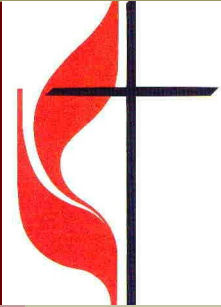


September  
2015



ROCHELLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Newsletter

## Pastor's Pen

by Pastor Rob Hamilton



"How are you settling in?" is a question I am often asked recently.

We are settling in well. School and childcare are underway for Lily and Ella. I have the Rochelle zip code memorized. I learned that east/west numbered roads are 'avenues' and north/south roads are 'streets.' I've been to my first Heritage Days festival and the Cypress House market. I've been out meeting those who find it difficult to get to church and getting to know others better. So my answer is: "I'm settling in well."

I'm still working on learning names. Thank you for wearing your name tags. It helps me greatly. If you can, please keep wearing your name tags. If you think I've got your name down because I've said your name on Sunday, it's probably because I am really good at reading name tags and at having Jeff cue me at communion. A few more months of wearing name tags would really help me. I appreciate your help in learning names when you wear your name tags or when you offer me gentle reminder of your name when we see each other beyond Sunday morning.

I'm looking forward to getting to know our church better as a whole. Hearing stories from the people I visit has helped and I trust the history-sharing event: "Tell Me About the Good Old Days" that will take place on Wednesday, September 9th from 5-7pm, will help as well. Country School fried chicken will be served for dinner. I hope you'll come. Please call the church office (562-2164) to RSVP no later than Thursday, September 3 so we order enough food for everyone.

In addition to getting to know the church better, my family and I would like the chance to get to know you better personally. To help with that we're having a few casual small gatherings with light refreshments. Please call the church to sign up to attend any of the following gatherings as space is limited.

Saturday, September 12 - 10:30am @ Sharon Walker's home 1508 Westgate Ct.

Sunday, September 13 - 3:30pm @ The Parsonage 1130 Sunset Terrace

Thursday, September 17 - 6:30pm @ The Parsonage 1130 Sunset Terrace

Tuesday, October 6 - 6:30pm @ The Church in the Macy Room

If there is a need for more of these gatherings, we would be happy to host them. If you can't make it but would like to get to know us better, my family and I enjoy the chance to share in

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### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

*All students, preschool through adult, (educators and support staff too!) are invited to bring your backpacks, messenger bags, brief cases, laptops, or tablets with you to worship on **September 13th** for a blessing. During each worship service we will lift up children, students of all ages and those whose vocation makes education possible as we begin a new school year.*

*A backpack blessing is a wonderful way to bless part of our everyday lives and to connect Sunday.*



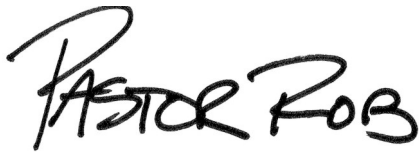
## Pastor's Pen (continued)

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dinner, ice cream or even just playing at the park. Call me and we can schedule a time that works well for all.

Finally, to continue settling in for the next few months I'll be hosting a 'Dutch Lunch Bunch.' On the third Thursday of the month I'll plan to be at a local restaurant at a table with open seating. Anyone is welcome to join me and buy their own lunch. The agenda would simply be getting to know each other better over a meal. I'll have the Dutch Lunch Bunch date, time and location published in the newsletter and bulletin preceding the event. I hope you'll join me. **The first Dutch Lunch Bunch will be on Thursday, September 17th starting at noon at the Butterfly Family Restaurant, 1165 Lincoln Hwy.**

Thank you for your warm welcome! I look forward to growing in God's grace together as we get to know each other better.



"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Mat-

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## All Saints Day

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All Saints Sunday is November 1, 2015. On All Saints Sunday we, as Protestants, remember all those who have lived faithfully as witnesses to the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ but have died and await the resurrection. All Saints Sunday is a time to hear again the message of hope in the resurrection and reflect upon and give thanks for deceased persons who have been influential in our spiritual formation and growth.

For our All Saints celebration this year, we will name all those in our lives who have died since the last All Saints Sunday (November 2, 2014) at the start of each worship service. We are also able to include a photograph of these saints to be projected on the screen. Please submit a photograph - digital or print (which you will get back) along with the persons' first and last name- to the church office by October 22, 2015 to be included in this naming. Also, during our prayer at communion, there will also be a time to lift up the names of those saints in your life that have died at any time.

Come, let us give thanks to the Lord, for all those whom we have loved and long since lost.

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## Adult Sunday School Resumes

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Just as school has resumed, it is time to get back to Adult Sunday School as well. This "In the Middle" adult class meets between the traditional and gathering services from 10:15- 11:50 each Sunday morning, with Bill & Leah Vanstone as class guides. No book is required. The Lectio Divina (Divine Reading) method is used. First a passage of Scripture is read, then its meaning is reflected upon. This is followed by prayer and contemplation on the Word of God. No need to sign up. Just show up whenever you can and you will be blessed by this experience. Class begins on Sunday, September 13th.

### **WANTED: Singers of all ages**

The adult choir practices are held on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and begin on September 9th. Anyone interested in joining the choir is invited.

The youth choir practices are held on Wednesdays from 5:15-5:45 p.m. and begin on September 16th. All school age children are invited to join.



# Love and Respect Marriage Video Conference

“Each man must love his wife and the wife must respect her husband.” Eph. 5:33

Friday, October 23 6: 00 PM - 9: 45 PM  
Saturday, October 24 8: 30 AM - 1: 30 PM

*Treat yourself and your partner to this dynamic,  
life changing marriage seminar.*

**Hosted by:** Faith Lutheran Church,  
14206 Flagg Rd. Rochelle. Open to everyone.

**Speakers:** Dr. Emerson & Sarah Eggerichs,  
Grand Rapids, MI.  
Popular speaker, author & counselor

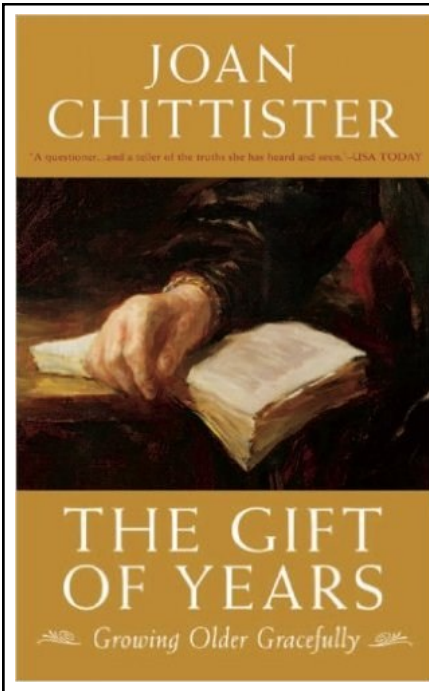
**Cost:** \$16.29 per person and includes workbook.

Save the date & arrange for your own baby sitting.

**Register:** [www.loveandrespect.com](http://www.loveandrespect.com)

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Join Chrsty Roberts & Leah Vanstone for this 14 week study on how to grow old gracefully. The study group will meet on Mondays at noon, beginning September 14th and ending Dec. 14th. The book is, *"The Gift of Years"* by Joan Chittister. You will need to buy your own book. (Leah says you will re-read this one many times.) This book reflects on the many aspects of aging; your purpose, the struggles and concerns, and the joys and potential. Joan Chittister is one of the best spiritual teachers, great author and lecturer of our times. "We don't change as we get older - we just get to be more of what we've always been." This study is open to men & women, so pick up the book and join us!

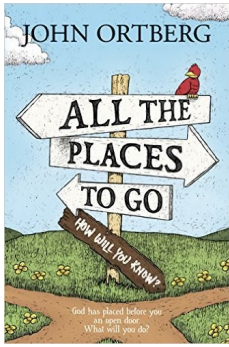


The Rochelle Christian Food Pantry is no longer in need of egg cartons.  
Thank you for your support!

## People to People Project submitted by Sharon Walker

Our "People to People" project needs another meeting to update our thoughts on developing that program. Eight people met on June 5 and we decided to meet again in the fall to see how we feel about the idea and if it should continue, and if so, in what form. Anyone interested in fiber projects, card projects, or nursing home aides is invited to join us even if you missed the initial gathering. We will meet for coffee in the Macy Room at 10 a.m. on September 16th. Hope to see you there!





## Church-wide Book Study to Begin

Beginning this month, the entire church is invited to read “All the Places to Go” by John Ortberg and participate in one of several study times available. Books have been ordered and will be available soon in the church office. Watch for sign-up to begin after September 1st. Pastor Rob’s sermon series for 6 weeks beginning on September 20th will coincide with the book. Feel free to call the church office with questions. John Ortberg’s website describes the book in this way...

*Very rarely in the Bible does God command someone to Stay. He opens a door, and then he invites us to walk through it — into the unknown. And how we choose to respond will ultimately determine the life we will lead and the person we will become. In fact, to fail to embrace the open door is to miss the work God has made for us to do.*

*In All the Places To Go... How Will You Know?, bestselling author John Ortberg opens our eyes to the countless doors God places before us every day, teaches us how to recognize them, and gives us the encouragement to step out in faith and embrace all of the extraordinary opportunities that await.*

*So go ahead — walk through that door. You just might do something that lasts for eternity.*

Do you know RUMC history that you could share? Are you interested in learning more about our church’s past?

Pastor Rob will be hosting “Tell Me About the Good Old Days” on Wednesday, September 9th from 5 - 7 p.m. A Country School chicken dinner will be served for a \$5 donation per person (kids under 12 are free.)

Please come and share your memories regarding the history of the church or come to listen to what others have to share. Come for the fellowship. Come for the chicken. Just come to Hicks Hall on September 9th. We hope to see you there!



## Sunday School Start-up

# SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

SEPTEMBER 13TH

10:15-11:00 A.M.

(DIRECTLY AFTER COFFEE HOUR)

**HOPE TO SEE YOU IN CLASS!**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT MATT HAYES AT 761-0872 OR

E-MAIL [matt.rebekah.hayes@gmail.com](mailto:matt.rebekah.hayes@gmail.com)

### Church Conference

will be held on

Monday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m.

SPRC will meet that evening at 6:30.

Our District Superintendent,

Rev. Young-Mee Park will be present  
for both meetings.

All members of RUMC are encouraged to attend the 7:00 meeting.



Dana Cox's collection is moooving out of the collector cabinet .

For October, Nancy Babb will be displaying her collection of antique school items.

If you have a collection you would like to share in a future month, please let the church office know.

## Prayer Concerns

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The prayer needs lifted up during the month of August are listed below. Please, call the church office at (815) 562-2164, to add your prayer requests to the weekly service bulletin and for the next month's newsletter. Prayer Requests will be removed on a monthly basis, unless, of course, there is continued prayers mentioned the following month.

Donna (Kris Pierce's friend)	Carly Daugherty's step-sister
Emily (Kris Pierce's cousin's daughter)	Laurie Haub's sister
Don (Kris Pierce's step-dad)	Bill Kunkel
Liam Wengelewski	Irene Landis
Maria Carpenter (safe travels)	Mark
Arvine Herrmann	Patti (friend of Joan Whaley)
Vonnie Wilkinson	Iris Sturgill
Ike & Rosie Clue	Millie Hicks' son-in-law
Nula (friend of Clue family)	Bev & Carol (Bill Paulin's sisters)
New Grounds for Life location needed	Joe (friend of the Shoemakers)
Students, parents, and school staff	Joni (Rose Simpson's aunt)
NJ Anaya	Pat Renner
Nancy Babb	Bev Crozier
Betty Barnes	Marv Jenner
Bennett (Carly Daugherty's nephew)	
Families of Andrew Zajac, Tom Zbyszewski, & Richard Wheeler (firefighter's in Washington)	

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## Hub Cluster

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**Chana-** "Brave" by Angela Thomas study on Mondays @ 6:30 p.m., beginning September 14th and led by Cindy Tilsy.

**Steward-** "Covenant" Bible study on Wednesdays @ 4:30 p.m. beginning September 2nd.

## UMW

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**Service Seekers'** one mission is to provide birthday cakes for Focus House. We serve the coffee hour selected Sundays and would welcome you to join us in working this mission. Please call the office 815-562-2164, if interested.

**Guild** will meet Tuesday, September 8 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Adult Sunday School Room in Hicks Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**Mary Martha** will not meet in September. Please check back next month for an update.

**Miriam Circle** will be meeting for a Salad Supper on Monday, September 21 @ 6:30 p.m. at the home of Pat Casey. Please bring a salad to share.

# SEPTEMBER YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			<b>CROP dinner</b>			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			<b>Youth Group</b>			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			<b>Youth Group</b>			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			<b>Youth Group</b>			
27	28	29	30			
<b>Ushering CROP Walk</b>			<b>Youth Group</b>			

## CROP Hunger Walk

September 27<sup>th</sup>

Come join us for the CROP hunger walk on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at our step off location at the First Presbyterian church. We usually have several youth walk with us every year and we look forward to many more walking with us this year.

Talk to Matt if you're interested in walking in the CROP walk. Together we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting.

## CROP Hunger Walk

### Fundraiser Dinner

Wednesday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6:00pm in Hicks Hall



Every year we have several youth participate in the CROP Hunger walk with us and many other churches in the area. The CROP Hunger walk is neighbors walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world.

We are putting on our 7th annual dinner to educate people about CROP and raise money for people here and around the world. One quarter of the money raised will stay and help fight hunger here in Rochelle and the other portion will be sent to help fight world hunger.

Tickets are available in the office or before and after church. We hope you come and support this wonderful ministry.

## Senior High Work Camp Pictures



## Grounds for Life

September 12    Gayle Fader  
George & Margaret Reif  
Pastor Rob

## Flower Ministry

September 6     RoseAnne Kersten  
September 13    D&NKessen/G&SYoung  
September 20    Cliff & Carrie Smart  
September 27    Jeff & Dana Cox

## Radio Ministry

September 6     Bev Crozier  
September 13    Daisy Russell  
September 20    Leota Hansen  
September 27    Mary Hammond

## Coffee Hour

September 6     Service Seekers  
September 13    Monday Morning Book  
September 20    Missions  
September 27    Garden Goodies

## Ushers

September 6     Ackland girls  
September 13    Vickrey/Meinen girls  
September 20    Jenner/White  
September 27    Youth

### September 6                      6th Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalms	Psalms 48
Epistle	2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Gospel	Mark 6:1-13

### September 13                      7th Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalms	Psalms 24
Epistle	Ephesians 1:3-14
	Mark 6:14-29

### September 20                      8th Sunday after Pentecost

Old Testament	2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalms	Psalms 89:20-37
Epistle	Ephesians 2:11-22
Gospel	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

### September 27                      9th Sunday after Pentecost

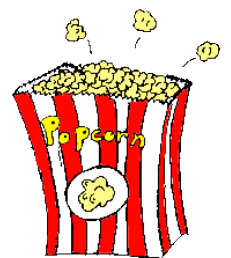
Old Testament	2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalms	Psalms 14
Epistle	Ephesians 3:14-21

## Liturgists

September 6     Ashley MacTaggart  
September 13    Doug Zuehl  
September 20    Rebekah Hayes  
September 27    Pat Casey

## Popcorn Sunday

September 6th we will have popcorn available for both coffee hours.



# SEPTEMBER 2015

Rochelle United Methodist Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>6 POPCORN SUNDAY</b> 9a—Traditional Service 10a—Fellowship 11a—Gathering Service	<b>7 LABOR DAY</b> Church office closed	1 11a—Tres Dias Reunion 6p—Kishwaukee GED 7p—VCCCT	2 6p—CROP Spaghetti Dinner 6p—Kishwaukee GED 7p—VCCCT	3 6p—Kishwaukee GED 7p—VCCCT 7p—AA/Al-Anon	4	5
<b>13 BACKPACK BLESSING</b> 9a—Traditional Service 10a—Fellowship 10a—Adult Sunday School 10:15—Kids' Sunday School 11a—Gathering Service	14 6p—Red Tent 6p—Kishwaukee GED 7p—VCCCT	15 11a—Tres Dias Reunion 6p—Kishwaukee GED 7p—VCCCT	16 5:15p—Youth Choir 6p—Kishwaukee GED 6p—Youth Group 7p—VCCCT 7p—Choir Practice	17 6p—Kishwaukee GED 7p—VCCCT 7p—AA/Al-Anon	18	19
20 9a—Traditional Service 10a—Fellowship 10a—Adult Sunday School 10:15—Kids' Sunday School 11a—Gathering Service	21 6p—Red Tent 6p—Kishwaukee GED 6:30—4-H (P. Klopping) 7p—VCCCT	22 11a—Tres Dias Reunion 6p—Kishwaukee GED 7p—VCCCT	23 5:15p—Youth Choir 6p—Kishwaukee GED 6p—Youth Group 7p—VCCCT 7p—Choir Practice	24 6p—Kishwaukee GED 7p—VCCCT 7p—AA/Al-Anon	25	26
27 9a—Traditional Service 10a—Fellowship 10a—Adult Sunday School 10:15—Kids' Sunday School 11a—Gathering Service 1:30p—CROP Walk	28 6p—Red Tent 6p—Kishwaukee GED 7p—VCCCT	29 11a—Tres Dias Reunion 6p—Kishwaukee GED 7p—VCCCT	30 5:15p—Youth Choir 6p—Kishwaukee GED 6p—Youth Group 7p—VCCCT 7p—Choir Practice			

We want to recognize your birthday and anniversary.  
Please let the church office know your special day  
if it isn't listed.

SEPTEMBER 2015



## ANNIVERSARIES

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|----|--|----|--|
| 5  | Michael & Mary Bernardin—1151 Melugins Grove Road,<br>Comptom, IL 61318<br>Marvin & Marci Winkel—1033 Parkview Drive<br>William & Janet Lux— | 13 | Eileen Swingley—217 School Avenue<br>Clinton Bailey—6205 Brooklyn Road,<br>Frank Atchley—425 S. 9th Street<br>Wayne Pelletier—523 N. 11th Street                                 |
| 6  | Chuck & Christy Kessen—330 Erickson Road   | 14 | Kevin Smith—P.O. Box 114, Holcomb, IL 61043  |
| 8  | Steve & Ann Osborne—2265 Reynolds Road, Ashton, IL 61006   | 15 | Greg Young—211 Drake Avenue  |
| 9  | Vance & Lois Hultgren—1201 Sunnymead Drive,  | 16 | Eliot Kessen—330 Erickson Road   |
| 10 | Steve & Bobbie Bryant—1113 Tilton Park Drive   | 17 | David Bruce Jones—P.O. Box 243, Creston, IL 60113<br>Kelly Blumenberg—564 Griffin Circle, Hermitage, TN 37076<br>Emily Kessen—330 Erickson Road, Rochelle, IL 61068              |
| 11 | Clarence & Jean MacTaggart—615 N. 10th Street  | 19 | Krystal Fry—704 E. Park Street Apt D3, Carbondale, IL 62901  |
| 13 | Merrill & Cheryl Mosbarger—6894 Joanne Avenue  | 20 | Nancy Kessen—1132 Pickwick Drive,<br>Juanita Osborne—104 Janet Avenue<br>Tim Clue—4454 N. Dover Street Apt 1, Chicago, IL 60640<br>Sharon Walker—1508 Westgate Court             |
| 15 | Phil & T.J. Yordy—5334 S. Mill Pond Road   | 21 | Chris Johnson—6532 Carman Drive, Rockford, IL 61108<br>Mark Glosser II—9505 E. Marquand Drive,<br>Neva Becker—2201 Flagg Road, #9<br>Benjamin Hayes—PO Box 70, Steward, IL 60553 |
| 18 | Mark & April Glosser—9505 E. Marquand Drive  | 22 | Marlene Schuler—1211 Brookside Drive<br>Janet Stewart—930 N. 11th Street,<br>Trish Pence—717 Tenth Avenue,<br>Krew Sullivan—9586 E. Marquand Drive                               |
| 22 | Cliff & Carrie Smart—546 S. Second Street  |    |  |
| 23 | Derrick & Barb Meyers—5117 S. Bend Road, Chana, IL 61015   |    |  |
| 25 | David & Susan Myers—5443 S. Brookstone Drive   |    |  |
| 27 | David & Brenda Jones—P.O. Box 243, Creston, IL 60113<br>Curt & Becky Furman—10242 Kyte Road  |    |  |
| 29 | Earl & Linda Christell—520 N. 12th Street  |    |  |

## BIRTHDAYS

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|----|--|----|---|
| 1  | Christy Roberts—2652 N. Stephanie Drive, Lindenwood, IL 61049                            | 23 | Merilee Loggins—721 Lincoln Highway,<br>Sandra Moellering—5559 Forester Drive   |
| 3  | Shane Doyle—122 Windward Lane,<br>Scott Swartz—1325 Eighth Avenue                        | 24 | Earl Christell—520 N. 12th Street,<br>Toni Schuler—1014 Lakeview Drive,<br>Isabella Nauman—9838 Flagg Road  |
| 4  | Joyce Hall—1189 Clifton Terrace  | 26 | Wendell Colwill—1221 Springdale Drive,<br>Doris Lindaas—118 7th Avenue #10,<br>Garrett Burdin—1133 Babary Court,<br>Elsie Macklin—1326 Northlake Court,<br>Alyson McGuire—890 S. Garnhart Road, Chana, IL 61016 |
| 5  | Lynda Gould—427 South Regulators St.   | 27 | Sawyer Johnson—6532 Carman Drive, Rockford, IL 61108  |
| 6  | Deb Fletcher—108 N. 10th Street  | 28 | Jeff Gingerich—1410 Highland Road   |
| 7  | Eileen Hoffer—615 Lincoln Highway, #308  | 30 | Wayne McCoy—1687 S. Chamberlain Road, Esmond, IL 60129<br>Eddie Holtzclaw—105 S. Main Street  |
| 8  | Nate Ramsey—1842 Quail Hollow Road, Steward, IL 60553                                    |    |   |
| 9  | Rebekah Hayes—P.O. Box 70, Steward, IL 60553   |    |   |
| 10 | Dean Cater—103080 E. Shagbark Court<br>Lisa King—8683 Yellowstone Drive, Byron, IL 61010 |    |   |
| 11 | Jim Moorehead—P.O. Box 286,<br>Gwen Sullivan—9586 Marquand Drive,                        |    |   |



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Please call for appointment.

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Dana Cox, Administrative Assistant

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