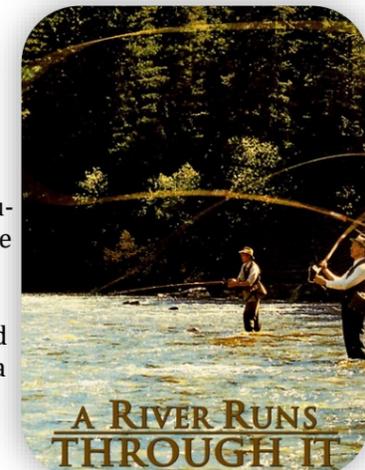


While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest,  
 cold and heat, summer and winter,  
 day and night shall not cease.  
 Sow for yourselves righteousness;  
 reap steadfast love; ...  
 Genesis 8:22 & Hosea 10:12



*Eventually all things merge into one, and a river runs through it. The river was cut by the world's great flood, and runs over rocks from the basement of time. On some of the rocks are timeless raindrops. Under the rocks are the words, and some of the words are theirs. I am haunted by waters.*  
 — Norman Maclean, (1976)

The beautiful quote written by Norman Maclean in his semi-autobiographical novel, *A River Runs Through it*, is probably better known for being the final narrated words by Robert Redford in a film by the same name released 16 years later in 1992. Redford directed this movie adaptation and it featured, among others, a young Brad Pitt in one of his first big budget leading roles. It is a stunning movie about relationships, namely between a Presbyterian minister and his two sons who chose divergent paths. It takes place in Missoula, Montana and many of its scenes are set by (and within) a picturesque river. The dialogue often spotlights the life lessons learned when flyfishing waist high in the flowing waters—it's truly poetic. As someone who has never gone fishing before, I cannot picture myself joining the ranks of proud anglers skillfully casting their lines from long rods while dressed in rubber waders. However, as I now read the quote from the original source, it resonates a deeper truth within me as I think about my relationships with rivers.



*"...and a river runs through it."*



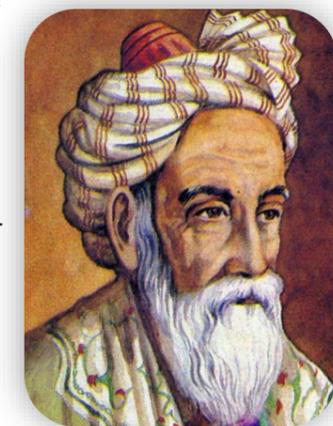
As I look at my life, there has always been the presence of rivers. Its waters have witnessed different iterations of my journey and has gathered my tears, my prayers, and smiles throughout my years. When I flew to visit family back East, the first thing I did after embracing my parents was pilgrimage to the banks of the Connecticut River that overlooked the Hartford skyline. Though I do not picture myself visiting a bait and tackle store any time soon, I definitely get the meditative draw of the river.

The highlight of my trip last month was driving up to Western Massachusetts with my mother to Sugarloaf Mountain. This state park in Deerfield has some of the best views of the Connecticut River as it winds southward through farmland on its way to Long Island Sound. From the high vista point, I recalled the opening lines of a poem entitled "Connecticut River" By Lydia H. Sigourney (1791–1865)

FAIR RIVER! Not unknown to classic song;  
 Which still in varying beauty roll's along,  
 Where first thy infant is faintly seen,  
 A line of silver 'mid a fringe of green;

It was the pursuit of this imagery that inspired me to take this day trip up North as a gift to myself just two days after celebrating my birthday. In silence, I pondered how life is like a river, a "line of silver" that it moves along its current in one direction. In this "march of time," years once perceived as long periods of possibility, seem to compress and begin to pass like eyeblinks. While leaning against the railing I finally muttered to myself a poorly paraphrased version of the wisdom of the great 11<sup>th</sup> century Persian philosopher, Omar Khayyam, who wrote:

*"The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ,  
 Moves on: nor all thy Piety nor Wit  
 Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,  
 Nor all thy Tears wash out a Word of it."*



My recent trips to the river have reinforced in me the determination to make every moment count. I am encouraged to take inventory on what matters and prioritize my attention to those things because the "Moving Finger" writes on and Life is not promised. At some point, I may learn how to flyfish, but until then, with gratitude in my heart and the voices of poets in my mind, I'll treasure my quiet moments by the river's side, honoring each day as a gift.  
 Blessings,  
 Pastor Mahsea

# California/Nevada Conference News



## The River Fire – Grateful to be alive

August 19, 2021 | by Steve Elliott

Pastor Cathy Love and Omer Thompson are pictured above at the Colfax Local Assistance Center.

Cathy serves as the Pastor at Grass Valley UMC and Omer is from Community UMC in Half Moon Bay.

*Editor's Note: Give Now! Right now, our financial support is crucial. Our dollars make gift cards, hotel rooms, groceries, and clean water possible for our brothers and sisters affected by the Dixie Fire and their calls for help are coming.*

To donate to our California-Nevada Conference Disaster Relief Fund copy and paste this website into your browser:

<https://calnev-reg.brtapp.com/disasterresponse>

To send your financial support to UMCOR which supports fire relief and recovery throughout the Western US. Copy and paste this website into you browser:



Recycle August 14th, \$85.00

Please keep saving your recyclables to bring in on Saturday September 11, 2021 in the parking lot between 9-11 AM

Thanks to all! It helps our church pay our bills.

Don Harris, Trustee President

Please keep the following people in your prayers for

### Healing and Comfort:

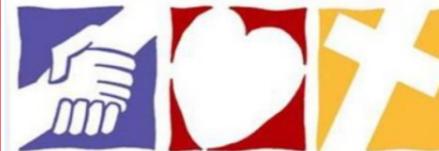
Connie, Marie, Jackie, Terry, Paula, Mike, Brandon, Walter, Ray, John and Jan, Nicole and Friend, Ron, Trish and family, Baby Charley



### Bereavement

Maryellen and Family  
Maxine Kaplan's Family

Please submit prayer requests to [prayers@firstumcroseville.org](mailto:prayers@firstumcroseville.org)



## Agape Men's Group

This is What???

When the Agape Team met on Saturday morning August 14, outdoors it was already on its way to becoming a hot, blistering August day. Our lighter burning question of the day was: What do you enjoy doing for fun? Answers included travel, spending time with grandchildren, and playing games. The later was the response of Funster Harris, who introduced us to the game *This Is What?*. An imaginary banana was passed clockwise and an imaginary pomegranate passed counter-clockwise. As each member accepted the banana or pomegranate, he had to ask his predecessor "This is what?", which traveled in turn back to Funster Harris. The poor soul in the game is the person who is positioned where the two objects land together. Our lucky person was Dave Sechrist. So, the next time you see him ask if it was a banana or a pomegranate. Our next gathering will be on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in Heritage Chapel. This is Patriot Day, marking the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 terrorists' attacks. Our burning question of the day will be: Where were you when you learned of the 9/11 attacks? What were your reactions? And how has 9/11 affected your view of life in the United States? 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.

Hope to see you!



## PRAYING HANDS

This window was in memory of youth counselors and was donated by Morris and Marge Schlesinger

Marge first attended the church in 1953 at the age of 17, and with Thelma (Patty) Patterson as counselor for the Methodist Youth Fellowship, it became a home away from home for Marge. She served as solo vocalist for the MYF, and sang at many functions both at the church and as a representative for the church. Upon returning to the church in 1976, the family again joined the church and when the opportunity presented itself the family donated the "Praying Hands". The fellowship she had in this church was what prompted this donation. Marge and Morris formally joined the church in 1979. Marge was the daughter of George and LaVerne Pielenz who were long time members of the church, and were very active in many of the doings of the church. (I remember Marge and Morris and all the good times that were had with this group)  
Phoebe Astill Historian



Women, Mark Your Calendars Please join the United Methodist Women at "Meet and Greet" and Pledge to Mission Program, on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 10:00 am in Heritage Hall. All women are encouraged to attend. We are looking forward to rising from the shutdown and continuing our many ministries, both locally and globally.

Blessings, Kathleen Mirtoni

3 C's Invite You to Join Us!



Hope everyone is staying safe and keeping the faith that we can get back to the sort of normal.

Cathie Wierbick needed our help to make cushions for Placer Prosper when they meet at our church (old folding chairs are not too comfortable). Sherel, Chris, Dee, Ruth Ann and I helped to complete the twelve cushions for them.

We have met every Thursday at 10 AM for several weeks and some have made suggestions to organize our room and make Christmas items.

Please contact us if you have ideas or projects you think we can do for church or community.

Come for a visit and enjoy the fellowship and helping our community.

Blessings, Susan Reining for 3C's

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## FIRST CHURCH ROSEVILLE TEAM LEADERS

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Congregational Care— Gail Provine  
Music Director— John Handley  
Communications— Kristi Kinzel  
Lay Leadership Training— Kristi Kinzel

# The Chimes Needs You

The Chimes is smaller this month. The church is not up to full speed yet so there's not as much to report. The Chimes at this point could use your help. Each month there are a few articles contributed by church members. Please give careful consideration to contributing a favorite poem, scripture, perhaps a summary/recommendation of a book you've enjoyed, something you've experienced of God's love in your life recently, perhaps something you are doing and want to share, etc. Our lives are all made richer by the sharing of our stories. We gain insight, knowledge, and spiritual uplifting from such as these life experiences.

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3RD PAM WOICICKI

7TH KAYLYN CLARK

8TH KAERON WHALON

10TH SUE BARELA

CACIQUE SANTIAGO

11TH CAROLYN HEMIG

18TH SARAH SPENCE

LEO WIERBICK

19TH BETTY CULBERT

RAY AITKEN

20TH NORMA MILLER

30TH ANN GREGORY



### Ask, Seek, and Knock

Mathew 7:7-11

'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

What did Jesus mean when he told us to ask, seek and knock?

In Prayer

Ask with confidence and humility—  
receive actively—  
seek with care and application—  
Find—Knock with earnestness and  
perseverance—heaven's door will  
be opened to you!

Submitted by Susan Reining



### July

#### Noses, Dollars, and Cents

##### Basic Monthly Statistics:

Income July 2021: \$ 9,732.05

Expenses July 2021: \$14,259.54

Net Income July 2021: \$4,527.49

Transfer from Lending: \$ 0.00

New Total: \$4,527.49

##### Basic Yearly Statistics 2021

YTD Income: \$81,360.59

YTD Expense: \$88,874.73

Net Income: \$7,514.14

Transfer from Lending: \$ 2,500.00

New Total: \$5,014.14

Thank you for your continued  
financial support. It is very much  
appreciated.

##### August Worship Attendance

Total: 235 Average: 47

The Monday Feeding Program  
for the homeless  
served 299 meals in August



It doesn't matter  
if the glass is half  
empty or half full.

Be grateful that

you have  
a glass, and  
there is  
something in it.

Author unknown

