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Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
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THERE ARE

*Angels*

GOD PUTS ON THIS EARTH

Who care for us and guide us,  
You can feel their love and gentleness  
As they walk through life beside us.

They do great things for us every day  
They whisper in our ears,  
They even hold us in their hearts  
When we are filled with all our fears.

They are always there to give a hug  
And try to make us smile.  
They treat us with respect and love,  
They treat us like their child.

God Blessed me with an Angel,  
I am proud to call my own.  
She's been with me throughout my life,  
Been with me as I have grown.

She's guided me the best she can,  
She's taught me like no other,  
And I am thankful I'm the lucky one  
Who get's to call her ...

*Mother*

# Erma Bombeck, on motherhood

Many of us remember this dynamic woman, a humorist who wrote many touching articles that can make you laugh out loud, or have tears streaming down your cheeks.

I hope you enjoy these the quotes and stories from the archives of Erma Bombeck.

## When God Created Mothers

by Erma Bombeck

When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of 'overtime' when the angel appeared and said. "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And God said, "Have you read the specs on this order? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said. "Six pairs of hands...no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," God remarked, "it's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. God nodded.

"One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say. 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

"God," said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "Get some rest."

"I can't," said God, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough!" said God excitedly. "You can imagine what this mother can do or endure."

"Can it think?"

"Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.

"There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord, "It's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."

"You are a genius!" said the angel.

Somberly, God said, "I didn't put it there."

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### Short quotes from Erma Bombeck

It takes a lot of courage to show your dreams to someone else.

A child needs your love most when he deserves it least

Have you any idea how many children it takes to turn off one light in the kitchen? Three! It takes one to say, "What light?" and two more to say, "I didn't turn it on."

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, "I used everything you gave me."

I love my mother for all the times she said absolutely nothing. Thinking back on it all, it must have been the most difficult part of mothering she ever had to do: knowing the outcome, yet feeling she had no right to keep me from charting my own path. I thank her for all her virtues, but mostly for never once having said, "I told you so."

# If I had my life to live over...

by Erma Bombeck

Someone asked me the other day if I had my life to live over would I change anything.

My answer was no, but then I thought about it and changed my mind.

If I had my life to live over again I would have waxed less and listened more.

Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy and complaining about the shadow over my feet, I'd have cherished every minute of it and realized that the wonderment growing inside me was to be my only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.

I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained and the sofa faded.

I would have eaten popcorn in the 'good' living room and worried less about the dirt when you lit the fireplace.

I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.

I would have burnt the pink candle that was sculptured like a rose before it melted while being stored.

I would have sat cross-legged on the lawn with my children and never worried about grass stains.

I would have cried and laughed less while watching television ... *and more while watching real life.*

I would have shared more of the responsibility carried by my husband which I took for granted.

I would have eaten less cottage cheese and more ice cream.

I would have gone to bed when I was sick, instead of pretending the Earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for a day.

I would never have bought ANYTHING just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil and guaranteed to last a lifetime.

When my child kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later. Now, go get washed up for dinner."

There would have been more I love yous ... more I'm sorrys ... more I'm listenings ... but mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute of it ... look at it and really see it ... try it on ... live it ... exhaust it ... and never give that minute back until there was nothing left of it."

— Erma Bombeck, *Eat Less Cottage Cheese and More Ice Cream: Thoughts on Life from Erma Bombeck*

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When your mother asks, "Do you want a piece of advice?" It's a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway.

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I remember thinking how often we look, but never see...we listen, but never hear...we exist, but never feel. We take our relationships for granted. A house is only a place. It has no life of its own. It needs human voices, activity and laughter to come alive.

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Giving birth is little more than a set of muscular contractions granting passage of a child. **Then the mother is born.**

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When a child is locked in the bathroom with water running and he says he's doing nothing, but the dog is barking, call 911.

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All of us have moments in our lives that test our courage. Taking children into a house with a white carpet is one of them.

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## A partial list of Erma Bombeck's Books:

- *At Wit's End*, 1967.
- *Just Wait Until You Have Children of Your Own*, 1971. Written with Bil Keane.
- *I Lost Everything in the Post-Natal Depression*, 1974
- *The Grass Is Always Greener Over the Septic Tank*, 1976
- *If Life Is a Bowl of Cherries, What Am I Doing in the Pits?*, 1978
- *Aunt Erma's Cope Book*, 1979
- *Motherhood: The Second Oldest Profession*, 1983
- *Family — The Ties That Bind ... and Gag!*, 1987
- *I Want to Grow Hair, I Want to Grow Up, I Want to Go to Boise: Children Surviving Cancer*, 1989. American Cancer Society's Medal of Honor in 1990. (Profits from the publication of this book were donated to a group of health-related organizations.)
- *When You Look Like Your Passport Photo, It's Time to Go Home*, 1991
- *A Marriage Made in Heaven...or Too Tired for an Affair*, 1993
- *All I Know about Animal Behavior I learned in Loehmann's Dressing Room*, 1995
- *Forever, Erma: Best-Loved Writing from America's Favorite Humorist*, 1996

# Mary's Song - The Magnificat

As a little child Jesus must often have heard his mother, Mary, singing. And as we know, the song a revolutionary song, the Magnificat—the anthem of Luke's Gospel. She sang about neighborliness: about how God brings down the mighty from their thrones and lifts up the lowly; about how God fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich away empty. Mary did not make up this dangerous song. She took it from another mother, Hannah, who sang it



much earlier to little Samuel, who became one of ancient Israel's greatest revolutionaries. Hannah, Mary, and their little boys imagined a great social transformation. Jesus enacted his mother's song well. Everywhere he went he broke the vicious cycles of poverty, bondage, fear and death; he healed, transformed, empowered and brought new life. Jesus' example gives us the mandate to transform our public life.

Text from  
Walter Brueggemann's essay  
*The Liturgy of Abundance,  
the Myth of Scarcity*

## The Magnificat - Mary's Song

*And Mary said:*

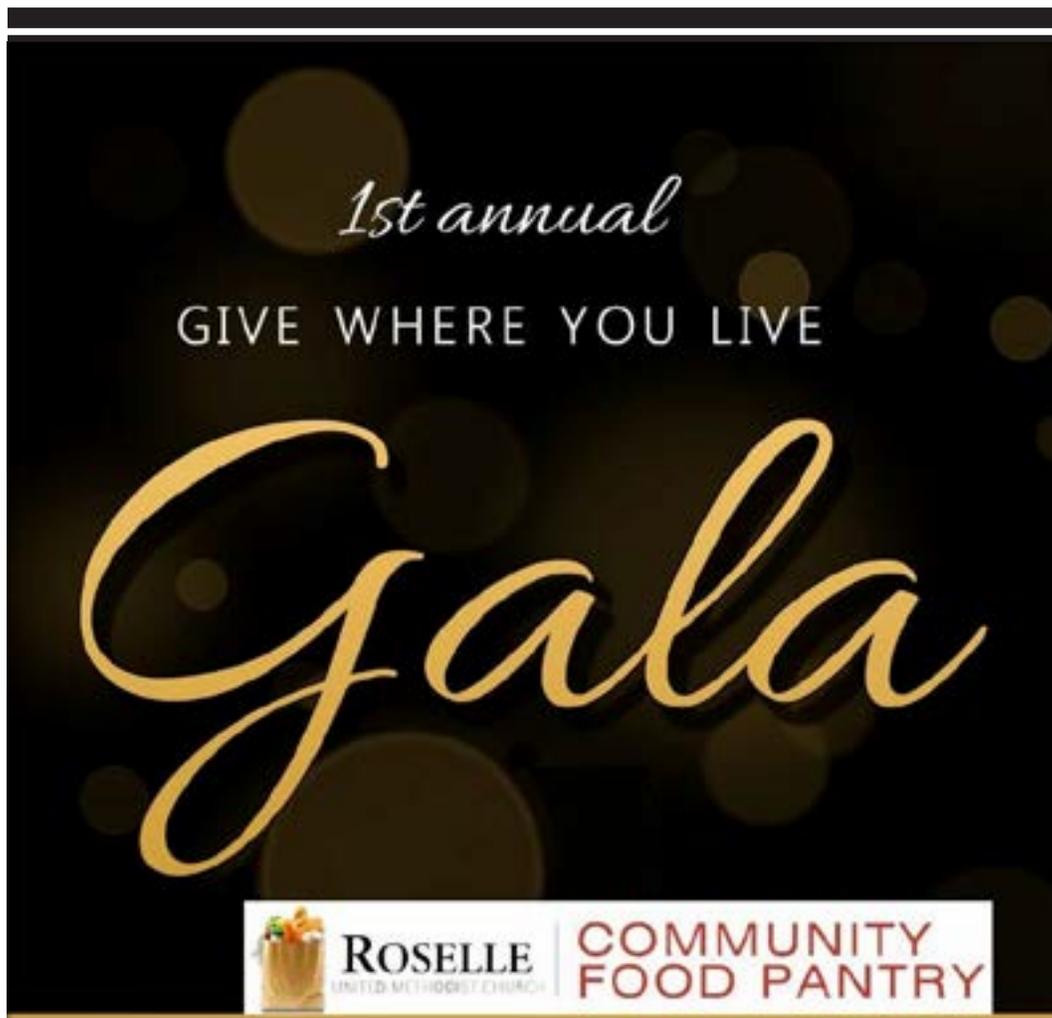
*"My soul glorifies the Lord  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has been mindful  
of the humble state of his servant.  
From now on all generations will call me blessed,  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me—  
holy is his name.  
His mercy extends to those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.  
He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;  
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.  
He has brought down rulers from their thrones  
but has lifted up the humble.  
He has filled the hungry with good things  
but has sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
remembering to be merciful  
to Abraham and his descendants forever,  
just as he promised our ancestors."*

Above:  
*Madonna of the Carnation*  
by Leonardo da Vinci  
c. 1478-1480  
Alte Pinakothek Gallery  
Munich, Germany

*Luke 1:46-55*

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Note: See  
1 Samuel 2:1-10 for  
Hannah's prayers



The first quarter of the year has come and gone. The RoselleUMC Community Food Pantry is still bustling with activity. Receiving food shipments, sorting the shipments, and, of course, picking the orders and delivering food to our clients.

But in the midst of our usual activity, we were able to plan our most exciting event! We were finally able to have our long awaited Gala. Our original plans were to have the Gala in April 2020, but Covid shut us down. We rescheduled to October 2020, but another Covid resurgence shut us down again.

All good things come to those that wait and are patient. When Governor Pritzker and the State of Illinois opened up the window, we jumped into action! It was already late January 2022. Our committee of volunteers were able to organize the Gala in just three short months. What an amazing feat!

The theme of *Give Where You Live* was a win-win for everyone. Our event planners worked out all the details, securing a venue, we had been working with the Medinah Shriners for two years, and

**Whoever has two coats must share  
with anyone who has none; and  
whoever has food must do likewise.**

**Luke 3:11**

they scheduled a date for our Gala. Volunteers secured donations of auction items from local businesses, hired an auctioneer/event planner who helped us out with many of the details of the evening. We had been working with our sponsors through the two-year delays of our Gala

event, and would like to acknowledge them and thank them for their participation—Amperage Electric, Itasca Bank, and Yockey Friendly Ford. They made and kept their commitments from two years ago.

Our Gala was punctuated with special speakers and participants. Pastor Oh gave the opening prayer and blessing. The keynote speaker was Julie Yurko, the CEO of the Northern Illinois Food Bank. One of our food pantry clients gave a testimonial on the food pantry and its impact on the family's life. And I, Vicki Johnson, shared my personal testimonial/vision for the RoselleUMC Community Food Pantry. Pastor Melissa Hood was recognized and acknowledged as the Founding Pastor of this community service to the Roselle/Itasca/Bloomington area.



Top, left to right: Northern Illinois Food Bank Officers: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hong, Tom is Procurement Director NIFB; Julie Yurko, CEO NIFB; Melissa, Executive Assistant NIFB; Chris Mortenson & Guest, Chris is Agency Rep NIFB. Center, left to right, back row: Leanne McRill, Nancy Perry, Chris Dawson, Susan Dal Porto, Rick Dal Porto, Harold Enger, Barb McLaughlin, Reit Marzaroli, Front row: Jeanne Calvert, Roxie Enger, Chris Wachna and Pastor Oh. Bottom, left to right: Chris Dawson, Leanne McRill, Jeanne Calvert, Harold Enger, Roxie Enger, Kim Smith, Barb McLaughlin, and Reit Marzaroli.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Next year's gala will be**

**Saturday, April 29, 2023**

**at Medinah Shriners**

**Our theme will be**

**Feed the Need**



*Top Left: Pastor Oh gives the invocation.*

*Top Right: Key-note Speaker, Julie Yurko, CEO Northern Illinois Food Bank.*

*Lower Left: Vicki Johnson with the Auctioneer, Brett.*

*Lower Right: Pastor Hood and Chris Wachna.*

We have lots of people to thank:

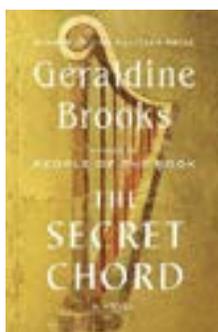
- Thank you to our tireless volunteers who serve the RoselleUMC Community Food Pantry every week.
- Thank you to the organizers and volunteers who planned the Gala.
- We auctioned-off three live auction items, and in addition had 40 silent auction items. We also played games for prizes. Thank you to the donors of these auction items.
- Thanks to the chef, for preparing the delicious prime rib and herb chicken with cream sauce dinners. The food was awesome!
- Thank you to many of our supporters who bought entire tables.

The final numbers are not in yet, checks are still coming in and going out, but we think that at the end of the Gala event, we exceeded our goal of \$25,000.

The bottom line is we are so appreciative of this first effort. The RoselleUMC Community Food Pantry is trying to move into a larger, one-story facility, which will make receiving and delivering food to our clients so much easier. This event brought us one giant step closer to our goal.

Thank you to all who attended. *Vicki Johnson*, Director, RoselleUMC Community Food Pantry

# Book Discussion Group



**Monday, June 6 at 7:00 PM - In Person, Church Library**

***The Secret Chord***

by Geraldine Brooks

Peeling away the myth to bring the Old Testament's King David to life in Second Iron Age Israel, Brooks traces the arc of his journey from obscurity to fame, from shepherd to soldier, from hero to traitor, from beloved king to murderous despot and into his remorseful and diminished dotage.

The Secret Chord provides new context for some of the best-known episodes of David's life while also focusing on others, even more remarkable and emotionally intense, that have been neglected. We see David through the eyes of those who love him or fear him—from the prophet Nathan, voice of his conscience, to his wives Mikhal, Abigail, and Bathsheba, and finally to Solomon, the late-born son who redeems his Lear-like old age. Brooks has an uncanny ability to hear and transform characters from history, and this beautifully written, unvarnished saga of faith, desire, family, ambition, betrayal, and power will enthrall her many fans.

## Financially Speaking ...

### Roselle United Methodist Church General Operating Fund July 2021 to March 2022

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	% of Budget
Income	\$ 185,736.39	\$ 192,558.00	\$ (6,821.61)	96%
Vibrant Worship	\$ 67,971.11	\$ 66,320.27	\$ 1,650.84	102%
Vital Faith	\$ 1,413.70	\$ 993.75	\$ 419.95	142%
Changing Lives	\$ 21,635.18	\$ 21,416.25	\$ 341.67	102%
Administrative	\$ 27,658.68	\$ 27,693.75	\$ (940.39)	97%
Building	\$ 64,516.18	\$ 61,421.25	\$ 3,094.93	105%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 190,202.03</b>	<b>\$ 185,757.77</b>	<b>\$ 4,444.26</b>	<b>102%</b>
<b>Total Gain (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (4,465.64)</b>	<b>\$ 6,800.23</b>	<b>\$ (11,265.87)</b>	<b>-66%</b>

### Generosity Abounds ...

The Congregation and Constituents of Roselle UMC have shown their love and concern for others in the last several weeks, with generous donations to UMCOR/ Ukraine and Gift Cards for those in need in our local community. Roselle UMC donations to UMCOR/ Ukraine were nearly \$3,000.00! A very generous gift from a small congregation for a worthy cause to support humanitarian aid to people who have been devastated by an attack on their sovereign nation.

### Roselle United Methodist Church Cash and Investment Account Balances as of March 31, 2022

Operating (General) Fund	\$ 33,794.69
Benevolence Fund	\$ 13,337.49
Building Fund	\$ 36,276.73
Financial Gifts Fund	\$ 20,304.88
Total Cash in Banks	\$ 103,713.79
Financial Gifts Fund Investments	\$ 75,727.44
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	<b>\$ 179,441.23</b>

# Mission and Outreach

## Bishop's Appeal/Ukraine Assistance

During the month of May, Roselle UMC will collect donations for the Bishop's Appeal. If you would like to donate to the Bishop's Appeal, you can write a check and put Bishop's Appeal on the memo line; or you can give cash by using a pew envelope and writing Bishop's Appeal on the envelope. Our gift to the Bishop's Appeal will be made at the Annual Conference, it will be presented by our Pastor and our Lay Leaders. The Annual Conference will be held at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center June 8 to June 10, 2022.

The 2022 Northern Illinois Annual Conference Bishop's Appeal special offering will go toward Ukraine assistance. We know our God stands with the oppressed and calls on us to support them. The conference Board of Global Ministries will distribute funds through UM support and relief organizations including Eurasia In Mission Together: Ukraine and Moldova Advance and UMCOR: International Disaster Response - Ukraine.





# DuPagePads

The Solution to End Homelessness

PADS closed on the purchase of the Red Roof Inn in Downers Grove. They are slowly filling the motel with clients. This week our church and our new partner, First United Methodist in West Chicago, will deliver dinner to 260 people. We are still serving the Factor meals with supplements on the fourth Thursday of the month. PADS is projecting the motel will eventually house 350. They also hope to expand the delivery of meals from 3 to 5 nights a week.

Our group of volunteers is small, and we would like to add more delivery people. If you can help once a month to deliver meals, please call Cindy Sheely.

Many thanks to Jane and John Walters, Sheri and Mike Magnini, Linda and Jim McDermott, Susan Wadkins and Darold Madigan, Barb McLaughlin, and Linda Nalley

## Can YOU Help the Homeless with these Needs?

Non-perishable, microwave meals:	Campbell's, Hormel 60 second meals, Easy Mac, Instant Rice
Pop-top canned meals:	Ravioli, spaghetti, soup
Snack foods and other:	Chips, fruit cups, ramen noodle packets, crackers, jerky, canned chicken and tuna/salad kits, bread, peanut butter, jelly/jam, pre-packaged cheese & cracker packets, popcorn, pretzels, laundry detergent pods
Beverages:	Single serve juice boxes, tea bags, ground coffee
Disposable Paper Goods:	Paper plates, cups and bowls; plastic knives, forks and spoons; napkins, paper towels, food storage bags
Grocery Gift Cards:	Aldi, Jewel, Meijer, Walmart, Walgreens (\$10.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00 denominations)
Fast Food Gift Cards:	McDonald's, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Burger King, etc. (\$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, denominations. Meals at these fast food restaurants is more costly now, averaging \$8.00 to \$10.00 per person)
Toiletries:	Towels and wash cloths, bar soap, toilet paper, facial tissue, deodorant full size bottles of shampoo and body wash, bug spray, sunscreen, women's sanitary products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, Neosporin, alcohol-free mouthwash, hand sanitizer, chapstick,
New Clothing - Men:	Boxer shorts, t-shirts, sweatpants, sweatshirts, socks, baseball-style caps Sizes: Medium to XX Large
New Clothing - Women:	Underwear, sweatpants, t-shirts, sweatshirts, socks, baseball-style caps Sizes: Small to XX Large
Clothing/Supplies - Infants:	Diapers, pull-up disposables for toddlers, onesies, t-shirts, bibs, small baby toys, rattles, baby food. All sizes of diapers and onesies
Children's Activities:	Backpacks, Coloring books, puzzle books, crayons, markers, colored pencils, jigsaw puzzles

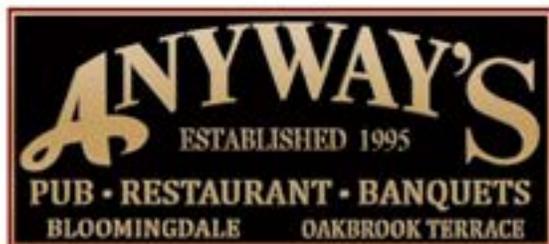
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### ***Connections Deadlines:***

June issue Deadline is Monday, May 23

July issue deadline is Monday, June 20



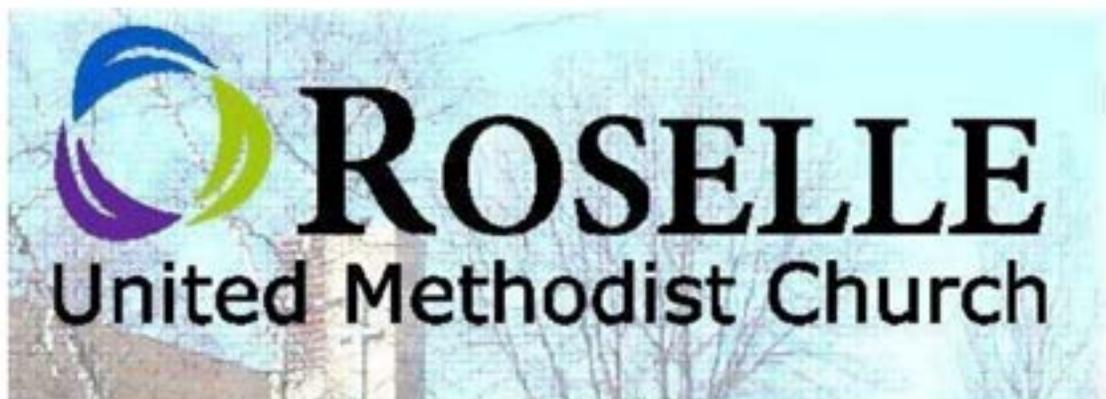
# Dining to Donate

Enjoy a meal that's filling and fullfilling.

**Tuesday & Wednesday  
May 31st & June 1st**

Show or mention this flyer to a staff member  
on your Dine In or Carry Out order and...

**Anyway's in Bloomingdale will donate 15% back in sales  
to the Roselle United Methodist Church**



**Anyway's American Grill & Pub**  
304 W. Army Trail Rd, Bloomingdale, IL 60108  
630-351-8870



**Community Food Pantry**  
ROSELLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
**630.529.1309**

**Hunger is actually the worst  
weapon of mass destruction.  
It claims millions of victims each year.**

Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Former President of Brazil (2003-2011)

**R**oselleUMC Community Food Pantry is at the forefront of eliminating hunger in our community. But they need a little help from you. Every month they ask for special items that are in short supply. Buy a few things from the list below, and just place them in the wooden collection box at the top of the stairs. Or give a financial donation to the Food Pantry. Just indicate on your giving envelope, or one of the envelopes in the pew-rack, how much you would like to donate to the Food Pantry. If writing a separate check, please put 'Food Pantry' on the memo line of your check.

### **May Needs for the Food Pantry**

For the month of May the Food Pantry is asking for donations of:

**Toilet Paper**

**Tomato Sauce**

**Canned Beef Stew**

**Canned Baked Beans**

**Canned Spinach**

**Salsa**

Remember, if you give a cash donation to the RoselleUMC Community Food Pantry \$1 will purchase food valued at \$8 from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Your donation will provide a generous amount of food for those in need.



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