

# RELIGION

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

### LUTHERAN

**Hope Lutheran Church** invites everyone to gather for a spirited worship service in the Fireside Room at Gateway at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 4. Pastor Jack Niemi will preach on Mark 10:2-16. Maestro Wayne Anderson serves as music director and grand pianist. Don Gurley serves as cantor. Special music will be provided by Cristill Cox. Immediately following worship, all are invited for refreshments and fellowship. The people of Hope Church gather in the Fireside Room to be transformed by a warm and friendly time of liturgical worship and high-spirited fellowship. Rossmoor Dial-a-Bus delivers attendees to Gateway Clubhouse. Large-print bulletins and hearing aid T-coil complement the accessibility of worship at Hope. For information or pastoral concerns, contact Pastor Niemi at 349-5111. Visit the website at [www.hoperossmoor.org](http://www.hoperossmoor.org).

### EPISCOPAL

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church** invites all Rossmoor residents to a service of "caring and sharing through inspirational worship and fellowship" on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 10 a.m. in the Diablo Room at Hillside Clubhouse. On this 19th Sunday after Pentecost, the Rev. Anne Cox Bailey will offer a sermon titled "One Flesh," based on Mark 10:2-16. The service will include Healing Eucharist; all are welcome to participate fully, and to stay for refreshments and fellowship at the potluck coffee hour following the service. Bible study is held each Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Bunker Room at Creekside. Call the church office for more details: 937-4820. Visit the website: [www.stlukeswalnutcreek.org](http://www.stlukeswalnutcreek.org) or the Facebook page at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Walnut Creek-Rossmoor.

### METHODIST

**Tice Valley United Methodist Church** invites everyone to a joyful and hope-filled worship experience on Sunday mornings at 11 in Peacock Hall. This Sunday, Oct. 4, Pastor Joanne Peterson will preach on Luke 22:14-20. Her sermon title is "What Really Happens at This Table?" Loni Williams is the music director. The choir sings each Sunday from September through June. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Weekly worship is wheelchair-accessible with large-

## Unitarians continue journey in pictures of world cruise

The Unitarian Universalists of Rossmoor program for the Friday, Oct. 9, meeting will be led by Rossmoor residents Bill Oman and Larry Crummer. The meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. in the Vista Room at Hillside.

Oman and Crummer will show the remaining pictures of their world cruise with commentary. The final photos show the Taj Mahal, Delhi and the final segments of their cruise.

A potluck lunch is served at noon. Bring a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert for six to eight people. A voluntary donation of \$2 is requested to cover expenses.

print bulletins and aids for hearing.

After the service, worshippers are invited for conversation and refreshments in multipurpose rooms 1 and 2. On the fourth Sunday of each month, a light lunch will be provided. For more information or pastoral care, contact the church office at 937-4535, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday, or visit the website at [tvumc.org](http://tvumc.org).

### CATHOLIC

**St. Anne's Catholic Church** schedule of Masses for the weekend of Oct. 3 and 4 is as follows: Rev. George Da Roza will celebrate the 9 a.m. Masses on Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Joseph Parekkatt will preside at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday and the 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Blessing of Animals will take place on Sunday, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, 1 to 1:30 p.m. on the courtyard. Animals are not permitted in the parish buildings. Reconciliation is available on Saturdays, 4 to 4:30 p.m., or by appointment. All are welcome at St. Anne's Church, celebrating "Faith, Hope and Love" since 1965.

### PRESBYTERIAN

**Grace Presbyterian Church** invites everyone to worship on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 10 a.m. This special World Communion Sunday will feature a joint worship service. Grace Church welcomes its Mandarin speaking sister congregation, ATC Grace Church. The Rev. Roger Reaber's sermon, "God's Expectations," will be based on Micah 3:1-8, 6:1-8, and will be translated into Mandarin by the Rev. Kok Thai Lim. The choirs of the two congregations will merge, and hymns will be sung in both English and Mandarin. After worship enjoy festive treats and a time to socialize in the Fireside Room. The fourth of a five-week adult study will begin at 11:20 a.m. in the library, led by Dr. Kris Ludwigen. From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Grace Partners, a new worshipping community, will host a Blessing of the Animals. Throughout the afternoon, there will be several opportunities to have a pet blessed. The Grace Cooperative Preschool will hold a bake sale during the event.

### JEWISH

**B'nai Israel Congregation** Sabbath services led by Cantor Rachel Brott will be held on Friday, Oct. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Vista Room, Hillside Clubhouse. The greeter, Estelle Katz, will say the blessing over the challah. After the service Nina Grasseti will talk about her experiences in Holland during WWII and the goodness in people who helped her and her family survive the German occupation in Holland, as well as an unexpected reunion after the war. To celebrate the holiday of Sukkot, the oneg will take place in the Sukkah adjacent to the Hillside complex. The oneg will be provided by Frida Bruk, Barry and Marsha Grossberg and Marvin and Rochelle Schulman. Members and their guests are welcome.

## Bible Study continues tomorrow

The Rossmoor Bible Study group meets on Thursday, Oct. 1, at Dollar Clubhouse to continue the study of John. This week's lesson is on John 13:1-20.

Although these verses are comparatively few in number and describe a seemingly mundane chore performed by Jesus, this took place at the time of the Passover celebration – an important time in Jewish religious history. This ritual had a special meaning.

This was just prior to Jesus' arrest and included the washing of Simon Peter's feet. Shortly after, Jesus predicted his own death. There are intrigue and betrayal and both are described in detail by Pastor Glenn Tatum.

Small groups meet at 9 a.m. Tatum's lecture begins at 10, ending at 10:40. Those preferring just the lecture are always welcome to come for that alone.

The study is evangelical, but nondenominational and everyone is invited. For information, contact Jim Williams at 934-0594.

## INTERFAITH IN ROSSMOOR

FROM THE INTERFAITH COUNCIL

### Francis in the Schools

By Susie Kohl

President, Interfaith Council of Rossmoor

Pope Francis' love for the poor has endeared him to people across the globe, adherents of every religion and no religion, who are hungry for role models who demonstrate humanity and compassion. Explaining why he took the name Francis, the pope described the 13th-century saint as "the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation."

The unifying nature of people's response to this pope has been described as the "Francis effect." Coverage of the pope's six-day visit to the United States reflected a wave of hopefulness and joy seldom seen in modern media, raising the question how can people keep this positive perspective going?

With this spirit in mind, Cardinal Timothy Dolan invited a Walnut Creek-based organization to travel to New York three days after the pope left the city to bring the message of the pope and his namesake to 800 children from underserved neighborhoods. The nonsectarian Francis in the Schools program, founded in 2010 by Dr. Carol Weyland Conner, spiritual director of Sufism Reoriented and founder of the White Pony Express and the Free General Store, endeavors to strengthen the core sense of self of children from low-income neighborhoods by celebrating the life of Francis of Assisi.

"This day is a celebration of the resilience, won-

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<p><b>B'NAI ISRAEL CONGREGATION</b> Friday Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Vista Room—Hillside Clubhouse For information call 287-9997 or 300-3225</p>	<p><b>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Worship: 10:30 a.m. each Sunday Fireside Room, Gateway Clubhouse For info, call the church office: 709-4673</p>
<p><b>GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 2100 Tice Valley Blvd. at Rossmoor Prkwy. 935-2100 Sundays: Worship 10 a.m., Pastor: Roger Reaber</p>	<p><b>TICE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Services every Sunday at 11 a.m. in Peacock Hall at Gateway Rev. Joanne Peterson • 937-4535 New Office: 1944 Tice Valley Blvd.</p>
<p><b>ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Sunday Masses 9:00 &amp; 11:15 a.m. Sat. 5 p.m., Weekdays 8 a.m. Confessions Sat. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Father Joseph Parekkatt 1600 Rossmoor Prkwy. 932-2324</p>	<p><b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WALNUT CREEK</b> Sundays: Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. 2336 Buena Vista Ave., WC 934-2139</p>
<p><b>ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b> Service 10 a.m., Diablo Room, Hillside, Rector: the Rev. Anne Cox Bailey 937-4820 (Office)</p>	<p><b>FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST</b> #2 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek (corner of Eckley Lane and Walnut Blvd.) Sunday 10 a.m. Wednesday Evening 7:30 p.m. 934-4527</p>

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# IN MEMORIAM

## ELEANOR SIMMONS

Eleanor Simmons, 94, died July 27 in Walnut Creek.

The native of Avon lived in Rheem for 37 years prior to moving to Rossmoor 17 years ago. She was a senior buyer of women's clothes for Liberty House and Bullocks for 20 years. She was a member of the Happy Hackers.

She is survived by stepsons Rick and Ron Simmons of Southern California, one grandchild and one great-grandchild. Art, her husband of 37 years, died in 1998.

Memorial services were held by the family. Memorial gifts may be made to the charity of your choice.

### Obituary policy

The Rossmoor News offers free obituaries of about 120 words. Obituaries may be edited. A sample obituary with instructions is available in the News office or can be emailed. Obituaries with photos and with additional information are charged at a rate of \$10 per column inch. For information about placing an obituary, call 988-7800.

## Interfaith: Pope Francis

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der and joy inherent in the children, of the kindness, compassion and ceaseless service Francis of Assisi modeled for others, and of the inspiration and encouragement our beloved children from learning about the life of this remarkable man," Dr. Conner said.

Francis in the Schools provides a free one-day field trip, which includes a lively musical play about Francis' life, followed by a festive Umbrian Renaissance-style "faire" in a beautiful outdoor setting. There the children enjoy a nutritious lunch, live music, games, dancing, a puppet show, face painting, flower arranging, gifts and a chance to meet Francis and other characters from the play.

In New York, the play was held at Good Shepherd Church in Manhattan. To put this program on in any location, volunteers collaborate for weeks, cooking lunches and treats, preparing 20,000 flowers for the children to arrange.

To bring the show to New York took meticulous organization. A 26-foot truck loaded to the brim with costumes, puppets, play props, festive flags travelled from Walnut Creek to the Big Apple. Last week about 100 people, including some Rossmoor residents, flew to New York to help create the play and the gala faire, all with the goal of providing the children with "a day of perfect joy."

The program has hosted about 8,000 children now in San Francisco, Oakland, Danville, Baltimore, New York and Washington D.C. In the spring, the program will travel to Orange County.

One eighth grade teacher wrote, "Thanks to you, St. Francis has become more than a historical figure. He has be-

come a person of the present moment, a great man of our time." One boy sent a letter saying, "This was the happiest day of my life."

## Grace blesses animals on Sunday

Grace Partners will host a Blessing of the Animals at Grace Presbyterian Church on Sunday, Oct. 4, from 4 to 6 p.m. Grace Cooperative Preschool will hold a bake sale and a variety of local animal welfare organizations will have information booths set up at the event.

Throughout the afternoon, there will be several opportunities to have a pet blessed. There will also be a time to reflect and remember beloved animal friends who have passed.

Enjoy some tasty treats – for both animals and humans – to help support the preschool. There will also be a face-painting station, and

pictures will be taken of attendees and their pets to provide a memento of the day.

Grace Partners is a progressive Christian community of Grace Church. The group consists of a small number of people meeting monthly for a potluck meal, community building and worship.

Grace Preschool is a parent participation preschool on the campus of Grace Presbyterian Church, which is located at 2100 Tice Valley Blvd.

For information, call the church office at 935-2100.

## Grace Presbyterian to hold day retreat

Grace Presbyterian Church invites residents and friends to attend to a retreat on Saturday, Oct. 10. The theme of the retreat is "Tending to Your Spiritual Garden."

With garden as the central metaphor, participants will explore how to nurture their spiritual landscape and enjoy and share the harvest of a spiritual life. The theme of the day will

be explored through music, guided meditation, worship, writing and art, and gentle movement.

The retreat is free. Lunch is provided. Longtime members

and newcomers are welcome.

Sign up by calling the church office at 935-2100. Grace Presbyterian Church is located at 2100 Tice Valley Blvd., just outside the Rossmoor gates.

## Joseph Eustes Scott

Our beloved Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather and devoted husband of 57 years, Joe Scott, AKA Grandad passed on September the 8th surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by 6 children, 14 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Joe served his God, his country, his family and his community with the heart and bravery of a lion. Grandad will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His intelligence, wit and love of words engaged friends and strangers in wonderful conversation. His humble heart was always there to lend a hand or a prayer in the time of need. He has joined his dearest Patricia in Heaven. A funeral mass will be held at Saint Anne's Catholic Church on October the 2nd at 11:00 a.m. 1600 Rossmoor Parkway, Walnut Creek, CA.



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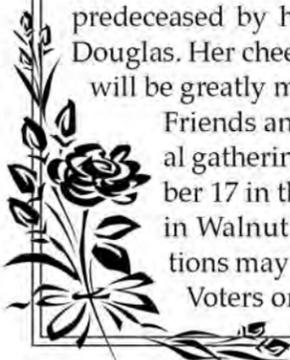
## Barbara Rose Owens

October 6, 1929 – September 17, 2015

Barbara passed away peacefully after a short illness. She is survived by her son Stephen (Michelle) of Covington, LA, her daughter Lyn of Folsom, LA, her son Patrick (Robin) of Lafayette, CA and her grandchildren Sergei, Isabel and Katarina. She was predeceased by her son Douglas. Her cheerful outlook and generous nature will be greatly missed.



Friends and family are invited to a memorial gathering at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 17 in the Dollar Clubhouse at Rossmoor in Walnut Creek. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the League of Women Voters or the Nature Conservancy.



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## Sabina B. Margiotta, Lewis

Resident of Walnut Creek  
Born December 9, 1920 –  
August 24, 2015

Mrs. Sabina (Betty) Margiotta, Lewis passed away peacefully on Monday, August 24, 2015 with her son Peter and daughter-in-law Patsy at her side at the Hospice Bruns House in Alamo, California. A private family celebration of her life is planned.

Mrs. Lewis was born in Melrose Park, Illinois. Her family moved to California in 1938 and in 1940 she married Marco Margiotta. She was widowed in 1948. She then married Lawrence Lewis in 1953 and widowed in 1975.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Peter and Patsy Margiotta; her stepdaughter and son-in-law Elizabeth and Steve Christian, and her four grandchildren: Marco Margiotta and wife Helena, Antonio Margiotta and wife Ethyl Joyce, Steven Christian and wife Valarie and Stefni Gurr and husband Shawn. She also leaves 11 great-grandchildren: Mario 20, Vincenzo 18, Jacob 17, Riley 16, Antonio 15, Adeline 14, Sophia 12, Kody 10, Gianna 8, Maleea 8, and Max 5. She also leaves many nieces and nephews plus grand nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Lewis was a 62 year resident of Walnut Creek and was a resident in Rossmoor for 36 years where she spent many hours enjoying the sewing club and square dancing. Her working career included 5 years in dental assisting, 34 years as cafeteria manager with the Walnut Creek School District, and 10 years in accounts receivable and insurance for her nephew Dr. L. Saputo.

Mrs. Lewis greatest joy was her family. She was a loving, strong willed, independent, resilient woman, never a burden to anyone. She gave love, understanding and kindness unconditionally. She was greatly loved and will be missed by all those who knew and loved her.

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### BE A ROSSMOOR VOLUNTEER

Volunteer Services offers Rossmoor residents a variety of volunteer opportunities.

Volunteering is a great way to get involved and stay connected with the community.

For information about Volunteer Services, call 988-7703.