

ROSELLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Roselle UMC**

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**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday and Thursday  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Virtual Office Hours  
Remote**

Monday and Wednesday  
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Friday 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

**RoselleUMC Community Food  
Pantry Hours**

Saturday 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

**Rev. Hyo Sun Oh**

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Summer is upon us! I feel that the entire earth is humming. Bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds flit about; plants and weeds seem to grow taller every day and the rain helps them grow fast. There is energy in the air that seems to encourage life and growth. That is our God who is working hard to produce the food to feed us all even amid our life struggles and challenges.

Last month had been full of joyful celebrations with a cake and ministerial events. We recognized 11 graduates, Carol, Heidi and I attended 183rd Annual Conference and brought our reports to the congregation, we had fun VBS in 5 years with preschool-age kids and many volunteers, baptized Isla, had a Grief Support Group luncheon at the parsonage, and celebrated Father's Day, and to name a few more. What a productive and joyful and busy month~!!! Your prayers, presence, generous gifts, service, and witness have made those ministries and missions possible here in Roselle UMC. I am grateful for that.

After having a busy month, I was sick for several days with cold symptoms. My body sent me a signal that I needed rest. So I just took time to rest. When I did nothing, but sleep and rest, my body slowly recovered from the cold, got back some energy, and came back to work. Rest. Even God rested on the seventh day after finishing creation and commanded us to take the Sabbath, a day of rest. We are created to routinely rest. We must rest. Our bodies and our brains need rest one day a week to give ourselves to others and to operate at our maximum capacity. Also, rest prevents us from burnout. Routinely doing nothing is God's idea and is God's gift for our wellbeing. Yet, we are accustomed to a face-paced world of career-building or raising children, and many things. Moreover, we work too hard and we worry too much. We get so tired and physically and mentally burnout the end of the week.

Though sensing the need, it is hard for us to privatize our time to relax. For this reason, we need to practice and discipline to take the Sabbath, a day of rest in a week; don't think, just look, smell, see and feel. God designed the Sabbath for a reason. God knows that we are created for him. Time spent resting and listening to God is the very core of who we are. By doing that I am sure we are better in our relationship with our Creator, with other creations, and a lot more creative and productive outcomes throughout the week. So relax and enjoy the blessing of summer.

PS: I ask you to read Dean's letter on Apportionment and encourage you to make an additional donation of \$300.00 or more if you can, toward apportionments that connect our church to the world. You may do so with a one-time gift of \$300.00, or monthly of \$50.00 or weekly of \$12.00 giving until the end of this year. Your generous donation is greatly appreciated and will help our church to get through this challenging time and continue to do the ministry and mission of the church.

Sincerely, Rev. Hyo Sun Oh



*Trustees, Harold Enger, Mike McKee, John Walters and Greg Szydowski working on the gutters at the parsonage.*

# Adventure Island

## Vacation Bible School 2022 / Adventure Island. Why VBS?

Our purpose is to provide Biblical and faith-based learning for children in a fun environment. This year we created an imaginary world: *Adventure Island*, where we had a friendly lighthouse keeper to guide us, and a charming parrot puppet named Beacon - they both reminded us how God lights our path! Together, we searched for God's light, reflected through eternal lanterns and God's word!

Activities on Adventure Island included music, crafts, campfire, games, snacks, outdoor hike, Bible stories. We recreated in all of these activities, the stories of the Creation, the Parables, and the Resurrection. We had 4 pre-school children participate - summer is a time for busy, busy schedules, and we are grateful for the enthusiasm of each special child!

Thanks to the dedicated volunteers who made VBS a rousing time!

Pastor Oh (who plays a fierce game of Duck, Duck, Goose)

Carol Thorsen

Holley McKee

Greg and Mary Lou Szydlowski

Susan Harrenstein

Barb McLaughlin

Nancy Perry

Alithea Kudanis

Vekinna McClinton

No Name Maintenance Crew - Mike McKee & Ralph Stecker for installing the VBS Banner! (which was designed by Beth Walters Gear!)

Susan Dal Porto



2022 Vacation Bible School, students and lots of helpers trying to keep up the exuberant young students.

# Pray for Our Nation!

The following is from the website for Undoubted Grace

**T**he United States is in turmoil. Everyday there seems to be a new disaster, world-wide pandemic, institutional racism, fear, unnecessary death, hatred. The nation is mourning and it can be easy to start to feel helpless. Contradictory information can lead to confusion, which can lead to inability to act. We were, however, called to more! When we do not know what else to do, the best starting point is prayer for a country in crisis.

What can we do or say to make a change. Every time, the answer is Pray. Pray for America. Pray for our leaders. Pray for the hearts of her people.

We have to remember, and continue to remember that the God we serve is greater than the things that divide us. He is greater than the turmoil and the grief in the country. He is all powerful and when we pray for our country, he is faithful to hear us and act!

## What does God say about praying for our country?

Should we pray for America? ABSOLUTELY! Without a doubt we should be praying, God is very clear in the scriptures about what he commands us to do when it comes to praying for our country.

*"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we July live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all."*

1 Timothy 2:1-6

Circumstances have unfortunately brought out the very worse of the country. No one is exempt, we have all allowed our feelings to cloud our judgement and we have found ourselves in our perspective corners. Instead of stepping across party lines and finding our commonalities, we have chosen to stay in our own comfort and stroked our egos with words that speak to our own position. Many of us pray, but a lingering thought sits in the corners of our minds, "Why should we pray for America?"

We should pray because we were commanded to pray. We should pray because too many of us have chosen to rest on what is comfortable to us and not sought to dig deeper to what God is calling us to.

We are called to pray for everyone. Prayer humbles us and postures our hearts to hear the cries and dispar-

ities of those who are different from us. Prayer reminds us that the differences we see are nothing compared to the love that God has for all of us, and when we pray with the intention of listening for God's voice, we find that our hard stood by positions July not be as important as we claim them to be.

## How do we pray for the country?

With everything that is going on in the country, deciding what to pray for can be overwhelming. With so many hearts hurting and feeling broken who do you prioritize in your prayers? Consider listing prayer points for the nation and praying through these. Some prayer points for the country to include are:

- Pray for the innocent children caught in the violence
- Pray for those grieving injustice
- Pray for those mourning loss of loved ones from senseless deaths
- Pray for those incarcerated unjustly
- Pray for opened eyes of those who have yet to see the deeply rooted racism in our country
- Pray against the spirit of guilt, shame, and pride that will try to hinder forward progress
- Pray for the safety of those on the front line of protests
- Pray for renewed strength of those who feel exhausted from the heaviness of the weight of racism
- Bind the spirit of hatred and dissent
- Pray for wisdom and courage of those in leadership to stand up against bigotry and prejudice
- Pray for softened hearts of leadership who have yet to see how divided the nation is
- Pray for unity in diversity
- Pray for hope and healing
- Pray for peace

It is vital that the prayer warriors of this nation remain diligent in their fight against disunity, fear, and corruption. ALL of us are prayer warriors.

*"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him."*

1 John 5:14-15

The beauty of prayer is that it helps build our confidence, because prayer is both an act of submission and a declaration of boldness! Prayer allows us to lay down our burdens and boldly say I am a child of God!

## Why should we pray for our nation during trials?

Aside from the fact that we are commanded to pray as part of our daily communion with God, there are many reasons to pray for our nation.

It is our duty to pray for our nation  
Prayer makes a difference  
We gain wisdom through prayer  
We gain direction through prayer  
We gain protection through prayer  
Prayer changes us  
Prayer allows us to battle spiritually  
Prayer activates our faith  
We are reminded of God's grace and can therefore give grace to others  
Prayer humbles us

When we pray, we are speaking with the God of the Universe. Through Jesus, we have access to bring our concerns for the country before our Father in Heaven. Prayer allows us to discuss the state-of-affairs with our All-knowing God and we can seek guidance and strategy.

While prayer should not be all we do, it is absolutely the least we can do to help bring progress to our country.

## What is the importance of prayer for a country in crisis?

Daily prayer is one of the most effective tools we have to fight against our true enemy. It is our direct access to God of all creation. Prayer is how we activate the power of heavens to move and change the atmosphere of the situation on earth!

Prayer allows us to ask God for the specific things we need to see change. We can request softened hearts of those who do not see the racial tension, we can pray for those who are grieving, we can seek guidance.

## Pray for unity in diversity



The greatest threat to our country is the division of her people. As a country we are being divided, and instead of taking a moment to be quiet and listen, we are defensively sharing our point of views without considering that the stories of others July hold validity. We must remember that our country is made more beautiful because of our

differences.

When we pray for unity we are praying for cooperation, inclusion, equity, and a community of people that remember that we are God's children first and foremost! Praying for unity in diversity is a reminder that God created each of us with unique strengths and his perfect will included those beautiful differences.

*Heavenly Father, we pray that you would fill each of us with unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. We know that you made us with your hand, unique and with a different purpose. Remind us of that Father as we look at our brothers and sisters of different*

*aces. Allow us to see each other through your eyes, beautiful in our uniqueness, created by the God of heaven. Unite us despite our differences for each of us plays a different part in the body of Christ, and each part is important! We praise you in advance for your faithfulness to us. In Jesus name, Amen.*

Scriptures to pray for unity in diversity: 1 Peter 3:8, Colossians 3:14, Philippians 2:2, 1 Corinthians 1:10, Colossians 1:16-17

## Pray for comfort and strength



There are so many people hurting throughout the country. Many mothers fear for the lives of their children and the moment when their little ones are no longer cute and become seen as a threat. These mothers and fathers are exhausted, scared, and yet constantly trying to keep up a strong front in the midst of battling fear.

As Christians we are called to comfort those who are hurting. We are called to encourage and strengthen those who are in need, because that is the will of the Father. We have to remember that regardless of someone's skin color, or political affiliation, they are still a child of God as loved by the Father. Who then are we to speak ill of them or to disparage them. This prayer for our country is a prayer to encourage those who July be hurting, fearful, or concerned.

*Lord in Heaven, you promised you would be close to the broken-hearted and near to the one low in spirit. We are confident of this and praise you for strengthening those who are hurting and grieving. Lord we pray that you would comfort the mothers who have lost children, encourage the mothers who fear for their children's future in this country. Though hearts July be discouraged, we know that you have commanded us to be courageous and strong. We know you are with us and with our children and we thank you for your constant presence. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Scriptures to pray for comfort and strength: John 16:22, Psalm 34:18, John 14:1, Psalm 73:26, Joshua 1:9

## Pray for peace for the nation



We need to pray for peace for the nation more than ever. Dissent and discord seem to be at an all time high, daily we see news of disagreements, acts of hatred, and disunity.

I believe that God is calling his children, he is raising up his people and calling them to pray for peace.

Our intercessory prayer for the nation is critical at this time more than ever! This prayer for peace can help guide your thoughts as you pray for God's peace to reign.

*Father, make me a peacemaker. Allow me to be a bridge for your children. We know that your*

heart breaks when we argue and fight instead of serve you well and speak the truth of Jesus to the masses. Forgive us for allowing pride and prejudice to stain our work to share your message of Love. Lord remind us of that night when the Angels proclaimed the arrival of Jesus on earth, the prince of peace. Renew our hearts and soften it towards one another. Lord rain your peace over this nation. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Scriptures to pray for peace: Luke 1:78-79, Job 22:21-22, Luke 2:13-14, Psalm 4:8, Matthew 5:9

### Pray for justice for all



God is good, all the time, and all the time, God is good. The very nature of the Father we serve is just and goodness. He sent his son to walk among us and to be our model for everyday living. Currently, we are failing as a nation to lift this mantle. The pledge of allegiance of the United States of American ends with this final thought...“with

liberty and justice for all”

Liberty and Justice. This is what we pledge when we said those words growing up. Those were the guiding principles that the founding fathers created our constitution upon.

Praying for justice for all, which is one of the foundational truths of this nation, is both desperately needed and essential to us moving forward as a country.

*Lord, you are good, you are holy, you are just, you are kind. Lord we pray that you would search our hearts and root out anything that is unlike you. Forgive us for not following your example. Lord we seek justice, we rebuke oppression, and want to do good. We want to do your will. We know that you have called us to love kindness and to walk humbly with you. Guide us Lord and show us the way. We pray for those who like the pharisees profess you with their mouths but whose hearts are from you and whose fruits are rotten. We bind the spirits that keep them following the ways of the world. In Jesus name, Amen.*

Scriptures to pray for justice: Psalm 89:14, Isaiah 1:17, Micah 6:8, Psalm 82:3, Luke 11:42

### Pray for leadership that unites



The heart of the King is like a stream in the hand of God. No leader is subject to action without judgement, and while judgement July not come on earth we will all come before the Father and have to account for our actions.

When that day comes, political parties, race, and other dividing factors will not matter. Praying for our leadership means praying for the hearts of those currently in charge and also praying the prayer that Samuel prayed when seeking God's anointed David.

*Father in Heaven, with you, anything is possible. You turned the heart of Pharaoh, and showed your power when the Israelites were in captivity and bondage in Egypt. You softened the heart of the Pharaoh through your mighty power. Lord, we ask for that same miracle today. We pray that you would give wisdom and empathy to our current leadership. We pray that you would rise up leaders with hearts like yours. Hearts that are kind and seek you and the truth of your word above all else. We pray for revival in the leadership of this country. We pray for leaders that will seek to find common ground and unity above all else. We know that only you can change hearts and we praise you in advance for all you are doing and getting ready to do. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Scriptures to pray for leadership: Jeremiah 29:7, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Psalms 2:10-11, Proverbs 11:14, Proverbs 21:1

### Pray for hope and healing of the nation



Although the nation July be in crisis, we serve a God of restoration. While there are those who would seek to highlight the negative only, there is hope also. People of all races are marching in our nation. Families are having tough conversations about race relations. Children are seeing progress happen. It is more than okay to have hope and be encouraged. Prayer works and praying for our nation during turmoil will reap a harvest of revival and healing.

*Heavenly Father, Thank you for Jesus. Thank you for the hope that we have in him. Thank you for your faithfulness. Thank you for your strength, we praise you because we know that while suffering July last for a little while joy comes in the morning. We pray to you confident and believing that joy is coming. We believe that reconciliation and racial equity can happen through Jesus. We are filled with hope in your word and your truth. We believe that this nation can heal and that the sins of the founders of this nation will stop here in this generation. We are encouraged that even in this moment, you are changing our hearts and the hearts of those around us. We praise you in advance for all you are doing. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Scriptures to pray: Psalm 46:1-3, Proverbs 18:10, 2 Corinthians 12:9, 2 Thessalonians 3:3, Hebrews 4:16

### After we pray what can I do?

Prayer is a powerful first step in moving this country towards racial equity and healing, but it is not the most we can do. Each of us has a role to play as citizens of this country. Individually and collectively we can find outlets to serve the community based on our gifting and strengths. Together we can help our country find its way to healing and reconciliation.



# DINE TO DONATE

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**ROSELLE UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 29  
3PM-10PM**

# 10%

**DONATION NIGHT**

for **Roselle United Methodist Church**.  
Present this flyer at the Bloomingdale  
location and Texas Roadhouse will  
donate **10%** of your total food  
purchases to

 **ROSELLE**  
United Methodist Church

**630-580-1277**  
161 S. GARY AVE.  
BLOOMINGDALE, IL





## It's that time again!

Roselle United Methodist Women, Roselle United Methodist Church and Roselle UMC Community Food Pantry are pleased to work together to help the families of the Roselle UMC Community Food Pantry prepare their children to return to school.

This year, we are requesting special supplies that are needed in the classrooms to keep the children and their environment clean and healthy.

Each classroom teacher requests these items

**rolls of paper towels**

**containers of disinfectant wipes**

**boxes of facial tissue**

**hand sanitizer in pump bottles**

**ZipLoc Bags - Gallon, Quart and Sandwich**

We will need all of the Back-to-School supplies by Sunday, July 31st. You can participate by buying Back-to-School supplies or giving a cash donation and we will shop for you.

The RUMW will coordinate the collection and sort the supplies for each student. During the week of August 1 to 5, we will prepare bags for each student according to the school supply list for their grade level. Back-to-School supplies for the Roselle UMC Community Food Pantry families will be distributed on Saturday, August 6.

Please help these young students off to a successful school year with the supplies they need. If you have any questions, please call Sharon Beaver - 630-894-1457. Cash donations will be used to buy some of the items in bulk from AmazonSmile.com and some of the unique items requested.

Thank you for your generosity, *Sharon Beaver*

If you would like to donate Cash or a Check to our Back-to-School project please make your check payable to **RUMW** (Roselle United Methodist Women)  
Mail your donation to:

Carol Gabriel, **RUMW** Treasurer, 181 Rosedale Ct., Bloomingdale, IL 60108

RUMW will not be able to cash the checks if they are made out to RUMC.  
In order to expedite this project it will be necessary to have the funds available immediately,  
so, please make your checks payable to **RUMW**.

# Back to School Supplies

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| 2            | Ear-Muff style headphones - MUST BE WIRED                 |
| 1            | Headphones - MUST BE WIRED                                |
| 5 boxes      | Crayola Crayons - 24 count                                |
| 2 boxes      | Crayola Fine Line Markers - 10 count                      |
| 3 boxes      | Crayola Colored Pencils - 24 count                        |
| 2            | Yellow Highlighters                                       |
| 2            | Blue Highlighters   |
| 2            | Green Highlighters  |
| 2            | Pink Highlighters   |
| 80           | Elmer's Glue Sticks                                       |
| 4 large cans | Play Doh - assorted Colors                                |
| 80           | #2 Yellow Pencils - Pre-sharpened                         |
| 1            | One Inch, 3-ring binder                                   |
| 2            | Accordion Pocket, Expandable File Folders<br>- NO Handles |
| 5            | 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " Binder Clips              |
| 6            | Reusable Water Bottles                                    |
| 6 packages   | Disinfectant Wipes  |
| 12 Rolls     | Paper Towels  |
| 15 boxes     | Facial Tissue   |
| 6 bottles    | Hand Sanitizer in 4 to 8 oz Pump dispensers               |
| 6            | Gallon-size ZipLoc Bags                                   |
| 1            | Quart-size ZipLoc Bags                                    |
| 2            | Sandwich-size ZipLoc Bags                                 |
| 2 pkgs       | Paper Plates  |
| 1 box        | Dixie Cups - 5 oz   |



# The Class of 2022

## Charlie Sparks

Nursery to Preschool  
Grandson of Pam & Dean Sutton

## George Sparks

Pre-K to Kindergarten  
Grandson of Pam & Dean Sutton

## Fenris Karl Beaver

From fifth grade to  
Eastmont Middle School  
Grandson of  
Ted and Sharon Beaver

## Gavin Anderson

Lake Park H.S. with Honors  
to Calvin University  
Study Business.  
Grandson of  
Marilyn & Philippe  
Bogaerts

## Devon Smith:

Lake Park H.S.  
Spirit of Excellence Award  
to Northern Illinois University,  
Study Computer Science & Minor  
Foreign Studies.  
Received Merit Scholarship from NIU  
and scholarship from DCFS.  
Son of Kim Smith

## Jenna Drolen

Loyola University Chicago,  
MS Environmental  
Science & Sustainability  
Daughter of Randy & Carolyn Drolen

## Haley Mackowick

Ambria College of Nursing,  
Associate Applied Science Nursing  
Granddaughter of  
Sue & Michael Stanaway

## Andrew Allen Niemann

Kansas City University of Medicine,  
Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine  
(Magna Cum Laude) and Master of  
Business Administration (Summa  
Cum Laude)  
Grandson of Dianne Niemann

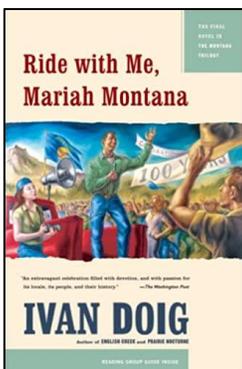
## Michael Shrader

Loyola University  
BS in Biology.  
Accepted for Masters: Johns Hopkins  
University in Geonomics and Health  
(DNA Research).  
Grandson of Promila & Eddy Lal

## Michelle Waldrop

College of DuPage,  
Associate Degree in Accounting  
Wife of Don and Mother of Nicholas

## Book Discussion Group

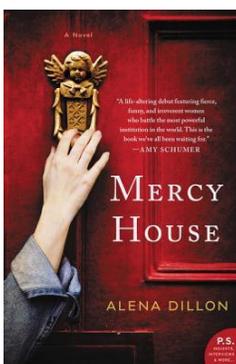


**Monday, July 11 - 7:00 PM - In Person, Church Library**

### *Ride with Me, Mariah Montana*

by Ivan Doig

Jick McCaskill, the illustrious narrator of English Creek, returns as the witty and moving voice in this classic encounter with the American road and all the rewards and travails it can bring. Jick faces his family's—and his state's—legacy of loss and perseverance from the vantage point of Montana's centennial in 1989 when his daughter Mariah enlists him as Winnebago chauffeur to her and her ex-husband, the magnificently ornery and eloquent columnist Riley Wright, when their news-paper dispatches them to dig up stories of the "real Montana." Just as the centennial is a cause for reflection as well as jubilation, the exuberant travels of this trio bring on encounters with the past in "memory storms" that become occasions for reassessment and necessary accommodations of the heart.



**Monday, August 1 - 7:00 PM - Hybrid Meeting**

### *Mercy House*

by Alena Dillon

In the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn stands a century-old row house presided over by renegade, silver-haired Sister Evelyn. Gruff and indomitable on the surface, warm and wry underneath, Evelyn and her fellow sisters makes Mercy House a safe haven for the abused and abandoned. Women like Lucia, who arrives in the dead of night; Mei-Li, the Chinese and Russian house veteran; Desiree, a loud and proud prostitute; Esther, a Haitian immigrant and aspiring collegiate; and Katrina, knitter of lumpy scarves...all of them know what it's like to be broken by men.

# Apportionment: Connecting Your Church to the World

**What is Apportionment?** Apportionment (also called Connectional Giving) is the commitment our church makes to support the regional and global works of the United Methodist Church.

**What does this money cover?** Regionally, apportionment contributions are essential to serving the local churches and help achieve the Conference goals.

45% of apportionments support local churches in our Conference. (Roselle UMC has received these fund in prior year's for Pastor's health insurance.)

30% of the fund goes to grow new disciples of Jesus Christ, such as new faith communities, church development programs. Board of Laity, Outdoor and Retreat Ministries, and Spiritual Formation Ministries.

13% educates people on the conviction that racism is incompatible with Christian teaching.

12% goes to increase the number of highly vital congregations.

Globally, general Church Apportionment Funds make global reach possible through seven funds:

|     |                                      |     |                        |
|-----|--------------------------------------|-----|------------------------|
| 54% | World Service Fund                   | 14% | Episcopal Fund         |
| 14% | Ministerial Education Fund           | 7%  | Black College Fund     |
| 6%  | General Administration Fund          | 2%  | Africa University Fund |
| 1%  | Interdenominational Cooperation Fund |     |                        |

**Is this something new?** No, The Apportionment has always been part of our Church operating budget and the amount is based on our overall church budget.

**Why are we talking about Apportionment?** Today, we are all challenged by an increase in inflation, whether it is what spend on gasoline, food, utilities or interest rates, all these costs have gone up. The Church faces the same challenges, in fact, our utilities for the first five months of this year are up 46% verses the same period last year.

**How much would be needed to cover the Apportionment?** If we divide the total Apportionment by the number of families who currently give to the Church, it would be \$300 per family for the year. We understand that there are some who would not be able to add that amount to their current giving, but we also know that there are some who may be able to give more. We are asking you to prayerfully consider taking on the challenge by giving an additional contribution for the Apportionment. On your giving envelope, please indicate the amount on the line marked Connectional Giving.

## Financially Speaking ...

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

|                   | Actual         | Budget        | Over (Under)<br>Budget | % of<br>Budget |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Income            | \$ 225,803.75  | \$ 256,744.00 | \$ (30,940.25)         | 88%            |
| Vibrant Worship   | \$ 85,594.08   | \$ 88,427.03  | \$ (2,832.95)          | 97%            |
| Vital Faith       | \$ 1,582.25    | \$ 1,325.00   | \$ 257.25              | 119%           |
| Changing Lives    | \$ 26,262.75   | \$ 28,555.00  | \$ (2,292.25)          | 92%            |
| Administrative    | \$ 41,991.40   | \$ 47,475.00  | \$ (5,483.60)          | 88%            |
| Building          | \$ 81,926.73   | \$ 81,895.00  | \$ 31.73               | 100%           |
| Total Expenses    | \$ 237,357.21  | \$ 247,677.03 | \$ (10,319.82)         | 96%            |
| Total Gain (Loss) | \$ (11,553.46) | \$ 9,066.97   | \$ (20,620.43)         | -127%          |

Since January, our giving has been less than our planned budget. Upon a detail review, we discovered some people have fallen behind on their pledged giving and an error in our planned budget amount. This puts

us in a difficult position since we built our budget assuming we would receive a higher giving amount. If you have fallen behind on your pledged giving, please catch up. If you are able to increase your giving for the remainder of the year or make a one-time donation to help closes this unplanned shortfall, please inform our Finance Secretary, Chris Dawson, at giving@Roselleumc.org or by contacting the church office. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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

|                                  |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Operating (General) Fund         | \$ 26,706.86  |
| Benevolence Fund                 | \$ 14,321.78  |
| Building Fund                    | \$ 38,434.13  |
| Financial Gifts Fund             | \$ 19,663.33  |
| Total Cash in Banks              | \$ 99,126.10  |
| Financial Gifts Fund Investments | \$ 71,992.42  |
| Total Cash and Investments       | \$ 171,118.52 |



## Community Food Pantry

ROSELLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

630.529.1309

*“It is important for people to realize that we can make progress against world hunger, that world hunger is not hopeless. The worst enemy is apathy.”*

*— Reverend David Beckmann*

**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.

### July Needs for the Food Pantry

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

**Strawberry Jelly**

**Bouillon**

**Sanitary Pads or Tampons**

**Loaded Potato with Bacon Soup**

**Laundry Pods or Liquid Laundry Detergent**

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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