



Sunrise, sunset  
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 Swiftly fly the years  
 One season following another  
 Laden with happiness and tears...

“Sunrise, Sunset” Written by Jerry Bock

### 4TH Friday at First Church

Nobody wanted to leave early from the 4th Friday community fair this month. Instead of the usual monthly event, where the kids play games and do a craft project while parents talk to local service resource people, September was different! First, there was all that food given away! Along with the Placer Food Security Coalition, 4th Friday made September “Food Security Month.” So in addition to resource information, the fair dispensed 15 cartons of donated fresh produce and 3 tables-full of “pantry” foods to attendees. A craft table offered supplies and instruction for planting vegetable seeds to supplement family diets.

It was also Latin Heritage Month. Students of all ages from the Paloma de Gavilanes School of Latin Dance performed -- in those gorgeous costumes, expressing both humorous and romantic stories. The diversity of local Latin culture was emphasized with tables about Columbia, Peru and Mexico.

The most serious area of the fiesta was the vaccination table, as it has been since the beginning of the pandemic. Shots were offered for both flu and coronavirus this month.

Guests enjoyed tacos prepared by Chido’s, a local company, along with our blended smoothies.

First United Methodist was the first church in Roseville over 100 year ago! With the Health Education Council organizing vaccines and boosters, Child Advocates and Prosper Placer arranging crafts and games, the Latino Leadership Council planning and publicizing each months’ fair, and Placer People of Faith Together heading the meetings the fairs have been a regular event for nearly a year. A dozen other county and community groups support the fairs with information tables, publicity and activities. Cathie Wierbick



### OCTOBER 4TH FRIDAY

The 4th Friday Fair of October will include “Trunk or Treat” for Halloween on the 31st! Everyone is welcome! Call First Church for details at 916-783-3464.



## Venice Enchanted:

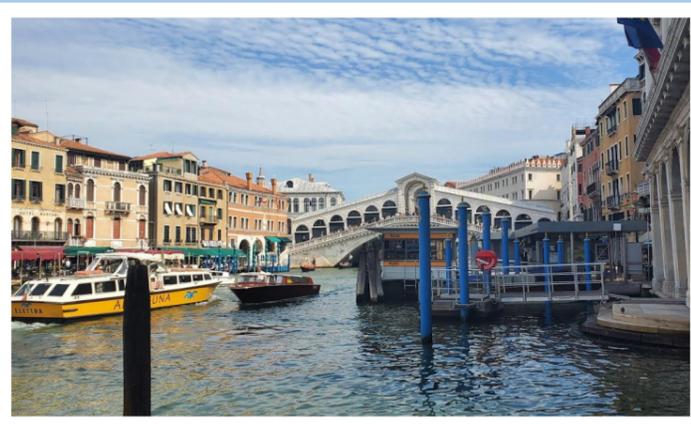
I spent the day embraced within the water-born arms of Venice. It was one of the most beautiful places that I have ever been; a city of wonder that not only



matches but surpasses the flourishes of the imagination. There is magic there; a tone of romance that drifts like the scent of freshly brewed morning espresso; a lingering lapping sound that surrounds like nostalgia; an enchanting song of old that wafts in the air and finds hidden harmony with strummed melodies that only the heart's strings know.

Beware! There is an unseen rogue that creeps; a wily sentimentality that roams behind your wide-eyed wanderings between alley cafés and colorfully clad plaza

shops. This stealthy scoundrel of allure steals your heart leaving you unaware of how and when it took place. All one is able to detect, at some point during the visit, is an orb of mysterious warmth that has



become aglow within the chest's void, filling it with a deep knowing that the soul that syncopates its rhythms with the bobbing tides of the canals, will never find its inner sea legs in any other place again. This is the damnable gift and blessed curse of Venice; a paradox of charm that leaves one suspended between equal parts love and longing. And yet, there is no place that I would rather be.

Blessings,  
Mahsea Evans

Little leaves fall softly down  
Red and yellow, orange and brown  
Whirling, twirling round and round  
Falling softly to the ground

Little leaves fall softly down  
To make a carpet on the ground.  
Then, swish, the wind comes whistling by  
And sends them dancing to the sky.



## Hometown Joy

After returning from Italy, I was able to be part of the Invest Health delegation from Roseville to an event called Thriving Together. The trip was sponsored by one of our Fourth Friday's partners, Health Education Council. I was joined by Aldo Pineschi, Bonnie Gore, Carol Garcia, Gordon Fowler, and Debra Oto-Kent. Be it serendipity, fate, or just plain luck, this event happened to be in my hometown of Hartford CT. Despite the nostalgia of being in the city that I love, my heart was more moved by being in a space that collectively explored ways to empower the city to, be better, and to take those lessons back to Roseville.



This event was more than an opportunity for innovative civic engagement, it was an embodied representation of my hope that "community" can truly become more than a noun, but a verb; a way of being. Thriving Together not only demonstrated that there is power in partnership, but it infused participants with the energizing truth that we are not alone in the difficult work of making our neighborhoods fully realized in its vitality. Of course, I found the tours, panels, and exchange of ideas with business leaders and community organizers helpful in practical ways. We even met with Hartford's mayor with cavernous marble clad spaces in City Hall. Still, what was more exciting was the deepening of relationships that occurred both within our delegation and with those from other cities.

The meetings convened in the large lounge section of a newly built minor league baseball park in the middle of downtown. Inspiration arrived as we not only surveyed the pristine ball park, but heard a myriad of stories, shared frank conversations about the many challenges we face, and reveled in each other's successes. More, our idea of community expanded as our individual regions become sites of mutual concern and aspiration as we developed true stakes in each other's flourishing. It did not hurt that I had a seemingly unlimited access to Dunkin Donuts coffee.



Blessings,  
Mahsea Evans

As a matter of my profession, I am tethered to the idea of hope. I believe history testifies to the qualitative power of hope as an irrepressible force for change even when it escapes the measurements of quantitative data points. Thriving Together was a window of hope into how Martin Luther King Jr's notion of the "Beloved Community" can be catalyzed at the intersections of care-filled connections, courageous creativity, and collaborative collegiality. It was my great pleasure to represent First Church at this incredible event in my hometown of Hartford, and as the delegation took a final picture on the banks of the Connecticut River, I was filled with the joy in knowing that I was a small but integral part of midwifing new possibilities for our communities.

**Trunk or Treat**  
**October 31st**  
**4:30 - 6:30PM**

Community Event  
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Want to decorate your trunk  
and have fun passing out candy?

For more information  
(916)783-3464 or  
firstumc@firstumcroseville.org

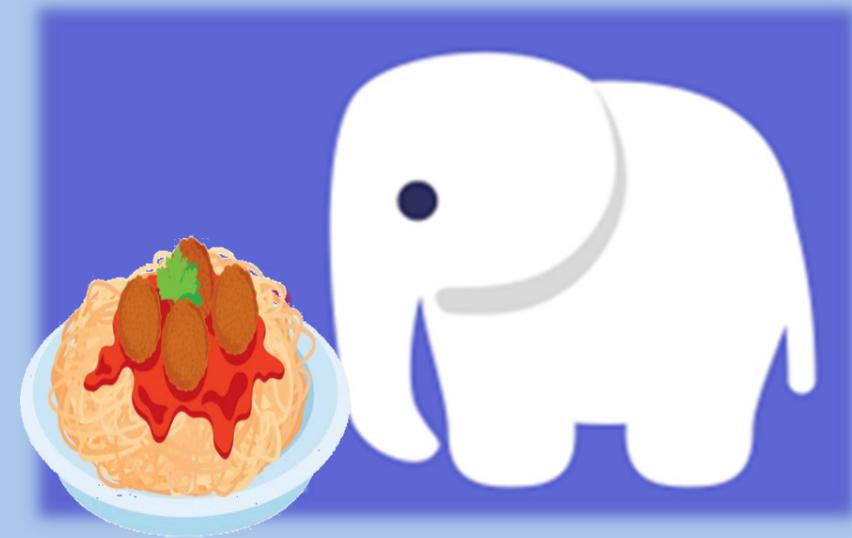
HALLOWEEN

First United Methodist Church of Roseville

**pumpkins**  
**&**  
**Cash Donations**

Are needed for Trunk or Treat

*Pumpkins of all sizes are needed for kids to paint and for decorating for Halloween, plus cash donations to buy hotdogs and buns for kids to eat. If you can provide either please contact Connie Witherow at the church office, phone number 916-783-3464 M-F 8-11 am or email to cwitherow@firstumcroseville.org*



## Spaghetti Lunch & White Elephant Sale

Hosted by: First Church of Roseville Board of Trustees

When: Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022

Time: 12 Noon

Place: Backman Hall

We are collecting items that people no longer need or use but would be a wonderful addition for another person. New handmade items or creations you think others would buy. Some items that come to mind or have already been donated are a Dremel set, duffle/carry-on bag, a Christmas handmade throw blanket, ceramic mixing bowls, 10 piece food storage set, coin collection, an old trunk that could be a hope chest for a grandchild, an iron skillet you cannot lift anymore, power tools you don't know how to use or are afraid to use.

I hope every person in our church will donate something they no longer need or use but may help someone else. Then come and enjoy the fellowship and buy a treasure you have been wanting or discover that special item you just cannot live without!

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

Don Harris, Board of Trustees Chair

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

## Historical Gleanings

Phoebe Astill Chair

### Halloween of Yesteryear

It's October 1950 and that time of year again, HALLOWEEN, time to plan the annual Halloween party in the basement of the church. We have gathered the election posters from last year's election and turned them over to make headstones. The witches and goblins are up to make the place look haunted. The parents are getting the goodies ready to hand out. It's time to put on our costumes and get ready to party.

This is what we did many years ago. Later when the basement was no longer available to the kids, the Witch (Dorothy Alexander) and her goblins would be at the back of the sanctuary with their bags out, collecting for UNICEF. This was done for several years and everyone enjoyed seeing the kids dressed up in their great costumes.

Now we have "Trunk or Treat" in the parking lot where the kids come out in their costumes and have some fun.

An article in the Oct 1964 "Petals from the Rose", our church newsletter, had the following invitation to the Halloween party.

**Come hobnob with the goblins!  
When? Oct 30**

**For all children thru the 6th grade  
Parents are welcome too!**

1964  
Coca Cola  
Poster  
"That's using  
your pumpkin!  
When the job is  
finally  
perfect--sit  
back, relax,  
refresh with an  
ice cold Coke.

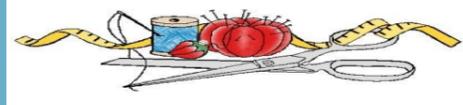


## Come Find Out About First Church Endowment Sunday, October 16, 2022, After the Worship Service

**First United Methodist Church of Roseville has been generously blessed with major endowment donations from prior generations of donors. These funds are directed to various purposes, such as the ongoing maintenance of the church property and continuing support of the Helping Hands meals ministry, amongst others. Join us for a discussion about the endowment funds we currently have on deposit with the California Nevada United Methodist Foundation (CNUMF). The Executive Director of CNUMF, David Mallory, will be with us on Sunday, October 16, 2022. Our own Pastor Mahsea Evans is on the Board of Directors of CNUMF as well. The discussion will be after church service in the Heritage Chapel. A light lunch will be served.**

**Hope to see you there,  
Dave Sechrist Finance Team Leader**

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



3 C's  
Happy Fall.

Crafters making a comeback to begin our work for the church and charities. We plan to have bake sales and craft items. Dates will be decided soon.

We welcome new members and ideas for crafts etc. We will make items to sell. The money will be used for church and community needs.

We meet first and third Thursday of the month. 11am to 1 pm. We enjoy our time together and sometimes we go to lunch after.

**Hope you can join us.**

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

Please continue to pray for the following people.

### For Healing & Comfort

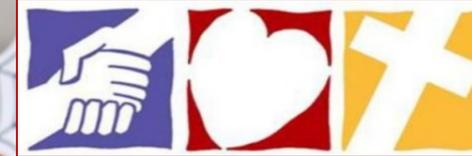
Connie, Marie, Hazel,  
Jerry, Sheraya, Barbara, Danny,  
Rob & Nancy, Val & Larry, Debbie



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

### For Bereavement

Rolly Loomis



## Agape Men's Group

The Agape Group did not meet as scheduled in September. The meeting was cancelled because "life happens" with several members involved in other activities that day, and everyone recovering from the week of record-breaking 100+ degree heat.

Our next gathering will be on Saturday, October 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in Heritage Chapel. Our burning question of the day will be: What was your reaction to the birth of your first child and/or grand-child?

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!!!

Dennis Bull

Religion is not cake for special occasions;  
It is bread for daily use.  
Submitted by Susan Reining

## Worship Attendance

Total: 218 Average: 55  
**The Monday Feeding  
Program**

In September approximately 227 meals were served to those in our community.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1ST CHIN RIPLEY  
RAY WILLIAM  
5TH KEVIN ROMIG  
6TH DEE HUSTON  
8TH DARBY WILLIAMS  
9TH JENNA TRILLO  
12TH CATHIE WIERBICK  
16TH ERIC THOMAS  
18TH REBECCA MENDOZA  
23RD DOMINIC IYORLU  
27TH PATRICK LOUCKS  
CLAYTON WITHEROW  
31ST ANNETTE KING

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OCTOBER  
BIRTH FLOWERS ARE COSMOS  
AND MARIGOLD



## 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—Kathleen Mirtoni**  
**Memorial—Susan Reining**  
**Worship Team Leader—Nancy Bray**  
**Congregational Care—Gail Provine**  
**Music Director—John Handley**  
**Communications—Kristi Kinzel**  
**Lay Leadership Training—Kristi Kinzel**

**\*\*New Church Office Hours\*\***  
Monday— Friday 8:00 AM—11AM



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We received \$204.53 in September 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  
October 15, 2022**