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Roselle UMC

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Monday and Wednesday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM

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Tuesday and Thursday
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Dear Members and Friends of Roselle UM Church Family,

We have just enjoyed our Thanksgiving celebrations and now are called to enter Advent with limited preparation. It feels like we are not yet ready. In Latin, the word advent means "Coming," the coming of Jesus Christ.

During Advent, the four-week period immediately prior to Christmas Day we are given a time to prepare ourselves spiritually to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ and get ready for the second coming of Christ who will return in glory. In Mark 17: 32-33, Jesus says, *"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. So beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come."* Since no one knows, except God, when Jesus is coming again in the evening, or at midnight, or dawn, we need to be alert for the coming of our Lord. So, I think the Advent season is the perfect time to talk about how to prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus.

Church Office Closed

Friday, December 24, Monday, December 27
and Friday, December 31
in observance of the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Connections Deadlines:

January deadline for articles: Wednesday, December 29

First, we need to remember the hope and promise that comes from Jesus. Among the greatest gifts God has given us at Christmas is the hope that *“death has been swallowed up in victory.”* 1 Corinthians 15:54. It means that the Child whose birth we celebrate would one day conquer death. Jesus says, *“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die”* John 11:25-26. It is the hope we find in Christmas.

Since we have lost several of our beloved church members during the past year, the first Christmas without them may be challenging for their families and our church. Also, it will be a tough time for those who have been struggling with illnesses, financial problems, family issues, and natural disasters. For these reasons, it is essential to remember the message that Jesus conquered the grave and gives us hope that we will see our loved ones again. The world we are waiting for will not be the same as it is now. Jesus, who was born in Bethlehem, will someday set all things right. We who believe Him have this hope.

Secondly, we have to remember who Jesus called us to be and what He called us to do. Jesus gave His followers the mission in Acts 1:8, *“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.”* Jesus instructed His disciples to be the light of the world by teaching others what He had taught them and being witnesses by loving neighbors and enemies and doing the things Jesus called all of His disciples to do. According to the Word, our mission at Christmas, as his followers, is not to get stuff for people to open on Christmas morning. Instead, it is giving food to the hungry, giving something to drink to the thirsty, welcoming strangers, giving clothing to the naked, and visiting the sick and the imprisoned. As we do it for one of the least of these, we do it to Jesus.

As we prepare ourselves spiritually to celebrate the birth of the Savior and remain alert for the return of Jesus, let us remember the promise and hope of Christmas and the mission Jesus gave us. I’m looking forward to searching for God’s way this Advent and the ways He will make us living examples of His presence and goodness in the world.

Join our Advent Bible Study on *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience*, starting on November 28, 2021.

Our combined choirs will present their Christmas Concert, *“Somewhere in Your Silent Night”* on Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 3:00 PM. Finally, I encourage you to invite your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors to our Christmas Eve candlelight services at 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM.

More information on the Advent study and choir concert appear throughout this issue.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2022!
Pastor Hyo Sun Oh

Jim and Marilyn Bauer were in the Chicagoland area for a few days, (they have retired to California). Roselle UMC remains near and dear to their hearts, and they visited Roselle UMC and had the opportunity to meet Pastor Oh. What a joy that old friends take the time to visit us. Right: Pastor Oh and Jim Bauer. Far Right: Marilyn Bauer and Lynn Latvys



Roselle United Methodist Women hosted a Celebration dinner on Commitment Sunday, November 14. We had a full house enjoying the pasta dinner. Below: some of the Roselle UMW that participated in decorating and cooking; left to right: Carol Gabriel, Mary Ann Petersen, Carol Touhy, Donna Benson, Sharon Beaver, Linda Nalley, Cindy Sheely and a decorated turkey in the front row.



Shhh! This is a secret! This is the No Name Group! A dedicated group that does all sorts of projects around our church to keep things in working order, and they are always willing to lend a hand whenever and wherever needed. They really do have names, left to right: George Ibsen, _____, Harold Enger, John Walters and Mike McKee. Missing from this photo is Ralph Stecker.



Hanging of the Greens to make Roselle UMC ready to celebrate the Advent Season. Left to right: Dianne Niemann, Sharon Beaver, Mary Ann Petersen, Jane Walters, Susan Dal Porto and Sherrie Magnini. Other participants not in the photo included John Walters, Donna Benson, Chloe Tabor-Jarvis, Linda McDermott, Judith Dods and Pastor Oh, who is behind the camera taking the photo.



Pastor Oh climbs the ladder in the choir loft to place the star on top of the Christmas tree. Fortunately, Jane Walters was steadying the ladder as Pastor Oh stretched and reached out to finish our Christmas decorating.



Roselle UMC Christmas

First Week of Advent

Sunday, November 28

Almost Christmas Advent Study 9:00 AM - Library
Worship Service 10:30 AM - Sanctuary

Almost Christmas Advent Study 6:45 PM - OnLine

Monday, November 29

Almost Christmas Advent Study 10:00 AM - Library

Tuesday, November 30

Almost Christmas Advent Study 7:00 PM - Library

Second Week of Advent

Sunday, December 5

Almost Christmas Advent Study 9:00 AM - Library
Worship Service 10:30 AM - SANCTUARY

Almost Christmas Advent Study 6:45 PM - OnLine

Monday, December 6

Almost Christmas Advent Study 10:00 AM - Library

Tuesday, December 7

Almost Christmas Advent Study 7:00 PM - Library

Third Week of Advent

Sunday, December 12

Almost Christmas Advent Study 9:00 AM - Library
Worship Service 10:30 AM - Sanctuary

Choir Concert "Somewhere in Your Silent Night"
- 3:00 PM - Sanctuary

Almost Christmas Advent Study 6:45 PM - OnLine

Monday, December 13

Almost Christmas Advent Study 10:00 AM - Library

Tuesday, December 14

Almost Christmas Advent Study 7:00 PM - Library

Fourth Week of Advent

Sunday, December 19

Almost Christmas Advent Study 9:00 AM - Library
Worship Service 10:30 AM - Sanctuary

Almost Christmas Advent Study 6:45 PM - OnLine

Monday, December 20

Almost Christmas Advent Study 10:00 AM - Library

Tuesday, December 21

Almost Christmas Advent Study 7:00 PM - Library



Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24
Worship Service - 4:00 PM - Sanctuary
Worship Service - 8:00 PM - Sanctuary

Sunday, December 26
Worship Service - 10:30 AM - Sanctuary

ALMOST CHRISTMAS

In John Wesley's famous sermon, "The Almost Christian," he encouraged people to follow Christ wholeheartedly. In *Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience*, author and pastor Magrey deVega leads a group of authors in exploring how we can make the same commitment to Christ during Advent, and connect our Wesleyan heritage with the traditional Advent themes of Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace.

The book is divided into four main chapters:

- **An Altogether Peace** by Magrey R. deVega
- **An Altogether Hope** by Ingrid McIntyre
- **An Altogether Love** by April Casperson
- **An Altogether Joy** by Matt Rawle

This special Wesleyan Advent Experience will be offered on several different days, at different times of day, in-person and online. Be sure to be apart of this Advent Study.

In-Person Small Group Discussions

Sunday mornings - Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19 in the Library at 9:00 am

Monday mornings - Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13 and Dec. 20 in the Library at 10:00 am

Tuesday evenings - Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21 in the Library at 7:00 pm

On-Line Small Group Discussion

Sunday evenings - Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19

Host will send link to Zoom meetings

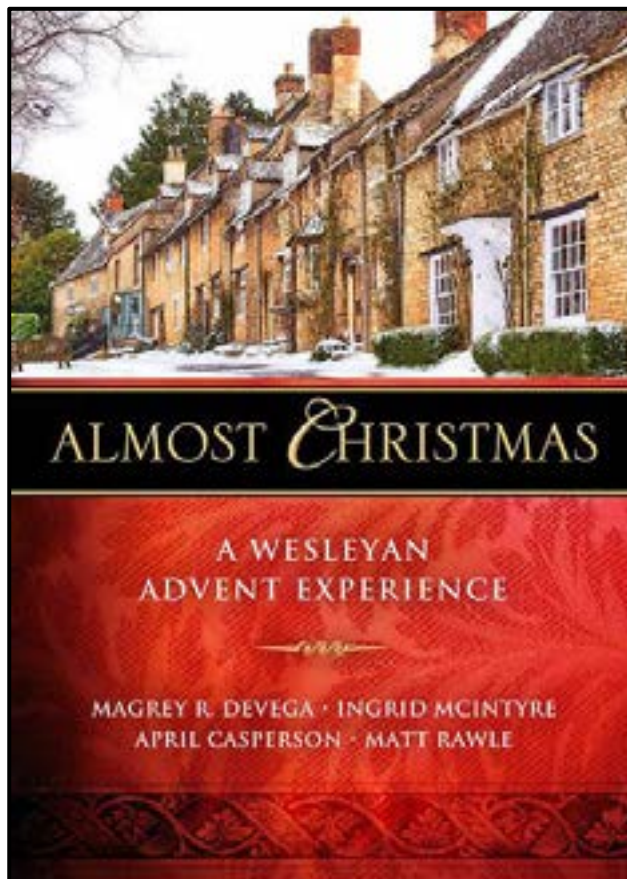
The Authors:

Magrey R. deVega - Senior Pastor at Hyde Parke United Methodist Church in Tampa, Florida.

Ingrid McIntyre - Co-founder and Executive Director of Open Table Nashville, Tennessee.

April Casperson - Director of Diversity and Inclusion in the West Ohio Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Matt Rawle - Lead Pastor at Asbury United Methodist Church in Bossier City, Louisiana.



Sign up for the Advent study of your choice in the Narthex or contact Susan Dal Porto susanwake@comcast.net

Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience paperback will be available for purchase. Cost is \$11.50

Advent the Season of Preparation

The First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021 Hope and Promise

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Savior.”

Jeremiah 33:14-16



good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

“What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

“Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people false-

ly—be content with your pay.”

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

Luke 3:7-18

The Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 2021 Preparation, Waiting and Prophecy

“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty. But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

Malachi 3:1-4

The Third Sunday of Advent December 12, 2021 Joy and Peace

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce

The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021 Love and Adoration

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”

Luke 1:39-45

*Somewhere
in Your
Silent Night*



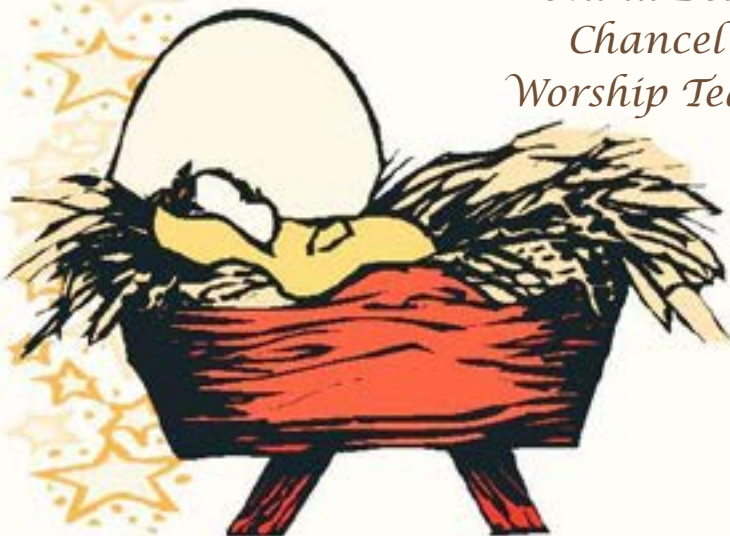
*A Christmas Concert
Presented by the Roselle UMC
Combined Choirs*

December 12 ~ 3:00 PM

*Hope ~ Joy ~ Peace ~ Love
These are the meaning of Christmas*

*An afternoon of Christmas Music to heal
your Heart and bring Joy to your Life
We Celebrate Together in the true spirit of
the Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ*

*Karen Mazza, Director of Music
Holley McKee, Chancel Choir Director
Dia Madden, Worship Team Band Director
Hand Bell Choir
Chancel Choir
Worship Team Band*



*A Free Will Offering will
be accepted to support the
Ministries of Roselle UMC*

“Wealth is not to feed our egos, but to feed the hungry and to help people to help themselves.”

Andrew Carnegie - 1835-1919



For those who don't know, this is the very busiest time of the year. We have multiple food drives going on everywhere. It starts in September during Hunger Action Month and keeps going from there. The madness usually continues until just after the first of the year and then it dies. That's why this time of year is so important to food pantries everywhere. People are especially generous during the holidays but forget that food insecurity exists all year long.

This October, the pantry received a conveyor system that goes down the back stairs, along the wall to the produce room. It is helping to save the backs of our volunteers and is so much more efficient. We are incredibly grateful to the Roselle Lions Club for donating the \$5,000 to pay for this conveyor.

This month was Trinity's annual clinic where they provide food, clothes, turkeys to families from everywhere. Unfortunately, due to covid, it was a drive through again. As part of this event, they have a Sunday called Souper Sunday, they collect soup and peanut butter for the Roselle UMC Pantry. They didn't beat their record of 1,200 cans last year, but they did really well at 1,037 cans of soup and 330 jars of peanut butter.

For our annual turkey distribution event, we distributed almost 60 turkeys plus a box of fixings for sides, which many of you generously contributed to. In addition, we surprised our families with bags of potatoes, bags of onions, celery, leeks, carrots, lemons, fresh poultry herbs, sweet potatoes, cookies and cakes. It was a lot of fun. We received 15 boxes of turkeys and other foods from the Chicagoland Italian American Charitable Organization on November 21st. This is a relationship that we have had for about 5 or 6 years that came by way of Trinity to Salerno's funeral home and 3 more boxes from St. Vincent dePaul. These turkeys will be distributed during December and January (if they last that long).



Finally the Lions Club has an event scheduled for our parking lot on December 11th from NOON to 2:00 PM. It's a drive through food drive, bring canned goods and get your photo taken with Santa at the Santa booth and get a goody bag! This is an event your grandchildren will love, so bring them over to get their photo with Santa, and it will teach them about giving to those in need. It should be fun.



As always, the pantry is extremely appreciative for your monetary donations, food donations and donations of your time/volunteerism.



Top left: Have you ever seen that many bags of onions? Top right: The hallway behind the church parlor is filled with bags of potatoes, onions, vegetables, turkeys, and all the other things for a Thanksgiving Dinner. Bottom left: Volunteers at the end of a busy, but satisfying day of providing food to families in our community.

***Vicki Johnson
Executive Director***

Financially Speaking ...

Roselle United Methodist Church General Operating Fund July 2021 to October 2021

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	% of Budget
Income	\$ 80,050.13	\$ 80,199.00	\$ (148.87)	100%
Vibrant Worship	\$ 27,016.28	\$ 29,475.68	\$ (2,459.40)	92%
Vital Faith	\$ 314.27	\$ 441.67	\$ (127.40)	71%
Changing Lives	\$ 7,235.00	\$ 9,518.33	\$ (2,283.33)	76%
Administrative	\$ 16,302.04	\$ 15,825.00	\$ 477.04	103%
Building	\$ 26,651.90	\$ 27,298.33	\$ (646.43)	98%
Total Expenses	\$ 77,519.49	\$ 82,559.01	\$ (5,039.52)	94%
Total Gain (Loss)	\$ 2,530.64	\$ (2,360.01)	\$ 4,890.65	-107%

Roselle United Methodist Church Cash and Investment Account Balances as of September 30, 2021

Operating (General) Fund	\$ 40,793.98
Benevolence Fund	\$ 21,393.17
Building Fund	\$ 32,689.70
Financial Gifts Fund	\$ 25,331.54
Total Cash in Banks	\$ 120,208.39
Financial Gifts Fund Investments	\$ 79,863.86
Total Cash and Investments	\$ 200,072.25

As we near Thanksgiving and look forward to Advent, giving has begun to increase thanks to the generosity of many people in our congregation. Pledges for 2022 continue to be received. The results of our pledge drive and any changes to our budget will be presented in January.

There are several ways you can give faithfully to Roselle UMC

- **In Person.** Use the pew envelopes or your numbered Giving Envelopes to make your donation by cash or check. The collection plate(s) for donations will either be at the entrance of the Sanctuary or passed by the ushers during the service. If you do not have a box of numbered Giving Envelopes, which includes an envelope for every Sunday, plus holidays and special Sundays, please reach out to Chris Dawson at Giving@RoselleUMC.org. Giving envelopes
- **Mail.** Write your check to Roselle UMC, fill out the front of your Giving Envelope, then place your Pledge Envelope in a standard mailing envelope and address it to:

Chris Dawson, Financial Secretary
Roselle United Methodist Church
206 S. Rush St.
Roselle, IL 60172.
(Please do not mail cash)

- **Automated Debit Program.** Recurring debit giving is used to automatically trans-

fer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account on a monthly or weekly basis. Go to the website: Giving@RoselleUMC.org. Giving scroll down and click the Blue Button. Complete the form with your account information. Completed forms should be returned to Chris Dawson via the Giving email or mailed to the church office.

- **Online giving.** You can use your credit card to give a one-time gift. Go to the website: Giving@RoselleUMC.org. Giving scroll down and click the Green Button. This will take you to a page to enter your credit or debit card information and the amount you wish to donate. You can direct your donation to either the General Fund or the Building Fund. There may be a fee for this transaction, which you may or may not cover.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Dawson at the Roselle UMC giving website. Giving@RoselleUMC.org.

I'm not Late! I still have time!

**GOD
Loves a
Cheerful
Giver!**

2 Corinthians 9:7

Yes, There's Still Time to Turn in Your 2022 Pledge Card!

If you were not able to be in worship or online on Sunday, November 14th, you missed a powerful Consecration service. Check out the video on YouTube or Facebook!

Many new and exciting ministries are in the planning stages for next year, and we need to be able to count on your support in this planning process. You can pick up a pledge card on Sunday morning and drop it in the offering plates through the end of November. Or you can return the card mailed to you to the church office. Your third and easiest option is to email Giving@RoselleUMC.org with the amount you want to commit to support the Operations of the Church, the Building Fund, and the Food Pantry, and indicate if this will be a weekly, monthly or annual contribution. It's very important that we hear from as many people as possible, including those participating in the Automated Debit Program (for which we will also be happy to sign you up!).

Contrary to 4-year old Bennie's adamant assertion, "*God doesn't really need money.*" But God's Church does in order to carry out His work in our community and the world. (If you're scratching your head right now, you need to watch the video of the November 14th Worship service to see young Bennie during the Children's Time of the Worship service!)

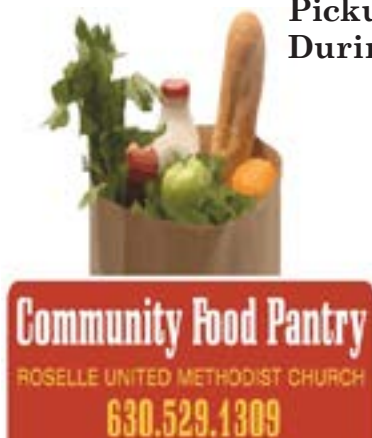
COAT Drive

BSA Cub Scout Pack 412 will be collecting New and Gently Used Coats from now until January 3. We have two collection bins, one in the Narthex and one near the main office. Help support Cub Scout Pack 412 with your donation to their service project. Cub Scout Pack 412 has been meeting here at Roselle UMC for over 40 years.

While you're out buying groceries ...

Pickup a few things for the RoselleUMC Community Food Pantry. During December they request

- Dish Soap
- Diced Tomatoes
- Canned Black Beans
- Canned Ham or Spam
- Steak Sauce
- Rice Pilaf Mix



Mission and Outreach



These mission projects are linked to scripture. Jesus' blessings during his Sermon on the Mount as recounted in Matthew 5, known as the beatitudes. The projects and ministries described in Mission Links are matched with one or more beatitudes that allow the church to "advance" the cause of Christ and work for the public good. The projects are organized to allow local churches to make a commitment to support local, regional, and international mission projects. Church members can continue to make contributions with the Rainbow Covenant designation

A Big Thank You

Congregation, thank you so much for your contributions to the holiday giving programs. As of mid-November over \$600 was raised towards the goal of \$975 to purchase turkeys and additional Thanksgiving foods for 57 families.

Also, all the Christmas gift wishes of 40 children of Food Pantry clients were fulfilled. Thank you for your generosity.

Somewhere in Your Silent Night

Put this date on your calendar - Sunday, December 12th, 3:00 PM

Don't miss the musical talents of the Roselle UMC Chancel Choir, Bell Choir and Worship Team Band. Our musicians have planned another of their extra special Christmas Concerts, "Somewhere in Your Silent Night." The general theme of the concert is recovering Joy after this pandemic of gloom and Re-entering on the One who gives us true Joy. The concert will be held in the sanctuary.

A Free Will offering will be accepted to help support this and other ministries of Roselle UMC.



He Shall Reign Forevermore! This is a very joyous song by Chris Tomlin. WARNING: It's an 'earworm' song ... it will be pretty hard to get out of your head.

To find this video on YouTube, go to YouTube.com and in the search bar type "Chris Tomlin-He Shall Reign Forevermore (Live)". It will be the first one listed, run-time 4:10.



Enjoy, Mike & Sherrie Magnini



PADS clients are still in need of many of the items we have requested over the years, warm clothing, socks, hats, mittens, new or gently used clothing like sweatshirts, washable sweaters. Their needs also include personal hygiene products: shampoo, bath soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant. For those with children they need diapers, onesies, and for toddlers and older children books, crayons,

coloring books, new or gently used clothing.

At Christmas time Cindy Sheely, our PADS Coordinator has requested Gift Cards of all kinds, grocery stores, Walgreens, CVS, and fast food restaurants. Cindy requests that whatever type of Gift Card you donate, that it be a \$5.00 gift card. Presently, there are about 80+ people in the Red Roof Inn where we deliver meals. If we want to give a gift card to each person, we would need 80



gift cards. With the small denomination of \$5.00 each, Cindy is able to distribute more gift cards to more people. Give generously to those who have so little.

You can contact Cindy and John Sheely at sheelyj@sbcglobal.net
See what you can do to help people in need.



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