



The Echo... November, 2017

The church newsletter of Rossville United Methodist Church - Rossville, IN

“Bob Notes...”

This month we continue our series about the books of the Bible. We will take a break from this series in December’s newsletter and then resume it in January.

We have now come past the entire historical period contained in the books of the Old Testament and move to books written alongside the books we have covered so far from Genesis through Esther. The remaining books of the Old Testament fall into three different categories: Wisdom and Poetry; Major Prophets; and Minor Prophets. This month, we cover the books of wisdom and poetry. I believe it is appropriate that the wisdom and poetry books come in the month when we celebrate Thanksgiving because within them are included some of the most inspiring and memorable phrases and songs of Thanksgiving that exist anywhere in the world. Wisdom and poetry literature in general however deals with the broad realm of human experience, and is set forth in a variety of styles.

Let’s look at these five books.

Job

The book details in dramatic fashion the account of a man named Job who was one of the wealthiest people on the earth at the time. In one afternoon he lost literally everything from his children, to his possessions, to his flocks, to his home, and eventually his health. The bulk of the book renders a back and forth between Job and his friends who try to make some sense of everything which happened to Job. The book contains lofty concepts of God, humanity, Satan, righteousness, redemption, and resurrection. At the end, God reveals God’s self in majesty and power and Job turns to God in “dust and ashes”. Job is then restored.

Psalms

This longest of all the books in the Bible contains 150 chapters. Psalms contains the shortest chapter in the Bible, the 2 verses of Psalm 117 and the longest chapter of the Bible, the 176 verses of Psalm 119. The meaning of the word Psalms denotes a poem sung to the accompaniment of musical instruments. Seventy three of the Psalms were written by David, twelve by Asaph, two by Solomon, one by Moses, one by Ethan, and twelve by the Sons of Korah—a group of singers among the priests.

The Psalms arise from a consideration of what God has done in the past, what God will do in the future, and the need for God in the immediate present, with the recognition of His sovereignty and goodness. A good number of the Psalms declare praise and thanksgiving and a large number also contain lament and sorrow.

No matter what mood you are in on any given day, you can find it put into words somewhere amongst the Psalms.

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Proverbs is a collection of pithy sayings in which, by comparison and contrast, some important truth is set forth. Proverbs were common to all nations of the ancient world. This particular collection was made for the most part by Solomon, who is said to have uttered 3,000 proverbs,

Among the virtues in this book are the pursuit of wisdom, piety, generosity, domestic faithfulness, and honesty in business. Among the vices condemned in Proverbs are intemperance in eating and drinking, lies, laziness, strife, the keeping of bad company, waste, and decadence.

Ecclesiastes is the book of a man reasoning about life. The philosophy set forth in the book make no claim to revelation but represents the world-view of a man who knew there is a holy God and that God will bring everything unto judgment. The mood of this book is generally one of sadness—using words such as labor, toil, “under the sun”, evil, crime, harm, troubles, and misfortune. The expression “nothing but a chasing after the wind” appears nine times and such words as oppression, sorrow, and mourning are prevalent. The concluding chapter arises to the level of the fear of the Lord, and obedience to God’s commands.

Song of Songs

Nowhere in the Bible does the unspiritual mind tread upon ground as mysterious and incomprehensible as in this book. The book is an expression of pure physical marital love as ordained in God’s creation. In this book there are contained many exquisite expressions that describe the loveliness of womanhood and the beauty of nature.

So there we are. Five books which describe in detail almost every human emotion and how it relates to God. People sometimes think of the Old Testament as representing a vengeful God. These five books of wisdom are completely on the other side of this extreme. I encourage everyone to spend some time in these books of wisdom and poetry.

Thoughtfully,

Pastor Bob Raschka

Food Finders Mobile Pantry

Food Give Away Day

Place: Rossville United Methodist Church parking lot

Date: Friday, November 3rd

Time: 1:00 PM EST *Distributed on a first come, first serve basis

Please bring a laundry basket or box to carry food home

**The Mobile Pantry is a program available to those who meet the guidelines*

(Monthly Income for 1 person Household \$1,860, 2 people \$2504, add \$645 for each additional household member) Questions? Call Alex Buckles (765) 471-0062





Daylight Savings Ends On November 5 at 2am.
So be sure to turn back your clocks one hour.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5

On Sunday November 5th, we will honor those who have passed away since November 1, 2016. We will specifically remember those who were a member of our church as well as those within the area whose service our pastor presided over. Letters have been sent to family members of the deceased inviting them to attend this special service.



The individuals we will be remembering this year are as follows with their date of passing.

Thelma Purcell	December 1, 2016	Jane Roush	April 8, 2017
Eileen Kidd	June 17, 2017	Raymond Schiery	July 12, 2017



Adventure Club Sunday November 12

We will recognize the ministry of our Adventure Club program on Sunday November 12 as they near the wrap up of their fall season. Leaders and helpers will be recognized and the children will sing songs they have prepared.

Church Membership Class Nov 12-26

A class for those interested in joining the membership of Rossville United Methodist Church will be offered on Sundays November 12th through the 26th. The class begins at 3:00 pm and is available to anyone age 18 or older who is not currently a member of the Rossville United Methodist. Pastor Bob is leading this class.



Our 2017 Advent Season at Rossville will include an encore presentation of last year’s program, “Don’t Let the Grouches Steal Your Christmas”. You may remember that last year’s program was affected by the weather and therefore many of the participants in the program, as well as those who would have attended were unable to be present. Therefore, the worship team has decided to offer this program again this year. The drama is a hilarious yet thoughtful account of several “grouches” who are attempting to steal the joy and especially the significance of the meaning of Christmas. Rehearsals for this program begin on Sunday, November 12th at 4:00 pm. The program will be presented on Sunday morning December 10th.

A choir is also being formed to sing at the morning service on December 24th. Rehearsals for this also begin on November 12th and start at 4:30 pm. Mark your calendars!



A group from RUMC will be attending the dinner and theater presentation of "Overnight Christmas" on Friday, December 1st at 6:30 pm. The presentation, which is put on annually by the Delphi First Assembly of God, is \$15 and includes a full course dinner. If you are interested in attending, please contact Connie Hinesley at 765-438-7651 or Margo Oren at 765-379-2680. Don't put it off cause tickets will go fast. Child Care is included. Join us for this fun evening as we kick off the holiday season.

All Church Cleaning November 18th

All hands on deck for a Fall Clean up day at the church. We will be cleaning windows and other areas of the church that do not get cleaned very often.

This is scheduled for Saturday, November 18 @ 9:00 am.

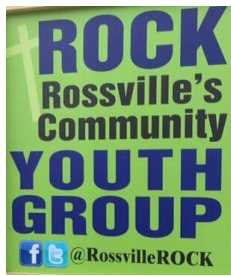
Every one who is able is invited to come on out and help spruce things up as we near the upcoming holiday season.



We will observe a traditional service of celebration and thanksgiving at our worship service on Sunday, November 19th. Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend to this special service as we give God thanks for the blessings of another year.



Plan to stay after church on Sunday, November 26th as we decorate our church and sanctuary for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season. This is always an exciting day as we prepare the church for the holidays. A lunch of soup and crackers will be provided afterwards.



Rossville Rock Youth Ministry Dates

Nov. 12, Nov. 26, Dec. 10, Jan 7, Jan. 21, Feb 4, Feb 18, March 4, March 18, April 8, April 22, & May 6.

The Rossville Rock Community Youth ministry meets from 6-7:30 pm. All youth in grades 6-12 are invited for a time of food, fellowship, games, music, and teaching. This ministry is organized by the Rossville United Methodist, Rossville Church of the Brethren, Rossville Presbyterian, and the Living Stone Church in an effort to reach youth from all over the area for the cause of Christ. The Rock meets at the Rock building on Ramey St.

Thank You

We are deeply grateful for the many acts of love and kindness expressed to us during Pastor's appreciation month.

We count it a great joy to live and serve among such a caring congregation. Thanks again!

Pastor Bob and Ruth Raschka



November, 2017

Worship Schedule



November 5 All Saints Sunday "This Hope!" 1 John 3:1-3

November 12 Adventure Club Sunday "Choose this Day..." Joshua 24:14-21

November 19 Thanksgiving Sunday "Don't Forget to Say Thank You" Luke 7:11-19

November 26 Christ the King Sunday "What will the King Say?" Matthew 25:31-46

November BIRTHDAYS

1	Kevin Andrew	17	Cody Disinger
1	Bob Raschka	19	Margo Oren
4	Linda Hinesley	22	Elissa Weida
14	Darrin Disinger	25	Phil Emens

November ANNIVERSARIES

23 Bob & Ruth Raschka



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

September 29, 2017 \$ 1,723

October 2, 2017 \$ 860

October 8, 2017 \$ 6,439



October 15, 2017 \$ 1,539

October 22, 2017 \$ 1,140

November, 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p><i>1</i></p> <p><i>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</i></p> <p><i>L.R.E. Visitation Team 6:30</i></p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p><i>Bible Study 7pm</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p><i>Religious Ed 1pm-3pm</i></p> <p><i>Mobile Food Pantry in parking lot 1pm</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p>
<p><i>5</i></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9 am</i></p> <p><i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i></p> <p><i>Milner's Service 3 pm</i></p>	<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p><i>Adventure Club & Youth Groups 6-7:30pm</i></p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p><i>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</i></p> <p><i>Back Pack Buddies 5pm</i></p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p><i>Bible Study 7pm</i></p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p><i>Religious Ed 1 pm -3pm</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p>
<p><i>12</i></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9 am</i></p> <p><i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i></p> <p><i>Adventure Club Sunday</i></p> <p><i>ROCK Youth 6pm</i></p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p><i>AD Council 7pm</i></p> <p><i>Worship Team 8pm</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p> <p><i>Adventure Club & Youth group 6-7:30</i></p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p><i>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</i></p> <p><i>L.R.E. Visitation Team 6:30 pm</i></p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p><i>Bible Study 7pm</i></p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p><i>Religious Ed 1-3pm</i></p>	<p><i>18</i></p>
<p><i>19</i></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9 am</i></p> <p><i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i></p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p><i>SPRC 6 pm</i></p>	<p><i>21</i></p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p><i>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</i></p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p> <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i></p>	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i></p>
<p><i>26</i></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9 am</i></p> <p><i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i></p> <p><i>ROCK Youth 6pm</i></p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p><i>Adventure Club Meeting 6pm</i></p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p><i>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</i></p>			