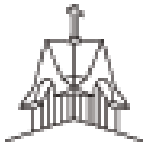


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## GOING BEYOND THE WALLS

At Roscoe UMC we recognize the source and center of our lives together is the grace of God expressed through Jesus Christ; and we identify the following as key to our expression of Christian community:

- Bring people to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ
- Being a community of love and support so that no one stands alone
- Excellence in Christian education
- Discovering and using our God-given talents
- Interaction between generations
- Joyful worship in a variety of styles
- Spiritual growth through obedience in outreach and missions

## FROM WHERE I SIT THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU



As we move into fall, there are many things that I am excited

about in the congregation. There is a place for you, and I hope that you do not miss these opportunities! I will try to bullet out a few of them so that you can find something that interests you.

\*Been hanging around Roscoe or Hilltop for a while? Our pre-members' classes begin Monday, September 20 and run for six consecutive Mondays. You'll learn practical ways for finding meaning in your life through Christian faith practice, how to get involved in these two campus ministries, and a little background information on our denomination: The United Methodist Church. (Also, if you take this class now, you have the opportunity to take the class with your new pastors' families!)

\*For Your Own Growth:

Our Worship & Preaching series will focus on the application of Christian principles through an all-church book study called Treasures of a Transformed Life. This is specifically designed for those who feel like they are "stuck in second gear," wanting a stronger faith life but just can't seem to keep a routine going long term. Pastor Mark and I are particularly

excited about this series! Don't miss it!

\*There are many weekly opportunities throughout this newsletter that are specifically designed to help you enhance your Christian Growth. Invest yourself in time with God and God will reward you with a stronger mind, heart, and soul.

\*For those who consider themselves deeply committed members of the congregation, please be aware of THE HILLTOP SUMMIT. On Wednesday, September 29 and Sunday, October 3, Pastor Mark will deliver a presentation on the past, present, and future of Roscoe's Hilltop Campus ministry, presenting the vision he believes that God has for us for this vital campus ministry.

Lastly, I wish to give a special "thank you" to The Silly People Running the Church, aka The Staff Parish Relations Committee, with their special envoy Chuck Hansel and his Cast of Hundreds, for their outstanding welcome and open house celebration. We have definitely felt the extended welcome and reach from the entire congregation through the many gifts and gatherings. This is a great place to serve, you are wonderful people, and together our future is bright!

-Paul



## SMALL GROUPS

### Roscoe United Methodist Men

#### MISSION STATEMENT:

*The Roscoe United Methodist Men (RUMM) are organized to promote growth in Christian Fellowship through special projects and spiritual endeavors to benefit the church and community.*

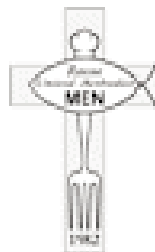
#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

##### Sunday, September 12-RUMM Pancake Breakfast

Come join the RUMM at the Fall Festival pancake breakfast on Sunday, September 12, in Leland Park, from 7:00 to 9:45am. Tickets are \$4 (\$3.50 in advance) for everyone over 5, under 5 is free. Get your tickets from UMM members, after worship on Sunday, or in the church office.

##### October 1-3-UMM Fall Retreat

Plans are well underway for the men's fall retreat to Eagle River, WI over the weekend of October 1-3. Fishing and fall colors should be at their peak! Biking, hiking, golfing, photography and shopping (Cranberry Fest that week) are some of the other activities planned. It's a great opportunity to enjoy God's beautiful work in nature. Probably the best aspect of the weekend is the christian fellowship with other men. If you are interested in more information, contact John Akerlund at 815-623-6581.



### Young at Heart

Young at Heart will meet for breakfast on Thursday, September 2, 8:30am at Hawk's View restaurant in Machesney Park. Come join us!

### Food and Fellowship

Join us in Chapel Hall on September 16th at 12:00 for Food and Fellowship! The meal will be catered (a free will offering is suggested.) Come spend time with friends and make some new friends! This is a great way to meet people and enjoy Christian companionship.



## Summer Sampler

At Our UMC we've had a great time this summer getting to know our new pastors and their families. Check out the photos below, they are just a sample of the fun we've had!





# WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

## SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

### September 5

- 8:30 a.m. TBA
- 9:30 a.m. All for You (Hilltop Campus)
- 10:00 a.m. Steps of Faith
- 11:11 a.m. TBA

### September 12

- 9:00 a.m. Steps of Faith
- 9:30 a.m. All for You (Hilltop Campus)

### September 19

- 8:30 a.m. Chancel Choir
- 9:30 a.m. All for You (Hilltop Campus)
- 10:00 a.m. Steps of Faith
- 11:11 a.m. Chancel Choir

### September 26

- 8:30 a.m. Good News Band
- 9:30 a.m. All for You (Hilltop Campus)
- 10:00 a.m. Steps of Faith
- 11:11 a.m. Good News Band

## CHOIR REHEARSAL TIMES AND LOCATIONS:

### SATURDAY

7:00PM=ALL FOR YOU HILLTOP

### TUESDAY

- 6:30PM=MEN'S CHORUS
- 6:30PM=WESLEY RINGERS
- 7:30PM=CHANCEL CHOIR

### THURSDAY

7:00PM=STEPS OF FAITH IN SANCTUARY



## MEN'S CHORUS

The Worship Arts Ministry of RUMC offers many opportunities to musically praise God. One of these opportunities is the Men's Chorus. We meet on Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30pm in Room 207. We sing four-part music arranged for male voices in a wide variety of styles.

Stop in and give us a try! Our rehearsal season begins on Tuesday, September 28th. If you have questions, contact Pat Hooper, 815-979-6396 or hoopster@charter.net.

## Greeters for Worship Services

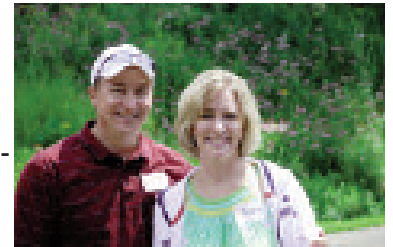


Whether you are a visitor or a long time member, it feels good to be greeted when you come to church. We have been without greeters for awhile, but we would like to reinstate greeters at all the services. All

that is required of you is to arrive early enough to put on your greeter badge and name tag, stand by the door, smile and shake hands with those coming to worship. It is truly a good feeling! If you have been a greeter in the past or have never been a greeter but believe that this would a pleasant, fun way to serve, please call the church office at 815-623-2292.

## Why Does the Offering Plate Pass Paul Every Week?

Wow! Someone noticed! It is true. The offering plate passes me by every week. But this doesn't mean that the Meyers family does not give. For many years now we have taken advantage of the direct deposit opportunity. We found that even though we were a pastoral family, we were inconsistent with the checkbook. You have probably found yourself in a similar situation, like one recently said: "We only give when we are in church, and this isn't every week."



Since I personally believe that whether I am present or not, the church needs the funding from me and my family every week. I like the fact that the money I promise to the congregation is withdrawn on a monthly basis. You're invited to try it! Jerry Ocker, our Financial Secretary, is a person who can be trusted with your numbers, and the process is professional and confidential. Obtain a form by calling him in the number found in your directory, or Alicia in the Main Street office can direct you.

By the way, on October 3rd during the sermon time I will share with you what Kendra and I will give to the church for 2011.

-PM



## MISSION OUTREACH

### Mission Possibilities

Rockford Work Camps has had another great summer! There were a lot of challenging homes this year, and the crews did great! A few houses still need some extra work. The list is below, some can use one, or two workers, others need a team. If you are interested in working on any of these houses, contact Stanley Campbell at 815-964-7111.

Home #1: Needs concrete work

Home #2: Needs fencing work

Home #3: Needs drywall work

Home #4: Needs light switch, plaster patching, a roof patch

Home #5: Needs chimney tuck pointing, needs drywall work

### Mission Discovery

#### Trip Presentation

China is number one in population and number two in economy in the world. Christianity is seen as such a threat by the communist leaders that they are encouraging Buddhism in some locations. Leah Budde spent time in China this summer with the Mission Discovery trip. Come to Chapel Hall, Main Street campus on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 7:00pm to see her pictures and ask questions. (Preview a few pictures on page 8.)

### Redbird Mission Needs

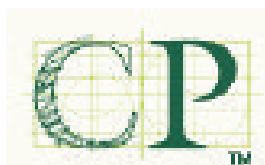
Redbird could use school supplies, children's clothing, casual clothing for men/women, good toys, items for Christmas boxes, including Bible story books, gloves, and mittens. Also needed are Box Tops for Education and Campbell soup bar codes. Bring donations to the Main St. office and place in box under the Redbird Mission Collection sign.

### CARPENTER'S PLACE 4TH ANNUAL "Walk for the Homeless" Event

Did you know that there are approximately 3,000 homeless individuals living in the Rockford area? Just one person can make a difference! Mark your calendar for Carpenter's Place 4th Annual "Walk for the Homeless Event" held on Saturday, October 9th from 10:00am-1:00pm at the Christian Life Schools running track (Spring Creek and Mulford Road).

Early registration begins at 8:30am. Students are encouraged to sign up for the new Morrissey Family Businesses \$1,500 Scholarship! All participants are encouraged to compete in the church, business, or school team competitions. Please visit our website at [www.carpenter-splace.org](http://www.carpenter-splace.org) for details. All competitions have deadlines, so please read the guidelines carefully. You may also make a tax-deductible donation online.

Carpenter's Place is a faith-based organization that uses a balance of compassion and accountability to help the homeless rebuild their broken lives. Each year Carpenter's Place has achieved successful, lasting outcomes for homeless individuals, some previously considered unreachable. Last year over 300 secured housing and 132 became employed! Please plan to help Carpenter's Place continue their work. For further information, please contact Sheri Glover at Carpenter's Place, 815-964-4105 (ext. 203). Please step out and help change the lives of the homeless!



### Loose Coin

Loose coin for September will go to the United Methodist Children's Fund. What is the Children's Fund? The United Methodist Children's Fund for Christian Mission helps children learn about and make contributions to a select group of mission projects that are chosen for their value in helping children understand what it means to "be in mission." Projects change each year which provides children with a variety of learning experiences and a diverse understanding of children in other states and countries. The Children's Fund raises approximately \$100,000 each year for missions with children!

### Stateline CROP Walk

Crop Walk-Communities Responding to overcome poverty.

When: Sunday, October 17, 2010

Where: Hononegah Forest Preserve, Towering Pines, Rockton, IL

Registration begins at 1:30pm, walk steps off at 2:00pm

Snacks and fellowship after walk.

Choose to participate in a 1, 2, or 3 mile walk against hunger.

Everyone is welcome...young, old, individuals...families...groups.

Get a Crop-Walker envelope from Charlie Hagstrom. 815-623-6613





# NEWS FROM THE PEWS



On behalf of the SPRC Committee, we would like to thank everyone who helped make the Welcome Open House for Pastors Paul and Mark such a success! We want to extend a very special thank you to Chuck Hansel for writing the "Good News Brothers", Ace Foster for providing T shirts, and the staff and all participants for making this comedy skit become a reality. It was a fun afternoon and a thrill to see so many members of the congregation come together to welcome our new pastors.

## THANK YOU

We thank the following persons for their help in making the new pictorial directory happen:

Jeff Brace, Shirley Cotter, Dottie Dexheimer, Gladys Hibbard, Amity Hoenisch, Lynn Inman, Dee Johnson, Marjorie Keeney, Wendi Lamont, Alice Mann, Connie Miller, Karen Severn, Sue Shultz, Karen Ward. Thank you all for your help at the various stages of preparing the new directory. This is a directory that we can update and use for many years to come. Directories can be picked up in both campus offices.

Our UMC staff

## Capital Fund Update: Your Capital Fund Dollars At Work

Your Capital Fund donations have been working the past few weeks to improve the buildings at the Main Street Campus.

The fire alarm control panel has been replaced with a new panel. This new panel will eliminate the false alarms caused by the old panel. The fire alarm system is now connected to a 24/7 monitoring service. A total



of \$ 2,845.00 has been spent on this project. The next phase of this project will be to replace all of the heat and smoke detectors, pull stations and strobe/alarm units.

You may have noticed the work on the roof over the past two or three weeks. The largest section of flat roof has been replaced with new insulation and a new Duro-Last roof. This is the area that has caused the leaks over the past year. Total cost of this project was \$ 36,956.00. The next roofing project is to renew the Steeple roof. Watch for this to begin soon.

You may also notice that several exit lights and emergency lights are

being replaced. The old lights were outdated and inefficient and inoperable. The new lights have energy efficient LED lights and increased battery life of 7 to 10 years.

Watch for other projects as your Capital Funds continue to work to improve our building.

Lynn Inman

## God is Good, All the Time!

Wednesday, August 25, my devotional book was guiding readers to have an attitude of gratitude and pray with thanks for all blessings. That prompted me to reflect on one year ago and now.

Last night I one set of tennis which I able to jump.



Tuesday played of doubles and one singles in was run and jump. August

25 one year ago is when the symptoms of my heart problem were manifested. August 26 will be the one year anniversary of my 5 bypass heart surgery. Not only has God blessed me with life, but also with the good health to lead an active life style. In addition, Dottie had her annual physical last week. The doctor told her that she is the healthiest person he had seen in a week. God is good. We have been blessed. Praise the Lord!

Blessings, Don



## ADULT MINISTRY & ACTIVITIES

### ALL CHURCH STUDY: TREASURES OF THE TRANSFORMED LIFE

Are you looking for something? Perhaps you need some help learning how to pray. Maybe you want more out of worship. There may be ways to serve in the church you haven't even heard about. Maybe you would like it if giving brought you joy and not fear or anxiety. Whatever you are looking for, we think we have an opportunity for you to find it.

September 5th we are going to begin a worship series called Treasures of the Transformed Life. This series will include our worship time together, a devotional book, book discussion groups, and our yearly stewardship campaign. This is an amazing opportunity, and we hope you take advantage of it.

Books and workbooks are available for \$11. Book discussion groups will begin the week of the 13th (Tuesdays, 7pm at Hilltop with Pastor Mark; Saturdays, 7pm at Main St with Pastor Paul; Sunday, 10am at Main St with Pastor Tom; and Sunday, 10:30am at Hilltop with Pastor Mark). We believe that if the entire church invests in this series, this book, and this study, together we will become a transformed church, closer to God and closer to one another.

This is the beginning of what we hope will be an awesome future together and that future is only possible with you! Get ready, transformed living is just a few weeks away!



transformed  
living

### PRE-MEMBER CLASS

If you would like to know more about our church or become a member of our church, you are invited to come to the Pre-Member Class. The class will be held on six consecutive Mondays at 7:00 pm starting September 20, 2010. The class provides an introduction to the United Methodist Church, our history, structure, our theology, and gives you an opportunity to ask questions about our church. If you are interested contact our church office or mark your interest on the fellowship pad along with your attendance.

### GENESIS GROUP

This is a group for people who have become members and want to know more people in the church plus grow in their faith. The group meets once a month for seven months and learns about the basics of the Bible, prayer, mission and vision of our church, improving personal finance and its relationship to stewardship, and faith sharing. Two of the meetings are social gatherings to help people get to know others in the congregation and build friendships. The Genesis Group meets at 7:00pm on the following Wednesdays: Sep. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16.

### DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

During the coming school year our UMC will offer 5 Disciple Bible Study classes to help people grow in their faith and learn more about the Bible. To date more than 120 people have taken one or more Disciple Bible Study classes at our UMC. You are invited to sign up for one of the Disciple Bible Study classes at either campus. There will be two Disciple 3 classes, one on Sunday morning and one during the week. It is necessary to take Disciple 1 before taking any of the other Disciple classes. This year the classes offered will be Disciple 1, Becoming Disciples through Bible Study, the foundational course that covers the entire Bible. Disciple 2, into the Word into the World, studies in depth Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts. Disciple 3, Remember Who You Are, studies in depth the Prophets and the letters of Paul. The class that has been studying Christian Believer for one year will continue and finish the course this year. There is also a youth Disciple Bible Study class that meets on Sunday morning. If you have questions about Disciple Bible Study contact Pastor Don Dexheimer at 815-623-2292X103 or [outreach@roscoeumc.org](mailto:outreach@roscoeumc.org)

**DISCIPLE**

BECOMING DISCIPLES  
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INTO THE WORLD  
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REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS

## Rally Day – Sept. 19th at Roscoe and Hilltop!

Don't miss our Sunday School kick off party! We will have a bouncy house, snacks, games, and prizes. Bring your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors to enjoy the day as we invite everyone to join us for the exciting year ahead!



## Living Inside Out

Our new Sunday School curriculum is called Living Inside Out. It is a fun, high-energy lesson that helps children live out their faith everyday, not just on Sunday. Children will start in worship with their family at 10:00 for some high-energy songs and a dedicated Children's Message. Then, we will move downstairs to our own children's worship service including music, puppets, drama, and games. Finally, we will break off into age level classrooms for discussion, lesson extension, and activities. Children will be picked up from the classroom by their parents, and take home a summary of our lesson along with ideas on how to live out their faith throughout the following week. Great memory maker prizes will be given out to children for a variety of commitments they can make! Don't miss even one lesson of The Big Dig unit starting Sept. 26th and ending Oct. 24th. You may uncover some awesome finds!

## Youth News

### September @ A Glance

Weekly Fall Programs

Sunday

8:30am Grow @ Hilltop (conference room)

10am Disciple Class for Youth

11am Grow @ Garage

Confirmation all yrs (Hilltop)

Monday 7pm – Velocity (Vampires & Werewolves)

Wednesday 7am – Early Morning Study

**Events to put on your calendar!**

Saturday 18th 7pm – Youth Transitions Study and Worship

September 19 Rally Sunday - full day of activities

8:30am Confirmation Starts – (6th grade Students & Parents Information meeting in Main Street room 109E)

8:30am Confirmation yr 2 (room 109)

10am 3rd yr Confirmation meets

11am Confirmation all yrs (Hilltop)

6pm Fall Kickoff Bonfire & Parent Meeting Food and Fun as well as informational meeting for parents. Bring calendars for planning this year.

**Summer 2011 Puerto Rico Youth Mission**

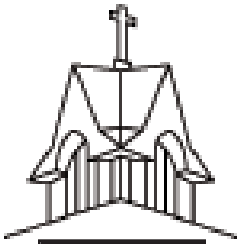
Registrations for the 2011 youth mission trip are available on the youth board at both campuses. Completed forms can be returned to Jeff's box in the Main St. office. Estimated costs are: Flight \$400, Registration \$398, Rental \$80. For more information contact Jeff by email to [youth@roscoeumc.org](mailto:youth@roscoeumc.org).



## Putt-Putt anyone?

We will be hosting a great family event on Sunday, Sept. 26th at the Clubhouse in Roscoe. Come at 5pm to order pizza for dinner, or join us at 6pm for putt-putt and ice cream. Mention that you are with Roscoe United Methodist Ministries and pay \$6.25 for putt-putt and ice cream. Stay afterward for some door prizes and fellowship!





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WHO?

Senior Pastor  
*Rev. Paul Meyers*

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*Rev. Don Dexheimer*

Assistant Pastor  
*Rev. Mark Meyers*

Worship Arts  
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## Paul's Picks

**"The Leadership Jump"** is one of the greatest books I have found to date to help build relationships between the leaders of today and the leaders of tomorrow. If you are one who has



craved to connect with new, younger leadership so that your church continues after you are gone, this is a must read.

## "Evangelism without Additives"

Chris Budde turned me on to this little gem about sharing faith in and all ways, the time you-  
gem sharing faith in and all ways, the time you-  
little about your realistic person-while at same being  
self. If you are looking for a 13 week theological discourse on Evangelism, this is not the right book for you. But if you are looking to make your faith transparent with your own personal touch, pick it up. It has a 13-week study guide with it and is suitable for a small group!



## Discovery in Mission Photo Preview

