



God of the ages, you have blessed us with another year.

Help us to make room for the blessings that are in store for us in the coming months.

May we be open to learn the right lessons, even if they hurt a little.

Help us to be patient so that we won't miss divine opportunities.

Show us how to be fulfilled without material possessions, so that we will not miss what it means to be a blessed people.

Enable us to be a blessing so you will recognize us as the ones who gave you bread when you were hungry, drink when you were thirsty, and clothes when you were naked.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*Adaptation of a prayer by the Rev. Kevin B. Smalls*



Brooke Road is part of the Office Max MaxPerks Rewards program. If you shop at Office Max please give the phone number of the church, **815-398-8914**, and the church will benefit. We also access this benefit when we return ink jet and toner cartridges to the store. Depending on the amount spent and number of cartridges returned, we receive coupons from the store which are used to purchase office supplies for the church. We have recently been able to purchase two cases of copy paper and one mouse using only those rewards!



Curt Scribner delivers used toner cartridges from his Rockford Office Supply store. Eligible ones are sent to a Colorado recycler which provides rebates to the church. Cartridges that are not eligible for that can be taken (ten per month) to Office Max. Curt recently delivered a very large number of cartridges to the church, many of which cannot be sent to Colorado. If you have a personal Rewards account at Office Max, please let Sandy McCallum know, and she will be able to provide you with cartridges to take to Office Max.

Thank you for supporting for this fundraising effort!

***(Editor's Note: Thanks to Sandy McCallum for faithfully continuing this recycling program!)***

December 14 dawned nicely and so we had fifteen women gather for lunch and fellowship at John's Restaurant. Laura was here from FL and Joella's neighbor, Diane Weeks joined us. It was great to see the Steward "girls" and Kim reminiscing. Some members were unable to join us.

**Meeting Date: January 11, 2022**  
**Meeting Time: 1 P.M.**  
**Meeting Place: Brooke Road UMC**

Judy Parks will present the program. Joella is hostess.

### **Fellowship**

Thank you to everyone who provided goodies for the last quarter and especially during the busy month of December. The next quarter list is out so continue being generous.



### *Outreach*

Thanks to all who contributed to Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes donated to Children's Home and Aid.

### *Monthly Finance Update*

The Finance Committee has provided the following Current Fund information:

**November income: \$10,264.00      November disbursements: \$11,423.30**

This information is always available by contacting Sandy McCallum (Treasurer).

## January Birthdays

13th  
Sandy McCallum

16th  
Robert Shaver

19th  
Boots Baxter

20th  
Kaya Dobbs

21st  
Hazel Dyke

27th  
John Pippel

## Our Military

Matt Cowan, Matt Crabtree, Scott Dickson, Thomas Helser, Will Hoyum, Ian Long, Joshua Mattson, Jonathan Modler, Jerry Nettles, Stacy Huser, Christine Tornow, Tommy Turnure, Ryan & Kate (Vowles) Levack

## Family and Friends

Erma Albee  
Dave Bargren  
Pastor Norma Lee  
Boots Baxter  
Chris Beebe  
Richard Coppoletti  
David Denicolais  
Addilynnn D'Angelo  
Hazel Dyke

Emerge Church  
Debbie Gorzek  
Debbie Hintzsche  
Pastor Violet, Kyle,  
Lincoln and  
Imogene Johnicker  
Harvey May  
John Pippel  
David Satek

Marge Rose  
Ron Ross  
Vivian Schwab  
Phyllis Stafseth  
Charlene Taylor  
Children of Jordan Thomas  
Tom & Cynthia Zolk  
Maxine Zolk

# January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<u>1</u>
<u>2</u> 10:00am Worship 11:30am Swahili Worship 2:00pm Emerge Worship	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> 9:00pm SPRC
<u>9</u> 10:00am Worship 11:30am Swahili Worship 2:00pm Emerge Worship	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> 1:00pm UMW 5:30pm Finance 6:30pm Trustees	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u> 10:00am Worship 11:30am Swahili Worship 2:00pm Emerge Worship	<u>17</u> Office closed (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)	<u>18</u> 6:00pm Council	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
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<u>30</u> 10:00am Worship 11:30am Swahili Worship 2:00pm Emerge Worship	<u>31</u>					

***Mission Statement***  
***to transform lives through***  
***faith, love, and service***

***Vision Statement***  
***to be a transforming***  
***congregation of believers***  
***to serve the community,***  
***renew lives, and build faith***

**BROOKE ROAD**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

1404 BROOKE ROAD  
ROCKFORD, IL 61109

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Sunday Worship Services at 10:00am**

In person

**OR**

Facebook Live  
facebook.com/thebrookerockford

**OR**

call 1-312-626-6799  
and when prompted  
enter code 810-0983-5011

**Nursery**

Available for newborn - 4 years

**Fellowship**

Following worship

**Pastoral Care during**  
**Pastor Violet's Maternity Leave**

**December 12 - January 16**

Pastor Norma Lee Barnhart 815-218-5335

**January 17 - February 12**

Pastor Mario Mayer 618-553-7191

**Pastor Violet**

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**Hours** M - Th ~ 9:00am - 3:00pm

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