

# *The Echo... August, 2018*

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

## **Bob Notes...**

We are now coming towards the end of my series of newsletter columns about the books of the Bible. Remember, when I first began the series it was my goal to increase our understanding about the basics of each book contained in the Holy Scriptures. This goal continues as we move into the latter portion of the New Testament. This month, our focus is on Hebrews as well as "The General Epistles" (James through Jude). Our focus this month brings us to these.

Hebrews was written in approximately 68 AD. It is the longest of any of the Epistles other than 1 and 2 Corinthians. The purpose of this letter was to encourage Christians in a time of trial as some Hebrew (Jewish) readers, who had professed faith in Jesus as the Messiah, were beginning to waver in their attitude. Hence the letter contains reminders to "hold on" (3:6) and to "go on to maturity" (6:1). A major focus of Hebrews is the absolute supremacy of Jesus Christ. Hebrews contains a series of contrasts between the good things of Judaism and the better things of Christ. In our faith and in our everyday living we should imitate the example of Christ and those who are listed in the honor roll of faith contained in chapters 11-13.

James is the first of the General Epistles and is commonly referred to as "the Proverbs of the New Testament". The book of James practically and faithfully reminds us how to live. From perseverance to true faith to controlling one's tongue to submitting to God's will, and having patience, James aids readers in living authentic lives and it is all packed into the letter's five short chapters. One of the earliest of the New Testament writings (40-50AD), the letter is believed to have been written by Jesus' brother James.

1 Peter is addressed to Hebrew Christians with wider application to all believers in Christ. The readers of the Apostle Peter's first letter were confused and discouraged by the persecution they were encountering because of their faith. Peter exhorted them to stand strong, repeatedly reminding them of Christ's example, the riches of their inheritance in him, and the hope of his return. He explains how Christians should respond when they suffer because of their belief. Suffering is to be expected but it is temporary. The letter was written around 65 AD.

2 Peter was probably written by Peter from a Roman prison about 67-68, shortly before his death. Twisted versions of Christian truth were being taught, which Peter describes in vivid terms. Recalling his firsthand experience of Christ's glory at the Transfiguration, Peter explains the "more sure" truth of the gospel as an antidote to heresy. The gospel is like a "lamp shining in a dark place" (1:19)

1 John was written in the late first century along with John's other two letters which follow. As Christ's last living apostle, John speaks authoritatively about the truth of the Incarnation. When all the basics of faith are in operation, we evidence the sound love that characterizes all Christians, as well as sound belief and obedience. We can know not only joy but can live a holy life and be reassured of salvation.

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2 John was written by the Apostle John to a Christian woman and her family and focused on Christian hospitality. False teachers were using the kindness of Christians to gain influence within John's congregations. John's letter spoke of this danger and warned against opening one's home to those whose purpose was to subvert the truth.

3 John was written to his dear living out the teachings of the missionaries into his home. At who was a selfish church leader-itinerant teachers but also anyone else who disagreed pettiness can divide Christians

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shining in a dark place."  
2 Peter 1:19*

friend Gaius. John applauded Gaius for apostles as he had welcomed traveling the same time, he condemns Diotrophes er that not only refused to help these slandered John and opposed Gaius and with him. The book demonstrates that if they are not living by God's word.

Jude was likely written about 69 AD, the year before the fall of Jerusalem. Jude is known as a half-brother of Jesus Christ and the brother of James. This short letter warns against those who were perverting God's grace and denying the Lord Jesus Christ. Jude used Old Testament examples to warn of these "blemishes" in the church. He encouraged Christians to continue in godliness and love toward such people, convincing some and "snatching them out of the fire." (v.22-23)The book closes with one of the most beautiful doxologies in the entire Bible (v. 24-25).

Next month, we close out this series of columns as we focus on the book of Revelation.

*Pastor Bob Raschka*

### Rossville Lion's Club Blood Drive

Date: August 7, 2018

Time: 2:40pm to 6:40pm

Location: Bennett Room



Schedule your appointment at

[www.donorpoint.org](http://www.donorpoint.org) or call

Dick Rausch at 765-427-0776

### *Rossville United Methodist Church*

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

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# Comfort Kitchen Outreach

Rossville United Methodist Church

110 W Main St, Rossville

Thursday, August 2nd

5:30—7:30 pm

Pulled Pork, Baked Beans,  
Celery, Carrots, Dessert, and

Drink



**Come  
ALL!  
Come  
One!**

*Open to ALL ages*



# ATTENTION

## Rossville United Methodist Church

### Annual Chicken Noodle Dinner

will be held in the church basement (110 W Main St.)

## August 25, 2018

from

## 4:00-7:00 pm

Adults \$9.00

5-12 yrs \$4.00

4 & under Free

Carry outs available

Proceeds will help local families in need.

### Menu

Chicken & Noodles

Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans

Applesauce

Dinner Roll

Dessert

Lemonade/ Iced Tea



## Fellowship at Mary's

Wednesday's August 8- September 26, 6:30pm

Everyone is Welcome!

(304 E Main St.)



## MISSIONS LUNCH AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup> after church

The missions committee is holding the second of their two mission's lunches each year after church on Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup>. The menu for this lunch is a summer-oriented meal of sandwiches as well as a huge assortment of salads, chips, drink, and desserts.



There will be collection buckets on the tables for you to leave a free-will offering for the meal.

All proceeds go to help support the missions' causes of Rossville United Methodist Church.

## SUPERINTENDENT INSTALLATION SERVICE AUGUST 12th

*You're invited!*

The installation service for our new Conference Superintendent Lore Blinn Gibson is scheduled for Sunday, August 12th beginning at 3:00 pm. Lore has a heart for smaller churches and therefore the service will be held at Star City United Methodist Church 2347

E. Main St. in Star City. The church is located about 20 miles north of Logansport. Everyone is invited to this special service with Bishop Trimble and pastors and people from churches throughout the Northwest District. *Pastor Bob has been asked by Superintendent Lore to play a violin solo at this service.* Let's have a good contingent from Rossville as we welcome our new superintendent. Conference Superintendent Lore is requesting that each person please bring a small vial of water from a lake, pond, river, creek, stream, or faucet near your home.

## August 26 Worship Service at RHS Auditorium

The churches of Rossville and the surrounding area will join together for our annual Summer's End Church Service on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Rossville High School Auditorium. This year's speaker is Donna Enersen, the pastor of Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church. The Rossville Ministerial Association is working on planning the details of the service. The service begins at 10:30 am and will take the place of our regular Sunday morning worship service on that day. Everyone is encouraged to come and worship with people from the variety of churches in our area on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**church**WIDE  
**RUMMAGE**  
**SALE**



Friday August 24, 2018  
 Rossville United Methodist Church Parsonage  
 104 W. Main St.  
 Rossville  
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

BRING YOUR GENTLY USED ITEMS TO THE PARSONAGE GARAGE  
 BEGINNING SUNDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>th</sup>

Remember students and teachers as they go back to school and college during August.



**September**

- 9-9-18      Rock Start up 6pm**
- 9-18-18    Adventure Club Start up 6pm**
- 9-22-18    Savannah Whitaker in Concert 7pm**



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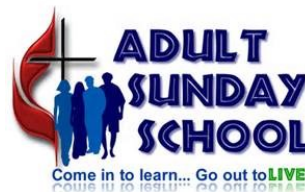
Victoria Seest August 4  
 Glenn Marlow August 14  
 Jane Rothenberger August 15  
 Michael Rabanus August 16



Linda Ostler August 19  
 Aleyah Knox August 19  
 Vern Leslie August 20

*Happy Anniversary*

**Mike & Loretia Rothenberger  
 August 26th**



**Adult Sunday School 9:00-10:00 a.m**  
**Sunday Worship and  
 Jr. Church 10:15 a.m.**



**PRAYER CHAIN**

Prayer requests for the church can be submitted to the church office.  
 Pastor Bob or Brandy will start the phone tree system as soon as possible after receiving a request.

**August Worship Schedule**

August 5: "The Judgment Seat of Christ" Romans 14:10-12  
 August 12: "Fighting the Leviathans" Isaiah 27:1-3 & Luke 4:16-21  
 August 19: "What Would You Ask For?" 1 Kings 3:5-14  
 August 26: Summer's End Worship Service at Rossville High School



**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

June, 24, 2018 \$2,300.00  
 July 1, 2018 \$1,860.00



July 8, 2018 \$6,560.00  
 July 15, 2018 \$1,288.00  
 July 22, 2018 \$1,335.00

Needed Weekly for Budget \$2,272.31

