

The Echo... June, 2018



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

Bob Notes...

Almost half of the books of the New Testament are attributed to the Apostle Paul. These books are in the form of letters written to churches which had formed partly as a result of his missionary journeys to these communities. This month as we continue our series on the books of the Bible, we look at the first seven of these letters (epistles).

The Epistle to the **Romans** was written during Paul's third visit to Corinth. Its placement in the Bible as the first of the thirteen letters is because it is the most complete explanation in the New Testament of the central truths of Christianity. It was the fifth letter written but it is placed first. The theme of Romans is the "gospel of God". The God of the Jews is also the God of the Gentiles in Romans. There is no favoritism displayed. All of humanity is found guilty of sin and forgiveness is revealed through faith alone. Romans states God's provision of God's grace whereby God is able to declare sinners as righteous because of the atoning work of God's righteous Son Jesus Christ.

The first epistle to the **Corinthians** was written at the close of Paul's three years' residence in Ephesus. The occasion of this epistle was a letter of inquiry concerning such things as marriage and the use of foods offered to idols, but Paul is greatly troubled by reports from Corinth of deepening divisions, increasing contentions, and other problems. The main thrust of **1 Corinthians** is correction of error brought about more by the sins of the believers at Corinth than by disbelief. The many subjects throughout the letter are all related to the general theme of Christian conduct.

The second epistle to the Corinthians was written within a year of the first letter to the same church. Paul's spiritual burden was great, for in addition to the problems he had to deal with in the first letter, in **2 Corinthians** a wave of distrust in relation to Paul himself had now swept through the church. Consequently, Paul defends his authority by placing before the church the overwhelming evidence of his sincerity in serving God. The letter is very personal and autobiographical. Included in 2 Corinthians is an accumulation of words expressing suffering of mind, heart, and body. No other Christian could match both the sufferings and achievements recorded in chapters 10-12 of this letter.

The epistle to the **Galatians** was addressed to a group of churches in Galatia, which was located in the center of what is now known as Asia Minor and includes parts of modern Turkey and the Armenian highland. Many Jews lived in these cities. Paul visited Galatia on both his first and third missionary journeys. At the time of the writing, the church was facing a double threat involving both doctrine and conduct. Many had come into Galatia who tried to add a list of works to the requirements from the law for salvation. Paul overwhelmingly destroys all such arguments by pointing out that Abraham was justified by faith alone 430 years before the law was even written. The letter focuses on this justification solely by faith and the characteristics displayed in the life of a believer.

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The epistle to the **Ephesians** was the first of the “prison epistles” and was written in Rome while Paul was in prison. This letter was sent to Ephesus and Laodicea without being addressed to any specific church. The letter was to the saints and the faithful in Christ Jesus anywhere and focuses on Church truth. The Church here is the true Church, meaning Christ’s body, not the local church as described in other letters. The letter focuses on the Christian’s exalted position through grace, the truth concerning the body of Christ, and the life lived in accordance with that position.

The epistle to the **Philippians** is the second of the “prison epistles”. It was at Philippi that Lydia and the Philippian jailer and his family were converted to Christ. Now many years later the church was well established with a system of elders and deacons. The occasion of the letter was to acknowledge a gift of money from the church. This is a tender letter to a group of Christians who were especially close to the heart of Paul and the focus is on the Christian life and rejoicing in spite of suffering.

The epistle to the **Colossians** is the third of the “prison epistles”. Colosse had never been visited by Paul. The church may have been founded by Epaphras. Some had come to Colosse that were teaching the dangerous philosophy of Gnosticism. And Paul wrote partly as a response to and a warning against this philosophy. The letter focuses on Paul’s concern for the church, the pre-eminent glory of Christ, and characteristics of the abundant life of the Christian.

Next month we will cover the other half of Paul’s epistles.

In Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bob Raschka



*Baccalaureate
Service*

Rossville High School Baccalaureate May 31

The churches of Rossville are sponsoring a Baccalaureate service for the Rossville High School Class of 2018 on Thursday, May 31st at 7:30 pm. The Baccalaureate service is being held at Rossville Presbyterian Church. The theme of the service is *Celebrate Beginnings*.

Our guest speaker will be Benjamin Beck from Purdue Collegiate Ministry and the music will be led by Joel Brovont. Refreshments are to be served at a reception directly following the service.

All of Rossville is invited, including the graduates, their families, friends, RCSD Staff and other members of the community.

Comfort Kitchen Outreach

Rossville United Methodist Church

110 W Main St, Rossville

Thursday, June 7

5:30—7:30 pm

Come
ALL!
One!

No Mess Sloppy Joes,

Veggie,

Dessert, & Drink

Free to All

Open to ALL ages





See All The People

Matthew 9:35-38

2018 Indiana Annual Conference
of The United Methodist Church



“Jesus traveled among all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, announcing the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were troubled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The size of the harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.” (Matthew 9:35-38)

The Indiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will meet June 7 through 9 at the Indiana Convention Center in Downtown Indianapolis. The theme of this year’s conference is “SEE ALL THE PEOPLE”, a reference to Jesus’ words about the size of the spiritual harvest being bigger than we can imagine.

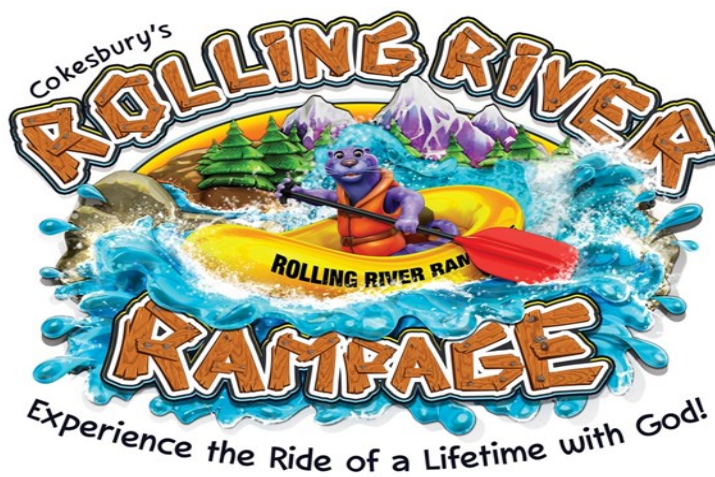
The Conference begins with the celebration of life (memorial) service on June 7th at 10:30 am and concludes with the Celebration of Ministry and ordination service on June 9th at 10:00 am. The conference will hear reports of vital ministry happening throughout Indiana United Methodism and around the world as well as vote on various petitions, the annual conference budget, and other matters. A time will be set aside for discussion of the proposal from the Council of Bishops to a Special Session of General Conference scheduled for next February in St. Louis regarding issues of human sexuality.

Prayers are requested for our delegates Pastor Bob and Dave Need who will represent Rossville at this year’s annual conference session.

Schedule of live stream events on next page

You can watch a LIVE STREAM of Annual Conference by going to www.inumc.org and clicking on the 2018 Annual Conference link. Live stream events are as follows:

- Thursday June 7 10:30-11:45 am: Celebration of Life Service
2:00-3:30 pm: Business Session
3:30-5:00 pm: Critical Conversations about Report from Commission on Way Forward and Council of Bishops
- Friday June 8 8:30-9:30am: Morning Worship and Bible Study
9:30am- 12 noon: Business Session
2:00- 3:00pm: Business Session
3:00- 5:00pm: Critical Conversations about Report from Commission on Way Forward and Council of Bishops
- Saturday June 9 10:00 am: Celebration of Ministry—Commissioning and Ordination Service
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THE ROSSVILLE COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018 is scheduled for Sunday June 24 through Thursday June 28 beginning with a dinner each night at 5:30 and running until 8:00. The Bible School is being held at the Rossville Church of the Brethren located at the corner of Ramey St and Plank St. This year's theme is "Rolling River Rampage" and is open to children up through the 5th grade. Watch the church bulletin and Facebook announcements for further details.

Graduation Recognition

We will recognize our graduate Sydney Marlow at the worship service on June 10th.

Father's Day

We will honor dads on Father's Day June 17th.

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BURGER BASH!

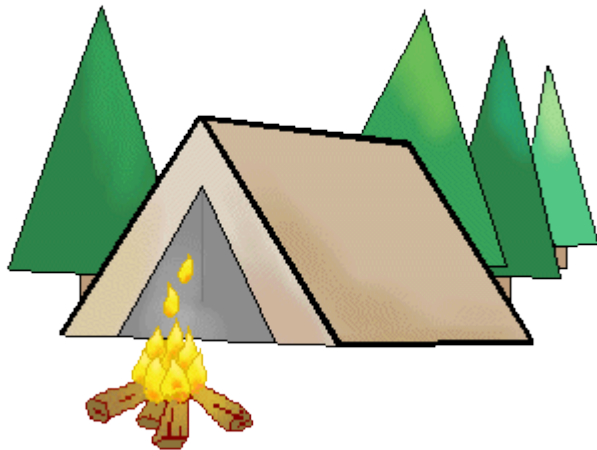


BURGER BASH FUNDRAISER

Saturday, June 23, 2018 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Good food and fellowship.

Freewill offering.



Elementary

Arizona Pritchard

Pine Creek Camp July 15-20

Middle School

Tegan Weida & Elissa Weida

Camp Adventure June 10-15

High School

Dominique Cassamajor

Charity Kelly

Shemeka Kelly

Zoe Marlow

Epworth Forest CC July 8-13

Please Pray for all our Youth as they attend camp this summer! If you would like to send any of our campers a note of encouragement go to www.BeACamper.com and go to email link.

Worship and Sermon Themes June 2018

June 3: "Because of Faith" Romans 4:5-8

June 10: "Are These Things Required?" Romans 10:5-8

June 17: "A Challenge for Fathers" Psalm 78:1-8

June 24: "The Way" Mark 1:14-18

July 1: Guest Speaker



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Carl Seest June 1
- Bob Hinesley June 6
- Dominique Cassamajor June 15
- Jim Graves June 21
- Caleb Disinger June 23
- Carson Disinger June 23
- Mary Gray June 26



- June 6th Glenn & Brandy Marlow
- June 20th Bob & Linda Hinesley
- June 22nd Phil & Lyn Burkle
- June 23rd Larry & Margo Oren

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Adult Sunday School: 9:00 am
Worship and Jr. Church: 10:15 am

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

April 29, 2018 \$947.
May 6, 2018 \$1,091



May 13, 2018 \$2,770

Needed Weekly for Budget \$2,272.31

June, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>3 Sunday School 9 am</p> <p>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</p> <p>Milner's Service 3 pm</p>	4	5	<p>6</p> <p>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</p> <p>L.R.E. 6:30pm</p>	7	8	9
<p>10 Sunday School 9 am</p> <p>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</p> <p>Middle School Camp Adventure Starts 6pm (pray for our campers)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Administrative Council 7pm</p> <p>Worship Team 8pm</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</p>	14	15	16
<p>17 Sunday School 9 am</p> <p>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</p> <p>HAPPY FATHER'S Day!</p>	<p>18</p> <p>SPRC 6pm</p>	19	<p>20</p> <p>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</p> <p>L.R.E. 6:30pm</p>	21	22	23
<p>24 Sunday School 9am,</p> <p>Worship & Jr. Church 10:15 am</p> <p>VBS 5:30-8pm @ Brethren</p>	<p>25</p> <p>VBS 5:30-8pm @ Brethren</p>	<p>26</p> <p>VBS 5:30-8pm @ Brethren</p>	<p>27</p> <p>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</p> <p>VBS 5:30-8pm @ Brethren</p>	<p>28</p> <p>VBS 5:30-8pm @ Brethren</p>	29	<p>30</p> <p>BURGER BASH!  5:30-7:30pm Fellowship Hall</p>