



The Echo... January, 2018

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

“Bob Notes...”

The New Year is upon us. I hope that everyone was able to have an enjoyable Christmas. As we turn the page into 2018, I am resuming my series of articles about the books of the Bible. As you may remember, so far we have covered the books of the law (Genesis through Deuteronomy), the books of history (Joshua through Esther) and the books of wisdom (Job through Song of Solomon). This month we pick up with the prophets—specifically the Major Prophets. The Major Prophets are not called this because they are more important than the Minor Prophets which we will cover next month. They are known as the Major Prophets chiefly because they are much longer books than the Minor Prophets.

Remember, all of the time period that the Old Testament covers is completed at the end of Esther. Everything else was written or occurs during the period of these books up through about 430 BC. The Major Prophets were written to speak to the lives of those who lived during these years. These men were raised up by God in times of moral decline and apostasy in Israel.

They were primarily revivalists and patriots, speaking on behalf of God to the heart and conscience of the nation. Their messages have a twofold character 1) local for the prophet’s time; and 2) that which was predictive of God’s purpose in the future. Oftentimes, the predictions sprang up from local circumstances.

The five books of the Major Prophets are Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel.

Isaiah is most often quoted during the Advent Season because of its predictions about the coming of the Messiah. And chapter 53 is given extensive attention when we focus on predictions about Christ’s crucifixion. However, there is much more to Isaiah than this. Isaiah himself carried on his ministry in Judah during the reigns of four kings, a period of about sixty years between 740 and 680 BC. Isaiah’s prophecies reach back to the eternal counsels of God and the creation of the universe and look forward to the time when God will create new heavens and a new earth. The book includes prophecies about Judah, Predictions about other Nations, Warnings against Ephraim, Historical events such as Hezekiah’s illness, the Greatness of God, the suffering Servant of the Lord, and final exhortations and prophecies.

Jeremiah was a young prophet at Anathoth when he began his prophecy. The book is intensely personal and as a result Jeremiah’s character and life are better known to us than by any of the other prophets. Sometimes called the “WEEPING PROPHET” Jeremiah was a devoted patriot wholly committed to God and to holiness. He was persecuted by his own people for his bold proclamation of the unwelcome truth about the impending captivity. He lived long enough to see his sad predictions come true. Yet, he never lost his compassion for the people.

Lamentations was also written by Jeremiah the best we can tell. It is composed of five sections lamenting the destruction of Jerusalem. A new letter of the Hebrew alphabet begins each of the twenty two verses of chapters one and two. This pattern continues by placing groups of verses

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together alphabetically in chapters 3 and 4. Chapter fives divert from this. Lamentations explains in vivid detail Jeremiah's intense burden of sympathy for Jerusalem and discloses the love and sorrow of the Lord for the very people whom he is chastening.

Ezekiel was a priest whose name means "God will strengthen". He was among the Jewish exiles carried away to Babylon. He was a man of strong integrity and purpose and devoted to the practices of the priestly religion. His purpose was to keep before the generation born in exile the national sins which brought Israel so low; to sustain the faith of the exiles by predictions of restoration; the deliverance of justice upon their opponents; and a return to national glory.

Daniel, like Revelation in the New Testament is called an apocalypse. When wickedness seemed supreme in the world and evil powers are dominant, an apocalypse was given to show the real situation behind everything and indicate the eventual victory of righteousness upon the earth.

Daniel was written during the time of the Babylonian exile and Daniel is portrayed as a man of great wisdom. The book is divided between David's early life in the court, King Nebuchadnezzar's dream, the deliverance of three Hebrew youths from the fiery furnace, Daniels' deliverance from the lion's den, and several visions of future events.

These five books of the Major Prophets take up a good portion of the latter half of the Old Testament and are a testimony to God's work among humanity in the past, in the present, and into the future.

Blessings to all!

Pastor Bob Raschka



Winter Movie Nights

Once again this winter, we are offering two winter movie nights. The first one, scheduled for Friday, January 19th is **We Are Marshall**. This movie is about how the town of Huntington, West Virginia dealt with the loss of the entire football team from Marshall University in a plane crash.

The movie is a true-life story of heart, healing and football and will thrill and inspire you.

Everyone is welcome to come and experience this movie in our sanctuary on Friday, January 19 at 6:30 pm.

The second movie, **The Case for Christ** is tentatively set for Friday, February 9.

New Members Received

On December 3rd, we received four new members into the life of Rossville United Methodist Church.



We welcome Lisa Jensen, Brad Nelson, Lacrectia Rothenberger, and Heather Wiggins. All four of these joined by Profession of Faith.

Thank You from Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center



When a woman comes to us for a pregnancy test and her test is positive, we offer her the opportunity to join our HOPE (Helping Others Parent through Education) program. She (along with the father of the baby) can meet with a mentor here at PRC (Pregnancy Resource Center) every other week for one hour and view a DVD about pre-natal care and parenting. During this time they also participate in a Bible Study that includes reading and responding to a daily devotional. In our HOPE program our clients can earn "baby bucks" to spend in the HOPE resource/clothing room. If she stays in the program for the duration of her pregnancy, she earns a laundry basket full of everything she needs to bring baby home from the hospital.

Carol Snyder
Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center -Frankfort
Director

Thank you

Thank you to Rossville United Methodist Church for supporting the Pregnancy Resource Center with your gift of \$500.00. Thank you in reaching out to parents and their babies!



Thank You for all the cards and Gifts this Christmas. We appreciate your kindness.
Love, Pastor Bob & Ruth

Thank you for making me feel so appreciated and loved. All the cards and gifts have made me smile.

Love, Brandy Marlow
(Office Manger)



Thank You!

Rossville United Methodist Church

2018 Officers, Committee, and Team Personnel

Underline new in position

Pastor: Robert A. Raschka

(date term ends on Dec. 31)

The Administrative Council

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| Lay Leader: | Glenn Marlow (2018) |
| Lay Delegate to Annual Conference: | Dave & Sharon Need (2020) |
| Chairperson: | Mary Gray_(2019) |
| Asst. Chairperson: | Dave Need (2018) |
| Secretary: | Joann Rothenberger (2018) |
| Treasurer: | Vanessa Dotson |
| Trustees Chairperson: | <u>Kenneth Disinger</u> (2018) |
| Staff-Parish Chairperson: | <u>Margo Oren</u> (2018) |
| Missions Chairperson: | Lyn Burkle (2020) |
| Finance Chairperson: | Phil Burkle (2019) |
| Adventure Club Coordinator: | Linda Ostler |
| LRE Coordinator: | Connie Hinesley |
| Membership Secretary: | Vicki Rabanus (2018) |
| Youth Coordinator: | Glenn Marlow |

At Large Members

Class of 2018

Jacque Cooper
Dave Need

Class of 2019

Carolyn Bushfield
Nancy Disinger

Class of 2020

Virginia McCabe

The Board of Trustees

Chairperson: Kenneth Disinger (2018)

Class of 2018

Kenneth Disinger
Joann Rothenberger

Class of 2019

Darrin Disinger
Dan Cooper
Jane Emens

Class of 2020

Phil Emens
Corey Nicolas

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chairperson: Margo Oren (2018)

Class of 2018

Connie Hinesley
Margo Oren
Vicki Rabanus

Class of 2019

Lyn Burkle

Class of 2020

Jacque Cooper

Worship Team

Chairperson: Pastor Bob Raschka

Class of 2018

Virginia McCabe

Class of 2019

Lacretia Rothenberger

Class of 2020

Brandy Marlow

Chancel Area Coordinator: Jacque Cooper

Communion Steward: Linda Ostler

Sound Technician: Phil Emens

Finance Committee**Chairperson:** Phil Burkle**Church Treasurer:** Vanessa Dotson**Class of 2018**

Mary Gray

Class of 2019

Phil Burkle

Class of 2020

Debbie Pollard

Financial Secretaries (count, record, and deposit offerings): Lyn Burkle, Sharon Need, Jane Emens, Virginia McCabe**Adventure Club Team****Coordinator:** Linda Ostler**Teachers:** Carolyn Bushfield & Susan Zufall**Shepherds:**

Phyllis Patterson

Debbie Pollard

Ainura Nametullayeva

Crystal Dillingham

Connie Hinesley

Mandee Nicolas

Nikki Knox

Middle and High School: Pastor Bob Raschka and Glenn Marlow**Transportation:** Bob Puckett, Glenn Marlow, Bob Raschka**Greeter:** Vern Leslie**Music:** Brandy Marlow and Linda Ostler**Activities and Games:** Laura Pritchard**Sound and Video Screen:** Pastor Bob Raschka**Snacks:** Lyn Burkle**Missions Team****Chairperson:** Lyn Burkle (2020)**Class of 2018**

Vanessa Dotson

Jane Emens

Class of 2019

Joann Rothenberger

Class of 2020

Lyn Burkle

Church Camp Coordinator:

Brandy Marlow

Backpack Buddies Coordinators:

Dave and Sharon Need

Nursery Coordinator:

Church office

Prayer Chain Coordinator:

Church office

Church Historian:**Audit Committee:**Nancy Disinger, Jacque Cooper, Debbie Pollard,
Brandy Marlow**Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations)****Chairperson:** Bob Raschka**Class of 2018**

Lyn Burkle

Virginia McCabe

Class of 2019

Nancy Disinger

Mary Gray

Class of 2020

Debbie Pollard

The Taking Down of the Greens will be After Church on January 7th.



Please join us for a time of fellowship and pizza!

2018 BUDGET APPROVED

Our Administrative Council approved a church budget for 2018 in the amount of \$118,160.16. When divided by 52 weeks, this comes to \$2,272.31 per week. This budget does not include our tithes to the denomination. We encourage people to prayerfully consider how God would help you to give to help us in paying our conference tithe as well as in meeting our budget all for the purpose of advancing Christ’s ministry.

January Worship Themes

- January 7 “Remember, Repent, and Renew” Mark 1:4-11
- Spiritual Gifts Series Begins--
- January 14 “ALL ONE” 1 Corinthians 12:12-26
- January 21 “The Influences” Ephesians 4:7-11
- January 28 “Divine Workings” Acts 9:36-41



January BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|------------------|
| 5 Don Hinesley | 20 Rob Cooper |
| 5 Connie Hinesley | 25 Mary Brown |
| 6 Carolyn Bushfield | 26 Gary Hathaway |
| 18 Emmeline Seest | 27 Anita Lowery |
| 19 Miles Green | 27 Wilma Graves |
| 20 Sue Milner | |

January ANNIVERSARIES

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| 27th Jim & Wilma Graves | |
| 16th Gary & Elaine Hatha- | way |



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

- November 26, 2017 \$1,026
- December 3, 2017 \$1,402



- December 10, 2017 \$1,883
- December 17, 2017 \$1,463

Needed Weekly for Budget \$2,217.81

January, 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 <i>L.R.E. 6:30pm</i> | 4 | 5 <i>Religious Ed 1pm-3pm</i> | 6 |
| 7 <i>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am Milner's Service 3 pm</i> | 8 <i>AD Council 7pm Worship Team 8pm</i> | 9 | 10 <i>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</i> | 11 | 12 <i>Religious Ed 1 pm -3pm</i> | 13 |
| 14 <i>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am ROCK 6pm</i> | 15 <i>Staff Parish Relations Committee 6pm</i> | 16 | 17 <i>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am L.R.E. 6:30pm</i> | 18 | 19 <i>Religious Ed 1-3pm Movie Night 7pm</i> | 20 |
| 21 <i>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am ROCK Football Party 6pm</i> | 22 | 23 | 24 <i>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</i> | 25 | 26 <i>Religious Ed 1-3pm</i> | 27 |
| 28 <i>Sunday School 9am, Worship & Jr. Church 10:15 am</i> | 29 | 30 | 31 <i>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</i> | | | |