

Rosebush United Methodist Church

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2022

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SUNDAYS:

Virtual Life Group @ 9:00am

InPerson Worship @10:00am

***Parking Lot Worship
@ 10:00am—Tune to FM 90.1***

***Facebook Live @ 11:30am
(search for Rosebush United
Methodist Church)***

*YouTube (anytime) (search for
RosebushUnitedMeth-
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*Podcast at
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WHY DOGS LIVE LESS THAN HUMANS: ANSWER FROM A 6-YR OLD

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a 10-yr old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron & his wife Lisa, and their little boy Shane, were all very attached to Belker, and they were hoping for a miracle. I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for him, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home. As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for their 6-yr old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience. The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he really understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker peacefully slipped away. The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why." Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation. It has changed the way I try and live. He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life, like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The 6-yr old continued. "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like: when loved ones come home, always run to greet them. Never pass up an opportunity for a joyride. Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy. Take naps. Stretch before rising. Run, romp, play daily. Thrive on attention. Let people touch you. Avoid biting when a simple growl will do. On warm days, stop and lie on the grass on your back. On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree. When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body. Delight in the simple joy of a walk. Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you're not. If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it. When someone is having a bad day, be silent, close by, and nuzzle them gently. ENJOY EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY.

Author is Unknown

LET US KNOW! If you have a story of God's Love, Protection, Guidance, Healing, etc., let us know! Maybe it's a story you heard from someone else, or something that you read in a magazine, maybe it's your own story! Whatever the case, send us your story and we will put it in our next newsletter. **AND KIDS, IF YOU HAVE A STORY, THIS MEANS YOU TOO!**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**JANUARY 4, 2022****6:30P Business Meeting****7:00p Program "A New Start"****by JoEtta Ervin****FEBRUARY 1, 2022—Dinner Out****Time & Location to be announced later****Bibles & Beer****2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Tuesdays each month
@ 6:30pm @ The Green Spot****Please let us know if you are attending so
we can give The Green Spot an
approximate head count****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for Fellowship after service on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact Karen Gale 989-506-9978.

If you would like to help with Tech or any other part of service, please contact Lori or Pastor Joe

Online Offerings

We are always grateful for your support! We now offer a new electronic giving program. Making contributions for your regular church offerings and other contributions can be made in a convenient, safe, and secure way without the need to carry cash, write a check or prepare envelopes.

You can set up your own account and log in any time. You will be able to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, or just make a one-time donation, as well as view your giving history.

We invite you to give our new electronic giving program a try. You can access a donation link through our website at www.rosebushumc.com. From the Home Page, click on the "Online Giving" button. We Thank You for your support!

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WANT TO HEAR A SERMON ON?
Tell Us About It!****VIDEO SERMONS and SERMON NOTES
ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE**

Couldn't make to church on Sunday? View our sermons on YouTube or listen via Podcast.

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and on our new website at
www.toughquestionsforgod.org.

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CROSTOWN— Kindergarten to 5yrs age
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LOOP for kids 4th – 6th grade
SWITCH for kids 6th – 12th grade

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| JANUARY 2022 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | | | | | 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! |
| 2 9a Life Group 10a Worship 11:30a FB Live | 3 6p Trustees Mtg | 4 8:30a TOPS 6:30 UMW Business Mtg 7p UMW Mtg | 5 | 6 EPIPHANY | 7 | 8 |
| 9 9a Life Group 10a Worship 11:30a FB Live | 10 | 11 8:30a TOPS 6:30 Bibles & Beer | 12 5:30 Finance Mtg 6p Ad Board | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 9a Life Group 10a Worship 11:30a FB Live | 17 Martin Luther King Jr Day | 18 8:30a TOPS 6:30p Bibles & Beer | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 9a Life Group 10a Worship 11:30a FB Live | 24 | 25 8:30a TOPS 6:30p Bibles & Beer | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 9a Life Group 10a Worship 11:30a FB Live | 31 | | | | | |

| FEBRUARY 2022 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | 1 8:30a TOPS UMW Dinner Out (TBA) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 9a Life Group 10a Worship 11:30a FB Live | 7 6p Trustees Mtg | 8 8:30a TOPS 6:30p Bibles & Beer | 9 5:30p Finance Mtg 6:00p Ad Board | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 SUPERBOWL | 14 Valentines Day | 15 8:30a TOPS 6:30p Bibles & Beer | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 9a Life Group 10a Worship 11:30a FB Live | 21 President's Day | 22 8:30a TOPS 6:30p Bibles & Beer | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 9a Life Group 10a Worship 11:30a FB Live | 28 | | | | | |



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| Norma Dewitt | Jan 3 |
| Kathleen Sandel | Jan 3 |
| Ken Bentley | Jan 4 |
| Wilma Ervin | Jan 6 |
| Rhonda Graham | Jan 10 |
| Steve Pickens | Jan 17 |
| Wendy Carpenter | Jan 18 |
| Gordon Gilchrist | Jan 26 |

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| Nicholas Pappas | Feb 5 |
| Terri Pappas | Feb 8 |
| Ed Lynch | Feb 9 |
| Sherry Bartz | Feb 10 |
| Ron Carpenter | Feb 16 |
| Carolyn Shaner | Feb 19 |
| Larry Dennis | Feb 21 |

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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| Gordon & Gayle Gilchrist | Jan 3 |
| Bob & Carolyn Shaner | Jan 18 |
| James & Tonya Gale | Jan 21 |
| Jeff & Lee Bean | Jan 25 |

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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| Derrick & Iris Barnes | Feb 3 |
| Randy & Jackie House | Feb 5 |
| Dan & Cheryl Haring | Feb 9 |



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ROSEBUSH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Ad Council Minutes: November 10, 2021

Present: Pastor Joe Beavan, Lori Thompson, Karen Gale, Molly LaLone, Ken Bentley, Sue Pickens; present via zoom – Donna Anderson.

Pastor Joe opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes were reviewed from the last meeting of October 13, 2021. Molly LaLone made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Pastor Joe second. Minutes were approved.

For Finance, Donna Anderson reported that the budget for 2022 is completed. We needed to decide where the funds for the Christmas Eve service will be going. After some discussion, Pastor Joe made a motion to give half of the Christmas Eve proceeds to the homeless shelter and half of the proceeds to the REAP Food Pantry. Donna Anderson second the motion, and it was approved.

The T-shirts recently collected will not be going to the Philippines. Instead, they will be going to a local agency. The cost for sending the T-shirts was too high. It was decided the funds could be better used to help with the roof for their church and a Thanksgiving meal for the community. An account has been set up with Western Union and we will be making a \$1,000 donation to Kevin Pedrosa in the Philippine Islands. (Kevin Pedrosa is a pastor for this church in the Philippine Islands and is a friend of Pastor Joe's).

Trustees: Ken Bentley resigned as chair for the Trustees Committee. Frank Dodd will be stepping in as the new chair of the Trustees beginning January 1, 2022.

Some repairs have been done at the church including lights, and the men's bathroom. Electrical posts have been installed for the lights on the trees without cords trailing over the parking lot and walkways.

There was a complaint about the bathrooms not being clean enough on Sunday morning. The TOPS group that meets weekly at the church was blamed as they also had responsibility in cleaning on Tuesday morning in addition to the custodian's work later in the week. After some discussion, Molly LaLone made a motion to thank TOPS for their continued support over the many years they have been meeting at the church, and to remove the TOPS group from any responsibility for cleaning the bathrooms. Cleaning the bathrooms will be now solely the responsibility of the custodian. Sue Pickens second the motion. The motion was approved. Molly will communicate with Charlotte to let her know about the decision. A checklist will also be drafted to help Charlotte with supply orders.

Pastor Joe recommended we change locks throughout the church. This was later changed to a motion. We will give new keys to only those who are in leadership, keep record of distribution of same. We need to request return of the key should someone leave their leadership position. Karen Gale second the motion and the motion was approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Joe discussed that the internet for the parsonage, through Hughesnet, was currently at \$112 a month and that it still does not work well. He made a call to CMS in Mt. Pleasant and found a better price at \$99 a month, plus setup. He asked the Board to approve a change in the parsonage internet to CMS. Molly LaLone made a motion to allow Pastor Joe to switch the internet at the parsonage. Sue Pickens second the motion, and it was approved.

We discussed possible ideas for the Christmas service and possibly inviting the Christ Central Choir from CMU to join us. We also discussed possibly broadcasting the Christmas Eve service.

As to service numbers, YouTube-Tough Questions site has had over 1,000 downloads, while the YouTube-RUMC site has had over 3,500 downloads. The podcast website Buzzsprout has had over 1,365 downloads. The toughquestionsforgod.org site has had over 1,800 visits. While our main website at rosebushumc.com has had 157 visits. That number is actually much higher as we have just recently added the counter to our website to keep track of visits.

Respectfully Submitted, Lori Thompson

Rosebush United Methodist Church

Minutes of Ad Board Meeting – December 8, 2021

Present: Pastor Joe Beavan, Frank Dodd, Lori Thompson, Karen Gale, Sue Pickens, and JoEtta Ervin and present by way of Zoom, Donna Anderson

Pastor Joe opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes from the November 10 meeting were reviewed. JoEtta made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Pastor Joe second the motion and the minutes were approved.

Donna reported for Finance. The budget is done for 2022, which has an increase from last year. Trish is expected to pay insurance some time this month. Donna reported an amount of \$29,233 in the General Fund. From that amount, \$2,000 will go to UMCOR, \$1,000 to the Emergency Fund and \$15,000 to the Capital Fund. Frank Dodd made a motion to accept the Finance Report. Karen Gale second the motion and it was approved.

Trustees Report: Frank reported that the new locks have been changed throughout the church and we have received the new keys. The new keys will be numbered and distributed to the church leadership. Using Servant Keeper we will keep track of who has the keys. We will also mention the new locks in the next Sunday bulletin.

Other items on the trustee's list include fixing holes in the walls and repainting, adding safety rails in both of the bathrooms and replacing the toilet paper dispensers, fixing window shades, placing a safety rail near the pulpit, fixing several of the sagging ceiling tiles, and replacing/installing a new safety doorbell at the main church door. We also discussed adding a new light at the top of our road sign so that the church name will also be lit during evening hours. Frank will also meet with Pastor Joe to figure out what is needed at the parsonage.

Pastor Joe mentioned that the Tough Questions-YouTube channel has had approximately 1,000 downloads this past month, while the RUMC YouTube channel has had approximately 3,600 downloads. The podcast website Buzzsprout has had 1,500 downloads. Our two websites, toughquestionsforgod.org has had approximately 1,300 hits, while our main site at rosebushumc.com has had 1,500 hits. The Facebook Live and other groups have approximately 200 likes each day.

We need to advertise our Sunday Life Group a little more so that folks know ahead of time what the subject of the meeting will be. Pastor Joe will be covering the "One More Thing" topic through the end of the year. Christmas Eve service will be a more traditional service. We want to be able to reach people with what they want to / need to hear most and still make it relevant and meaningful. Mid-January, Pastor Joe will direct his sermons toward what it is we really believe. In February, we will restart our Tough Questions series with the series The Chosen. It will be family friendly and open to everyone.

We also discussed other types of activities to involve our youth as well as when we can restart our children's church and nursery.

One other matter before the board concerned an email received from Spectrum and updating our internet speed. Spectrum indicated our current plan is out of date and two new plans were presented. The Board decided to shop around and get additional quotes before deciding on one of the new plans.

No other business having come before this board, Pastor Joe gave us a closing prayer and the meeting was closed.

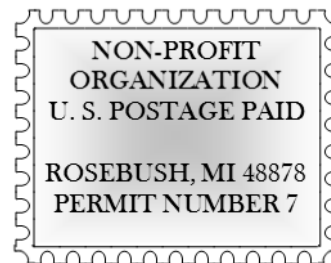
Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Thompson

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