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# FPCSR NEWS

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## *We Celebrate*

Someone lives to be 100 years of age and the typical question asked of them is, "what is your secret for living to be 100?" We might expect the answer to be exercise, eat healthy, or stay positive, but that is seldom the case. If you were to ask **John Norall**, during next Sunday's **Artist's Reception** at 11:30 a.m., you might hear him say, "painting is the elixir of life."

The Gallery at First is pleased to feature paintings by John Norall in this, his 100th year. The exhibit titled, "A Retrospective 1947- 2019," features paintings and drawings of landscapes and various subjects. His graphite illustrations were included in a reprint of Richard Henry Dana's classic, "Two Years Before the Mast." A resident of Spring Lake Village, Mr. Norall's art has been exhibited in such places as The National Gallery (Washington, D.C.), The San Francisco Maritime Museum, The University of Nebraska, The Marin Society of Artists, and The Watercolor Society of Sonoma County. We hope you will join us to learn more of John Norall's story, his work, and the important role art has played throughout his life.

## *We Grow*

Forming relational bonds is integral to our experience of community and shared life together. One way we do this is through our **Dinners for 7/8** program. This fellowship opportunity during the winter and spring months connects us to one another beyond Sunday worship! Singles and couples are randomly put into groups, contacted, and begin to meet for a once-a-month dinner. Through these informal gatherings, we learn of each other's stories and form new friendships. For more information about this program, speak with facilitators Norma Doyle and Charlotte Zelaya between worship next Sunday (February 2) at the information table in Ingram Hall or visit the Connect Center to sign up.

## *We Care*

It is common to feel isolated, fearful, and hopeless when going through the difficult experience of separation or divorce. For this reason, we offer **DivorceCare** — a seminar and support group with practical information, personal support, and growth through recovery. Penny Cleary and Rich Mason facilitate this weekly Thursday gathering from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. beginning February 6 and continuing through early May. For more information, contact Colleen Soldate at 890-8012.

Alongside you for Christ,

*Dale*

## TODAY @ THE CONNECT CENTER

### Sign up for:

- ◆ Dinners for 7 or 8
- ◆ DivorceCare support group

### Pick up:

- ◆ Youth and First Kids calendars
- ◆ Your Lifetouch Picture
- ◆ Lost & Found items
- ◆ F.I.S.H. flyer

### Drop off:

- ◆ Recycled moss from Advent wreath (last chance!)

### Click to read:

- ◆ Newsletter & 10:30AM Worship Bulletin

### Lost & Found Items Stacking Up!

If you've misplaced your water bottle, hat, or umbrella here at church, chances are it's in our Lost & Found. Check in at the Connect Center any day of week to locate your missing item.

## WE GROW

### Dinners for 7 or 8

Register by Feb. 16 to be part of a friendly, social group to connect and get to know each other in a personal way. Sign up at the Connect Center

### Volunteer in the Library!

Thursdays at 10 AM, Library

We are improving our online lending system so that you can borrow books online from home, and pick them up when you come to church. To roll out our new system, we need a few volunteers who enjoy data entry on a computer or would like to learn. We will train you and provide snacks! Contact Allie (Allie@fpcsantarosa.org) or Sue (sue@fpcsantarosa.org) for more details and to volunteer.

## WE CARE

*The rose on the organ celebrates the birth of Madeline Elizabeth McNally born January 17. Her parents are Bethany Joy-Alise Erickson McNally and Douglas McNally and her grandparents are Dorothy & Paul Erickson.*

### Divorce Care

Join us February 6 at 6:00 PM in Room 113 to gain practical information, personal support, and growth through recovery. Sign up at the Connect Center or contact Colleen Soldate 890-8012.

## WE SERVE

### Rwanda Mission Trip Report Ingram Hall, 11:30 AM

Join us today for a presentation from our mission team that recently returned from an orphanage/school in Rwanda. We'll have a sandwich lunch for a suggested donation of \$5.

### Decade Mexico Mission 2020 Room 224, 12:00 PM

The Mexico Mission Information Meeting will be held **today**. *All potential high school participants, as well as their parents, need to be present for this meeting.*

Our special **Christmas Offering** totaled \$3,915. Because of your giving, our mission partner Chumley Eckerle is able to travel to Thailand to celebrate the new school building for which he was responsible for building over the past eight years. Also, more than \$2,000 was given to the Student Benevolent fund for Dallas International University, the linguistic school Wycliffe Bible translators run, where Connie and Chumley serve.