

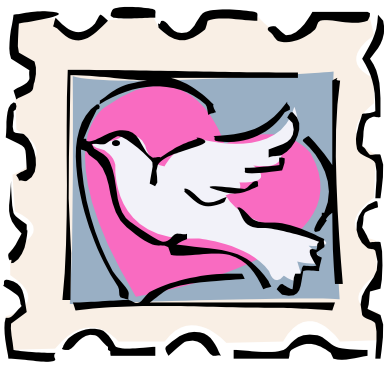


Roscoe Methodist

Bringing God's Love To Life

The Lantern

February 2012



Paul's Peace

Lights, Towels, Couches = God's Love Being Spread

Hi Everyone!

It's been a great month around the congregation. I want to begin by thanking everyone who participated at any and every level making our Christmas celebration fantastic. Christ was proclaimed, people were moved, and lives were changed. I thank God for your service and

commitment to make the mission come alive!

As we look to February, please be mindful of the calendar of events for Lent and Easter. I hope you will come together to focus yourselves on the Holy Experience of Christ's death and resurrection. I also want to celebrate a few items blowing around in the wind of the Spirit here inside the congregation:

Lighting- Not sure if you have noticed the change or just morphed into it, but the Trustees have worked hard over the Fall and Winter changing out almost every light and ballast in the building. Many were very old, inefficient, and noisy. Now rooms and hallways are bright, and we can actually run more lights for less money. A theological reality has been discovered: Having brighter lighting shows the dirt and need for new paint, I hope you will offer some time and assistance to cleaning up what has now been revealed. *Isn't that just like God? When God sheds light onto our lives, it reveals places where we need to be cleaned up!* Lots and lots to do inside our lives and inside our building.



Baptismal Towels – I am grateful to Gail Hill for taking time to sew crosses onto beautiful cloths for our baptism celebrations. I am continually amazed at how our simple acts of love warm people in really powerful ways. Our most recent baptism families were overjoyed that we were giving them such a neat reminder: the water of their child's baptism dried onto the cross. Thank you Gail!



Speaking of the Hills – Ray Hill has finished his Eagle Scout project! He built two new couches for the youth group. We dedicated these in worship on January 29th.

Thank you Ray, for bringing God’s love to life by action.

The blessings of life are multiplied when we share ourselves with each other. I am glad to be a part of a congregation so focused on mission and service. There is much more to come for sure.

Shine on!

Paul

Jaime Cross

Staff Parish announces the hiring of Jaime Cross as Director of Contemporary Worship. The 10 a.m. service grew in attendance by 18% in 2011, and in order to keep it growing we are dedicating a staff leader toward our future. Jaime is married to Adam, and they have three boys: Jackson, & Colby, and Elliot. Welcome aboard Jaime!

Shepherding Committee for NewLife

Pastor Paul announces the beginning of a Shepherding Committee for NewLife. This committee represents the Staff-Parish, Administrative Board, and Finance Committee for the new church start, until the time that NewLife charters and becomes its own congregation. The committee meets monthly. Members of the committee are:

From RUMC

Betty Akerlund
Al Hooper
Bill Shippee

From NewLife

Jeff Adams
Bob Butler
Connie Christiansen

From UM Community:

Rev. Bill Bergstrom
Steve Nailor

Facilitator: Paul Meyers

Launch Pastor: Mark Meyers

DS: Ouk Yean Kim Jueng

The Rivers Family



After Jan 29th I am left with, Wow God! The honor of speaking in front of the church, leading worship alongside the youth and “Bringing God’s love to Life” was an amazing first time experience. I guess you could say that I had a life changing moment. It has been more than 10yrs since I have had the privilege of speaking to such a large group of people and I have never tried to speak at 3 services in a row. It gave me a real prospective on the dedication that volunteers need to have, both youth and adults. The words “nerve racking” come to mind but, the youth, parents, congregation and staff made this experience the best experience for me. I really can’t count the number of people that have and continue to express their gratitude and support for the youth program. I have also received many thank you’s and I am humbled by the amount of love the members of RMC have to give. My mind is still trying to get a grip on what God started on the 29th. So far, the response from the youth has been a shot of adrenaline with a dose of them wanting to be involved in the next youth service. Linda and I will be trying to hook our wagons to these youthful wild horses and see what open fields we can explore with them. I am looking forward to building on the foundation of committed kids that want to be involved in the excellence that comes from planning and living out God’s will. RMC has blessed us! We look forward to passing that blessing on... Bringing God’s love to life!
Thank you,
Nick and Linda Rivers



MISSION OF THE MONTH!

FEBRUARY FLOODBUCKETS!



What can you do?

Bring in items for the FLOODBUCKETS!

Fill the FLOODBUCKETS Sunday March 4th
at 7PM in Harman Hall!

ITEMS NEEDED IN A ROSCOE UMC FLOOD BUCKET

- Buckets are provided
- Bleach - ½ or ¾ gallon (do not include if mailing to MMDC)
- Liquid laundry detergent - 50 oz
- Liquid Lysol Cleaner Concentrate - 12 oz
- Antibacterial dish soap - 28 oz
- Air freshener - 9 oz
- Insect repellent (not killer) - 6 oz (*Off, *Cutter)
- 5 scouring pads (not steal wool)
- Scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (*Easy Wipe, re-usable)
- 7 sponges (assorted sizes)
- 50 clothes pins (snap)
- Clothesline – (3/16” diameter x 100 ft)
- 5 dust masks (disposable, sealed in bag)
- 1 pair latex gloves (*Well Mount, *Canvas Dot)
- 24 trash bags - 30 gallon or larger (rolled into 2 sets of 12)



* Suggested brands, but not mandatory:

Concert and Superbowl Party @ Hilltop Ministry Center, February 5th starting at 4 pm with a performance by **Legacy**. Kickoff is at 5:30. Everyone is welcome. Bring snacks and/or drinks to share. Items to fill the flood buckets will also be collected at this event.

Join us in a smoke and alcohol-free family party at Hilltop Ministry Center 8301 Mitchell Rd. Sponsored by Newlife UMC

TEAM IGNITE is HERE!

If you are in leadership in the congregation, you will want to mark your calendars for the 3rd Saturday of each month, for the Leadership Praise/Worship and Teaching service called TEAM IGNITE! As we go forward toward the future, it is very important that we remain united in one vision and mission focus. This is the opportunity for more leadership development. You are invited – 7pm on February 18 in the Sanctuary!



Why I Love Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry - I'm not sure what your understanding is of WHAT it is or HOW it works, but on February 26th, Pastor Paul will help the church get a clearer picture, when we celebrate "Stephen Ministry Sunday". Hopefully, you've heard good things about Stephen Ministry (one-on-one Christian care giving), or maybe you've even been a part of it, participating as a care receiver (or for a few of you, as a Stephen Minister now, or in the past).

It's not a perfect program, because, of course we're imperfect people. Stephen Ministers attempt to walk with people through a difficult time in their lives; it might be one monumental event (death or divorce), but it could be a series of events (a family illness, a child having difficulty in school, the prospect of a job lay-off) that have the *cumulative effect* of overwhelming us. We know we're overwhelmed because we're crying, cranky, or forgetful. The **feelings** manifest themselves in as many ways as there are people.

Wouldn't it be nice to have someone you trust (that happens gradually), who is dependable (demonstrated by their faithfulness), who doesn't try to give advice or solve your problem, who lets you share as much or as little as you want (not prying)? Friends or family don't usually fit the bill. We're afraid they'll do the aforementioned things or we're afraid they'll judge us, think less of us, or not keep our discussions confidential. I love Stephen Ministry because, usually it works! With God as the caregiver, and a loving person ("with skin on") as our caregiver, we heal. The brokenness in us is somehow made whole, and over the weeks, months, and in some cases years, we find we are doing better.

Please join us on Sunday, February 26th as we celebrate Stephen Ministry and we explore "The Church Jesus Loves".

Sue Ellen Shultz (815-988-3483)

Stephen Leader

DIVORCE CARE SUPPORT GROUP TO BEGIN

A divorce recovery support group will begin meeting on Sunday, February 5th at 6:00p.m. in the parlor. The group will meet weekly for 13 weeks. Membership in the group is open to non- members as well as members of RUMC. Each session lasts between one and a half to two hours. The group will be led by Sue Null and Nancy Lawson.

Divorce Care is a ministry to separated and divorced people. The program takes a biblical approach to divorce, separation and related issues such as reconciliation, remarriage, forgiveness and the effect of divorce on children and families. Divorce Care emphasizes that real healing from the intense pain of divorce must begin

with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Some of the topics covered are anger, depression, loneliness, new relationships, financial survival, and kid care.

If you have any questions, please call Sue Null (815-623-9280).

Crow Creek

Mark June 16-23, 2012, on your calendar. Those are the dates of the Annual Crow Creek mission trip. Jim Scherbinski will again be leading the trip with our sister congregation, Kingston UMC. The team is open to adults and youth coming and serving on the Crow Creek Indian Reservation in South Dakota. It has been a great experience for families to do together. It has also been a good experience for youth and adults. The work is a variety of home improvement, yard and garden, and just plain physical labor. Each day there are devotions and relaxation time. For more information contact Jim Scherbinski at jims250@gmail.com or 815 623-2240.



Methodist Volleyball League is Coming!

When: Sunday Nights starting Feb 12, 2012 for 8 weeks

Where: Hilltop Ministry Center

Time: Games run from 3:00pm thru 7:00pm

*Teams need 6 or more players, preferably Junior High age and older

*Team Leader Meeting @ Hilltop, 7:00 PM, Wed., Feb 8th, 2012

Register your team by calling Mona @ [815-623-2292](tel:815-623-2292) OR [815-988-1293](tel:815-988-1293)

Or e-mail: familyministry@roscoeumc.org

**Final sign-up date Monday, Feb 6th, 2012



Confirmation Classes On Track!

There are three Confirmation classes each Sunday morning at 8:30. It's a busy, noisy, fun place to be that early on a Sunday morning! Two weekends in April will be spent at retreat, one for the 1st and 2nd year classes, and one exclusively for the 3rd year confirmands. This special retreat culminates the end of three years of study and worship together on their journey of understanding Christianity and Methodism, and making their individual choice to become part of the United Methodist Church. May 20th is Confirmation Sunday – be sure to put it on your calendar. We will celebrate with these young adults as they become full members of our congregation. Their leaders have been with them every step of the way, and can't wait to tell you all of the great things these young adults have done. They will have completed many service hours, worship journals, multiple retreats, mentor reports and sessions, and they will have memorized the Apostle's Creed. This is just the beginning of their faith journey – and on that day we promise to nurture them and receive them into our church family as we renew our own statements of faith. This is a big day! If you have younger children who will be a part of the confirmation program, be sure to bring them so they can witness the powerful sacrament of confirmation of faith in our church, with our youth and their families. It is rich in language and symbolism and hope for the future. This is a wonderful opportunity to remember the day of your confirmation, your children's, or the day you first believed and why you choose to believe. A holy day indeed.

Backpack Update

We are meeting with Amy Dyer of Northern Illinois Food Bank and Kinnickinick School officials to determine how best to serve the needs in our local schools. Our investigation has found there are multiple ways of serving the need so we are investigating the options in order to make a wise decision for the long term.



Each week, NIFB staff develops a menu of nutritious food items to provide two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners and healthy snacks for the child and as many as two siblings or other family members. Personal care items, such as soap and gloves, are provided when available. NIFB volunteers pack the food items for weekly deliveries to partnering schools for distribution to the pre-identified children. Students receive food on Fridays before the weekend and are responsible for bringing the empty backpack back to the school for the next weekend's distribution.



The children served in the Backpack Program are identified by partner school professionals such as principals, social workers, teachers and administrators who have recognized indications of chronic hunger or who may be aware of extenuating family circumstances. School professionals not only identify the children but also talk with parents or guardians to obtain permission for participation. The Backpack Program is 100% funded through charitable contributions.



As Northern Illinois Food Bank has worked with schools on the Backpack Program, the food bank has become acutely aware of the potential to provide low-income families access to emergency food assistance in partnership with local schools.

Thank You notes for Christmas Gifts

We have received thank you cards from the children of Mother House and Children's Home and Aid that received gifts through the Angel Trees in December. You may see the thank you cards on the mission bulletin board across from the office.

Food Pantry Support

The Old Stone Food Pantry in Rockton has faced an increasing need for food and financial support to buy food. Our Christmas offering went to the Old Stone Food Pantry because January, February, and March are months of great need at the food pantry. The amount of the Christmas offering was \$2,290.

We also gave the December loose offering to the Salvation Army to help them this winter. That amount was \$148.92.

Thank you, congregation, for contributing to help those in need.



Do you have old computer equipment or cellphones that you need to recycle?

Illinois Growth Enterprises and Rockford Computers for Schools at 7200 Clinton Road, Rockford, accept old desktop and laptop computers (working and non-working), monitors (including CRTs and flat screens), Li-Ion Ni-Cad, Ni-Mh batteries, cellphones, printers, scanners, speakers, software, cables and other related peripherals. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. These two organizations recycle and repurpose these items, keeping them out of landfills, from which they have been banned, and they donate the repurposed/refurbished items to not-for profit organizations. Call IGE at 815-962-8333 or RCFS at 815-316-4580 for more information.

"We wish to thank Pastor Paul, Don, Donna, and all our many church family members who saw us through Connie Tisovec's last illness, passing, and life celebration. We could truly feel the prayers, caring, and love all around us, sustaining us. The day of Connie's service was snowy and cold, but our friends did not waver. The church family laughed, cried, and loved with us as we celebrated Connie. We thank you."

The Tisovec's and Kentner's

Stewardship Notes

"With Open Hands" *Henri Nouwen*
God give me the courage to be revolutionary
As your Son Jesus Christ was.
Give me the courage to loosen
myself from this world.
Teach me to stand up free

and to shun no criticism.
God, it is for your kingdom.
Make me free,
make me poor in this world,
Then I will be rich in the real world,
which this life is all about.
God, thank you for the vision of the future,
But make it fact and not just theory.



RUMC Family Newsletter

February 2012 Milana Bergstrom 815.623.2292 education@roscoeumc.org

Important Dates:

Sunday Feb. 5—Feb. 26

10:00-11:00

Bible Class

Sat. Feb. 11 & 18

9:30-12:30

Safe Sitter Class

Sun. Feb. 12 10am

Children Perform Songs
at the 10am Service

Sun. Feb. 12 3-7pm

Volleyball League starts

Kid's Own Worship Offering

Our November and December offering from Sunday School was totaled to buy Christmas gifts for 8 children! The kids had fun wrapping the presents for the children. Thank you for sending those coins and dollars to help children learn about sharing what we have with others. Our January and February offerings will go toward snacks for homeless youth through Project 16:49.

Assistants

Needed

Although we have our teachers lined up for several months, we are still in need of adult assistants for several classrooms. Check the schedules posted on the Kid Connection board to see where you can help or e-mail Milana at education@roscoeumc.org to see how you can be part of the TEAM!

Save the Date! Sonrise National Park VBS

We are already planning for our summer Vacation Bible School and Music Camp. Both will happen June 11th—15th with VBS in the morning and Music Camp in the afternoon. The theme is exploring our national parks! Keep your eye out for posters or props, big and small, that will help transform our church with snow-capped mountains, waterfalls, meadows, and forests and the animals that populate them! We need lots of volunteers to help us plan and execute this fun-filled week. Please let Milana know how you can help and when you can get started!

Children & Youth Protection Policy 2012

Our United Methodist Conference and Administrative Board has reviewed and updated our church policy designed to keep children, youth, and the adults that work with them safe. We will have copies available soon near the Kid Connection Board, or you can request a hard or electronic copy through the office. Teachers and volunteers may be asked to update forms and information and will be asked to review the policy. Please help us complete this process by filling out and returning these forms in a timely manner. THANK YOU!



ARE YOU NEW TO ROSCOE UMC?

Come and get acquainted with the staff.

Pizza with the Staff happens on the first Sunday of the month at noon after the third worship service. It is a one-hour time to come and eat pizza and salad as you talk with the staff. There is no cost to you and childcare is available if you sign up with the church office by noon of the Friday before the first Sunday. You may come to Pizza with the Staff even if you have not called ahead.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ROSCOE UMC?

Come enjoy a box lunch with the pastors and ask questions about the ministries at Roscoe UMC.



Starting Point happens on the second Sunday of the month at noon after the third worship service. It is an opportunity for people who are not familiar with Roscoe UMC to ask questions and learn about the ministries at Roscoe UMC. Two hours are allotted to eat and ask questions about worship, sacraments, children and youth, outreach and mission, growing faith, and expectations of members. There is no cost to you and childcare is available if you sign up with the church office by noon of the Friday before the second Sunday.

WHAT IF I WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER?

Four times a year, on the third Sunday of the month, we offer a membership class for you.



Enjoy a meal as you receive information and ask questions concerning what we believe about Jesus and the Bible. We will go into the ways we bring God's love to life in relations with people, small groups, prayer, personal holiness, social holiness, the United Methodist Church, and the history and structure of Roscoe UMC. There is no cost to you and childcare is available if you sign up with the church office by noon of the Friday before the third Sunday. This class starts at noon and runs 3 hours.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

MOPS meet here at RUMC! Each MOPS meeting is a warm and inviting community of moms who are parenting children ages birth-6 years old. Meetings are based around a theme with guest speakers, devotions, discussions, fun activities, crafts, and of course, food. It is never required that you attend each and every meeting. We know and understand how busy our schedules can be. Please come whenever you can make it to any of the MOPS events. We meet at Roscoe UMC the third Tuesday of the month September - May at 6:45-9pm in Harman Hall. (child care is provided if needed!) We also have play dates, family gatherings, and mom's night outs. For more information email us at roscoemops@yahoo.com or call Stacey West at 815/624-0784 or LeAnne Holley at 815/624-4675.



Dress your Sweetheart in

Roscoe Methodist Apparel and Accessories!

Check out this link to [Embroid This](#)

where you can purchase clothing and gifts

that sport the new **Roscoe Methodist** colors and logo!

You can order right from the website and pay with your credit card.

What a great idea for **Valentine presents!**

<http://www.companycasuals.com/RUMC/start.jsp>



From the Academy Award nominated director Roko Belic (*Genghis Blues*) comes a new cinematic adventure. **HAPPY** is a feature-length documentary that leads viewers on a journey across 5 continents in search of the keys to happiness. The film addresses many of the fundamental issues we face in today's society: how do we balance the allure of money, fame and social status with our needs for strong relationships, health and personal fulfillment? Through remarkable human stories and cutting-edge science, **HAPPY** leads us toward a deeper understanding of why and how we can pursue more fulfilling, healthier and happier lives.

HAPPY takes the viewer from the bayous of Louisiana to the deserts of Namibia, from the beaches of Brazil to the mountains of Bhutan. Listen to the wisdom of a Kolkata rickshaw driver, the compassion of a volunteer at Mother Teresa's Home for the Dying and the knowledge of some of the world's leading happiness researchers. Witness as middle school students applaud the bravery of their classmates during a moving presentation on bullying. **HAPPY** combines real-life human drama and cutting-edge science to provide insights into the mysteries of happiness.

Join thousands of people across the globe experiencing the film **HAPPY**.

When: Saturday, February 11, 2012

Time: 6:30 pm

Where Roscoe United Methodist Church

Harmon Hall

10816 Main Street

Roscoe, IL

Bring a snack to share



Food & Fellowship

The next Food and Fellowship gathering will be Thursday, February 16 at Noon.

The menu this month is Bean soup, cornbread and peach cobbler.



**Rockford District
WINTER LAY ACADEMY
February 18-19, 2012**

First United Methodist Church
503 N. Lily Creek Road
Freeport, IL 61032

A Lay Speaker Is...

- An active, supportive (professing) member of a United Methodist Church;
- Eager to serve the church, community, and world;
- Well-informed on Scripture and on the doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of the United Methodist Church;
- Committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, care-giving ministries, and spoken communications;
- Willing to improve his/her skills by training for service.

Requirements for Lay Speakers

- To be recognized as a local church lay speaker, one must be recommended by his/her pastor and charge conference, and complete the Lay Speaking Ministries Basic Course.
- To be recognized as a certified lay speaker, one must be recommended by his/her pastor and church conference and complete the Lay Speaking Ministries Basic Course as well as the United Methodist Heritage (advanced course).
- Each Lay Speaker must report and be renewed annually and complete at least one Advanced Course every 3 years.

All Laity Are Welcome to Attend

You do not need to participate in the Lay Speaking Program to attend. The courses will help you better understand your role as a lay person in your church and assist in developing and nurturing your special gifts within a fellowship of Christian friends.

Registration Information

- **Send All Registrations to:**
Leslie Stanford
2677 Bibury Drive
Rockford IL 61109

- **Cell: 815-713-7786**
Email: l.r.stanford@comcast.net
- **Registration fee for the Academy is \$40 by February 4. (\$45 after 2-4-12).**
- **Early registrations are strongly encouraged. But, walk-ins are always welcome.**
- **No refund will be made after February 4, 2012.**
- **Course materials will be sent to persons who register by February 4th**
- **Course materials for all registrations received after February 4th will be available at the Academy. Or, they can be picked up at Brooke Road UMC, Rockford. Contact Lori Vowles (815-398-8914) to schedule a time to pick up materials.**
- **Scholarships are available for those in need. Please contact the Regional Office.**

Lay Speaking YOUTH Basic Course

Led by to be determined

Youth participants are helped to recognize their gifts and talents in today's ministry setting. It encourages and provides training for youth to claim the ministries to which God is calling them.

Advanced Courses:

[Living as a United Methodist \(UM Heritage\)](#)

Led by Rev. Mark Meyer

This new advanced course is required to become a certified lay speaker. Participants will gain an understanding of the distinctive traditions and emphases of the United Methodist Church.

[Lay Speakers Discover Spiritual Gifts](#)

Led by Rev. Chris Druce-Jones

Focuses on acquiring a better understanding of the church and its ministry needs; learning what it means to be a minister; doing the work of Christ in the church and in the world; and being more fully equipped to lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts.

[Lay Speakers Tell Stories](#)

Led by to be determined

Lay speakers will learn what constitutes a good

story, discover their storytelling styles, learn the techniques of effective storytelling, and practice creating stories from their own experiences.

From Your Heart to Theirs (delivering effective sermon)

Led by Rev. Katherine Paisley

Addresses the foundations for preparing an engaging sermon, Includes exegetical to topical to children's sermons.

SATURDAY, February 18th

7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	Registration
8:00 - 8:30	Opening Worship
8:30 - 10:30	2 hours of class
10:30 - 10:45	Break
10:45 - 12:15 p.m.	1 ½ hours of class
12:15 - 1:00	Lunches
1:00 - 3:00	2 hours of class
3:00 - 3:15	Break
3:15 - 4:45	1 ½ hours of class

SUNDAY, February 19th

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Worship
11:45 - 12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 - 2:15	1 ½ hours of class
2:15 - 2:30	Break
2:30 - 4:00	1 ½ hours of class
4:00 - 4:30	Closing Worship Certificates

Next Lay Academy

When: October 13-14, 2012

Where: Poplar Grove UMC

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**THEY BUSTED ME ON POSSESSION ... WHAT
ARE YOU IN FOR?**

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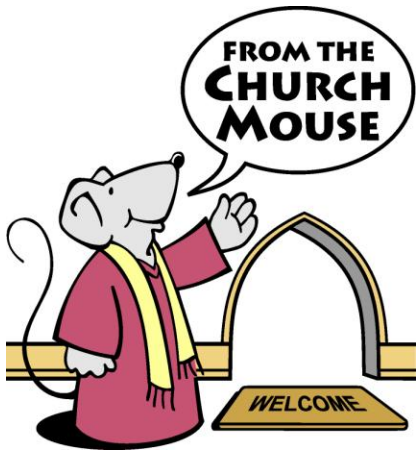
Upcoming in RUMC Worship Calendar

Ash Wednesday – Feb 22, 7 p.m. Featuring the Good News Band and The Imposition of Ashes

Maunder Thursday – *The Trampled Rose* – Featuring Chancel Choir, Good News Band, Steps of Faith Praise Team, and Men's Choir and Holy Communion at Jesus' Table

Good Friday – Community Good Friday Service TBA

Easter Sunday – regular worship schedule



Shalom,

Are you all rested up yet from the Christmas frenzy? I am. I'm so glad most of you remembered what Christmas was really about and took time to attend the many services at church. I love peeking out of our mouse holes and watching all the hustle, bustle and smiling faces.

My, humans at Christmas seem to hurry and scurry about even more than mice! To say nothing of New Year's Eve celebrations. But New Year's eve was pretty quiet for the mice this year--we just had an apple/cheese cider toast at midnight and went back to sleep.

No big deal--and I hope 2012 proves to be a better year for all of you who are struggling with poor health, or out of work, or the loss of loved ones, or whatever problems you might have.

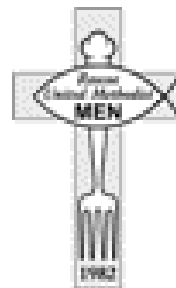
I don't want to sound like Polly-Anna, or rather, Polly-Andy--but here's a thought to cheer you up when you are particularly down in the dumps. It could be worse--just think how miserable we would all be during our lives if it HURT to cut our fingernails, toenails, or HAIR! Ouch! Guess God really knew what he was doing on that one, didn't He.

I can't believe this warm weather we've had in January and no snow after so many snowy winters. Then--tornadoes, floods and natural disasters, one right after another all over the world throughout 2011. It was a really strange year. So, maybe 2012 will be better. Although I'm sure we'll have some bitter cold and snow yet before spring.

It won't bother my mouse family though; we're cozy in our nests here in the church. And it's even nicer since the good folks have patched leaks, taken out mildew, re-plastered, painted, and generally spiffed up our home. Ha! You thought you did it for humans instead of mice, didn't you? But, remember--whatever you do for the least of those.....

Here's to a great 2012 for us all.

Cheerfully yours,
Obadiah and the Church Mice



[UMM breakfast will be February 12 at 7am!](#)

Come Join the Roscoe United Methodist Men for a great breakfast and fellowship with discussion and planning of upcoming events on Sunday, February 12th, 7:00 - 8:20am, Harman Hall

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 14 Valentine's Dinner

Mar. 17 Iron Sharpens Iron

Mar. 24 Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast



“Luncheon With An Annuity Expert”

The Endowment Committee encourages you to attend our “Luncheon with an Annuity Expert” on Sunday, March 18th @ 12 Noon. We will have a great lunch and a **short** 15 to 20-minute presentation about investing in annuities to include “Charitable Annuities” that would benefit our Endowment Fund. You may sign up online or see or call Betty Akerlund 815-623-6581. Please join us!

OOPS! In the last Lantern the picture of new members **Brian, Mary and Nolan LaPier** got covered up by another photo! So, here it is again!



Would You Like a Church Activity Publicized?

If there is an RUMC event you would like to have publicized through the Lantern, the Sunday morning power point slides, on facebook, through an email, in the bulletin, etc., there is a new, simplified [form](#) on the RUMC website. Go to <http://www.roscoeumc.org/index.php/communication-form> and fill out all required information, and submit it! It’s that easy – one stop publicity shopping.

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[Click this to see the February calendar](#)

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