



# *The Echo... October, 2017*

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

## **“BOB NOTES...”**

I have included a brief explanation of the main points of each book of the Bible during the past few months. So far, we have covered the books of the law (Genesis through Deuteronomy) and the first half of the books of history (Joshua through 2 Kings). This month, we come upon the second half of the historical books of the Old Testament—1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. Esther is probably the best known of these five books. Let's begin.

**1 & 2 Chronicles** are set in the same time period as 2 Samuel and 1 Kings. Basically, they give a report, a chronicle, of Judah from the time of King Saul's death up through the Babylonian captivity. They were composed much later than the books of the Kings. 1 Chronicles contains the most extensive collection of genealogy in the Bible. Written from the point of view of the priests, much emphasis is placed upon the dedication and services of the Temple under the ministry of the Levites. 2 Chronicles records several reformations, including the most extended period of revival in Bible history under the leadership of Hezekiah.

**Ezra** is set in the time period following the return of the Jews from exile in Persia. Beginning in 538 BC, the emphasis of the book is on the rebuilding of the Temple that had been destroyed when Judah was taken into exile. The book covers a period of about 100 years and includes the period of Ezra's ministry as well as statistics, numbers, and genealogies.

**Nehemiah** covers a period of 14 years and records the **last historical events of the Old Testament**. Everything else which comes after this in the Old Testament is connected with only the events described in the years of the first 18 books of the Bible. Nehemiah's time period ends **432 years before the birth of Jesus Christ**. The temple had been rebuilt by this time, but the walls of Jerusalem were still in ruins because of the apathy and laziness of the people. The book records eleven different incidences in which Nehemiah is engaged in prayer.

**Esther** closes out the books of history with events that occurred when the Jews were being held captive in Persia. Esther was a Jewish maiden who, as queen of Persia, was used to deliver her people from a planned massacre. The king was Xerxes (486-465 BC). The name of God is never mentioned in the book of Esther, nor is there any allusion in the book to the New Testament, but in no other portion of the Bible is God's providential care of God's people more evident than it is in the Book of Esther.

Next month, we will cover the books of wisdom and poetry. The material included in these books is among the most memorable in the Old Testament.

Faithfully,

*Pastor Bob Raschka*

**October**

Thursdays, October 12-November 16 7pm

**BIBLE STUDY**

**“Restored—Finding Redemption in our Mess”** is the title of our Autumn Bible Study here at Rossville UMC. Sometimes, our lives are in such disarray we can't envision a way through to redemption. But when we look at the mess through the eyes of Christ, we not only find redemption, we can clearly see spiritual restoration. In *Restored*, author Tom Berlin encourages us to focus on the cross as a place that we can leave our mess and find true redemption.



The class will meet on Thursday evenings October 12 through November 16 @ 7 pm in the Esther Beard Room at the church. The class is based upon a DVD led by Tom Berlin. Pastor Bob will lead our discussion time. All are welcome to join us.

Sunday, October 22 in Delphi 3pm

**Annual Charge Conference**

Annual Charge Conference is a time to come together with several different United Methodist Churches in our region to celebrate the ministry which is occurring in these churches as well as vote on annual business items connected with the local church. The Charge Conference we will be attending this year is on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Delphi United Methodist Church from 3-5pm. All members of the church are welcome to attend. Each person who holds a leadership position on the Administrative Council is encouraged to attend.

**October****Worship Schedule**

October 1: Revival: “Miracles of the Heart” John 11:38-44

October 8: “The Wrap Up” Psalm 85:6-8

October 15: “What If...Humbly Seeking and Turning?” 2 Chronicles 7:14-15

October 22: “What If... God First?” Luke 12:31-32

October 29: Consecration Sunday “What If...Extraordinary!” Isaiah 43:18-19 & 4:1-2

### Walk for Freedom to support anti-trafficking efforts Oct 14

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I pray this note finds you and your church growing in the love and grace of God. I am writing you today to tell you of an amazing opportunity to take a stand against injustice and show unity in our church and community. On **October 14, 2017, from 9 - 11 am** at **Riehle Plaza in Lafayette**, Dayton UMC is sponsoring the Walk For Freedom. This is a Walk to raise awareness about human trafficking and to raise funds to fight it.

I was shocked when I found out that there are more slaves today than in any other time in history (an estimated 27 million). Criminals are realizing that they can only sell drugs once, but they can sell the services of a slave over and over again. Because of this evil criminal industry, an innocent person becomes a slave every 30 seconds. This can seem like a problem that is too huge to tackle. But YOU can make a difference. On October 14, we will be eliminating slavery with every step. I am asking all United Methodist Churches to consider joining the Walk for Freedom to fight this injustice. You can help in the following ways:

Pray for the victims. Pray that God will comfort, strengthen, protect, and help them to escape.

Pray for the criminals. Pray that the Holy Spirit would convict them, give them compassion for their slaves, and cause them to release them and turn themselves in.

Go to [www.a21.org/Lafayette](http://www.a21.org/Lafayette) and sign up to walk and give a voice to the voiceless.

Like us on Facebook @Walk For Freedom- Lafayette

Ask business owners in your congregation to sponsor the event. (Their business will be recognized at the event and on Facebook.)

Thank you in advance for your participation. If you have any questions, feel free to call me on my cell phone: [765-430-0072](tel:765-430-0072)

For the Kingdom,

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“What if?” That phrase can strike fear in all of our hearts and minds as we consider all the things that could go wrong in our world, especially when it comes to our own finances. Security is one of our basic needs, and thinking about all the “what if’s” can cause panic and anxiety. But what if the “what if” question wasn’t as much about fear, but about possibility? What if when we trust God, we discover He can do far more in our lives and in the lives of others, than we could possibly imagine or do on our own? Join us for our series, WHAT IF...? on Sunday mornings October 15-29 where we’ll be imagining what God would do through us if we would really trust Him with what He’s already blessed us with.



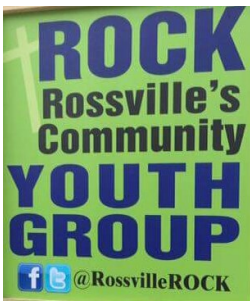
Our 2017 Advent Season at Rossville will include an encore presentation of last year’s program, “Don’t Let the Grouches Steal Your Christmas”. You may remember that last year’s program was affected by the weather and therefore many of the participants in the program, as well as those who would have attended 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 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. The program will be presented on Sunday morning December 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

The Rossville Church of the Brethren invites you and your church family to join us for a special service on Sunday, October 8 at **5:00 p.m.** This Choir Concert and Hymn Sing will include special guests **Clinton County Home Echoes Choir**. The service is a benefit event for the Gallimore Fire Fund. Pam Gallimore (a member of our church) and her two daughters lost their home to a fire last March. Insurance coverage was very limited and they need additional financial resources before they can rebuild their home. Deposits (donations) to this fund continue to be received at First Financial Bank in Rossville. Thank you so much for announcing this concert and hymn sing! God bless you and your church.

**Rossville UMC Youth Group meets during Adventure Club**

*Our own Rossville UMC Youth group will meeting on Tuesday's from 6:00-7:30 pm during the same time as Adventure Club. 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students will gather at the church at the beginning of Adventure Club and then go over to the parsonage with Glenn Marlow and Pastor Bob for a lesson, snacks, and discussion. All youth are invited. (Will not meet for Fall Break Oct. 17th)*



**Rossville Rock Youth Ministry Dates**

Oct. 8, Oct 29, 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.

**October BIRTHDAYS**

1	Emily Green	21	Mike Rothenberger
3	Addison Cooper	24	Dawn Zobel
4	Sharon Need	26	Ronin Green
10	Barry McCabe	28	Virginia McCabe
16	Adrienne Shireman		

**October ANNIVERSARIES**

6	Buzz & Nancy Disinger
6	Michael & Vicki Rabanus
20	Christian & Adrienne Shireman

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

September 3, 2017 \$ 1, 523.00  
 September 10, 2017 \$ 1, 059.00



September 17, 2017 \$1, 623.00





**ADVENTURE CLUB**

Tuesday's

@ 6PM – 7:30pm

DOORS WILL OPEN AT 5:45 pm

Adventure Club will follow any school closings due to weather.

**Register at the door**  
**Pre-K thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade are**  
**Invited**

**Lessons on God's Love**  
**Snacks, Music & Games**

**Fall Session meets each Tuesday**  
**starting Sept 12<sup>th</sup> and goes thru Nov**  
**14th (will not meet for Fall break**  
**Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> )**



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October is Pastor Appreciation month! Let Pastor Bob know how awesome he is!



"Everybody now! Sing, 'A Mighty Fortress is Our God!' And bring it on home!"

# October, 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i></p> <p><i>Milner's Service 3 pm</i></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><i>Trustees 7pm</i></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><i>Adventure Club &amp; Youth Groups 6-7:30pm</i></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><i>M&amp;M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</i></p> <p><i>Back Packs 5pm</i></p> <p><i>L.R.E. Visitation Team 6:30</i></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><i>Religious Ed 1pm-3pm</i></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i></p> <p><i>ROCK Youth 6pm</i></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><i>AD Council 7pm</i></p> <p><i>Worship Team 8pm</i></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><i>Adventure Club &amp; Youth Groups 6-7:30pm</i></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><i>M&amp;M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</i></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><i>Bible Study 7pm</i></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><i>Religious Ed 1 pm -3pm</i></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><i>SPRC 6 pm</i></p> <p><i>Missions Team 7pm</i></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>  <p><i>Fall Break No Adventure Club or Youth group</i></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><i>M&amp;M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</i></p> <p><i>L.R.E. Visitation Team 6:30 pm</i></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><i>Bible Study 7pm</i></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>  <p><i>Fall Break No Religious Ed</i></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i></p> <p><i>Charge Confrence @ Delphi 3pm</i></p> <p><i>ROCK Youth 6pm</i></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><i>Adventure Club &amp; Youth Groups 6-7:30pm</i></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><i>M&amp;M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</i></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><i>Bible Study 7pm</i></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><i>Religious Ed 1 pm -3pm</i></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><i>Adventure Club &amp; Youth Groups 6-7:30pm</i></p>				