

Autumn

There's nothing as fine
as an autumn day,
with the smell in the air
of fresh mown hay.
Each tree is a wonder,
of beauty, untold.
Each leaf brushed with color
a sight to behold.
There's a nip in the air
—crisp, cool and clear—
to remind us that winter
will soon be here!
But for now we have autumn,
the 'Show-Off' of seasons!
My favorite, by far,
and these are the reasons!
June Kellum
Oct 1973

Pastor's Message

The Mister Rogers Effect



7 Secrets
to Bringing Out
the Best in Yourself and
Others from America's
Beloved Neighbor

DR. ANITA KNIGHT KUHNLEY

When I was applying for seminary, I needed to write an essay about spiritual giants that had informed my sense of calling to faith-rooted leadership. Without a second thought, I knew that this essay would be on the life and witness of our beloved neighbor, Mister Rogers.

In contrast to most children's programs, Mister Rogers' Neighborhood focused on careful attention, encouraging wonder, and talking about feelings. Through the "Neighborhood of Make-Believe," Mister Rogers created space for children to develop in healthy ways that would allow them to not only be good neighbors to others but also to themselves.

If this "neighbor" language brings to mind the Parable of the Good Samaritan, it probably is intentional. You see, Mister Rogers was seminary-trained and he was ordained a Presbyterian minister, called to minister to children and families through television. I guess you can say he was a televangelist. However, Mister Rogers did not speak of God, make altar calls, or ask viewers to pray the so-called "sinner's prayer" in his TV programming. His message was less on how to think and more on how to be.

To make reference to another spiritual giant, Mister Rogers' life and work reminds me of a quote that is attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, "Preach the Gospel at all times, use words when necessary."

In our inaugural Pastor's Book Club we will be reading *The Mister Rogers Effect: 7 Secrets to Bringing Out the Best in Yourself and Others from America's Beloved Neighbor* by Dr. Anita Knight Kuhnley. Together, we will explore the transformative principles of Mister Rogers and wonder how they can make a difference in our lives, in our church, and in our neighborhood here in Roseville.

The Pastor's Book Club will be on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Heritage Chapel and Zoom starting on October 12, 2023. You can order your copy of the book through your favorite bookstore or online book distributor. Feel free to reach out if you have a question.

"Listening is where love begins: listening to ourselves and then to our neighbors." ~ Fred Rogers

Pastor Angel





AGAPE GROUP

After our two-month hiatus, the Agape Group met in September and shared answers to the burning question of the day, "what's happening?" We discovered "not much". No exciting trips were reported nor had any major projects been undertaken. Our conversation drifted to recent changes that had happened within our church life during recent months and how we move forward as we embrace the future.

Our next gathering will be on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Heritage Chapel. Our burning question of the day will be to share a memorable Halloween experience or costume from years past. As we start the autumn season, if you have not experienced Agape Group, we invite you to give us a try. 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 Halloween!

Dennis Bull

**KEEP
US
GROWING
2024**

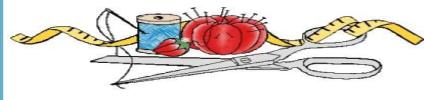
"DID YOU KNOW..."

Did You Know... our stewardship campaign theme this year is KEEP US GROWING! Coming out of the pandemic shutdown, First UMC has been through a season of transformation and growth. It is time now to solidify our base as we continue to grow and reach out to our local community. Through October we will hear from different members sharing their thoughts on the personal meaning of their giving to our church. While the new growth and new involvements are exciting, will we be able to pay our salaries, keep the A/C running, and meet all the ordinary expenses we incur as a business? The pledges we generate during the stewardship campaign will form the financial base of our church operations and will go a long way toward answering that question. While we are not financially desperate, we do need to see a strong showing with the pledges. Watch your mailbox for a letter of encouragement from Pastor Angel. Prayerfully fill out the pledge card which will be enclosed, and leave it in the offering plate one Sunday during October. We'll celebrate our successful pledge campaign with a good Methodist potluck on Stewardship Sunday, October 29, 2023.

Dave Sechrist,
Finance Chair



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



Creative Christian Crafters—3C's

3 C's will be meeting on **WEDNESDAY, October 4 at 9:30 AM** to make Christmas cards for our table at the "Not-Quite-Holiday Craft Fair." Everyone is invited to join us for this time of "Christian sistership", crafting and fun.

RuthAnn Baker

Please continue to pray for the following people.

For Healing & Comfort

Jerry, Hazel Audrey, John, Chris



For Bereavement

Family & Friends of Stephanie Cortright,
Kristi Kinzel and Family

Please submit request for prayers to prayers@firstumcroseville.org

Recipe For a Perfect Day

Gather together lots of delicious food, invite some happy people, add a dash of ladder golf and corn hole, and you have a perfect day filled with joyous laughter known as the **ALL CHURCH PICNIC!**



NOT-QUITE HOLIDAY FAIR

Saturday October 21, 2023; 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Handmade Crafts and Gifts for the Holidays
Jewelry, Woodware, Paintings, Baked Goods and more!**

Hot Dog lunch available at a nominal fee

First United Methodist Church

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4TH FRIDAYS AT FIRST CHURCH



There was a great turnout of Families at this last 4th Friday at First Church. To recognize Hispanic Heritage Month, there were cultural dancers and two pinatas for the children, one for the youngest ones and one for the older ones. It was contagious fun hearing the children cheering on the one batting during the pinata breaking. Tamales, tortilla chips with salsa and popsicles made for a delicious and fun celebration of our Hispanic heritage.



Come to our next 4th Fridays at First Church this month on Oct. 27th as we observe the Dia de las Muertos or Day of the Dead, honoring our loved ones who have passed on to eternity. Come learn the spiritual and cultural significance of this tradition. It is community gathering at its best.



Jan Sechrist

A Class Hike

The Golden Rule girls' class of the First M.E. Sunday school enjoyed a real hike to the country home of Miss Mabelle Boyde north of town with a picnic dinner in the woods at noon yesterday. Those present were Bernice Boyd, Irene Stines, Dorothy Minard, Ruth Westfall, Ella Marie Dunham, Lora Gretz, the teacher Mrs. E.L. Tyner and guests Enid Anderson and Mabelle Boyd. The girls came into town loaded with ferns and columbine to plant. Other hikes are planned for the summer. (Article written prior to 1941)

Phoebe Astill
Church Historian

P.S. The only name I recognize is Dorothy Minard. She later became Dorothy Alexander when she married George. They had two children, Judy and Neal. All were active in the church and Judy even served as one of my bride maids.



United Women in Faith, formerly UMW, invites you to a BYO sack lunch on Tuesday, October 10 at noon. This year's programs are about the Fruit of the Spirit as named in Galatians 5:22-23. Cathe Moody will present the word GENTLENESS this month.

UWF operates and supports nearly 100 national mission institutions, projects and initiatives in the United States and overseas that address the conditions and needs of women, children and youth. Included are clinics, women's residences, colleges, community centers, day care centers and more!

All are welcome to come to learn more about the Bible, come to be inspired, come for the fellowship, come for the lunch!

Peace be with you.
Nancy William, President



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1ST CHIN WONG RIPLEY
- 5TH KEVIN ROMIG
- 6TH DEE HUSTON
- 9TH JENNA TRILLO
- 12TH CATHIE WIERBICK
- 16TH ERIC THOMAS
- 17TH CONNIE DEE
- 18TH REBECCA MENDOZA
- 23RD DOMINIC IYORLU
- 26TH JAMES CORTRIGHT
- 27TH CLAYTON WITHEROW
PATRICK LOUCKS
- 31ST ANNETTE KING



Flower of the Month: Marigold
Marigolds, as the story goes, were given to the Virgin Mary by those who could not afford gold as gifts.



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



On 9/9/23 we received \$80.00 for CAV recycle cans & bottles. Thanks to all who contributed. Dave Sechrist, Finance Team Chair

NEXT RECYCLE IS SATURDAY
October 14, 2023
9-11:00 AM
Please place items in Jim Wecker's gray pickup.

FIRST CHURCH ROSEVILLE TEAM LEADERS

Pastor—Angel Rivero
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—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

Worship

Attendance in September was 215
Average attendance was 54

The Monday Feeding Program

In September 250 meals were served to the hungry in our community.



Many Thanks

I want to express my thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards and kind words for my family and me over the last few months. We deeply appreciate them all.

Kristi Kinzel

