



“The ROSEBUSH”

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“When will we go back into the church?”

A lot of members have asked that question from time to time. And the answer to that question is: We don’t know exactly.” Since we closed down the Sanctuary after the third Sunday in March, we have worked hard to prepare the church for when we can have in-person worship. We’ve had officials from the City of Newark to come inspect our Sanctuary and give us permission to open. Raymond Robinson Jr., our Chair of Buildings and Grounds, has had the Sanctuary deep-cleaned; ordered hand sanitizers, created 6 foot space separations for worshippers, has had two large screens and a 43inch small screen added to eliminate the need for bulletins and hymnals. We have physically prepared the church for in-person worship. Our worry is with the emissions of aerosols if we have live singing. There are a few ministers that ignored the scientific advice from the medical community-- had service and put the lives of the members of their congregations in danger. As leaders of the Roseville Church, it is our responsibility to give you the best and safest worship experience possible. I cannot speak on behalf of the church Session, but I do believe that we will probably ease back to in-person worship services when a vaccine has been created. At the time of this writing, three vaccines have been created and may be distributed as early as December of this year. The Roseville Session, at the appropriate time, will inform the membership when we will go back to the Sanctuary. Until then, continue to stay safe and pray for our scientific community as they continue to find a cure.



Ushers and Greeters:

The Ushers and Greeters of Roseville Church had it’s “virtual” 7th Anniversary Celebration this past September

20th. The theme: “Onward Christian Soldiers, ‘A New Reality’.” The speaker for the day was our own Elder Bruce Butts! Although it was scheduled a little later because of the pandemic, this was the first group program that was streamed by our Media Team. Elder David Ramsay was the worship leader. The Roseville Praise team, with members, Lynda Blaney Smith, Nikki Berry, and Vornae Wilburn along with Minister of Music Terry Walker ministered in song. Other program participants included Devin Ramsay, Jayden Brown, Nia Brown, Kai’Li Matthew, Naomi Berry, Elder Vicky Andrade, and Nasir Washington. Elder Bruce Butts brought a powerful message entitled “Onward Christian Soldiers” which was “on spot” for the times in which we are now living. Elder Alcina George presented Elder Butts and Deacon Eric Bostick beautiful awards for their years of dedication and service to the Ushers and Greeters ministry. The members of Roseville would like to thank Elder George for her leadership in guiding this ministry.

Homecoming Weekend 2020:



In the 2nd week of October, Roseville was blessed to have two exciting events:

On Saturday, October 10th, the Roseville Outreach Community

Corporation (ROCC) had it’s annual fundraiser entitled “ROCCfest”. Music was provided by Mr. Jason Curry and the Jazz Correlation. Although this event was “virtual” because of the pandemic, the Correlation still blessed our souls with some soul-stirring music! We thank God for ROCC and the ministry they provide to the greater Newark Community.

On Sunday October 11th, Roseville Church had it’s 3rd annual Homecoming

morning message was Dr. J. Michael Sanders of Baptist Church of Summit,



Service. The delivered by the Fountain New Jersey.

The title of his message was "I Ain't Scared". His powerful talk was in reference to all the turmoil that has been happening in our nation due to the pandemic and the social unrest in the different communities in our country.

Roseville Presbyterian Women (RPW)

Roseville Women hosted our 41st Anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020 in our first virtual celebration. We know when GOD is in the midst there is nothing we cannot accomplish. The sermon title of Rev. Doris A. Glaspy, Pastor Emeritus of Roseville was: "The Friendship of Sisterhood: More than just BFF ". It illustrated the relationship between Ruth and Naomi who demonstrated sisterly love and care! We also learned that we are not always looking for a BFF. Sometimes we look for GF- A Good friend; CF- A Caring Friend or a KF-A Kind Friend. We have a responsibility to care for each other, our new sisters, and our younger sisters as we carry on our sisterhood. How fitting it was to watch the glass ceiling be broken by Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris just a few short hours before our celebration! With GOD's perfect timing we celebrate our accomplishments and America's new direction. Roseville Women, with thankful and grateful hearts, we eagerly look forward to all possibilities in 2021. This message below was posted to our social media page following our celebration on 11/8th.

Thank you Ladies as our 41st Anniversary celebration is now in the rearview mirror! YET my heartfelt thank you is NOT! Thank you for your PRAYERS, Advise, contributions to today's program and allowing me to be your Moderator. Always know I do not take your trust/confidence in this role for granted. I look forward to us marching, dancing, running and bouncing into 2021. Watch out when the world opens back up we will go outside and play. Stay tuned !
Love Helen

In closing, be reminded that; "You are Worthy Simply Because You Exist."

Humbly submitted,

Helen Robinson
RPW Moderator

Sandra Taylor
RPW Vice-Moderator



Veterans Day Celebration!

On Sunday November 15th, Roseville Church observed its first worship service honoring our Veterans. Deacon Andre Jarrells opened up the worship experience by leading our "virtual" congregation with the Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon. Brother Ronald Walker led us in scripture readings from Psalm 33: 16-21 and 2nd Timothy 2:1-4. Elder Leslie Bostick did a beautiful introduction of the guest speaker (she just happens to be his spouse). Then Deacon Eric Bostick did a magnificent job in bringing a word not only honoring the Veterans of Roseville with a powerful message, but he also laid out the different reasons why men and women join the military and the sacrifice they give for the freedoms we enjoy in this country. "Thank you" Brother Bostick for a job well done! Below is a list of Veterans, both living and deceased, who have been connected with our congregation. On behalf of the Roseville Church, **"we thank you for your service!"**



Rev. Danny Mitchell,
U.S. Army, 1978



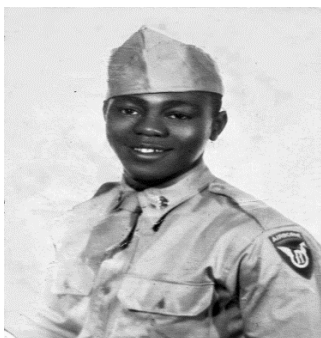
Camillus "Jack" Rountree,
U.S. Navy, 1943-1946



Jessie L. Adams,
U.S. Army, Korean War



Jeffrey Alan Glover,
U.S. Navy, SM3, 1976-1979
(US Berkeley, DDG-15)



Carl Bryant, U.S. Army,
Paratrooper, Circa 1952



Ronald Walker, Corporal E-4,
U.S. Marines, 1963-1967,
Viet Nam Vet



Oliver Boggs, Sr.,
U.S. Army, WWII, Private
First Class, Quartermaster &
Guard Patrolman, 1943-1946



Raymond Robinson, Sr.
U.S. Marines, Lance
Corporal, 1952-1954,
(Reserves until 1960)



Anthony Stewart, U.S. Army,
Staff Sergeant



Eric Bostick,
U.S. Army, Specialist E-4
1983-1987



Karen L. Ray (Dgtr. of Jack Rountree),
U.S. Army Nurse Corp., Colonel, 1970-1993

Reginald D. Ray, (Husband of Karen),
U.S. Army Medical Service Corp.,
Colonel, 1970-1992



Andre L. Jarrells, U.S. Army,
Staff Sergeant, Drill Instructor,
1976-1991



Keith Waiters, U.S. Navy
Petty Officer 3rd Class

James "Jimmy" Otis Harris
U.S. Army, Korean War, 1952

Kemp Otis Harris (Brother of Sharon Reeves)
U.S. Navy

Jacquelyn Harris (Sister-in-law of Sharon Reeves)
U.S. Navy

Tremaine Harris
U.S. Marines



Announcements:

- 1) The Roseville Food Pantry will be having a holiday distribution on **Monday, November 23 at 1:30 pm.**
- 2) There will be a **Community Thanksgiving Worship Service, Tuesday, November 24th at 7:30 p.m.** by way of “Zoom”, sponsored by the Newark and Vicinity Chapter National Black Presbyterian Caucus. Please join us.
Teleconferencing phone number: **646.558.8656**
Meeting ID: **889 2547 6178**
Password: **532891**
URL for the video, call:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88925376178?pwd=c01KO k1KYzVUMXRsZ3ExUStWMFhaZz09>
- 3) Due to the pandemic, if you would like to receive the “Upper Room” in 2021, you must notify the Church Office by December 15th. We will only order the books for those who request them. Thank you.

Prayer List:

Don't forget to pray for those on our prayer list. Please call the Church Office with any updates.

Next Food Pantry:

Monday, December 14th, 10am-12N.

Giving:

Brothers and Sisters: Please don't forget your weekly giving. Thank you for your continued support:

- **RosevilleChurch.org/Donate or**
- **PayPal.me/RosevilleChurch or**
- **Mail to: Roseville Presbyterian Church, 36 Roseville Avenue, Newark NJ, 07107.**

Thank You: to all who continue to call our members and check on their welfare.

Mid-day Bible Study with Dr. Gayle Griffin
Wednesdays at 2p.m.

Sunday School with Elder Lynda Blaney Smith
Sunday Mornings at 9a.m.