after church, in Backman Hall, on Sunday, November 20th. Items for sale will include homemade Christmas cards, plus a few other gift ideas.

We enjoyed two classes in the month of October lead by RuthAnn Baker on how to make Christmas cards. Mildred Batiste read a beautiful prayer for our devotion. Lots of new faces attended the classes so it was a fun time of meeting new people, crafting and fellowship.

3C's meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Usually at 11:00 AM but sometimes at 10:00AM. Check the "Week Ahead" email or the church calendar on the website for the correct time. All are invited to attend.

For more information Contact: Chris Handley 916 -705-9290 or Susan Reining 916-768-8532



Dear Lord, for your love and the hope that lives in our hearts because of your love, we are truly blessed and thankful! Amen!

Please continue to pray for the following people.

For Healing & Comfort

Connie, Marie, Hazel,
Jerry, Sheraya, Brandon,
Josette, Sara



For Bereavement

Rolly Loomis

Please submit request for prayers to prayers@firstumcroseville.org



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1ST DEBBI THOMPSON
2ND DELANEY WILLIAMS
JOHNNA STAUFFER
3RD SHELLY NEWTON
4TH FRANCES BURTON
5TH DREW BRAY
CORRINE WILLIAMS
8TH ERIC LUMLEY
9TH ELBA AULICH
10TH DORIS SHEPARD
BAKER
BRIAN CROOKS
11TH CONNIE WECKER
20TH NANCY BRAY
CHLOE TRILLO
22RD NICHOLAS WILSON
23RD RACHAEL WILSON
27TH PATRICK LOUCKS
CLAYTON WITHEROW
31ST ANNETTE KING



Agape Men's Group

For our October meeting the burning question of the day was your reaction to the birth of your first child and/or grandchild. Common themes were the miracle of birth and the experience of holding the newborn for the first time. Stories of happiness and sadness about our children and grandchildren were shared. A takeaway was that happiness and sadness often intersect in our lives.

Our next gathering will be on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Heritage Chapel. Our burning question of the day will be: What is your favorite tool and why, and what is your least favorite tool and why? For those of you like the writer who are "all thumbs", these will be very difficult questions.

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. If you are new to the First Church family, we encourage you to give us a try. We think you will like us!!! Happy Thanksgiving! Dennis Bull

Worship Attendance

Total: 289 Average: 58

The Monday Feeding Program

In October approximately 340 meals were served to those in our community.



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
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Memorial—Susan Reining
Worship Team Leader—Nancy Bray
Congregational Care—Gail Provine
Music Director—John Handley
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Monday— Friday 8:00 AM—11AM



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We received \$55.00 in October for 2nd Saturday Recycling of cans & bottles. .

Thanks to all who save cans & bottles for this project. Every bit helps us pay our bills.

Don Harris Trustee Chair

NEXT RECYCLE IS SATURDAY

November 12, 2022
9-11:00 AM