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And Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the great and first commandment.

And a second is like it,

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."

*Matthew 22:37-40
Revised Standard Version*

Today we live in an age of high anxiety. Americans worry about the pandemic, crime, racial tensions, terrorism, and immigration. Extreme partisanship is also fanned by fear. Fear has caused surges in gun ownership, purchases of home security systems, and bans on immigration. Stress, anxiety, and worry are at an all-time high especially with the COVID-19. Fear is in the air.

According to Adam Hamilton's survey with 2,400 people in his congregation at the Church of Resurrection, Kansas, here are top five things people fear.

TOP FIVE THINGS WE FEAR**UNDER 50**

1. Personal Failure
2. Disappointing Others
3. Future/Uncertainty
4. Finances
5. Death of a Loved One

OVER 50

1. The Direction of Our Country
2. Finances for Retirement
3. Growing Older
4. Loss of Mental Capacity
5. Becoming Dependent

We all have things to fear. Someone said, "I would choose death rather than standing in public to share my passion and love." Many of us have a fear of public speaking including me.

Connections Deadlines:

March Deadline for articles: Wednesday, February 23

April deadline for articles: Wednesday, March 23

Fear is a powerful emotion that shapes all of us in powerful ways. For example, behind depression, there is fear. Behind wars, there is fear. Fear is all around us and universal. It paralyzes us and keeps us from experiencing a fulfilling and joyful life. Because fear is a part of our lives, we need to learn to address our fears, control them, learn from them, and even use them.

Under Moses' leadership, the Israelites fled Egypt and the oppression of Pharaoh in hopes of a better life and land. After all of their effort they found themselves within a mile of the promised land and a new life. They sent twelve scouts ahead to spy on the lands. Two returned with favorable reports that "it is all there, just like God promised. And it's awesome! God is with us, let's go get it." But then ten of the spies spoke up, "We cannot go and take the land. The city walls are strong. The people are even stronger. They look like giants of old and we look like insects, mere grasshoppers compared to them." So the people of God spent another 38 years in the wilderness, after coming within a mile of the promised land, due to fear. Fear controlled their thinking and kept them from what God desired for them.

One of the most repeated instructions in the Bible is, "Don't be afraid." These words appear over 140 times in scripture. It means our faith-ancestors also struggled with fear, many died in the wilderness due to their fears. Others dealt with their fear, and gained strength, courage, and confidence by their experiences and lived, helped by their faith and came to the promised land.

Having faith is a crucial way of overcoming fear. It is not faith that if you pray hard enough nothing bad will ever happen to us. It is not faith that says everything that happens is the will of God. It is not if you have enough faith, you will never have fears. Yet, a well-considered faith in God and the timeless insights of scripture can have a profound impact

on your ability to experience peace, hope, and joy despite your fears.

In many cases, when we feel anxious about something, we often avoid it. We try not to think about the conversation with whom we have a problem. But somewhere beneath the surface, the worry and anxiety continue to build. Fear only has power over you when you hold it inside, and don't share it. Exposure therapy breaks this cycle by calling on you to clearly identify the source of your fear or anxiety, and slowly face your fears by exposing yourself to the fear with small steps, gradually increasing the experience exposure. When you do so, you will be a different person than you were before.

Today, Many people take medications for their anxieties, depression, fears, anxiety disorders, panic attacks, obsessive-compulsive disorder, or even post-traumatic stress disorder. I strongly support taking prescribed medications that help balance chemicals in the brain called neurotransmitters, which affect mood and emotions and help one to sleep better and improve appetite and concentration. Happy you, happy family members! I encourage you to have faith in God and do spiritual practices such as prayer, meditation and reading scripture. The only way we'll learn this is to face our fears with faith—faith that allows us to overcome the fear. The words, "Do not be afraid" appear more than a hundred times in the Bible. All were spoken in the midst of storms, facing death, and hopelessness. God said to his people, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you." In Isaiah 41:10, God told the Israelites who were captives and in great fear, "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid for I am your God, I will strengthen you, I will surely help you; I will uphold you with my righteous strong hand."

You can never completely eradicate fear—you need it. Yet, fear doesn't have to control you. Courage is not the absence of fear; instead, it is doing what you feel you should do, or what you long to do, despite the fear. As we press through our fear, we live a life of courage and hope. I invite you to our worship service in-person or on-line as we explore the sermon series on *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* by Adam Hamilton. This sermon series will continue through February 20th.

Peace, Pastor Hyo Sun Oh

(Many parts of the contents of this article are paraphrased from Adam Hamilton's book: *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*.)



What's Happening in February?



February 1
Year of the Dragon 4720



February 4 to February 20
Winter Olympics
Beijing, China



February 14
Valentines Day



February 13
Super Bowl LVI



February 2
Ground Hog Day



February 21
Presidents Day

UMCOR / year in review: 2021

United Methodist Committee On Relief

The United Methodist Committee on Relief answered many appeals for assistance in 2021. What follows are some key responses and a few of the major grants awarded this year to help alleviate suffering around the world.

By Christie R. House, Consultant Writer and Editor with Global Ministries and UMCOR
December 08, 2021 | ATLANTA

In 2021, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) provided a caring presence and humanitarian aid for people impacted by severe weather, earthquakes and volcanoes, COVID-19 lockdowns, political unrest and armed conflicts. It also provided shelter, comfort and at times solutions for refugees, asylum seekers and other migrants along their journeys. UMCOR was born in the throes of World War II and, by God's grace, United Methodists continue to support UMCOR today in response to many complicated disasters that severely affect individuals, families and communities.

As the devastating consequences of the December 10 tornadoes continue to unfold, UMCOR has been working with disaster response coordinators in the Arkansas, Kentucky and future Tennessee-Western Kentucky conferences to release emergency grants for immediate disaster relief. UMCOR will continue to accompany and partner with the conferences as they discern their roles in recovery efforts.

Haiti earthquake and tropical storm relief



Photo: Thomas Noricelle, ACT

An UMCOR grant to the ACT Haiti Forum helps workers conduct assessments and respond to humanitarian needs. Above, a team visits Percy François, who lost his house in the August 14, 2021, earthquake.

The 7.2 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti on August 14, 2021, required both immediate relief and long-term recovery planning. The death toll was estimated at 2,200, while more than 12,200 people were injured, and hundreds remain missing. Official esti-

mates indicate that 40% of Haiti's total population still needs humanitarian assistance. The situation was exacerbated by Tropical Storm Grace, which struck the island two days later.

UMCOR has responded by coordinating efforts with ecumenical partners and various programs of Global Ministries, such as Global Health. Immediately following the quake, grants for emergency medical supplies to the Église Méthodiste d'Haiti (Methodist Church in Haiti) for two medical clinics and to Service Chrétien d'Haiti for the Les Cayes General Hospital were awarded. In addition, UMCOR partnered with ACT Alliance, of Geneva, Switzerland, and the Community Coalition of Haiti to meet basic humanitarian needs with cash assistance for families, food, hygiene, health, shelter, protection and livelihoods support.

A grant of nearly \$100,000 to the Methodist Church of Haiti will support a mobile clinic and a water purification project, helping to fill a gap left by the loss and damage of health facilities. This grant is funded significantly with a gift from First United Methodist Church in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, in memory of the Rev. Sam Dixon, the former head of UMCOR and a former pastor of First UMC. Dixon perished in the 2010 Haiti earthquake along with another Global Ministries' colleague, the Rev. Clint Rabb. The gift from First UMC was matched by UMCOR.

Afghanistan and Afghan refugee resettlement

A second major response for UMCOR in 2021 requiring multiple strategies and partners has been the unrest and uncertainty in Afghanistan as well as the evacuation of Afghans following the U.S. military withdrawal there. UMCOR is working with long-standing partners to provide humanitarian relief in Afghanistan. Grants are supporting displaced families in the Kabul, Kunduz and Mazar-i-Sharif areas.

In the U.S., UMCOR is urging congregations to partner with Church World Service (CWS) to resettle Afghan refugees. United Methodist churches can ap-

ply to UMCOR for up to \$1,000 in reimbursement for costs associated with resettling families. CWS is one of nine resettlement agencies approved by the U.S. Department of State.

Relief and recovery efforts in the U.S.

In the United States, hurricane season has passed, and while most storms remained at sea, a few made landfall this year. UMCOR's U.S. Disaster Response office connected with several different conferences in the path of Hurricane Ida and earlier in the season with conferences affected by hurricanes Henri and Fred.

The California-Nevada and Oregon-Idaho conferences received grants, technical assistance and training for response to the 2021 Dixie and Bootleg fires. It can take years, particularly for communities hard-hit, like Paradise, California, in 2018, to recover and rebuild after fire. The Pacific Northwest Conference received a grant in November 2020 to begin a recovery program for the Okanagan County fire in Washington state, which includes the Colville Reservation. In 2021, UMCOR continued accompaniment with the Pacific Northwest Conference with an additional fire recovery grant to help coordinate volunteer teams assisting at least 53 households with repair and reconstruction.

The Michigan Conference received a recovery grant to follow up with last year's Great Lakes Bay flooding, working under Michigan state's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster case management project. An earlier grant helped to fund the conference's case management program with other partners. This grant will help the conference rebuild homes and provide disaster case management for families not yet fully recovered.

Emergency funds also aided the Texas, Central Texas and North Texas disaster response efforts after the winter storm and flash snow event that disrupted the state's infrastructure. The Rio Texas Conference received a grant for an April hailstorm that damaged the entire town of D'Hanis, and the Texas Conference received additional relief funds to continue plumbing repairs in homes and churches severely affected by the winter storms.

A recovery grant in March 2021 for the Louisiana Conference assists the conference's disaster response program with ongoing coordination of volunteer teams to address damage incurred by hurricanes Laura and Delta in 2020.

Accompaniment for refugees and asylum seekers

An UMCOR, CWS and National Justice for Our Neighbor's partnership received an additional \$1.1 million in 2021 to continue the Leading with Wel-



Photo: IBC

UMCOR's grant with the International Blue Crescent assisted their deliveries of relief boxes to displaced families in Afghanistan.

come programs in Jersey City, Miami and Houston. Through this program, JFON provides legal assistance to asylees and CWS provides critical case management that helps people seek psychosocial support, health care and other key services.

More than 30 U.S. churches received Mustard Seed Migration Grants from UMCOR for one-time community-based service projects. These projects are estimated to benefit over 5,000 individuals from the immigrant community.

UMCOR provided grants to shelter and service organizations, including churches, on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border to address the needs of the large migrant population and the lack of services available for them. Grants also supported partner organizations serving refugees and asylum seekers in more than 20 other countries between the Global Migration and International Disaster Response programs.

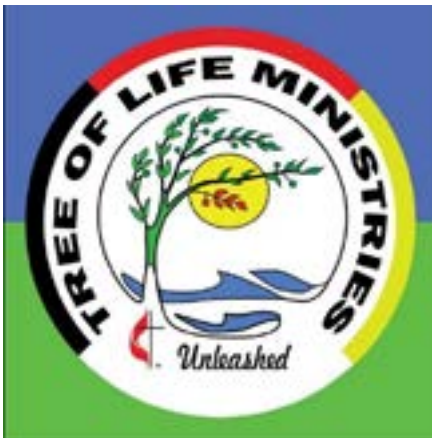
**UMCOR Sunday is March 20.
Please consider giving a generous gift
to support the global work of UMCOR.**



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. When giving to Mission Links, you can fill in the amount on your giving envelope, or you can write a separate check and write 'Mission Links' on the memo line of the check.



Tree of Life Ministry in South Dakota

February, through the Mission links connectional giving network, we are asking member and friends of Roselle UMC to support the works of Tree of Life Ministry in South Dakota. Tree of Life is part of the working hands and feet of God to the Sicangu Lakota Nation, residing on the Rosebud Reservation, serving the mind, body, and soul. They feed, clothe, shelter, and love. They demonstrate God's love, power, and grace to a broken, hurting society. Their goals include:

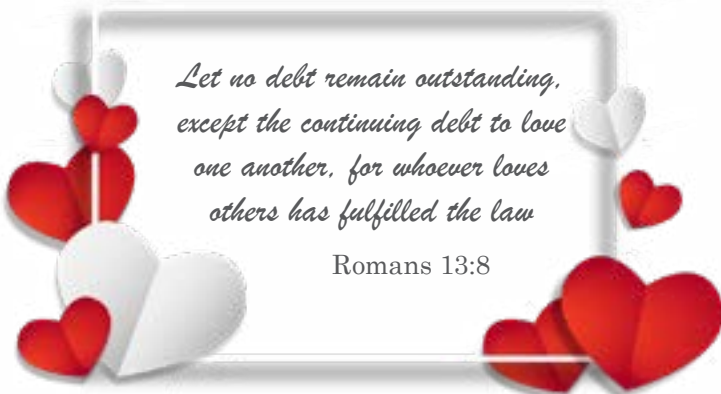
Increase Soup Kitchen quality and quantity of food in support of greater overall health and wellness because of diet. Tree of Life gave out over 27,000 breakfasts and lunches to clients, as well as 400 Thanksgiving meals and 600 Christmas meals

Increase direct service in their Thrift Store Ministry to increase revenue, create faster turnover of inventory and serve more meals. The thrift store, Ur Boutique, sell whole goods, furniture and appliances, and gently used and new clothing to raise revenue to support their soup kitchen ministry. Through Ur Boutique they are able to give families an opportunity to buy, even at very low cost, and have pride that they have provided for themselves. One mom put a \$3 bag of clothes on layaway and paid for it over a month. She felt great satisfaction in being able to tell her daughter, "I bought this for you."

Increase Volunteers in Mission visits to increase relationship building toward reconciliation, depth, and breadth of stakeholder's knowledge, thereby expanding number of people praying, caring, and supporting them.

The Tree of Life website describes their objectives beautifully: "To the naked eye our service may look like a handout or a hand-up, however to God, it may look like an answer to prayer."

Please give to this dedicated organization and be a part of answering their prayer.



Lenten



SMALL GROUPS - GATHERING AND STUDYING TOGETHER

Lent is the season of spiritual preparation before Easter.

During Lent, many Christians observe a period of fasting, self-denial, prayer and spiritual discipline. This is an opportunity to reflect on Jesus and consider His ministry, teachings, suffering, death and resurrection. It is the perfect time to be a part of a small group.

The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2 and culminates on Easter Sunday, April 17. We are currently planning multiple small groups for Lent ... watch for more details coming soon.

Would you consider hosting a small group in your home? We will be happy to work with you on meaningful ways to make this happen. Please contact Susan DalPorto for more information: susanwake@comcast.net.



Hallelujah!

A Lenten study of Handel's *Messiah*, led by Chris Dawson and Carol Thorsen.
Sunday evenings, 6:45 PM In-person and on Zoom—March 6 to March 10.

Messiah, an oratorio by George Frederic Handel is one of the most beloved and well-known pieces of music in the world. *Messiah* was composed in 1741 and nearly 300 years later, the music still inspires us. Charles Jennens, a devout Biblical student, amateur musician and Anglican church member wrote the libretto—the words of *Messiah*, based entirely on texts from the Old and New Testaments, from Prophecy to Reality.

Join us to deepen our understanding of this masterwork, as we listen and learn more about Handel and his music. We will also examine and discuss *Messiah's* Biblical texts as a way to deepen our understanding of the foretelling of a Messiah in the Old Testament, and Christ's suffering, death and resurrection.



*"If we can conquer space,
we can conquer childhood hunger."*

Buzz Aldrin

Roselle UMC 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.

February Needs for the Food Pantry

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

- **Canned Tuna**
- **Sloppy Joe Sauce**
- **Instant Rice**
- **Ketchup**
- **Tomato Paste**
- **Laundry Pods or Liquid Laundry Detergent**

Tax-Smart Gifts that Make an Impact

Your decision to support Roselle United Methodist Church is likely one that you approach thoughtfully. One factor to consider is that your support may entitle you to a charitable income tax deduction on your income tax return. Make an impact at Roselle UMC and reduce your tax liability with these gift types.

IRA Distribution

If you are 59½ or older, you can take a distribution from your IRA, then make a gift to Roselle UMC without penalty. Although you will pay income tax on the withdrawal, you can take a charitable deduction for the amount if you itemize your tax return.

If you are 70½ or older, you can give any amount up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to Roselle UMC. You will not pay income taxes on the transfer. If you are 72 or older, you can use the transfer to satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

Appreciated Stock

You may enjoy two tax benefits with a gift of appreciated stock. Avoid paying taxes on the appreciated value and qualify for an income tax charitable deduction on today's market value when you itemize.

Charitable Gift Annuity

You can setup a Charitable Gift Annuity through the United Methodist Foundation. This is an agreement between an individual (and the other person, like a spouse) and the Foundation by which the donor(s) makes a charitable gift to a local church or church-related agency. In return, the annuitant(s) receives a guaranteed and fixed amount of income annually for their lifetime. When the annuitant dies, the remainder in the Charitable Gift Annuity is given to the local church or agency that was designated. There are tax benefits for the donor as well as life-long income stream.

If you are interested in exploring any of the above, please contact Chris Dawson our Financial Secretary at giving@roselleumc.org.



FEBRUARY BLACK HISTORY MONTH
**ASSOCIATION FOR
THE STUDY OF
AFRICAN AMERICAN
LIFE AND HISTORY**

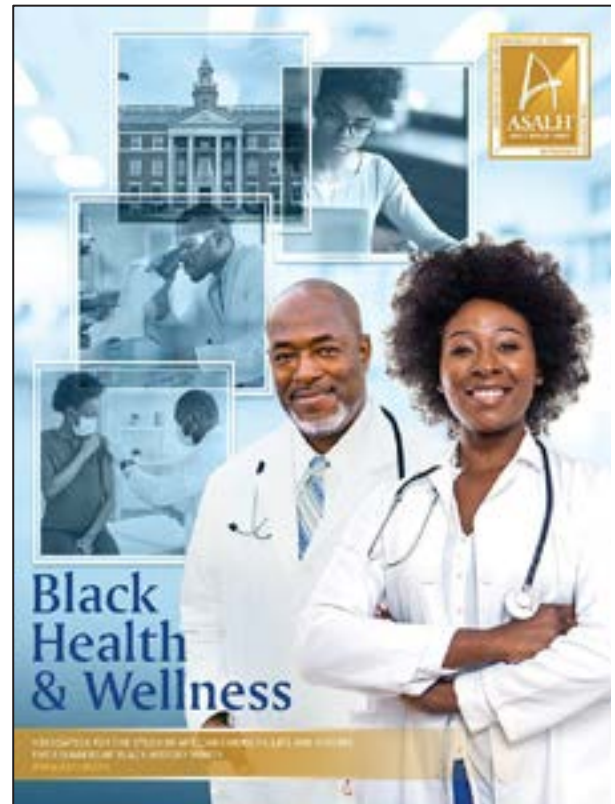
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2022 THEME | BLACK HEALTH & WELLNESS

The theme for 2022 focuses on the importance of Black Health and Wellness. This theme acknowledges the legacy of not only Black scholars and medical practitioners in Western medicine, but also other ways of knowing (e.g., birthworkers, doulas, midwives, naturopaths, herbalists, etc.) throughout the African Diaspora. The 2022 theme considers activities, rituals and initiatives that Black communities have done to be well.

In order to foster good health and wellness Black people have embarked on self-determination, mutual aid and social support initiatives to build hospitals, medical and nursing schools (i.e. Meharry Medical College, Howard University College of Medicine, Provident Hospital and Training School, Morehouse School of Medicine, etc.) and community clinics. Clinics were established by individuals, grassroots organizations and mutual aid societies, such as the African Union Society, National Association of Colored Women and Black Panther Party, to provide spaces for Black people to counter the economic and health disparities and discrimination that are found at mainstream institutions. These disparities and anti-Blackness led to communities developing phrases such as “When white folks catch a cold, Black folks get pneumonia.” Initiatives to help decrease disparities have centered several outcomes, including having more diverse practitioners and representation in all segments of the medical and health programs including such as the Ronald E. McNair Scholars. Even the impact of popular culture texts like Doc McStuffins cannot be dismissed.

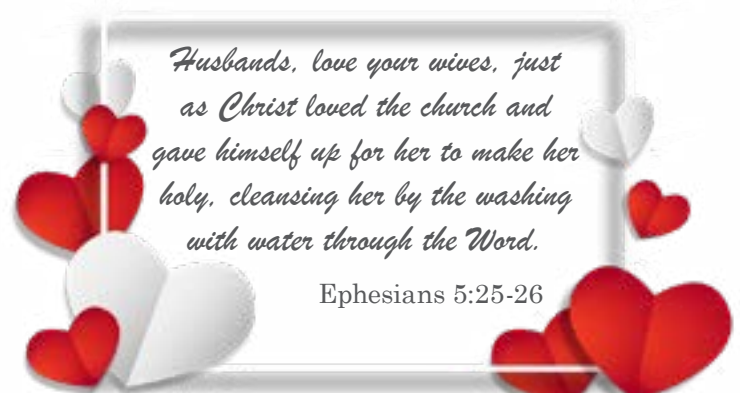
The rise of fields, such as Public and Community Health and Health Informatics have led to a rise in preventive care and a focus on body positivity, physical exercise, nutrition, exploring other dietary options such as veganism and vegetarianism, and gardening. Black Health and Wellness not only includes one’s physical body, but also emotional and mental health. At this point in the 21st century, our understanding of Black health and wellness is broader and more nuanced than ever. Social media and podcasts, such as The Read, hosted by Crissle and Kid Fury have normalized talking about mental health and going to therapy as well as initiatives such as Therapy for Black Girls. More of us understand the need to hold down, lift up, center, and fight fiercely for our beloved trans siblings and family. Black girls are doing breathwork, and there are whole yoga studios dedicated to people of color.



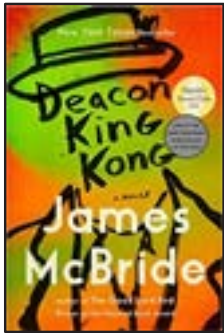
Mindful of Sister Audre Lorde’s words, we are doing more to move forward holistically for the betterment of ourselves, our bodies, our relationships, our communities, and our planet.

We are determined to create a platform that shines a light on the multiple facets of Black health and wellness through education and activism. There is much to uncover, amplify, question, and correct.

In the still overhanging shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic, Black people should and do use data and other information-sharing modalities to document, decry, and agitate against the interconnected, intersecting inequalities intentionally baked into systems and structures in the U.S. for no other reason than to curtail, circumscribe, and destroy Black well-being in all forms and Black lives. Moreover, Black communities must look to the past to provide the light for our future, by embracing the rituals, traditions and healing modalities of our ancestors. These ways of knowing require a decolonization of thought and practice.



Book Discussion Group



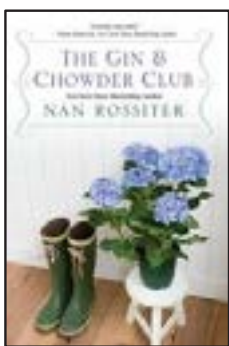
Monday, March 7 at 7:00 PM (March Discussion will be on Zoom.)

Deacon King Kong

by James McBride

Contact Susan Wadkins for the Zoom link - susan.wadkins@sbcglobal.net

Set in 1960s Brooklyn, *Deacon King Kong* examines the aftermath of a church deacon named "Sportcoat's" attempted murder of a young drug dealer in a housing project. The reasons for this desperate burst of violence and consequences that spring from it lie at the heart of *Deacon King Kong*. McBride brings to vivid life the people affected by the shooting: the victim, the African American and Latinx residents who witnessed it, the white neighbors, the local cops assigned to investigate, the members of the Five Ends Baptist Church where Sportcoat was deacon, the neighborhood's Italian mobsters and Sportcoat himself. As the story deepens, it becomes clear that the lives of the characters caught in the tumultuous swirl of 1960s New York overlap in unexpected ways. When the truth does emerge, McBride shows us that not all secrets are meant to be hidden, that the best way to grow is to face change without fear, and the seeds of love lie in hope and compassion.



Monday, April 4 at 7:00 PM

The Gin & Chowder Club

by Nan Rossiter

Set against the beautiful backdrop of Cape Cod, *The Gin & Chowder Club* is an eloquent, tender story of friendship, longing, and the enduring power of love.

The friendship between the Coleman and Shepherd families is as old and comfortable as the neighboring houses they occupy each summer on Cape Cod. Samuel and Sarah Coleman love those warm months by the water; the evenings spent on their porch, enjoying gin and tonics, good conversation and homemade clam chowder. Here they've watched their sons, Isaac and Asa, grow into fine young men, and watched, too, as Nate Shepherd, aching with grief at the loss of his first wife, finally found love again with the much younger Noelle.

But beyond the surface of these idyllic gatherings, the growing attraction between Noelle and handsome, college-bound Asa threatens to upend everything. In spite of her guilt and misgivings, Noelle is drawn into a reckless secret affair with far-reaching consequences. And over the course of one bittersweet, unforgettable summer, Asa will learn more than

he ever expected about love—the joys and heartache it awakens in us, the lengths we'll go to keep it, and the countless ways it can change our lives forever.



With consideration for everyone's comfort level during these days of Covid, the Book Discussion Group will either meet on Zoom or In-person, depending on the threat of illness.

If you have any questions, or to obtain the Zoom link please contact Susan Wadkins susan.wadkins@sbcglobal.net

Financially Speaking ...

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

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	% of Budget
Income	\$ 126,530.88	\$ 120,298.50	\$ 6,232.38	105%
Vibrant Worship	\$ 39,811.22	\$ 44,213.51	\$ (4,402.30)	90%
Vital Faith	\$ 830.02	\$ 662.50	\$ 167.52	125%
Changing Lives	\$ 14,675.00	\$ 14,277.50	\$ 397.50	103%
Administrative	\$ 24,159.21	\$ 23,737.50	\$ 421.71	102%
Building	\$ 36,752.83	\$ 40,947.50	\$ (4,194.67)	90%
Total Expenses	\$ 116,228.28	\$ 123,838.51	\$ (7,610.24)	94%
Total Gain (Loss)	\$ 10,302.60	\$ (3,540.01)	\$ 13,842.62	-291%

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

Operating (General) Fund	\$ 48,562.94
Benevolence Fund	\$ 13,021.17
Building Fund	\$ 33,511.70
Financial Gifts Fund	\$ 1,106.04
Total Cash in Banks	\$ 96,201.85
Financial Gifts Fund Investments	\$ 79,071.30
Total Cash and Investments	\$ 175,273.15

Your continued financial support of Roselle United Methodist Church makes it possible for us to provide **Vibrant Worship**, reaching out through new technology to members who have moved to new locations or winter in warmer climates. Because of the new technology they stay connected to their home church, the Roselle United Methodist Church. The new technology also keeps our local members connected in these times of Covid. Being able to worship with us in their homes, while staying safe from Covid is a blessing to many. Staying connected allows our **Vital Faith** to grow inside

us, making us better servants to all God's children. Small Group Discussions and Bible studies allow us to delve into the deeper meaning and message of God's Word. We are **Changing Lives** daily through missions like the Roselle UMC Community Food Pantry, PADS and other missions. We have been and continue to be the hands and feet of God as we help others in our community and through global giving.

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 be 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 Offering Sundays, please reach out to Chris Dawson at **Giving@RoselleUMC.org** and request a box of numbered 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 transfer 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** 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.

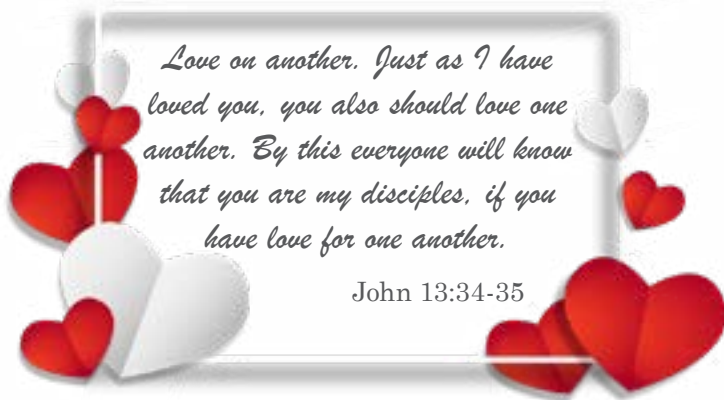
- **Online giving.** You can use your credit card to give a one-time gift. Go to the website: **Giving@RoselleUMC.org** scroll down and click the Green Button. This will take you to a page to enter your credit or debit card information and the amount you wish to donate. You can direct your donation to 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 **Giving@RoselleUMC.org** website.
Giving@RoselleUMC.org.Giving

Submit Articles to *Connections*

We welcome articles from our church members, we would love to have you share your special occasions with us. Photos of birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, children just having fun playing, sledding, ice skating, building a snowman, playing with the family pet, dance recitals, performing with the school band. We are a church family, and we all smile a little more when we share some fun together.

Submit articles to:
sharonbeaver48@gmail.com



Administrative Office Hours Have Changed:

In-Person Office Hours:

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9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Remote/Virtual Office Hours:

Wednesday-8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday - 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Please Note:

During inclement weather, in-person hours may be changed to remote/virtual hours.

Special Vacation Hours Week of February 7 to 11

Mon., Feb. 7 - Remote 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Tues., Feb. 8 - Remote 8:30 AM - NOON

Wed., Feb. 9 - Vacation Day

Thurs., Feb. 10 - In Person 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Fri., Feb. 11 - In Person 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM



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