



ROSER COMMUNITY CHURCH

MORNING WORSHIP • 8:30 AM & 10:00 AM
January 21, 2018 • 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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 *O God Beyond All Praising* Holst/arr. Lamb.
Roser Ringers

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) No. 97**
He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

***HYMN We Gather Together No. 376**

***PRAYER OF PETITION (UNISON)**
O creator and mighty God, you have promised strength for the weak, rest for the laborers, light for the way, grace for our trials, help from above, and your undying love. Help us to believe in your promises, and to hold fast to them, through all the days of our lives. Amen.

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

MISSION MOMENT - Hope Seeds

CALL TO PRAYER *Spirit Song* Wimber

(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 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* Stebbens/arr. Cottrell

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

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 • 641-781-0226

THE ROSER MOTTO:

We agree to differ ...
We resolve to love ...
We unite to serve ...

DEACON OF THE MONTH Mary Pat Swamy
 MISSION OF THE MONTH Hope Seeds
 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 Mary's birthday
 from Randy Zion.

In celebration of Dale's 82nd
 birthday from Marcia Powers.

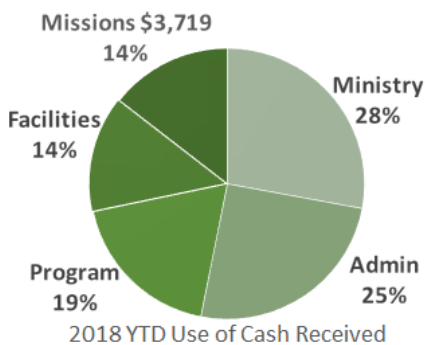
In memory of Dr. Patricia Pearse
 from Charlotte Mann
 and Russell Hedge.

To honor a loved one with **ALTAR FLOWERS**, please sign the book in the Narthex or contact the office (941-778-0414). Then put a check in the offering for \$30 and note that it is for *ALTAR FLOWERS*.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

YTD Attendance
 2017 - 657
 2018 - 816
 YTD Operating Contributions
 2017 - \$23,526
 2018 - \$28,131
 YTD Operating Expenses - \$20,357
 YTD Operating Income - \$29,391

Contributions are the donated portion of income. The pie chart includes both operating and designated expenses. Detailed financial reports are available in the church office.



OFFERTORY

Brother James' Air
 Marc Deur - soloist

arr. Dean.

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**

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

No. 463

SCRIPTURE

John 5: 1-9

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

"Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath.

(Leader)...The word of God for the people of God.
(People)...Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"DO YOU WANT TO GET WELL?"

Dr. Bob O'Keef

Call to Christian Discipleship

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

No. 611

BENEDICTION

Benediction Response

**May the grace of Christ, our Savior, And the love of God, our Father,
 And the fellowship of the Spirit be with us.
 Forever and ever, forevermore, Amen.**

Postlude

To God Be the Glory

arr. Johnson

THIS WEEK AT ROSER

SUNDAY • January 21

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY MISSION MOMENT

8:30 Early Bird Sunday School ... CD
 8:30 EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE S
 8:45 Adult Sunday School FH
 9:00 Adult Book Study LB
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE S
 Church School CD

MONDAY • January 22

9:30 Migrant Sewing 7
 12:00 Bridge FH
 2:30 Intermediate Adult Piano Class
 3:45 Beginning Adult Piano Class
 4:30 Deacon Board Meeting CD
 7:30 AA & Alanon FH & LB

TUESDAY • January 23

9:00 Volunteer Workday
 9:30-2:00 Thrift Shop Open. Pg 7
 11:00 Staff Meeting
 3:15 Joyful Noise Rehearsal CM
 5:30 Terrific Tuesday Pg 4
 6:30 GriefShare CD

WEDNESDAY • January 24

9:00-11:00 Thrift Shop Donations. . Pg 7
 9:30 Roster-Robics FH
 10:00 JOY (Just Older Youth) Pg 5
 7:00 Council Meeting FH

THURSDAY • January 25

9:30 Guild Board Meeting LB
 9:30-2:00 Thrift Shop Open. Pg 7
 10:30 AA Meditation CD
 5:45 Roster Ringers S
 7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal CM
 7:30 AA & Alanon FH & LB

FRIDAY • January 26

9:30 Roster-Robics FH
 9:30-2:00 Thrift Shop Open. Pg 7

SATURDAY • January 27

10:00-1:00 Thrift Shop Open ... Pg 7

SUNDAY • January 28

8:30 Early Bird Sunday School ... CD
 8:30 EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE S
 8:45 Adult Sunday School FH
 9:00 Adult Book Study LB
 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE S
 Church School CD
 4:00 CONCERT SERIES 3
songeaters - Doors open at 3:00

ROOM KEY

C - Classroom (A, B, or C)
 CM - Colman, FH - Fellowship Hall,
 LB - Library, S - Sanctuary

2018 CONCERT SERIES 4:00 PM SUNDAY



JANUARY 28

Created by acclaimed pianist **EUNMI KO** and Grammy-nominated mezzo-soprano **THEA LOBO**, Songeaters is a voice-piano duo offering a new look at **ART SONG**.

DOORS OPEN AT 3:00 • FREE-WILL OFFERING • Read more about Eunmi and Thea online at www.RoserChurch.com/Concert-Series

Rather than more traditional programming based on a single composer or nationality, Songeaters produces programs that thread together a **DIVERSE REPERTOIRE** based on story and text theme. They seek to explore the widest range of perspectives and experiences by pairing selected popular chestnuts with lesser known gems and newly composed responses that expand the world of classical song and deepen understanding. In the search for variety, they have discovered a vast amount of repertoire by women, minorities and other marginalized composers throughout history which has most often not been recorded, performed in recent history, or even published in some cases.

For this performance Lobo and Ko will present **seasonscape**, a program tracing the course of the year through a wide variety of eras and countries.



TUES@2 • JANUARY 30

Women in today's world face ever-changing challenges and circumstances. How do we respond? The story of **Queen Esther** provides a dramatic backdrop for discovering the essential, foundational truths on which a wise woman can build her life and faith. Learn vital lessons about choices, personal trials, pride, faith, and control. All ladies are invited to join us for this study. Come and make some new friends or join your buddies. Please RSVP online at www.roserchurch.com/tues2. Call the church

office (941-778-0414) for location and more information.

FUTURE DATES: Feb 6 & 20, March 6 & 20, Apr 3 & 17

Roser Valentine Dinner

Enjoy a meal and music with your significant other!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

MENU: STEAK, BAKED POTATO, SALAD, AND DESSERT

Cost is \$6 per person and limited to the first 140 people.

*If you would like to reserve a seat, please put a **"VAL"** beside your name on the attendance pad or sign up online at: www.roserchurch.com/terrific-tuesdays



TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

JANUARY 23 • MENU *Pork Chops, Rice, Yeast Rolls, Salad, Dessert*

Register online at www.roschurch.com/terrific-tuesdays, write TT next to your name on the Sunday attendance pad or call the church (941-778-0414). Volunteers needed to help serve—call the office to sign up. DINNER at 5:30 PM. The cost is \$6 per person (or \$15 a family).

CLASSES from 6:15 to 7:15 PM for the whole family!



DEFENDING THE FAITH

A Study of the Letters of John

Taught by Rev. Dr. Bob O'Keef
Location: Chapel

In the early days of the church, there arose a group of Christians who believed that they had moved beyond orthodox thinking. They believed that they were receiving direct inspiration from the Holy Spirit and no longer needed Jesus or His teaching. They argued against the incarnation, the atonement, and even the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The three brief, but powerful, Letters of John address these ancient heresies. John demands that we know Jesus, that we walk in His light, and that we love in a radical way. John teaches that radical love should transform us and those whom we love.

In our six-week study, Dr. O'Keef will help us understand how to defend and live out our faith in the 21st Century.



THEOLOGY OF HYMNS:

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly PART 2

Taught by Rev. Neil Crowell
Location: Fellowship Hall

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 their history, and ask whether they are theologically sound. **JAN 23** (Peace/Obedience) *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms, I Need Thee Every Hour, Blessed Assurance, Trust and Obey*



JOURNEY from Mourning TO JOY

Location: Classroom D

Do you or does someone you know need encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend? 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—a video featuring leading grief recovery experts, small group discussion and a workbook for journaling and personal study.

THE GROOVE:

The Basics of Christianity

FOR YOUTH Taught by Glenda Beck

Location: Dr. Bob's Office This small-group Bible study invites teens to learn the essentials of their faith, own their story, and engage the world in serving Jesus. Each easy-to-lead study consists of four weekly sessions that relate to life issues teens face along with a Student Journal with questions and devotions.





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

► **Our Daily Bread**
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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.

THANK YOU to all those who donated warm clothing for the homeless. Please **BRING** in used eyeglasses, both prescription or cheaters, and sunglasses, sweat-shirts and pants for men and women, or any warm clothes, hats, gloves and any inspirational reading, plus regular magazines.

PRAYER MINISTRY: Contact Leslie Atkins with any questions. Like Jesus physically AND spiritually fed the 5000, we need volunteers to fuel the newly-begun prayer ministry at Our Daily Bread at 9:30 on 2nd Mondays and 5th Sundays, in addition to the 6 or 7 needed to serve a hot meal to those in need. All you need is a heart for the lost, and God will do the rest.

► **Hope Seeds**

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! Next date at Roser: **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28** 9:00 AM in Classroom D

► **Roser Food Pantry**

Volunteers/donations needed. Contact: Jack & Lynn Brennan

► **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.



JOY

(Just Older Youth)

**WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 24
10:00 AM**

VISIT TO ANCHOR HOUSE AT THE PORT • Those who

have already signed up for the tour to Anchor House at the Manatee County Port Authority should meet in the parking lot by the Fellowship Hall by 10:00 AM. Please bring a picture ID and a brown bag lunch.

• The Anchor House mission is to meet the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of international seafarers at Port Manatee. International seafarers are an unreached people group according to the US Center for World Missions. This diverse cultural and religious blend of people live and work together daily while facing the hardships and hazards of life at sea, separated from family.

JOY (Just Older Youth) usually meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month in the Roser Community Church Fellowship Hall. For more information go to www.roserchurch.com/joy



Early Bird SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

8:30 AM • EVERY SUNDAY in Classroom D

Everyone is invited to join us for this 12-week Sunday School class on the Book of Ephesians: ***The Purpose and Nature of the Church.***

NEW ROSER CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Two coordinators and several volunteers are needed:

- A hostess COORDINATOR to get volunteers to greet people as they come in and help them fill out their cards.
 - VOLUNTEERS to contact people who haven't signed up and encourage them to come.
 - VOLUNTEERS to call and remind people of their appointments.
- To volunteer please contact Glenda Beck or call the church office at 941-778-0414.



SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX TODAY.

The dates that photos will be taken are:

TUES, FEB 20	2:00-8:40	WED, FEB 21	10:00-4:40
THURS, FEB 22	10:00-4:40	FRI, FEB 23	10:00-4:40
SAT, FEB 24	10:00-4:40	TUES, FEB 27	2:00-8:40



MISSION OF THE MONTH **HOPE SEEDS**

Mission Moment
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Hope Seeds is a Christian charitable organization that provides seeds and agricultural support to missionaries and mission teams around the World. This mission **empowers** the hungry to grow nutritious food which helps heal broken families and communities.

By supporting this mission with your donations you have the opportunity to not only share seed for gardens but also share seed for the Gospel.



The seed is packaged in small zip-lock packets of ten varieties and species chosen for the climate and culture of the nation they are being sent to free of charge.

To donate to the Mission of the Month, please use the envelope in the pew or go to **GIVE** online at www.roserchurch.com.

PLANT A SEED! FEED A SOUL!



Give the Gift of Life

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 • 8:30 - 12:00

Everyone who donates will receive a t-shirt.

Register in the Narthex, the church office or online at

www.roserchurch.com/blood



THE BENEFITS OF GIVING BLOOD

• **RECEIVE A FREE WELLNESS CHECKUP.**

Each time you donate you'll receive a free wellness checkup which includes blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening. These wellness checkups have saved the lives of some of those who volunteer to give blood.

• **YOU MAY BE LESS LIKELY TO HAVE A HEART ATTACK.**

Donating regularly may help your blood flow and result in fewer arterial blockages. In fact, some studies have shown that men who donate at least three times a year can drastically reduce their risk of having a heart attack or stroke.

• **DONATING CAN KEEP YOUR IRON LEVEL BALANCED.**

Having too much iron in your blood can contribute to hardening of the arteries. When you donate blood, the amount of iron in your blood is reduced. The iron will be replenished by the food you eat after donating, but regular donations can balance your iron level.

Golfing for God

**GOOD FOOD
AND FELLOWSHIP
(Golf Optional)**



**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
at IMG Academy, Bradenton**

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



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: In the Narthex, call the office or go to www.roserchurch.com/golfing-for-god
Next dates: February 21 and March 7 & 21



JANUARY

- 21 Dale Powers
- 22 Sue Shinn
- 22 Mary Zion
- 25 Jim Bell
- 26 Steve Gianotes
- 27 Bubba Stewart
- 28 Bill Carlin
- 29 Nico Altizer
- 29 Don Mateer

FEBRUARY

- 5 Janice Williams
- 6 Leslie Atkins
- 6 Nell Bergstrom
- 7 Craig Altizer
- 10 BJ Love-Rosche

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



THRIFT SHOP
The best bargains in town!
TUESDAY • 9:30 to 2:00
THURSDAY • 9:30 to 2:00
FRIDAY • 9:30 to 2:00
SATURDAY • 10:00 to 1:00

Roser Guild Thrift Shop is located across the street from the historic Roser Memorial Chapel. **DONATIONS** are accepted on Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Special arrangements can be made for other times. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** Please call the church office or see Peggy Nash to volunteer. www.roserschurch.com/thrift-shop

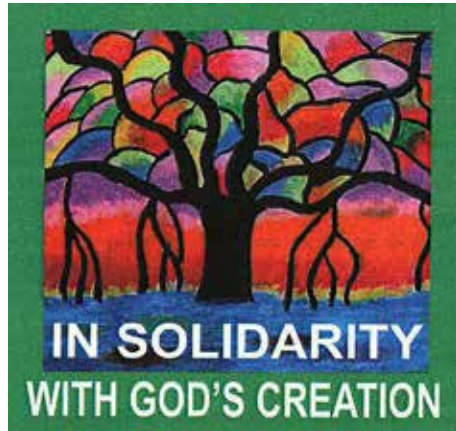
ROSER Women's Guild

MIGRANT SEWING 9:30 AM • MON, JAN 22

In the Fellowship Hall to sew and knot quilts. Donations of batting, cotton fabric, small scissors and embroidery floss are always welcome.

GUILD BOARD MEETING 9:30 AM • THURS, JAN 25 in the Library

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED



9:30 AM • FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The Roser Guild will host Church Women United's Human Rights Celebration in the Roser Memorial Chapel with coffee and fellowship prior to the service in the Fellowship Hall.

The spirit of this celebration is for all participants to understand the meaning of unity. It is our unity that makes the world whole. Let us create solidarity in the world that reflects God's creation.

COME AND FIND OUT WHO WILL RECEIVE THE HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD!

GUILD VALENTINE TEA

1:00 PM • TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 in the Fellowship Hall

Here we GROW again!



Welcome to our newest member **Michael Kulikowski**

received Sunday, January 14!

Michael has been a snowbird for many years. Originally from Bridgeport, Connecticut, he moved to Bradenton five months ago. Michael retired after 40 years working with United Illuminating Company in New Jersey. He has three children and five great grandchildren.

It is a great privilege to be a member of Roser Church. Roser has two types of members: Full

Members and Federated Members (an opportunity to be a member of Roser and maintain membership in another Church). If you are ready to commit yourself to helping Roser fulfill the work of Christ by becoming a member, please check the "Wish to Join Roser" box on the pew pad or contact Dr. O'Keef personally. Dr. Bob will meet with you and answer all your questions.

The **ROSER** COMMUNITY CHURCH
MESSENGER



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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.

**Died to Life
Everlasting**

Loquita Gates Buchert, Gail Swain's mother, died to Life Everlasting on January 14 in Georgia. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 16 in Warner Robins, Georgia. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Gail, Randy, Kristin and the family and friends of Loquita.

**Mark Your
Calendar**

Saturday • February 10

Pancake Breakfast (8:00 - 11:00)

Sunday • February 11

Annual Meeting (12:00)

Tuesday • February 13

Women's Guild Valentine Tea (1:00)

Terrific Tuesday Valentine Dinner (5:30)

Sunday • February 18

Concert Series (4:00)

Sunday • February 25

Fellowship Sunday

Mission Fest (8:30 & 10:00)

Sunday • March 11

Concert Series (4:00 PM)

Tuesday • March 13

Women's Guild Luncheon (12:00)

Saturday • March 17

Pancake Breakfast (8:00)

Sunday • March 25

Lent Cantata (Palm Sunday)

Tuesday • April 10

Women's Guild Luncheon (12:00)

Sunday • May 20

AID Pentecost Service (7:00 PM)

Monday • June 4 - 8

VBS "Islands" (5:30)

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.

SCHEDULE AN EVENT online at

www.roserchurch.com/events

then scroll down and complete the form or call the church office.

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**



Stephen Ministers are the

**"AFTER
PEOPLE"...**

after the

doctor says,

"I'm sorry, but

there's nothing

more we can do."

Perhaps you know someone who might benefit from RECEIVING the care-giving skills of a Stephen Minister. If so, see JoAnne Moyer or call the church (941-778-0414).