



**Roselle United Methodist Church**  
**Charge Conference Report from**  
**Adult Ministries Committee**  
November 3, 2008

### Winter

- **Advent Study** “*Hurry Less, Worry Less at Christmastime*” led by Marilyn Bauer & Sandy Cook
- **Disciple III Bible Study** led by John Sheely (ongoing)
- **Lenten Study** of *The Thoughtful Christian* series by various leaders

### Spring

- Six-week **small group study** based on the book “*Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy*”. The book centered on the Amish School Shootings of October 2006, and used that basis for an exploration of the topics of forgiveness and Amish religion and culture. 14 participants attended the study, including 2 youth.
- **Women’s One Day Retreat**, May 17th at St. Procopius Abbey in Lisle, 11 women in attendance

### Summer

- **The DaVinci Code** DVD Series led by Pastor Thomas Kim (attendees 5)
- **VBS Adult Study** “Call of the Deep, Diving into God’s Way of Life” led by Marilyn Bauer and Gayle Richard (attendees 6)
- **Young Adult Bible Study** of the Book of Romans, led by Jeremy Pearson (attendees 6 -8)
- **Amish “Field Trip”** to the Amish Community of Arcola, Illinois. The trip was open to all church members; 9 people went on the trip, including 4 who had not participated in the class.
- Highlights of the trip included lunch in an Amish home, and a tour of an Amish home.

### Fall

- **Three Simple Rules – A Wesleyan Way of Living**, 4-week study led by Susan Pearson (5 attendees)
- **Advent Study** will be offered on 4 Sunday mornings using *The Thoughtful Christian* series beginning November 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Ongoing

- **Coffee with the Pastor** continues on the last Sunday of every month with varying attendance
- **Monday morning bible study** has 4 in attendance, Linda Priest leading
- Tuesday morning **God’s Gardners** meet to help keep the inside and outside of the church ‘green’ varying attendance
- Tuesday **Creative Fellowship** has 5 to 6 women in attendance
- Wednesday **Breakfast Fellowship** has 12 to 15 in attendance
- Thursday **Game Day** is once a month with 12 to 15 in attendance
- Friday **Lunch Outing** is every other Friday with 10 to 12 in attendance

### Sunday Morning Adult Classes

- **Nooma DVD Series** facilitated by Judy Waszczuk with 5 average attendees
- **The Thoughtful Christian** offers a variety of topics and facilitators, ranging from “Politics and Religion” to “What’s my Child doing on the Internet” with 4 to 5 average attendees
- **Men’s Group** led by Mike McKee currently offering a *Philip Yancey “The Jesus I Never Knew”* study with 4 average attendees

- **Questions of Faith** currently offering “*Beginnings, The Spiritual Life*”, led by Ellie Thorsen with 6 average attendees

## **Book Discussion Group**

The group is now on their 10<sup>th</sup> book, recently completed “*The Shack*” and now reading “*The Year of Living Biblically*”. Approximately 8 people have attended the discussions.

## **Graham Library Task Force**

Roselle United Methodist Church’s Library Task Force began meeting in November 2007 to review, organize and update all materials in the Graham Library. In February, 2008, the task force met on a weekly basis to determine whether books were to be kept or discarded. The remaining books (over 700) were re-pocketed with new sign-out cards. In addition, all books were scanned and entered into an electronic catalog using ISBN number.

The task force completed the first phase in April 2008. The next phase was the purchase of new books for the library. Selections were made from recommendations of Adult Education Committee and Library Task Force members. A total of 46 new books and CD’s were purchased. Cost of newly purchased books = \$550.00, funded by the Adult Library Fund and Book Table Ministry Fund.

In addition, the shelving units and placement of books was reorganized for improved access by congregation. The electronic catalog of library offerings has been made available on the RUMC website for viewing and searching by the congregation

An **OPEN HOUSE** was held on Sunday, August 24 in order for the congregation to look at the accomplishments of the Task Force. A “wish list” was available for recommendations of additional books titles or CD’s from the congregation. These items will be considered for purchase as funding is available.

Other recommendations include:

- “First Sunday of the Month” display of books in the parlor for check-out
- Reminder notice card for books checked out longer than 1 month
- Library donation form to be used for all books given to library

The Roselle United Methodist Church Library Task Force continues to meet on “as needed” basis to input additional books and determine placement on the shelves in the library

Members: Marilyn Beutin-Bauer, Doris Cornelius, Peggy Kinder, Linda McDermott, and Susan Pearson

## **Community Forums**

The **Church and Society** group has undergone a period of evaluation during 2008. At this time, these forums are scheduled to begin in January 2009 with a talk on the subject of **hospice** by a local expert in the field.

## **Goals**

The current Adult ministries group is chaired by Susan Pearson, who is her fourth year on the committee. This year has been a challenge for the committee with various members dropping off the committee. Our primary goal would be to increase attendance and participation in Adult Sunday morning Sunday school classes.

We welcomed the addition of Joyce Kiepora, as the Director of Christian Education in July, 2008. With Joyce’s guidance, we have been able to select new studies and assign leaders in a more expeditious manner.

The committee welcomes suggestions and ideas from the congregation regarding new studies and is looking to add additional members to the committee.