



SHARING HIS GRACE SERVING ALL

We are so happy you are worshiping with us today!
If you have questions or need any assistance, please see an Usher or stop by the Welcome Desk.

Assistance Hearing Devices are available from an usher. To activate the LOOP HEARING SYSTEM please turn your hearing aid to T-coil.

The **Cry Room** (off the Narthex) is available for nursing moms and those with special needs.

A **Nursery** is available in the Christian Education Building for children under the age of 5 yrs.

Children, K-5th grade may attend **Church School** following the Children's Sermon. Youth meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Please note on the prayer card or call the office (941-778-0414) if you or someone you know would like a **Pastoral Visit** or is in the hospital.

PASTOR

Rev. Dr. Robert O'Keef
910-580-7359

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Rev. Neil Crowell
980-521-7129

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES
Kristen Stanton

ROSER COMMUNITY CHURCH

MORNING WORSHIP • 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM
September 24, 2017 • 16th Sunday after Pentecost

An asterisk (*) indicates when those who are able will stand.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

A time to quiet our hearts, minds and voices in preparation for worship. Please fill out your prayer request cards at this time to be handed to the ushers later in the service.

PRELUDE *Partita on "Lobe den Herren"* Freudenburg

SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Friendship Register with your name and address for our records of attendance and pass along to your pew mates.

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP (Unison)

**In your Church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your Church, Lord, be glorified today.**

*HYMN OF ADORATION *The God of Abraham Praise* No. 66

*PRAYER OF PETITION (Unison)

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, galaxies, and infinite complexity. Grant, that as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more completely, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

CALL TO PRAYER *Into My Heart* Clarke

(Your prayer request cards will be collected by the ushers.)

(Minister)... In your steadfast love and mercy,
(People)... Hear our prayers, O God.

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM (10:00) *With a Voice of Singing* Shaw/Carpenter

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) Tomlin/Raney
Grace Notes - JoAnne Moyer, Carol Clements, Jeanette Rothberg

ACOLYTE Emily Crowell
 DEACON OF THE MONTH Anne Morse
 MISSION OF THE MONTH
 Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry
 SOUND DIRECTOR Alan Ward
 SOUND TECHNICIAN Michael Jennis
 NURSERY LEADER Lisa Lardas
 SUNDAY CUSTODIAN Jim Webb
 FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR Charles Wade
 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR Matt Meehan
 CHURCH SECRETARY Cyndy Custis
 MEDIA FACILITATOR Bev Hunsberger

**The flowers on the altar
 this morning are given
 to the glory of God:**

*In celebration of our 49th
 wedding anniversary, from Steve
 and JoAnne Moyer.*

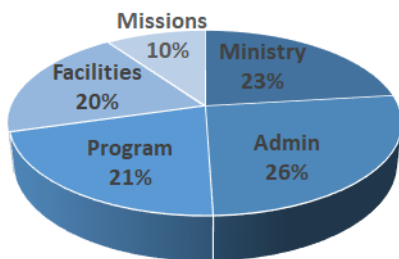
*Happy birthday to Kelley Lanza,
 from Susan Nudd.*

To honor a loved one with
SANCTUARY FLOWERS,
 please sign the book in the
 Narthex or contact the office
 (941-778-0414).

HOW ARE WE DOING?

YTD Attendance
 2016 - 12,500
 2017 - 11,856
 YTD Contributions
 2016 - \$318,688
 2017 - \$329,668
 YTD Expenses - \$398,089
 YTD Income - \$430,695

Contributions comprise the
 portion of income donated by the
 congregation. Monthly financial
 reports available in the church
 office provide full detail.



2017 YTD Use of Cash Received

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 809
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
 praise Him, all creatures here below;
 praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **The Apostle's Creed (Unison)**
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Amazing Grace* No. 502

SCRIPTURE **Matthew 20:1-16**
 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. "He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' "Because no one has hired us,' they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.' "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.' "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."
 (Leader)...The word of God for the people of God.
(People)...Thanks be to God.

SERMON **"EXTRAVAGANT GRACE"** Dr. Bob O'Keef

Discipleship

***HYMN OF DEDICATION** *I Love To Tell the Story* No. 498

BENEDICTION

Benediction Response *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing* No.834

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace. Let us each your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace; O direct us and protect us, traveling through this wilderness.

POSTLUDE *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* arr. Hill

THIS WEEK AT ROSER

NOTE: Thrift Shop closed this month

SUNDAY • September 24

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

SPECIAL MUSIC: GRACE NOTES

8:30 WORSHIP SERVICE Chapel

8:45 Adult Sunday School Class...FH

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE S

10:00 Church School CD

MONDAY • September 25

12:00 BridgeFH

4:30 Deacon Board Meeting CD

6:30 BRed CD

7:30 AA & Alanon S

TUESDAY • September 26

9:00 Volunteer Workday

11:00 Staff Meeting

2:00 Tues@2 Women's Study.... Pg 5

3:15 Joyful Noise Rehearsal.....

WEDNESDAY • September 27

9:00-11:00 Thrift Shop Donations. . Pg 8

9:30 Roser-Robics Pg 4

11:00 JOY (Just Older Youth).... Pg 5

7:00 Council Meeting.....FH

THURSDAY • September 28

10:30 AA Meditation..... CD

7:00 Chancel Choir CM

7:30 AA & Alanon FH & LB

FRIDAY • September 29

9:30 Roser-Robics Pg 4

SATURDAY • September 30

No activities today.

SUNDAY • October 1



SPECIAL MUSIC: ACOUSTIC COMBO

BLOOD DRIVE 8:30 - 12:00..... Pg 4

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:30 - Served in the pews

10:00 - Served by intinction

8:30 WORSHIP SERVICE Chapel

8:45 Adult Sunday School Class...FH

10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE S

Special Music: Joyful Noise

10:00 Church School CD

ROOM KEY

CB - Classroom B, CD - Classroom D,

CM - Colman, FH - Fellowship Hall,

LB - Library, S - Sanctuary

THE STORM WILL NOT *Defeat the Light!*

BY DR. BOB O'KEEF

The storm brought
chaos through the
night.

The winds blew hard
with furious might.

Yet in the darkness, we
saw a great sight;

The storm could not
defeat the light!

The cross still shines
through the night

To battle the dark and
defend the right.

This is God's promise,
our true delight:

The storm will not
defeat the light!



Late Sunday night, September 10 Hurricane Irma passed over Anna Maria Island and Roser Community Church. The cross on the 100 year old historical Roser Memorial Chapel was toppled, but the light was still burning. We praise God for protection from the storm!

Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes are needed by October 1st for wrapping. Please bring UNWRAPPED shoeboxes to the Narthex or church office.

After October 1 the boxes will be wrapped and placed in the Narthex. Individuals, families and groups will be invited to take and fill the empty shoeboxes with gifts of toys, school supplies, hygiene items and notes of encouragement. Samaritan's Purse will deliver the gifts to children in more than 100 countries on six continents, just in time for Christmas!





Roser Robics

**9:30 AM
Wednesdays
& Fridays**
IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL

All ages and skill levels are welcome as variations are shown, including standing exercises to improve balance and flexibility. This chair-based exercise class is appropriate for older adults and those looking to lessen the impact on their joints.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 says that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit... so let's glorify God, have fun, and move to the music through exercises designed to increase your endurance.

THE COST:

Donation-based

BRING: 2 cans of fruit of equal size and weight to be used for class activities. Cans may be donated to the Food Pantry.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR:

The instructor, Melissa Merkle, is certified as an AFAA Group Exercise Instructor and Personal Trainer and Health Coach.

For more information, visit boomersNmotion.com, call Melissa at 330-990-0990 or email coaches@boomersNmotion.com.

Our thanks to everyone who came and helped clean up the church on September 14. Please join us in the following projects!

HURRICANE RELIEF



Anna Maria Island, for the most part escaped the expected devastation of Hurricane Irma's wrath. We experienced widespread power outages; some lost all or part of their roofs, and huge trees have been toppled often damaging whatever was in their downward path. But for many of us, although frightening, it was an inconvenience, but also a reminder of how cherished an ordinary day really is.

Locally, we have some problems, and we at Roser have been called upon to help. Further south in our state, as well as in Texas, where the expectations became a reality, there is a great need for assistance. Because of all of the hurricane related needs, the Roser Missions Committee voted to suspend our Mission of the Month program for the months of October, November and December, and ask that you consider making your mission contributions for those months to Disaster Relief. As for Mercy Ships, Salvation Army and Youth for Christ, the three Missions of the Month effected; they will receive their annual donation from Missions funds, and as always, we will keep their important missions in our prayers.

MONETARY DONATIONS If you would like to help, please be sure to mark "Hurricane Relief" on the memo line of your check. Donations will go toward hurricane relief, including supporting City Pier employees. The missions committee will prayerfully and carefully distribute the gifts that are received.

ROSER FOOD PANTRY Anna Maria Island residents and employees experiencing financial hardship can call the church to make an appointment to receive free groceries. To donate or volunteer at the pantry go to www.roserchurch.com/food-pantry or call the church (941-778-0414).

GIVE BLOOD ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 • 8:30 - 12:00



The 9/11 Remembrance blood drive originally scheduled for September 10 was postponed due to Hurricane Irma. Now we have an additional mission. Hurricane Irma forced OneBlood to suspend local operations for three days and as a result, there is an urgent need to replenish the area's blood supply. All donors will receive a T-Shirt and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening! Register for a time slot in the Narthex, call the church (941-778-0414), online at www.roserchurch.com/blood or stop by the Big Red Bus in the Roser parking lot!

JOIN THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM Instead of Houston, the team will now go to Naples, FL (First Baptist Church) either Sunday, October 15 to Saturday, October 21 or October 22 - 28. If you are interested in joining the team, please call Neil at 980-521-7129. Thanks so much for your willingness to serve our Lord in this time of great need!

Together we can help others return to God's beautiful ordinary days.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday • September 26

Tues@2 Women's Study: The Lord's Prayer (2:00 PM)

Wednesday • September 27

JOY (Just Older Youth) (11:00 AM)

Tuesday • October 3

Terrific Tuesdays begin. Pg 6

Wednesday • October 4

GriefShare begins Pg 7

Golfing for God at IMG (2:45 PM)

Tuesday • October 10

Tues@2 Women's Study: The Lord's Prayer (2:00 PM)

Wednesday • October 11

JOY (Just Older Youth) (11:00 AM)

Wednesday • October 18

Golfing for God at IMG (2:45 PM)

Saturday • October 21

BAYFEST

Wednesday • October 25

JOY (Just Older Youth) (11:00 AM)

Sunday • October 29

Piano Dedication Recital (4:00 PM)

Saturday • November 4

CRAFT FAIR

Tuesday • November 14

Women's Guild Luncheon (12:00 PM)

Sunday • December 3

ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT

Sunday • December 10

Advent Cantata (8:30 & 10:00 AM)

Tuesday • December 12

Women's Guild Christmas Tea (1:00 PM)

Tuesday • January 9

Women's Guild Luncheon (12:00 PM)

Sunday • January 28

Concert Series (4:00 PM)

Tuesday • February 13

Women's Guild Valentine Tea (1:00 PM)

Sunday • February 18

Concert Series (4:00 PM)

Sunday • March 11

Concert Series (4:00 PM)

Tuesday • March 13

Women's Guild Luncheon (12:00 PM)

Sunday • March 25

Lent Cantata (Palm Sunday)

Tuesday • April 10

Women's Guild Luncheon (12:00 PM)



TUES@2

or join your buddies. Please RSVP online at www.roserschurch.com/tues2, call the church office at 941-778-0414 or contact Cass Robertson to order your study materials.

COST: \$4, scholarships available

2:00 PM • TUESDAY, SEPT 26 & OCT 10

All ladies are invited to join us for this two-part study of the Lord's Prayer. If you have been wondering who we are and what we do in our study, this would be great time to check us out! Come and make some new friends



JOY

JUST OLDER YOUTH

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Financial Pitfalls

A FINANCIAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP by HAL HAMMOND

DISCUSSION TOPICS: *Defining the 3 stages of your financial life • The importance of tax strategies • Retirement planning • Exit strategies • "One size fits all" advice*

The Foundation for Financial Education is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to providing free educational resources to the public. Founded in 2009 as a result of an urgent need to eliminate financial illiteracy, F3E has helped thousands of individuals become more fiscally fit by understanding financial pitfalls that they may encounter in their everyday lives. Local industry experts contribute their time and expertise to conduct, financial workshops that are considered to be informative, entertaining and educational.

Bring your brown bag lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall. Beverages and dessert provided!

JOY (Just Older Youth) usually meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month in the Roser Community Church Fellowship Hall.

Hands On Missions

Call the Church Office for contact information— 941-778-0414.

► Join the Missions Committee

If you have a passion for missions, check us out! Contact: Pam Alvord

► Our Daily Bread • October 9

To help serve contact Ann Jones. The Roser team serves on every 2nd Monday and 5th Sunday! A free hot lunch is served to over 200 people a day, 7 days a week.

► Youth for Christ • Volunteer,

listen to the kids at club, bring food and drinks or money for food and drinks. Send a kid to camp—it could change his/her eternal future. Contact: Pam Alvord

► Jim Russo Prison Ministry

Donations of towels, linen, and men's needs are welcomed. Contact: Mike Oney

► Roser Food Pantry

Volunteers/donations needed. Contact: Jack & Lynn Brennan

► Roser Thrift Shop

Volunteer/donations needed. Contact: Peggy Nash

► Beth-El Farmworker Ministry

Any and every donation helps the migrant workers. Contact: Anne Morse

► Roser Women's Guild • Can

tabs, canceled stamps cut from envelope with 1/3" border, school box tops and labels for education can be left in the Women's Guild Box in the church office or given to Glenda Beck for AME.

► Hope Seeds • October 10 & 24

Help pack seeds monthly, October through May, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 3011 19th Ave. W., Bradenton. Hours are 9:00 to noon—come when you can. Refreshments!

TERRIFIC TUESDAYS ARE BACK

a four-week fall installment

OCTOBER 3RD TO OCTOBER 24

Register online at www.roserchurch.com/terrific-tuesdays, write TT next to your name on the Sunday attendance pad or call the church office (941-778-0414)

Dinner at 5:30 PM each Tuesday.

OCTOBER 3 MENU • Pot Roast, Potatoes, Carrots, Salad

Vegetarians: Quiche Dessert: Apple Galette

THE COST IS \$6 PER PERSON (OR \$15 A FAMILY).

From 6:15 to 7:15 PM, we will offer two Bible studies for adults, and a youth/children's study as well. The two studies are:

BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE



There are many Bad Girls in the Bible. Each of them demonstrate one great truth -- God's sovereignty. God works through us (even our sins!) to accomplish His will. In our study, we will focus on four women whom God uses in spite of their faults -- the witch of Endor, the woman caught in adultery, Bathsheba, and Tamar. We will see, hopefully, how God can use us, too.

Taught by- Rev. Dr. Bob O' Keef

Location: Chapel

THEOLOGY OF HYMNS: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY

Ever sung hymns in church and not understood them? Have you ever wondered if some hymns line up with Scripture? This class will explore different hymns each week, study the history of them, and ask whether they are theologically sound.

Taught by- Rev. Neil Crowell

Location: Fellowship Hall





Birthday Blessings

SEPTEMBER

- 24 Bob Squier
- 25 Jonathan Huntington
- 27 Gary Alvord
- 27 Barbara Stratton
- 27 Gail Tutewiler
- 29 Charlene Kennedy
- 30 Patty Ball

OCTOBER

- 1 Tess Coleman
- 1 Alan Ward
- 4 Major Leckie
- 8 Dale Dohner
- 9 Margret Art
- 10 Sam Howells
- 11 Bill Johnson
- 11 Charles Makovec
- 17 Marjorie Miller-Motzer
- 18 Darlene Head
- 18 Lore Morgret
- 19 Carolyne Norwood
- 20 Annette Maddox
- 21 Jim Bickal
- 21 Florence Carr
- 21 Joan Voyles
- 23 Heather Blane
- 23 Mike Selby
- 25 Sandee Shea
- 26 Katherine Stratton
- 27 Donna Hyman
- 28 Thomas Creed
- 28 Dick Gilmore

If your birthday is not listed or is incorrect, please call the office (941-778-0414) or email info@roserchurch.com

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US...



- Good food & fellowship
- Dr. Bob's rich insight and knowledge teaching the **GOSPEL OF JOHN**
- In a roomy and private dining area overlooking scenic Sarasota Bay
- Occuring every 2 or 3 weeks... each event usually completing by 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4

At IMG Academy,
Bradenton

Dinner & Bible Study
5:30 PM • \$20

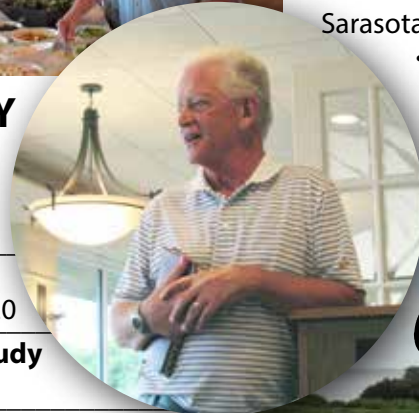
Dinner & Bible Study + Clinic
• \$40

Dinner & Bible Study + Golf
2:45 PM • \$35 9-hole scramble
for all levels of golfers

Register: Online, in the Narthex,
call the office or go to

www.roserchurch.com/golfing-for-god

Next dates: October 18, November 1 & 15



GOLF OPTIONAL



GRIEF SHARE

BEGINS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 1:00 PM

in Classroom D and continues every Wednesday for 13 weeks. Call the church office (941-778-0414) to enroll. The cost is \$15 for the workbook (scholarships available). You are welcome to begin attending the program at any point. Each session is self-contained.

Do you or someone you know need encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend? After the cards and flowers have stopped coming, friends and family return to their normal lives. But grief continues and loneliness sets in. Offer to attend this group with someone who is hurting and reluctant to attend alone. **Have you lost a spouse or loved one in the past and would like to share your story with others that are reeling from a recent loss?** Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and successfully rebuilt their lives. We will walk with you on the long path through grief toward healing and hope for the future. There are three parts to your GriefShare experience— an encouraging, information-packed video featuring leading grief recovery experts, small group discussion and a workbook for journaling and personal study exercise that reinforce the weekly session topics.

JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY

The ROSER COMMUNITY CHURCH MESSENGER



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STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASSES PLANNED FOR THIS WINTER

You have been reading about Roser's Stephen Ministry for months now. Why not consider joining us for our upcoming classes to become a Stephen Minister?

We are gathering names of persons in our Roser community who might be interested in sharing their gifts of compassion for those who are hurting, lonely, fearful, or perhaps facing health challenges or difficult decisions. The classes will include practicing care-giving skills such as effective listening, understanding feelings, and assertiveness within an environment of encouragement and distinctively Christian principles. Maintaining boundaries and the importance of confidentiality are discussed. In addition, you have an opportunity to grow in your personal Christian faith while you are acquiring skills that you will use throughout your lifetime.

Specific dates will be determined by the class members. These will include four 5- hour Saturdays and 9 weekday sessions of two and one-half hours, totally 50 hours. Classes will conclude the weekend before Palm Sunday.

A FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION: *What if I get in over my head, with people who need more care than I can provide?* First of all, you will never be knowingly assigned to people who might be in those situations. The Stephen Ministry training also helps you to know exactly when and how to help your Care Receiver get professional help when necessary. The Supervision Group, the Stephen Leaders, and the Pastor are also there to help you to make such decisions.

GIVE US A CALL to request more details. You may call the church office at 941-778-0414. Or you can contact one of the Stephen Leaders, who include JoAnne Moyer, Betsy Grundy, Lorna Smilde, Joy Bennington and Dee O'Brien. Also any of our current Stephen Ministers could share with you their experiences and the value of the classes.

Perhaps you know someone who might benefit from **RECEIVING** the care-giving skills of a Stephen Minister. If so, call the church office or JoAnne Moyer.

To receive **eUpdates**
[WEEKLY eBULLETIN plus]
please sign up on the Sunday
attendance pad, text ROSER
to 22828 or scan code above.

Please **LIKE** us on
Facebook to receive instant
updates and photos.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
and Annual Report are available
in the Narthex.

THE BULLETIN DEADLINE
is every Monday at Noon.
Please send your submissions to
bulletin@roserchurch.com.

TO SCHEDULE AN EVENT
check the online calendar at
www.roserchurch.com/calendar
then scroll down and complete
the form or call the church office.

THRIFT SHOP

The thrift shop is closed for shopping the month of September but we are glad to accept donations on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. The Thrift shop will reopen Tuesday October 3rd.

Many thanks to our tireless volunteers and the friends whose donations are so important!
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED
Please call the church office or see Peggy Nash to volunteer.
www.roserchurch.com/thrift-shop