

MEMORANDUM
Office of
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Placer

TO: The Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jack Duran, Supervisor District 1

DATE: February 26, 2013

SUBJECT: Approve a Commendation recognizing the First United Methodist Church on its 130th Anniversary and the distinction of being the "First Ecclesiastical Structure" in Roseville.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Commendation recognizing the First United Methodist Church on its 130th Anniversary and the distinction of being the first Ecclesiastical Structure in Roseville.

BACKGROUND

In the early 1860's through 1880, there was no church building in which early Roseville Methodists could hold their meetings. The first group of Methodists started meeting in homes and barns in 1866. In 1882, the church became a reality when Mrs. Anna F. Judah (widow of railroad developer Theodore Judah), with Jonathan Davis Pratt acting as her agent, donated lot number eight in block 37, the corner of Washington and Church Streets.

On March 3, 1883 the building was dedicated and the first church service took place. Everyone in the community had donated to the building, including the bars and brothels. On the day of the dedication the entire town closed all businesses, including the bars and brothels, so everyone could attend the dedication.

In 1914, the church, under Rev. Thomas H. Mee, built an Annex. The Annex was used as a Sunday School, Social Hall, Dining Hall and meeting place for the Campfire Girls and Troop 1 of the Tahoe Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. In 1951 the new sanctuary was built and the Masonic Grand Lodge laid a cornerstone. The new sanctuary was dedicated on March 4, 1952.

The church celebrated its centennial in 1983. A new social hall was built in 1985 and in 2004 the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated the original church building as the "First Ecclesiastical Structure" in Roseville.

Over time, the church has changed names, pastors, and congregations, yet it remains a house of God open to all. On the 100 year celebration of the First United Methodist Church of Roseville, Roseville's City Council, the Placer County Board of Supervisors, and the Joint Legislature of the State of California recognized the church for its age and long service to the community.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of a Commendation Recognizing the First United Methodist Church on their 130th Anniversary in Roseville and acknowledging its contribution to Roseville, and Placer County

The following COMMENDATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held, February 26, 2013.

WHEREAS, in the early 1860's through 1880, there was no church building in which early Roseville Methodists could hold their meetings. The first group of Methodists started meeting in homes and barns in 1866; and

WHEREAS, in 1882, the church became a reality when Mrs. Anna F. Judah (widow of railroad developer Theodore Judah), with Jonathan Davis Pratt acting as her agent, donated lot number eight in block 37, the corner of Washington and Church Streets; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 1883 the building was dedicated and the first church service took place. Everyone in the community had donated to the building, including the bars and brothels. On the day of the dedication the entire town closed all businesses, including the bars and brothels, so everyone could attend the dedication; and

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WHEREAS, the church celebrated its centennial in 1983. A new social hall was built in 1985 and in 2004 the Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated the original church building as the "First Ecclesiastical Structure" in Roseville; and

WHEREAS, over time, the church has changed names, pastors, and congregations, yet it remains a house of God open to all. On the 100 year celebration of the First United Methodist Church of Roseville, Roseville's City Council, the Placer County Board of Supervisors, and the Joint Legislature of the State of California recognized the church for its age and long service to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN THAT the Placer County Board of Supervisors does hereby Commend the First United Methodist Church of Roseville on their 130th Anniversary and acknowledges its contribution to the its community, county, and its congregation.

Jim Holmes,
Supervisor District 3, 2013 Chairman

Jack Duran, Supervisor District 1
Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor District 2
Kirk Uhler, Supervisor District 4
Jennifer Montgomery, Supervisor District 5