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10 Keys to Leading Change in a Church

Dear church friends and family,

We are about to enter a period of change, Pastor Zaki will be leaving Roselle UMC, and we will be welcoming Pastor Oh. Change can be difficult. Leading a church through change can seem impossible. But we must resolve to accept the change and use it to its best advantage. Let us seize this opportunity to become the “Best that we can be.”

Churches in particular tend to resist change because they get trapped by the comfort of past success, practices, and traditions. It takes an incredible amount of wisdom, the art of timing, and plain old courage and grit.

Most churches want different results; they actually want to see more people meet Jesus and follow Jesus this year than last year. Unfortunately, they just aren't willing to change, let go of old tactics and take a different approach.

Following are remarks from a church staff team that has courageously lead their church through change. Here are 10 pointers and observations on the commitment to change:

1. No Change Is Perfectly Executed

No matter how well-planned change is, how good it looks on paper, or how much sense it makes in your head, it's not going to go the way you think it's going to go. There is going to be a surprise. Something is going to take more or less time, cost more or less money, or be more or less difficult than you planned. The point is: work hard, plan your work, work your plan, and then be flexible.

2. Communication Is Key

During change management, communicating the right message to the right audience at the right time is essential and can take a lot of time. There are multiple audiences to communicate with, including the church staff, the church board, lay leadership, volunteers, and the congregation. But some churches, due to their polity and structures, have even more groups to get on board.

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Please join us on Sunday, June 27 as we say, “Farewell” to
Pastor Zaki, and thank him for his ministry with Roselle UMC.

A reception, with light refreshments,
will follow the worship service.

3. Everyone Carries Two Buckets

Everyone carries around two buckets with them: a bucket of water and a bucket of gasoline. One fuels change, and the other puts it out. Water fuels change because it douses the fire of resistance. Gasoline puts change out because it fuels the fire of resistance. Anytime your staff listens to a complaint and says, “I understand how you would feel that way” without redirecting the person, it pours gasoline on the situation and validates the complaint.

4. Think Ahead

Most people are fine with change as long as it doesn't affect them. One thing you can do to get on the solution side of positively leading through change is simply think those thoughts ahead of time. What are people going to embrace or reject about the change you're trying to implement based on how they feel it's going to affect them? Intentionally address those pressure points.

5. It Isn't Easy

You know all those church conferences, books, and blogs you read that are full of stories about how some pastor just turned things around at their church, saying, “Jesus just paved the way.” Yeah... it's never really that easy. Change is hard, it takes time, and requires grit and courage. It is not for the faint of heart. Anyone who tells you something different hasn't actually had to lead through change before.

6. The Ripple Effect

Change has a ripple effect that often goes unseen until much later. It's almost like painting one wall of a house you move into. It leads to another wall and another. And then, of course, you need to change the flooring, the faucets, the cabinets, etc. Then it's time to start on the outside of the house... it never ends. So, here's the bottom line: Change has a ripple effect.

7. The Minority Tend to Have a Majority Voice

In a season of change, a small group of people can have a loud voice and make it seem like everyone is against you. The silent majority is typically with you and those who are positive about it rarely say they're positive about it. It's the negative few that always bark the loudest.

8. Lead Differently with Different People

Remember that communication is key in a season of change. Well, it's also key to remember that you don't communicate to and lead every group of people the same way. Anyone who has more than one child knows you don't parent every child identically. In the same way, don't try to lead every group the same way.

9. Small Change Can Reveal Big Issues

One small, seemingly harmless change can tell you something about your church. I can't tell you how many times I've seen church leaders try to change something that seemed small and innocent to them, only to realize they were stepping on a landmine. Make sure you truly understand not just what you're changing things to become or how you're going to change them, but what it is you're actually changing and why.

10. Training vs. Challenging

Sometimes people don't have the right information, and they don't understand why they should get on board with the change. Other times, people don't want to jump on board with the change because they have their own agenda. Either way, it can appear that people are digging their heels in and fighting you on the change you're trying to make. We need to find out if we're fighting due to ignorance or obstinance. We train ignorance and challenge obstinance.



Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

From its Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, the observance of June 19th as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond. The Emancipation Proclamation, issued by President Abraham Lincoln had legally freed all slaves on January 1, 1863. It was 2½ years later, that General Granger arrived in Texas and enforced the Emancipation Proclamation with General Order Number 3. The information had been withheld from the slaves, so their owners could keep them in the fields for planting and harvesting.

Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement and for planning the future. Its growing popularity signifies a level of maturity and dignity in America long over due. In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today. Sensitized to the conditions and experiences of others, only then can we make significant and lasting improvements in our society.

General Order Number 3

One of General Granger's first orders of business was to read to the people of Texas, General Order Number 3 which began most significantly with:

"The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired laborer."

The celebrations that followed the reading of the proclamation by General Gordon Granger began a tradition that has lasted for one hundred and fifty five years, and today is hosted in cities across America and beyond.

The JUNETEENTH.com website is dedicated to this celebration and to those who tirelessly contribute to its continued existence and growth. For information regarding this website, contact us via email or call: 504 242-4691.



Peace With Justice

(You can make donations to this cause anytime!)

Paul's letter to the Romans reminds us that we are heirs to the Kingdom, the family, of God. When we live in the Spirit, we become partners with God, working for justice with and for all of our siblings.

Luther Place Memorial Church in Washington, DC, has two striking stained-glass images. One is an image of German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Motivated by his time in New York City's Harlem neighborhood, he later became an activist in Germany and was executed by the Nazis. Right next to his image in Luther Place is a window with the image of Harriet Tubman, a formerly enslaved woman who escaped her captors but then went back to help liberate more than 700 enslaved people.

These two very different people from very different backgrounds faithfully answered God's call on their lives to be justice seekers. They faithfully saw in others a family connection and risked their own lives as disciples of Jesus to work for justice for people they didn't even know. They very much exemplify the life that Paul encourages the early church to em-

body We see in the global United Methodist Church how connected we are as God's children. One of the ways we experience this is through our Special Offerings. **Peace with Justice** is one of those Special Offerings, together, our gifts are shared across the United Methodist family.

Living into the words of Paul, the more our behaviors, attitudes and actions model Jesus, the more we begin to live in God's economy. We begin to release anxiety and fear. We begin to see our neighbors as kin.

And while it can be risky, we can also find joy in living in the Spirit, living in ways that are counter-cultural to what our society has tried to convince us are signs of success. We begin to truly live with abundance.

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, wrote in his sermon "New Birth" (and paraphrase for inclusive language): In this image of God humans were made.

"God is love!" accordingly, humans at our creation were full of love, which was the sole principle of all our tempers, thoughts, words, and actions. God is full of justice, mercy, and truth: so were humans as we came from the hands of this Creator.

When we cry "Abba, God," we acknowledge we are full of the creator's justice, mercy and truth. Praying to our heavenly father, the one whose very image we reflect, we recognize the one who loved the world enough to become human.

God's love connects and moves across social class, age, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, race, language, criminal record and political party. Everyone who lives in the Spirit as followers of Jesus Christ will have abundant remarkable life—not in some distant future but right now.

Through Jesus we find, as Paul writes, our inheritance. We are children of God and are loved without question.

Our creator liberates us from the fear and the shame that try to consume us because each one of us has received a spirit of adoption.

Our divine father loves each one of us without condition, wholly and completely.

Prayer for True Justice

Heavenly Father our hearts are heavy. Broken. Please give us eyes to see and ears to hear where Your Spirit is working. Help us to see every person the way that You see them. Break our hearts for what breaks Yours, God. Let us not merely say that we love each other. Give us strength to mourn with those who mourn, to weep with those who weep. Let Your justice roll like waters. Let your righteousness and love flow from us like rivers of living water. Purify our hearts, Lord and fill us with genuine hunger for justice, for mercy, and for true peace. Heavenly Father, let justice and mercy start with me. In Jesus Name, Amen.

We all became recipients of God's grace when God came to earth as Jesus. Through our faith in Jesus' life, death and resurrection, we are brought closer in relationship with one another and with God

As we exhibit Jesus' love through our relationships, the closer we come to perfect, encompassing, all-loving relationship with God. The trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit as a community of love shows us how we are set in a context of community and relationship that is interconnected.

When we operate in isolation, we might begin to feel a sense of scarcity and lose sight of the abundance found in God's economy. We get trapped in fear. What will I lose? What if people leave the church because they are uncomfortable? What if I lose friends who disagree with me?

But dear relatives, when we live as part of the beloved community, working for the common good through ministries of peace with justice, in connection with others, we begin to experience the fullness of the peace with justice of God's Kingdom, God's family, right here and right now.

We are made in God's image, but we are broken. And in our brokenness, we are not yet reflecting the perfect love that casts out all fear.

- We still mess up our relationships,
- we engage in systems that hurt others,
- we fail to stand up for those who are being harmed,
- we walk by our neighbor who is hurting.

And still grace, or as Paul says, adoption, is the gift we are all offered every day of our lives. That is the promise found in resurrection.

When we follow Jesus, we reflect that grace into the world. Through grace, as God's children, led by the Holy Spirit we can be restored to God's perfect image. When we give generously to the **Peace with Justice** initiative, our gifts are directed to projects like these:

- An East Congo roundtable to discuss equitable educational justice; especially how to address the illiteracy that makes Pygmies vulnerable to deception and exploitation.
- "Letting Girls be Girls" health education programming and services for young girls in the Rotifunk community of Sierra Leone.
- An Economic Empowerment program for Gypsy women in Canon Nagar, India.
- Half of the funds raised remain in our own annual conference to fund ministries closer to home. **Peace with Justice** is just one way that we share our resources with our family members across the world.

As a faith community, how can Roselle UMC more fully align our ministries with the family of God as a community of love that embodies **Peace with Justice** we want to see in this broken and hurting world?

Our Social Creed

The Book of Discipline
of The United Methodist Church—2016

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world. Amen.

Our Story: A Mission of Faith

by Donna Benson

Donna Benson, our Church Historian, continues her series based on the history of the Roselle United Methodist Church.

Our early church family, built the first church building around 1860. The new church building saw the sending off of the young men to be soldiers in the Civil War (1861?); the first marriage was performed in 1862, joining Elizabeth Allen and John Pierce.

By this time, the congregation had the once-a-week services of a seminary student or pastor from Garret Biblical Institute in Evanston. Sundays became the spiritual and social center for these followers of John Wesley. From Sunday school through Evensong, it was a day of Christian fellowship—a day spent in prayer and praise

Around 1900, one of the Meacham brothers sold his land. The church was situated more or less in the middle of his farm acreage on Irving Park Road, a little west of Rohlwing Road on old Route 53. The new owner did not want a Methodist Church in the middle of his property. So, the church was moved.

The Methodist membership grew smaller and smaller. The Village of Meacham remained rural.

By 1921, the population had shifted. Roselle was growing at a surprising rate. It had a flax or linen mill, a brick yard, the busiest railroad stop on what was then the Milwaukee Road, the Kee and Chappel state-of-the-art dairy, the Hattendorf and Bagge General Store, a grist mill, a lumber yard, hardware and tin shop, a blacksmith, a grain elevator, a farm equipment dealer and a barber shop.

Roselle also had a reputation. It was known as “Raise Hell.” This was probably due to the fact that Roselle had six or seven flourishing taverns and a significant population of single men.

The educational and religious needs of families of German descent were well met by the Lutheran school and church. All church services and some

school classes were taught in German. About this time the elders of the Lutheran church discussed buying a Bible written in English; however, it was considered an unnecessary expense.

For those of English descent, it was ‘slim pickings.’ The public school was a one room, barn-like structure with a notoriously drafty outhouse. Sunday school classes for children and adults were held in the school house, then located at the northwest corner of Park and Pine streets. It was best to keep your coat on during the winter months.

By October, 1921, twenty local residents scraped together \$100.00 and bought the Meacham Methodist Church. The Walter Turner family donated the land on the northeast corner of Park and Pine Streets, across the street from the Public school. The tall graceful steeple, now 60 years old, became unstable during the move, it was redesigned to be shorter and safer. A new entryway and full basement were added, doubling the square footage of the structure and allowing plenty of room for Sunday school classes. The church was rededicated to the service of the Lord in January 1922, and the name changed to Roselle Methodist Episcopal Church.

Throughout the 1920s and 1930s the church continued to be served by seminary students or pastors from Garret. These men were present one day a week. The day-to-day work of the church was done by men, women and children of the congregation—the music, the Sunday school, figuring out the finances, managing the maintenance of the building, planning a calendar of events, special holiday services, programs for classes, the Women's Society and frequent pot-luck dinner, all done by the congregation members.

Thank You — *Cindy Sheely wants to thank everyone for their prayers, concerns, cards and well wishes as she has been recovering from wrist surgery.*



The nation's first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910, in the state of Washington. However, it was not until 1972—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States. Did you know? There are more than 70 million fathers in the United States.

Origins of Father's Day

On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, a Spokane, Washington, woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day.

Today, the day honoring fathers is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June:

In other countries—especially in Europe and Latin America—fathers are honored on St. Joseph's Day, a traditional Catholic holiday that falls on March 19.

Father's Day: Controversy and Commercialism

Many men, however, continued to disdain the day. As one historian writes, they “scoffed at the

holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift-giving, or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products—often paid for by the father himself.”

During the 1920s and 1930s, a movement arose to scrap Mother's Day and Father's Day altogether in favor of a single holiday, Parents' Day. Every year on Mother's Day, pro-Parents' Day groups rallied in New York City's Central Park—a public reminder, said Parents' Day activist and radio performer Robert Spere, “that both parents should be loved and respected together.”

Paradoxically, however, the Great Depression derailed this effort to combine and de-commercialize the holidays. Struggling retailers and advertisers redoubled their efforts to make Father's Day a “second Christmas” for men, promoting goods such as neckties, hats, socks, pipes and tobacco, golf clubs and other sporting goods, and greeting cards.

When World War II began, advertisers began to argue that celebrating Father's Day was a way to honor American troops and support the war effort. By the end of the war, Father's Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution.

In 1972, in the middle of a hard-fought presidential re-election campaign, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday at last. Today, economists estimate that Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts.



Mission and Outreach



Rainbow Covenant Becomes Mission Links: Living the Beatitudes

The Conference Board of Global Ministries has done a re-vamp of the Rainbow Covenant booklet for the conference mission giving projects. These projects are now linked to scripture. Jesus' blessings during his Sermon on the Mount as recounted in Matthew 5, known as the beati-

tudes, guided the new book's organization and structure. 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 essentially the same as before but are organized to allow local churches to make a commitment to support local, regional, and international mission projects that resonate with them. Church members can continue to make contributions with the Rainbow Covenant designation on Giving envelopes.

Sandra Kay Raasch

June Mission Links will focus on missionary, Sandra Kay Raasch. She is a missionary with Global Ministries serving as Volunteers Coordinator. She formerly worked in mission finance in Honduras. She was commissioned as a

missionary in 2005. She is from Missouri, attending the University of Missouri in Columbia, earning her Bachelor of Science in business administration and finance. Before beginning her mission service, she owned and managed a business, worked for four different companies in supervisory positions, and volunteered for numerous charitable organizations through her church. When she was commissioned she stated, "God has been grooming me for this call all my life by giving me a heart for people, an ability to receive a finance degree, and to participate in mission trips, and by leading me to a church home, where I found Christ and have been able to deepen my walk through Bible study, meeting brothers and sisters in Christ, and finding my spiritual gifts of administration and hospitality." From the Beatitudes we learn that "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God." Moved by God's grace, we forgive ourselves and others as we pursue justice, peace and unity in our journeys together. Please support Sandra Raasch with your prayers and donations.

New in the Amazon app

Your app purchases can generate donations for us, at no extra cost to you!

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Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Roselle Methodist Church" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "Roselle Methodist Church" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

Volunteer Service Is Valuable Stewardship

Do you enjoy spending time with babies and toddlers? Our nursery has been closed since March 2020 due to Covid, but we would like to reopen this summer. In addition to our paid attendant, we must have a second adult present in order to comply with the “Safe Gatherings” program. We need volunteers who would work on a rotating basis, such as one Sunday per month. Is this something you could do in service to the Lord? Volunteers need to be certified by Safe Gatherings through a background check and a self-paced, online, training program. We also need individuals who might like working with children and youth in the future to become certified.



For more information please contact Linda Stanish at 630-310-9148 or lastanish@att.net

The Roselle UMC Community Food Pantry can use your help!

Volunteer Service:

Dedicated volunteers are needed to help with the Food Pantry on Wednesday, Friday or Saturday mornings. There are tasks that need to be done at every level of ability. Many tasks are easy and don't involve heavy lifting.

Donate:

Monetary donations go a long way. For every \$1.00 donated to the Roselle UMC Community Food Pantry, we can purchase \$8.00 worth of food. It's easy to donate, if you use your Pledge Envelopes, there is a space to fill in your donation to the Food Pantry. You can write a separate check and put “Food Pantry” on the memo line. Or you can donate online at roselleumcpantry.org.

Donations of non-perishable food items, and laundry supplies are always welcome. These items can be placed in the large, white wooden box at the top of the stairs leading to the lower level. Items currently needed include:

- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Canned Potatoes
- Canned Pineapple
- Pizza Sauce
- Barbecue Sauce
- Laundry Pods

Are you struggling to make ends meet?

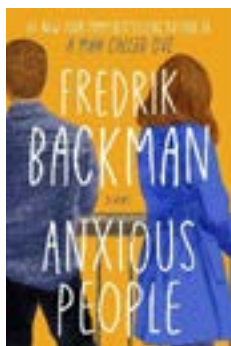
The Roselle UMC Community Food Pantry provides non-perishable food, fresh produce, dairy, meat and basic household items. All members of our church are welcome. No income requirements.

For more information on how to volunteer, donate or receive help, contact Vicki Johnson at 630-529-1309 ext. 5 or vicki.johnson@roselleumcpantry.org



Book Discussion Group

We meet via Zoom on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 PM (except December). Anyone is welcome to join us, whether you have read the current book or not. Please feel free to join anytime. Our group is always open to hear what you are reading. Contact Sue Pearson for more information at slpear@comcast.net



Monday, July 5 at 7:00 PM

Anxious People, A Novel

by *Fredrik Backman*

A poignant, charming novel about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagined

Looking at real estate isn't usually a life-or-death situation, but an apartment open house becomes just that when a failed bank robber bursts in and takes a group of strangers hostage. The captives include a recently retired couple who relentlessly hunt down fixer-uppers to avoid the painful truth that they can't fix up their own marriage. There's a wealthy banker who has been too busy making money to care about anyone else and a

young couple who are about to have their first child but can't seem to agree on anything, from where they want to live to how they met in the first place. Add to the mix an eighty-seven-year-old woman who has lived long enough not to be afraid of someone waving a gun in her face, a flustered but still-ready-to-make-a-deal real estate agent, and a mystery man who has locked himself in the apartment's only bathroom, and you've got the worst group of hostages in the world.

Each of them carries a lifetime of grievances, hurts, secrets, and passions that are ready to boil over. None of them is entirely who they appear to be. And all of them—the bank robber included—desperately crave some sort of rescue. As the authorities and the media surround the premises, these reluctant allies will reveal surprising truths about themselves and set in a motion a chain of events so unexpected that even they can hardly explain what happens next.

Humorous, compassionate, and wise, *Anxious People* is an ingeniously constructed story about the enduring power of friendship, forgiveness, and hope—the things that save us, even in the most anxious of times.

August 2nd Book Discussion will be *Silver Lining* by Jill Stahl Tyler



LEAVING A LEGACY?

The contemporary Christian band “Casting Crowns” is taking a pass on that goal. We found this inspiring song on The Message (Channel 63 on SiriusXM). The lyrics are thought-provoking and the music is awesome, Start by watching the band's music video: go to Youtube.com and in the search bar, type “Casting Crowns – Only Jesus (Official Music Video)”

After you've listened to and watched the music video you're in for another treat if you check out this lyrics video (one of the best lyrics videos we've seen): In the Youtube search bar type “Casting Crowns – Only Jesus (Official Lyric Video)”





One of our more recent Chancel Choir members shares her reflections on joining the choir:

When Philippe and I moved to Roselle, we searched for a church nearby. We found Roselle United Methodist one mile away and attended for the first time on March 3, 2019. After hearing the choir sing that Sunday, Philippe remarked, “that’s a good choir” and I agreed. I knew instantly that I wanted to join them, because making a joyful noise unto the Lord is very rewarding. We met John Walters and Donna Taylor, who encouraged us to become a part of the congregation. When I found out that the choir rehearses Wednesday nights, I called Chris Wachna to ask for the name and number of the choir director. I contacted Holley McKee and left a voice mail. She returned my call and replied “Yes, what part do you sing?” When I replied, “Alto,” she said that was good. She had five sopranos and only two altos at that time.

The choir is a very welcoming group who made me feel right at home. Holley is a vocal music teacher who conducts rehearsals in a relaxed manner. Talking and joking is somewhat allowed, on a limited basis of course, as long as we eventually hear and obey her direction/instructions. We may sing the upcoming anthem several times on Wednesdays, so it is almost perfect on Sundays!

We could not rehearse or perform without the accompaniment of Karen Mazza, our Director of Music. She and Holley are a formidable team to ensure that we maintain the tempo, enunciate the lyrics, observe the dynamics and so much more.

Most of the choir members have participated for several years and are familiar with many of the anthems. Since I am new, I need to concentrate to catch up with them, but Holley offers help with CDs so I can listen, sing along at home, and learn my part.

I feel privileged to be a small part of the Choir and the Music Ministry, since they enhance every church service.

Marifyn Bogaerts

Can you sing, carry a tune, play a musical instrument?
Would you like to participate in the Roselle UMC Music Ministry?
Chancel Choir, Contemporary Worship Team, Youth Choir, Bell/Chime Choir
If you are interested in becoming part of the
Music Ministry of Roselle UMC please contact the following:
Music Director — Karen Mazza
Chancel Choir Director — Holley McKee
Contemporary Music Director — Dia Madden
Bell Choir Director — Karen Mazza

You can also contact the Church Office at 630-529-1309 for additional contact information.

Financially Speaking ...

Roselle United Methodist Church General Operating Fund July 2020 to April 2021

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget
Income	\$ 204,070.87	\$ 209,891.33	\$ (5,820.46)
Vibrant Worship	\$ 78,755.45	\$ 78,522.03	\$ 233.42
Vital Faith	\$ 317.41	\$ 506.67	\$ (189.26)
Changing Lives	\$ 23,259.95	\$ 23,883.33	\$ (623.38)
Administrative	\$ 38,305.93	\$ 39,361.25	\$ (1,055.32)
Building	\$ 67,074.64	\$ 66,839.83	\$ 234.81
Total Expenses	\$ 207,713.38	\$ 209,113.12	\$ (1,399.74)
Total Gain (Loss)	\$ (3,642.51)	\$ 778.22	\$ (4,420.73)

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

Operating (General) Fund	\$ 44,621.38
Building Fund	\$ 34,732.63
Restricted (Benevolence) Fund	\$ 16,837.88
Financial Gifts Fund	\$ 8,126.83
Total Cash in Banks	\$ 104,318.72
Financial Gifts Fund Investments	\$ 85,372.72
Total Cash and Investments	\$ 189,691.44
PPP Loan	\$ 23,905.00
Total Cash and Investments Net of Debt	\$ 165,786.44

Thanks to everyone who supports our ministries with your time, talents, and financial resources. The end of our fiscal year is rapidly approaching. Our ministry teams are planning future activities and preparing their budget requests for our next fiscal year that begins July 1, 2021.



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