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## LENT- Permission to Pause

It has seemed to me since the pandemic arrived during Lent last year, that the whole year has been like a long season in the wilderness, longing for something we journey toward which has not yet arrived!

Our focus for Lent 2021 is inspired by a new book *Where the Eye Alights* by our friend Marilyn Chandler McEntyre. It is a series of 40 reflections for the season that are beautifully conceived and written. (*available on Amazon, and if you have selected us as your AmazonSmile donation destination, the church will get a tiny bit of your purchase price!*)

From her preface: "Lent is a time of permission. Many of us find it hard to give ourselves permission to pause, to sit still, to reflect or meditate or pray in the midst of daily occupations..." She suggests that the liturgical year gives us an explicit invitation to "change the pace, to curtail our busyness a bit, to make our times with self and God a little more spacious, a little more leisurely, and see what comes."

The reflections are based on the ancient Christian practice of *lectio divina*, where one listens to a text for what seems to stand out or catch our attention. In this case, though, she reflects on the gift of life, and what arises out of everyday experiences to catch her attention; to notice where God is saying "come and see". Her approach is gentle and hopeful and patient, which makes it a lovely choice for a year like this one. Let's journey with her and "see what comes". As she puts it, "May this Lenten season be one of showings and 'seeings' and of grace given and received every day."

**ASH WEDNESDAY-** Ordinarily our Ash Wednesday service is an opportunity to receive ashes and to remember our mortality, our frailty, and God's promise of presence as we step into the wilderness seasons of our lives. This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 17, and we will worship from home, setting Lenten intentions and acknowledging both our vulnerability and God's unfailing love. Mark your calendar now and stay tuned for more information.

## Pastor's Page

### Unexpected Joy!

In this long and disrupted year I have been trying to be especially attentive to joy, and then to delight in it when I spot it. Today I want to share some unexpected joy with you, so that you can delight with me.

Budgets have been tight this year: small businesses have closed, people have struggled to pay rent or mortgage, and interest rates have been low. This is not new information – I just offer it as context for my gladness. In these challenging times, gifts have a special brightness.

This fall, while I was away on leave, the children of Joan Carpenter gave us a gift of \$40,000 in her honor, asking that we use it for Mission, for leadership development, or for upgrading our sanctuary. Joan was passionate about this place, and her diligence and warmth and faithful service as our Clerk for decades blessed us all. I miss her reminders that kept me on my toes, her desire that our love for God should bless *others*, and her generosity. I also miss her deep faith. We are using a portion of this gift to equip our sanctuary for videotaping as well as sound, so that when we can meet in person again we will still be able to record and share our worship widely. It is a joy to remember her and to create more goodness in her name.

For the second year in a row, we were surprised to receive a \$5,000 gift from the Annette M. Williams Charitable Foundation. Bill and Annette Williams lived in the IE and loved it, they created a charitable foundation to make lives better for their communities. We were selected to receive one of these gifts by the foundation's directors, local attorney Wilfrid C. Lemann, and local physician Dr. Brian Bearie. We are delighted to receive this gift to our general fund "for the maximum benefit of the community". The funds themselves come at just the right time, and they express a trust that others have in us, and in our ability to do good work where there is real need. This trust expressed by two directors who are not members of this congregation is a source of great joy to me. Thanks be to God for friends we did not know we had!

And one last creative gift: A couple in our congregation determined that they had enough belongings, and decided together that rather than buying Christmas gifts for each other, they would give that money to First Pres so they might take joy in our flourishing. What a joyful way to bless the world!

Friends, we face challenges that are real, there is much pain in the world, and we have personally known loss. But Jesus invites us to consider the birds of the air- whom God feeds and sustains. May we remember that truth and be glad, and sing for joy.

~Sandy



### New Intern Caden Eckert!

Caden Eckert is a student at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena. She and her husband Nick are members of First Pres. He is a med student at Loma Linda, and they are parents to Olive, whom, when we were still meeting in person, often came to worship worn by one or the other of them as an accessory.

Caden needs to do an Apprenticeship (also called an internship). She asked if this might take place at First Pres, and the session has unanimously approved this idea (with joy!)

We will provide time with the student (weekly supervision), imagination, and evaluation. The Apprentice and the Site work together on a specific plan for ministry where everyone wins: the student learns and the site benefits. We are crafting a contract with her that includes a Confirmation Class this spring. Working with Caden will bring joy to the congregation, and to Wendy and Sandy.

We are delighted that we can continue to be a teaching congregation.

Caden's 9-month internship begins in March.

# Notes

*This is the letter Lynette wrote Session regarding her move to Santa Cruz. We thought you would like to read what she had to say. We will all miss her!*



Dearest Friends,

Please accept my resignation from Session and from the Worship Committee. I am delighted that Mary Bolaños has agreed to complete the last year of my term.

I really don't have an adequate vocabulary to translate the feelings in my heart to words on a page. I am excited for the opportunity to move to Santa Cruz, to be near Sam, my cousin, and Chrissi and Steve Brewer. My sister, Julie, is moving with me. We look forward to cool summers, walks on the beach by our home and new experiences. In some ways my move will be easier because the pandemic has introduced us all to Zoom! I am comforted to know that I can attend Circle of Faith, Worship, and Kerygma (not leaving these women I've studied with for over thirty years!)

That said, I tear up frequently every day as memories flood. I was born and raised in San Bernardino and my life here has been really wonderful. It is the people and activities of First Presbyterian I will miss the most. What gives me strength to start this new chapter comes directly from you. This congregation has guided my faith formation, tolerated my years of youthful arrogance, supported the mission of FPCCC so dear to me, enthusiastically joined me both in filling a UHaul with equipment and supplies to help Lakeview Nursery School rebuild after Katrina and set up the House of Welcome, encouraged and helped finance my training as a Spiritual Director, held me through the deaths of my parents and my divorce and so much more. Thank you for being the hands, voice, and heart of God in my life. I love you.

Gratefully,

*Lynette DuClos Adelson*

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards and words of encouragement. They really help and mean a lot.

*--Judy Steppins*

## Girl Scout Silver Project

For our Girl Scout Silver Project we (Kendra Lamb, Breanna Nord and Brooke Rodriguez) painted 2 rooms at the "House of Welcome." The front room we painted and also included a mural of the wonders of California- Hollywood, mountains, beach/ocean and desert. The second room we painted and set up as a game room to relax. These rooms will help immigrants feel welcome and safe and also help their mental well being while they are awaiting asylum. We look forward to helping people and giving them a welcoming place to stay while they transition to the home of their sponsor or family.





# Help the Church Receive FREE Money!

by Margaret Doane, Stewardship Committee

Amazon has a program, **Amazon Smile**, for which people can sign up at no cost to them, and a charity of their choice receives one-half of one percent of the cost of their order as a donation. Thus far, the Church has received a total of \$575 -- a nice amount, but so much more is possible! A member of the Stewardship Committee knows of a church of about the same size as ours that has received \$10,000 over the same period and a cat rescue that has received \$147,000! They have done this by asking friends and relatives to help -- we could dramatically increase the amount we receive from Amazon by asking people we know to name First Pres as their designated charity..

We don't want to pressure friends and relatives to change their Amazon charity if they already have one, but for those who use Amazon and don't have a charity, naming us is simple: Just click the box at the bottom left of any page on our website, [www.fpcsb.net](http://www.fpcsb.net), sign up for Amazon Smile, look for First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino on the list of eligible charities, and follow the link.

Prizes will be given to members and friends of First Pres who get signups. A \$100 Amazon gift card will be given to the person (or family unit; you are welcome to enter as a family or as an individual) who signs up the most people. Those who sign up three people or more will be entered into a drawing for one of three cards: a \$100 card, a \$50 card, and a \$25 card (these cards are being donated; there is no cost to the Church). To enter, send a list of the names and addresses of the people you sign up to the Church (please mark the envelope "Stewardship" and send to our new address, Box 2729, SB 92406); your list must be received by Easter (April 4). The drawing for the three-people-or-more gift cards will take place the following week, with Pastor Sandy drawing names from a hat (or collection plate!). Any member or friend of the Church, of any age, is eligible to submit a list for a possibility of winning.

Stewardship hopes this will be a fun activity for individuals and families -- and programs at the Church will benefit!

## Financial Notes

Financial Report as of December 31, 2020

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Over/(Under)</u>
Pledges	\$ 412,806.83	409,872.00	3,934.83
Other Income	\$ 63,752.13	47,916.00	15,836.13
Expense	\$ 489,836.41	567,933.08	(78,096.67)
Net Income	\$ (13,277.45)	(111,145.08)	97,867.63

## Division Consolidation

	<u>December</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
General Fund Net Income (Expense)	20,926.56	(13,277.45)
Child Care Center Net Income (Expense)	(337.03)	(97,400.11)
Deacons Net Income (Expense)	(323.57)	6,905.42
NET OPERATING INCOME (EXPENSE)	20,265.96	(103,772.14)

The *First Press*, the newsletter of the First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino, is edited by Wendy Lamb. Please submit content to Wendy at [newsletter@fpcsb.net](mailto:newsletter@fpcsb.net).

**Deadline for the February issue of the  
First Press:  
Wednesday, January 20**

## What is Per Capita Apportionment?

So, what exactly is this \$36 FPCSB is asking me to donate? What is **Per Capita Apportionment**? I already pledge annually! Is it really that important? Does \$36 make a real difference?

### Great Questions!

Per Capita Apportionment is the money we send to the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly for their administrative expenses to ensure that Mission dollars are actually spent on Missions. *(You are able to view our Sunday services virtually because of a \$5000 grant from the Presbytery which allowed us to purchase recording equipment, necessary technology and the personnel to operate it.)* The amount FPCSB sends to the Presbytery is based upon our membership. This year we are obligated and will send a total of \$8064, whether we receive it from our membership or not.

Please consider sending your \$36 per adult/confirmed family member to the office, designating it as PCA or Per Capita Apportionment. Also, as a reminder, all mail should be sent to our PO Box 2729, San Bernardino, CA 92406.

Thank you,

**The Stewardship Committee**

## In Memoriam

**December 2020**

**Thelma Knea**

**December 30, 1922 - December 18, 2020**

**"In life and in death we belong to God."**

## Fall 2020 Internship Program

by Rick Rodriguez

The young people in our community have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic at least as much as adults. They are not able to spend time with their friends; they cannot go to school and have to spend hours in front of their screens every day taking classes. You might expect this to bring down the enthusiasm our interns have when they come to First Pres to work. It actually has the opposite effect. They come here ready to work and work hard. They want to learn new skills and they want to help those in need in our community. Our Fall 2020 team of Elvira Aceves, Marlene Olivas, Adrian Macias, Shelly Ortiz, Carmel Gonzales, Jacqueline Diaz and Isabel Arroyo came to First Pres and helped keep our campus clean; they did the preparation work for Food Distribution; they mowed our lawns and so much more.



The Internship Program continues to be a benefit to First Pres, but more importantly it continues to be a huge benefit to our interns. They need a safe place to come where they can be away from home for a little while, learn some new things, and make a little bit of money.

The photo is Marlene mowing our north lawn. Before this term, she had never used a lawn mower before. She said it was “fun and can I do it again.” This is the kind of attitudes our interns have.

## Keep Military Members in Your Prayers

**LCpl Jacob Allen,**  
Cherry Point, North Carolina

**PFC Ronaldo Fregoso,**  
US Marine Corps, 29 Palms

**Colonel Jeff Le Roy,**  
US Army Reserve

**Seaman Mark Munz,**  
US Navy, San Diego

**Private Javier Rocha,**  
US Army, Fort Benning, Georgia

**Seaman Robert Sandoval,**  
US Navy, Virginia

**Petty Officer Noah L. Wierenga,**  
U.S. Coast Guard Sector Upper Mississippi River

**CW3 James Bentley Wilson,**  
US Army, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA

## Doors

By Sandy Tice

One of the images of Jesus in scripture is of the One who stands at the door and knocks. (Rev. 3:20)

The 60 year old doors on our aging buildings are in need of some attention: they are solid and beautiful, and have aged well, but security issues have made us aware that they could be safer. You may recall that some time ago we applied for and received a grant from Homeland Security to upgrade doors and other infrastructure so that our campus is more secure. The contractors have finally begun work on the doors! This work is challenging, as no matter how complex the door & hardware, the work must be started and finished on the same day. (It is definitely NOT secure to leave a building without a functioning door overnight!) Dave Thomas is working with contractors to help them do their work efficiently and well. It is worth noting that this is a very expensive project, and we must complete the work in stages, then send in the receipts to be re-imbursed. The idea that our Sanctuary could be a bit more of a “safe place”, along with other buildings on our campus is both hopeful and reassuring. We would not have been able to undertake it without this grant.

No matter how sturdy and secure our new doors will be, we also know that locked doors pose no barrier to Jesus (Jn 20:26) who comes saying, “Peace be with you.”



## Updated Security Lighting Completed

*By Dave Thomas, Safety and Security*

We have completed the lighting upgrade of our campus. Over 60 new high efficiency LED lights have been installed. 35 of these lights were paid for out of our Homeland Security Grant. This upgrade has already had a dramatic effect on our campus, reducing vandalism, crime, and the homeless issues our Church faces. I would encourage anyone who wishes to see the improvements to come take a drive by our church at night. We have additional security upgrades in process such as new fencing and doors.



## Parking Lot Security Fencing Completed

*By Dave Thomas, Safety and Security*

The parking lot security fencing approved by Session last month has been completed. This project was necessary due to the ongoing theft, vandalism and illegal activities occurring on our campus after hours. The first change is the exit of our parking lot thru the Behavioral Center onto E Street. We added chain link fencing to fill in between the existing fencing already in place. We also added two double gates for extra access between our properties. The second change is two cable style gates that have been installed on the D street entrance and exit. These fencing combinations were chosen due to cost and esthetics to our grounds. Although people can still walk onto our property from the D street side, it will eliminate vehicle traffic onto our campus as well as eliminating pedestrians using our grounds as a short cut thru D and E streets. We have discussed this upgrade with our neighbors at the Behavioral Center and Family Focus Center and they both were supportive of this project. Both of these facilities have struggled with the same criminal issues we have faced and welcome extra security. To minimize any impact to these neighbors and our Congregation, all gates will be open during normal business hours of our church. On weekends we provide our food ministry and other activities, Rick Rodriguez has agreed to open and close our gates, as well as provide any other after hours or weekend needs for access. Although we anticipate these gates being a minimal impact to our Congregation, anyone who has a master key to church can unlock and lock the gates. Otherwise, if you do have a need to access our property after business hours, please contact the church office or Rick Rodriguez to coordinate access.





## Session Synopsis

*by Amy Smith, Clerk of Session*

Your new 2021 Session met on Wednesday, January 27th via Zoom. It was good to see new faces at the table. To set the stage for the beginning of the year, we spent time discussing Spiritual Leadership and what it means to be an Elder at First Pres, San Bernardino. Some of these concepts include praying and discerning together, listening and caring for one another, aiming for consensus whenever possible and the importance of dreaming and envisioning together.

The beginning of the year includes many administrative items and Session took the following actions: Approved a gift to Lake Arrowhead Presbyterian Church to help offset their losses from a recent fire in the sanctuary; approved the 2020 statistical report; elected John-Paul Fletcher as Treasurer and Amy Smith as Clerk of Session; elected corporate officers and commissioners to Presbytery.

Session also approved the expansion of the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary to accommodate videography equipment and provide the space and logistics to continue to videotape services even when we are able to meet again in person. A small group of skilled and dedicated volunteers (David Grindahl, Dan Direen and Mark Adelson) have already made significant progress! Funds for this project will come from a bequest left by Joan Carpenter, and her family is delighted that her life continues to bless this congregation.

We heard that the House of Welcome has resolved the insurance issue and should be ready to accept guests shortly. Our tradition is to reflect on where we saw God in our midst during the meeting and comments included the participation of everyone at the table (or more accurately, on the Zoom screen!), the privilege it is to be an Elder and member of Session, noting the thoughtful discussions and wise questions asked, as well as the spirituality, caring and warmth of the group.

## Session 2021

**Sandy Tice, Moderator; Wendy Lamb, CLP; Amy Smith, Clerk of Session**

**Class of 2021:** Mary Bolaños, Brooke Dvorak, Mark Freeman, Lynda Savage

**Class of 2022:** Ed Congdon, Carol Cooper, Margaret Doane, Stephanie

Fletcher **Class of 2023:** Jeanne Clark, Susan Skoglund, Alex Smith, Tim Usher

## February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Feb 2	Sally Earp	Feb 16	Kendra Elizabeth Lamb
	Brain & Amy Gano		
Feb 6	Kiera Everly French		Doris Schiavone
Feb 7	Stephanie Fletcher	Feb 17	Katie Earp
	Clara Gresham	Feb 19	Kevin Law
	Frank Thomas		Amy Smith
Feb 8	Dorothy Morrison	Feb 22	Ron & Rosemarie Evans
	Hannah Huffstutler		Janet McKinster
	Bodner		
	Roy Nix	Feb 23	Mark Bakker
Feb 11	Carol Cooper		Martha Pinckney
	Tim Garcia	Feb 26	Christa Wallis
Feb 12	Sue Alexander	Feb 28	Jo Ann Von Wald
Feb 13	Nita Zwolinski		
Feb 14	Eva Diane Olsen		
Feb 15	Randy Mantei		
	Joanna Nord		



## Adult Ed Opportunity

*by Wendy Lamb*

Our adult ed class has been doing anti-racism work, watching a video series by Joel Edward Goza based on his book, *America's Unholy Ghosts*. The series challenges us to listen contemplatively as we challenge ourselves to think about our history and how we move forward in the present.

There are 3 sessions remaining, beginning again on February 14. If you are interested in joining the group, watch for announcements and Zoom invitations in your email.

# Life Skillz Alumni Gathering

*By Bobbi Cummings*

This Saturday, under cool but sunny skies, 15 of our Life Skillz Alumni joined us for food, fellowship and conversation. We had members of San Bernardino High School classes of 2016, 2018, 2019 and 2020 all of whom shared stories of their journeys since graduating and favorite memories of Life Skillz. It didn't come as any surprise that the bright, optimistic, determined high school students we grew to love have become amazing, accomplished young people, already making a difference in the world.

From our original Life Skillz class, the Class of 2016, we had our own Carmen Avila, a member of our congregation who is currently serving as a Deacon. She is working as a crew leader with the California Conservation Corps. Ernie Ocegueda and Lalli Gonzalez, our first interns, graduated from Cal State Monterey Bay in 2020. They are currently working with the Conservation Corps with Carmen after seeing a link on the church website. Ronaldo and Vivian Fregoso, our first married couple, are living in Temecula where they've bought a home. He is a Sargent in the Marine Corps and she is working at Amazon. Vivian's sister Kristie who started coming to Life Skillz in Middle School when she would walk to school with her sister, is studying film at Chaffey College. After Chaffey, she plans to study sociology with a focus on foster children or sex trafficking. Hazael Calleros, class of 2018, is studying at Valley College while working 3 jobs, including serving as Director of the Cardinal City Museum at SBHS. Also in the Class of 2018 were Giselle Gonzalez who is working and saving money to go to school to be a Veterinary Tech and Diamond Dean who has been fostering her creative side while dealing with some medical issues. Edgar Nuñez who is attending UC Irvine and plans to be a hedge fund manager and Lucia Vejar who is attending Cal State San Bernardino studying sociology represented the Class of 2019. Finally we had four of last year's Class of 2020 – Gaby Lopez, a former intern who is attending UC Riverside studying psychology; Norma Nava, attending UC San Diego majoring in business psychology; Remijia Plascencia who is attending University of Redlands and loved her Calculus class with Deon Garcia so much that she's considering changing her major to math; and, Estefania Vejar who is studying Criminal Justice at Cal State San Bernardino.

Favorite memories included discovering Sally Morris' amazing coffee cake, all the wonderful food provided by our Presbyterian Women, Christmas cookie baking parties in December and pool parties in June at Bobbi's, the trip to Brad and Amy Smith's cabin in Lake Arrowhead complete with a boat ride, leadership training at Kaleidoscope, rock climbing in Joshua Tree and the intern trip to Big Bear last year before the world shut down. Ernie and Lalli remembered a tour of University of Redlands given by Zach Garcia and lunch with then

U of R students Kyle Smith and Leah Smith, saying that it opened up a whole new world of opportunity for them. Ronaldo remembered telling Sandy and me that, although Vivian didn't know it then, he was going to marry her!!!!

First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino started this mission in January 2014. Since then, we have had 45 students graduate while participating in Life Skillz Circle and dozens more who spent time with us. We have eleven graduating this year, most of whom have participated in the intern program under the caring, watchful eyes of Rick Rodriguez and Mark Adelson, all with aspirations of going to college. We wanted these students to know that we "saw" them, that we had their backs. To know that once they are a Life Skillz student, they will always be a Life Skillz student. What we didn't know is how these smart, funny, resilient young people would become part of the fabric of our lives and our church. They have made us better people and I for one will be forever grateful.





## Confirmation 2021

*By Wendy Lamb*

Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" This Spring, our young people will have a chance to consider this question for themselves. Who do you say Jesus is?

This spring we are inviting all youth in grades 8-12 who would like to consider their place as disciples of Christ in this community and this world to participate in a confirmation process. Seminary intern Caden Eckert will be leading the class in conjunction with Pastors Sandy and Wendy. Early in the process, students will attend a retreat, probably on Zoom, but possibly outdoors, depending on conditions. At the retreat, they will learn about the process, form a community, participate in fun activities, and have time to listen and reflect. Over the following weeks, they will participate in confirmation class and work on projects they will have chosen. They will also be asking a church member whom they respect to be their sponsor, to walk with them in this journey. If they choose to confirm their faith and become confirmed church members, they will be invited to come before Session and present a statement of their faith, and they will be confirmed in worship.

Confirmation class is an opportunity to consider what it means to follow Christ. It is a safe place to ask questions about God, about the Bible, about life. It is a place to wonder aloud about who we are and why we are here. It is a place to be ourselves and not a parent's child. It is a place to learn about and experience worship and prayer, study and service, and build community. It is a place to bring doubts and certainties and let them inform one another. It is a place to break bread with others who are on the same journey. It is not a place to learn a set of facts and repeat them rotely. It is not a place where one must check the box at the end. It is a place to consider and wonder and begin.

Please pray for the class and the students as we begin this part of the journey, and if they ask you to be their sponsor, consider saying "yes" to walking with them.



## Zoom Worship and Annual Meeting with Communion

**Sunday morning, February 7, we will worship together at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom.** Watch for an email with the Zoom invitation.

Worship will include the celebration of Communion. We invite you to prepare elements, bread and cup of any kind, that we will bless and partake of together.

At the end of worship we will hold our annual meeting. You should have received the annual report in via email or mail this week. Please read it in preparation of our annual meeting. There will be an opportunity to

comment on where you see God shining through our congregation.

The Zoom worship service will be recorded and posted on our YouTube Channel as soon as possible after it is finished. It should be available by 1:00 Sunday afternoon.

You can find all of our worship services by going to YouTube and searching for First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino or going to our church website, [fpcsb.net](http://fpcsb.net), and clicking on sermons. Website Administrator Marilyn Kraft posts the service plus coloring pages and images and the order of worship and other information each week. Check it out.

## Board of Deacons 2021

***Martha Pinckney, Moderator; Steve Smith, Pastoral Support***

**Class of 2021:** Dan Direen, Robin Edwards, Marianna Fowles, Martha Pinckney, Jim Siegmund

**Class of 2022:** Mark Adelson, Carmen Avila, Janet McKinster, Carol Valentine, Sue Zeitler

**Class of 2023:** Rebecca Allen, Sharon Landeros, Joyce Lyons, Joanna Nord, Chris Thomas

Rosemary Bentson John Krause  
June 29, 1925 to August 31, 2020

*One of the great losses we have all suffered during this time of fighting off the COVID-19 pandemic is grieving together when one of our church family passes on. As most of you know my mom, Rosemary Krause, known to most as Grandma Rose, died at the end of August. How our family longed to be comforted by our church family as we began to heal the hole this left in our hearts. We did have a family graveside service but I also know that many of you are also mourning her loss. One of the things I have done during my grief is to write about her life, including many of the stories that she told us. I thought I'd share some of that with you, as Pastor Sandy would have done at Mom's memorial service.*

Growing up in Kansas Rosemary was near all her aunts, uncles, and cousins as this was the area where her great grandparents had settled to farm after immigrating from Sweden around 1869. Her father Walter had left farm life and worked in an insurance agency in Salina. Her mother Alice was a homemaker. Rosemary spent her summers on the farm with her cousins where she learned to drive at age 14. She graduated from Salina High School in 1943, and decided she wanted to attend the University of Minnesota where she could graduate with a degree in Medical Technology. Walter said they could not afford the out-of-state tuition so Rosemary said, "Let's move there." Which is what they did, even though it meant leaving all of their extended family in Kansas.

Rosemary met Cecil Henry John while working in the hotel dining room at a summer resort on one of Minnesota's many lakes. A few years later Rosemary married Cecil on September 10, 1947. Cecil was 30 years older than Rosemary, and divorced, so her family was against their marriage. Her pastor would not marry them over her parent's objections so Rosemary and Cecil were secretly married by a kindly Methodist pastor and left the next day for California.

They settled in San Bernardino in the fall of 1947 and purchased the Fourth Street Store on Fourth and Tippecanoe near Norton Air Force Base. At first they slept in a back room as they got on their feet financially and, with Cecil's experience in merchandising, they were successful. They bought a small home on Oakwood Drive and Melodee was born in December of 1951. Two years later they bought a larger house at 3053 LeRoy Street and in January of 1955 Steven was born. The family called this place home for nearly 50 years.

When Melodee was born Rosemary and Cecil had not yet found a church home in San Bernardino so they took her into Los Angeles to her parent's Lutheran church to have her baptized. Pastor Segerhammar told Rosemary that he would baptize this child but don't bring him any more. He said she needed to find a church home in San Bernardino! In her "church shopping" she and Cecil had really liked the First Presbyterian church but she wasn't sure she could possibly leave the Lutheran church of her family's heritage. Pastor Segerhammar said he thought God would likely be present with the Presbyterians too. So in 1955 the family joined First Presbyterian



Church of San Bernardino, just in time to have Steve baptized. Rosemary was still a member 65 years later.

Rosemary and Cecil opened a second variety store near 40th and Sierra Way as San Bernardino was expanding north and they felt the growth would lead to a successful venture. This store was called Shopper's Lane. Around 1962 Cecil had a heart attack and was no longer able to work so they sold the stores at that time.

In order to support the family Rosemary needed to use the degree she had earned at the University of Minnesota all those years before. She learned that she could work for six months on a temporary license then take her California state board exam. She got a job at Patton State Hospital and six months later took the state board exam and passed it. She was quite surprised at how out-of-date the test seemed and she complained to the person proctoring the test. About six months later Rosemary was attending a Medical Technology convention and a person came over to talk with her. It was the proctor from her state board exam and he asked if she would like to serve on a statewide committee to update the exam! She did and became fairly well known among her colleagues. In the 1980's Rosemary went on to get her masters degree in Medical Technology.

After a long battle with prostate cancer Cecil died in April of 1969. Rosemary was an early adopter of the hospice philosophy and insisted that Cecil be cared for at the end of his life with this in mind. She had to be very insistent with the nuns at St. Bernadine's Hospital that her husband was to be made comfortable but his dying not be prolonged. Rosemary was always a forward thinking person and this is one example of that.

At the time of Cecil's death Melodee was 17 and Steven was 14. Rosemary did her best to keep the home running smoothly but it was a difficult time for a 44 year old woman with two teenagers to raise on her own. Their church family was a great support for all three of them.

Rosemary had a pool put in the back yard about 1970. After looking over the fence at a neighbor's pool that was rarely used she had vowed that, if she ever had a pool, she would allow her friends to use it any time. There were huge parties around her pool every Fourth of July and the place became known as Krause Beach. But it didn't have to be a holiday to enjoy Rosemary's pool. The rules were that you were not allowed to swim alone and if you were less than 18 years old you had to be with an adult. People swam in that pool nearly every summer day for many years.

In December of 1971 Rosemary married John Krause. She met him at church. He had three boys from his first marriage and his youngest lived with the family for a short time. John died in 1982, a few years after they retired.

In 1979 Emily Rose Kistner was born and so was "Grandma Rose." Rosemary waited all night at the hospital as Melodee labored and had purchased a new Polaroid camera

so she could immediately have a photo of her grandchild to share with anyone she met. This may have been Rosemary's most beloved iteration of herself and the one by which many, many people came to know her. She was Grandma Rose to all five of her grandchildren but also to nearly all of her church family too. How she loved being called Grandma!

In 1997 Rosemary moved into Mountain Shadows Mobile Home Community, right across the street from Mary and Bill Newman, long time church friends. They had raised their children together and were now sharing their retirement.

Rosemary and John bought a 22 foot Lazy Daze motor home when they retired. Rosemary insisted that she drive it half the time and even after John died she continued to make many trips in her beloved RV. This included a trip to Alaska and back with Alice Lou Hankla, caravanning with Ruth and Jim Carter in their RV. They were gone three months and drove over 9000 miles!

In her retirement Rosemary pursued a number of creative endeavors. She began painting and won a few prizes for her watercolors. Cooking from scratch, with butter, was pretty much family value for Rosemary and her skills in the kitchen were legendary. She made many meals in the church kitchen as well, often sharing this fun with Mary Newman, Alice Lou Hankla and Edie DuClos.

In November of 2014 Rosemary moved to an apartment at Brightwater Senior Living. Although not thrilled with this family decision she made the most of it and was loved by all the staff there. In January of 2020 she moved into the memory care section at Brightwater where she died on August 31, 2020, at the age of 95.

*A Memorial Fund has been set up at First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino.*



Grandma Rose holds a rose from her own garden on an Easter Saturday as she helps prepare the sanctuary for Easter morning.



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7 10:30 AM Zoom Worship & Annual Meeting	8	9 6:30 PM Deacon Committees 7:30 PM Deacon Board	10	11 4:00 PM Nurture Committee	12 9:30 AM Kerygma	13 10:00 AM Straight Up AA
14	15 5:30 PM Circle of Grace	16 7:00 PM M.A.L.E.s	17 	18 9:00 AM Friendship Circle 5:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Committee	19 8:30 AM Food Bagging 9:30 AM Kerygma	20 Deadline for First Press articles 9:00 AM Deacon Food Distribution 10:00 AM Straight Up AA
21	22 7:00 PM Circle of Kindness	23 1:00 PM Circle Of Hope	24 5:30 PM SESSION	25	26 9:30 AM Kerygma	27 10:00 AM Straight Up AA 12:30 PM Ripples/Voyagers
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