

“
O, heavenly Father:
We thank thee for food
and remember the hungry.
We thank thee for health
and remember the sick.
We thank thee for friends
and remember the
friendless. We thank thee
for freedom and remember
the enslaved. May these
remembrances stir us to
service, that thy gifts to
us may be used for others.
Amen.”

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

woman's day

Pastor's Message

Friends,

As we wrap up the “Keep Us Growing” stewardship campaign for 2024, I am reminded of the words from the Apostle Paul to the Church in Philippi: “Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart.” (Philippians 1:3-4, *The Message*).

While we fell short of our campaign goal, I am grateful to witness the commitment to First Church and its vital ministries. The road ahead will be tough and we will have difficult decisions to make, but I am comforted knowing that we are in this together. May our faith in God and in one another serve as encouragement as we move forward.

Our mission is clear: “Where we do our very best to live into the gospel message of love, as a community, committed to offering hope to the world.” With this before us, we will be able to continue and grow in purposeful and intentional mission and witness in the community. But, we need all hands on deck. Let us recommit our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness for First Church and for the advancement of God’s love.

Pastor Angel

A reminder of some things that are happening in the month of November:

•All Saints’ Sunday – November 5

All Saints’ Day, one of John Wesley’s favorite liturgical days, is a time we remember the saints of God who have paved the way before us and are now in the Church Triumphant. In this service, we will have a time to name our beloved First Church members who passed away since last All Saints’ Day. You are invited to bring photos of loved ones from your life who have died to remind us of that “great cloud of witnesses.” They may be placed on the tables in the chancel area.

•All-Church Charge Conference – November 12

The all-church meeting will take place at 11:30 a.m. in Backman Hall. This will be a time for updating membership, electing church leadership, approving pastoral compensation, learning more about the annual conference’s vision statement, among other things. An agenda will be sent out to the congregation in the days leading up to the meeting. All are welcome to attend and all professing members are eligible to vote. Rev. Dr. Blake Busick, our district superintendent, will be presiding. SPRC Members: are meeting with DS Blake at 9:45 a.m. that morning in Heritage Chapel.

•Reign of Christ Sunday – November 26

Also known as Christ the King Sunday, this is the “New Year’s Eve” equivalent in the liturgical calendar as it marks the last Sunday in the Church year. It is a Sunday where we celebrate that, above all, Jesus is Lord. We’ll be singing some new and familiar hymns as we praise Jesus and welcome his kingdom among us.



HISTORICAL GLEANINGS

The window "Methodist Flame Symbol" was dedicated May 25, 1982 in loving memory of "Andy" S.R. Anderson. Andy was born in North Dakota. Raised by Norwegian parents in a Christian home. Home. He met and married Emma in 1925 and they had three children. They moved to Roseville in 1943 and became members of the Church. A former pastor Robert Benefiel once stated "I would urge you not to forget the pivotal role Andy played as the church was teetering on the brink of disaster." Andy personally donated money to pay for boards, nails, wiring, concrete ingredients and more. He also, personally raised money from friends outside the church and inside as well when discouragement was high and moral was low. He purchased the first new pew for the new sanctuary. He served on many committees within the church and was always ready to lend a hand when and where needed.

Emma was also born in North Dakota, and was by Andy's side in endeavors concerning Andy's physical as well as mental support of the church. In addition to having a job she was always there to do what might be needed including the Women's Circles and cooking for the many functions of the church. Both Lennie and Beverly were also involved in the church for many years.

Emma and daughters Lennie Clark and Beverly Arcuri donated this window in memory of Andy. I can remember when it seemed like maybe Andy lived at the church, he was always there when I was in the building, doing something that needed to be done.

Phoebe Astill, Historian

*Can you find this window?



Opportunities to Serve

Volunteers Are Needed

for the

Christmas Gift Give-Away & Christmas Day Community Meal



Help to set-up for the Christmas Gift Give-Away

Tuesday Dec. 19, 10:00 - 12:00 Noon
Backman Hall

Donate One Hour of Your Time or More on
Wednesday 12/20,
Thursday 12/21,
Friday 12/22

Christmas Day Community Meal

Donate One Hour or More on
Saturday, 12/23 - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
to do Food Preparation
Sunday 12/24 - after Fellowship Hour
Set up Backman Hall
Monday 12/25 8:00 - 2:00
Food Prep 8:00 am - 11:00 am
Service 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
Clean-up 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

More info about signing up on-line to follow.
Donations: Uncooked turkeys: around 20 lbs.
Questions: Eleanor Kenitzer - 530-277 8025
Kathleen Mirtoni - 707-290-4430



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith, formerly UMW, invites you to a sack lunch on **Friday, November 10 at noon**. This year's programs are about the Fruit of the Spirit as named in Galatians 5:22-23. Nancy Bray will present the word LOVE this month.

An **ADVENT POTLUCK DINNER** and **HANGING OF THE GREENS** on Saturday, December 2ND, will begin the Advent Season. Attendees of the dinner are invited to gather at 5:30PM with dinner at 6:00PM. We will participate in the hanging of the greens in Backman Hall and the Sanctuary. Followed by singing Christmas Carols, some Christmas activities and dessert in Backman Hall. You will be able to sign up to bring a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert during the coffee hour in the month of November. On the signup sheet please indicate the number of

guests in your party to enable us to set up an adequate number of tables and chairs. **Please be sure to save the date. It will be a lot of fun for all!**

UWF is a national organization that has local units like ours and district events in-person and on ZOOM. UWF operates and supports nearly 100 mission institutions, projects and initiatives in the United States and overseas. When we help women, children and youth, we help families and their communities. Directly and indirectly, relationships are developed and people's quality of life improves.

All are welcome to come to learn more about the Bible, come to be inspired, come for the fellowship, come for the lunch. There will be no UWF monthly meeting in December.

Peace be with you.

Nancy William, UWF President

POTLUCK ADVENT DINNER

Saturday December 2nd
Gather at 5:30 P.M.
Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

There will be:

Christmas Tree to decorate
Christmas Poster to Color
Christmas Greens to Hang
Christmas Carols to Sing

AND

Lots of Food and Fun
So Come One, Come All!

Please invite family and friends to attend with you.

*Be sure to sign up on the Advent Dinner Sign-In Sheet
during the month of November in Backman Hall



AGAPE GROUP

With Halloween decorations and costumes for sale appearing side-by-side with the Back-to-School specials in July and August, the Agape Group's burning question for October was to share a memorable Halloween experience or costume from yesteryear. One recalled his mother dressing him and his siblings as hobos - wearing tattered old clothes with holes - which made for an inexpensive costume. Another shared holding a stick supporting a tepee (belonged to his brother) while his mother sat outside wearing a headband with a single feather and wrapped in an Indian blanket. And can you believe this was at a church Halloween party!

The Agape Group will not meet in November as ye olde scribe will be out-of-town on that day. Thus, our next gathering will be on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in Heritage Chapel. Our burning question of the day will be to share a family Christmas tradition. If you have not experienced the Agape Group, we invite you to join us during the holiday season. Any questions please contact any of the Agape Team members (Dave Sechrist, Thom King, and Jim Wecker) or Dennis Bull at 630-781-6110. Happy Fall and Happy Thanksgiving! Dennis Bull

DID YOU KNOW

First United Methodist Church Financial Trends				
	August 2023	September 2023	October 2023 (est.)	YTD Thru 9/30/23
Total Income	\$10,986.78	\$9,990.18	\$10,000.00	\$135,187.91
Total Expenses	\$18,380.22	\$17,449.20	\$17,500.00	\$155,247.80
Net Income	-\$7,393.44	-\$7,459.02	-\$7,500.00	\$20,059.89
Other Income				-\$12,078.82
Net Loss	-\$7,393.44	-\$7,459.02	-\$7,500.00	-\$32,138.71

...we are in a ticklish financial situation? For years our expenses have been sporadically exceeding income, sometimes by a only a little; occasionally we have even shown a gain at the end of a month. However, the trend line has been getting worse in the last two years, and accelerating in the wrong direction most of this year.

We have limited endowment funds on deposit with the California-Nevada United Methodist Foundation that we will need to pull from to get us through 2023 and into 2024. Those funds are targeted to specific ministries and areas of concern as designated by the donors. We are authorized to use 5% of those funds for the targeted ministry areas annually, which we have already done for 2023. Any additional withdrawals in a year must be approved by a Charge Conference of the church. At our Charge Conference on November 12th, the Finance team will be requesting your approval to withdraw \$50,000.00 from those endowment funds. The withdrawal from the endowment funds will allow us to pay our Conference apportionments, continue to operate with a full-time pastor, and put us on a stable base to begin 2024. Our 2024 budget does incorporate some significant decrease in expenditures, but not enough to cover the gap. We are blessed to have this option available to us as we continue to do the wonderful ministries and works we do in our congregation and in our community.

Dave Sechrist, Finance Chair

Please continue to pray for the following people.

For Healing & Comfort

Deena, Kathleen, Hazel, Audrey, John, Monica



Please submit request for prayers to prayers@firstumcroseville.org



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2ND JOHNNA STAUFFER
- 3RD SHELLY NEWTON
- 4TH FRANCES BURTON
- 5TH ANDREW BRAY
- 9TH ELBA AULICH
- 10TH DORIS SHEPHERD BAKER
- 11TH CONNIE WECKER
- 20TH NANCY BRAY
- CHLOE TRILLO
- 22ND NICHOLAS WILSON
- 23RD RACHAEL WILSON

Flower of the Month:
Chrysanthemums & Peonies



Chrysanthemums Meaning: joy, longevity, optimism, friendship, support, good luck, & happiness
Peonies Meaning: happiness, romance, bashfulness, prosperity, honor, good fortune and wealth



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

FIRST CHURCH ROSEVILLE TEAM LEADERS

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Lay Leaders—Kathleen Mirtoni
Jan Sechrist
Ruth Ann Baker
Treasurer—Chris Handley
Financial Secretary—Elizabeth Harvey
Finance Team Chair—Dave Sechrist
Trustees President—Thom King
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



On 10/14/23 we received \$100.00 for CAV recycle cans & bottles.
Thanks to all who contributed.
Dave Sechrist,
Finance Team Chair

NEXT RECYCLE IS SATURDAY
November 11, 2023
9-11:00 AM
Please place items in Jim Wecker's gray pickup.

Worship

Attendance in October was 284
Average attendance was 57

The Monday Feeding Program

In October 289 meals were served to the hungry in our community.



3C's

3C's will meet on Wednesday, November 1st and November 15th at 9:30 AM. We will be working on the head pieces for the shepherds at La Posadas.

The wind that makes music in November corn is in a hurry. The stalks hum, the loose husks whisk skyward in half-playing swirls, and the wind hurries on.... A tree tries to argue, bare limbs waving, but there is no detaining the wind.

— Aldo Leopold —