

The Echo... November, 2018

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

Bob Notes...

You know, sometimes I take a lot of things in life for granted. And while I thank God for the blessings of each day, I don't always maintain a thankful attitude. I find myself many times complaining and other times griping about this and that and the other thing. If my almost dead laptop doesn't work as fast as I wish, I grumble. If the weather isn't to my liking I make comments about how the weather should be "at this time of year." If the same political commercial plays for seemingly the tenth time in an hour, I grumble thinking, "this ad will probably backfire on the candidate the ad wants us to vote for". I could go on and on. But then I remember words such as "give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18) And I recall other verses that remind me to "give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever." (Psalm 118:1) The NIV concordance in my office indicates that the word thanks appears 81 different times in the Bible

This is all well and good. I believe it with all of my heart, soul, and mind. But once I finish my devotion time in the morning and head into the day, I do not always take a thankful attitude with me even though I had just spent time praising and thanking God.

All of us have much to be thankful for. And as another Thanksgiving approaches, we will be reminded to recall our blessings. But you know what? Even if we had nothing at all, we should be thankful. I've seen many an interview this year of people who lost everything in the fires out west, or in Hurricanes Michael and Florence who said even though they lost everything and have to start over; they are thankful that their life was spared. Sometimes, tragedy helps us to put things back in perspective.

So the next time you begin to complain, or whine, or gripe about your dissatisfaction with this or that or something else, remember the many blessings God continues to pour upon your life. Remember his sacrifice for you. And, be thankful.

In thankfulness,

Pastor Bob Raschka

Comfort Kitchen Outreach

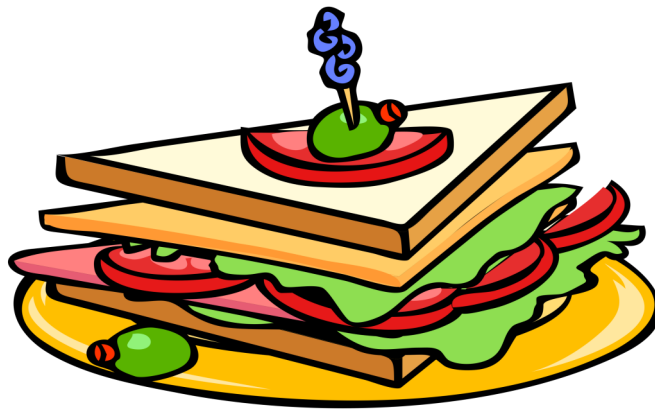
Rossville United Methodist Church

110 W Main St, Rossville

Thursday, November 1st

5:30—7:30 pm

Soup, Sandwiches, Celery,
Carrots, Dessert, and Drink



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Come
ALL!**

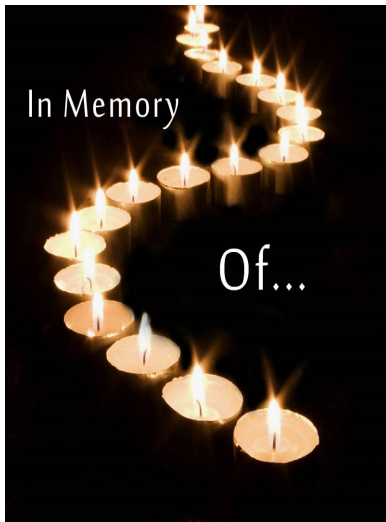
Open to ALL ages

All Saints Sunday

A special service is being planned for November 4th as we remember those who have passed away since last year's All Saints Day (November 1st). At this service we will recognize those affiliated with our congregation as well as individuals whose memorial service Pastor Bob presided over in the past year. As the person's name is read, a candle will be lit in their honor.

Letters have been sent to surviving family members inviting them to attend this special service.

This year we will be remembering the following individuals:



<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of passing</u>
Dorothy Kemmerer	November 16, 2017
Don Rhine	December 5, 2017
Sharon Need	March 16, 2018
Sharon Wiggins	May 15, 2018
Marjorie Bolt	June 16, 2018
Mary Ellen Catron	June 7, 2018
Rev. Amos McGinnis	August 7, 2018

If there is someone that should be included on this list that was overlooked, please let the church office know immediately.

Bible Study Series Continues



Monday November 5th 7:00 pm: The Art of Intimacy Part 1
 Wednesday November 14th 7:00 pm: The Art of Intimacy Part 2

The above dates are the first half of this study. The second half is scheduled for Tuesdays January 15 through February 12, 2019.



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Annual Charge Conference November 8th @ Dayton

Our annual charge conference this year is scheduled for Thursday, November 8th at 6:30 pm at Dayton UMC. There will be a time of worship and celebration as votes that were taken regarding 2019 committees and salary are affirmed. All members of our church are encouraged to attend. Members of the Administrative Council are expected to attend. Each church is invited to bring desserts as well. We will be participating in the conference led by our Conference Superintendent Lore Blinn Gibson along with the surrounding area churches:

- Mulberry
- Dayton
- Bringhurst
- Colburn
- Flora



Conversations on a Way Forward with Bishop Trimble scheduled for November 11th

A Special Called Session of the General Conference is scheduled to meet February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose of this conference is to decide which (if any) of three proposals from the Commission on a Way Forward to implement in regards to matters of human sexuality.

Bishop Trimble has been holding conversations throughout our districts in Indiana to pray and worship and to learn more about the three proposed models being considered at the General Conference. The conversation here in our Northwest district is scheduled for **Sunday, November 11th at 3:17pm at Monticello United Methodist Church**. Anyone interested in this issue is encouraged to attend this gathering. We are praying for the direction of the Holy Spirit as these proposals which could bring major change to the denomination are about to be considered.

Also, our District Conference will go into session at the end of this discussion to vote on the 2019 district budget, committees, and recommendations for delegates to the 2020 General Conference.

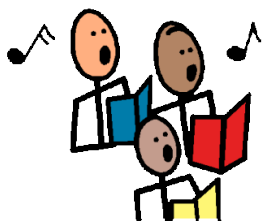


Join us as we honor our military veterans in the worship service on November 11th which is **Veterans Day**.

Thanksgiving Sunday

Let us all gather together to give God thanks for strength, endurance, and blessings of another year in our worship service on Sunday November 18th. A special service of praise and





Christmas Choir Call Out

We are once again gathering a choir together to sing at our Christmas Sunday service scheduled for December 23rd. Practices for this group begin on Sunday November 18th at 4:00pm. The more voices, the merrier! See you then!



Twelve Days of Christmas Readers Theatre Rehearsals begin November 18th

The words of the popular song “The Twelve Days of Christmas” is the theme for this year’s Christmas program scheduled for December 16th during the worship service. Our readers theatre presentation will give an account of the religious symbolism connected with the words of the song. We need several individuals to join us and take on a role in this program.

Rehearsals begin on Sunday November 18th at 4:30 pm. Come on out and be a part of this fun and inspiring program as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Savior.



Hanging of the Greens and Chili Lunch November 25th

Plan to stay after church on Sunday, November 25th to help decorate our church for the upcoming Advent and Christmas Season. After we are finished decorating we will head down stairs for a meal of chili, crackers, and all of the fixings.

Church outing to a Christmas play

That was then... and THIS... is now!

Friday, December 7th, 6pm @ Delphi First Assembly of God

Tickets are \$15 and include a full course meal and Broadway-style musical production. Advance purchase is required. We will be taking the R.A.T. van from the church. Please see Connie Hinesley.



Happy Anniversary
 Bob & Ruth Raschka November 23

- Kevin Andrew Nov 1
 - Pastor Bob Nov 1
 - Linda Hinesley Nov 4
 - Darrin Disinger Nov 14
 - Debbie Pollard Nov 17
 - Bayley Zobel Nov 17
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- Cody Disinger Nov 17
 - Margo Oren Nov 19
 - Elissa Weida Nov 22
 - Phil Emens Nov 25
 - Zoe Marlow Nov 28
 - Ethan Rothenberger 30

November 2018 Sermon themes

November 4th All Saints Sunday
“Who is This?” Psalm 24:7-10 & Revelation 21:1-6

November 11th
“Three Lessons from Loneliness” Genesis 2:18-25

November 18th Thanksgiving Sunday
“Come, Ye Thankful People Come” Mark 4:26-29

November 25th Christ the King Sunday
“And He Shall Reign....” Psalm 29:10-11

**We
were made
for
WORSHIP!**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

September 23, 2018 **\$1,071.00**

September 30, 2018 **\$1,156.00**









October 7, 2018 **\$1,353.00**

October 14, 2018 **\$2,305.00**

Needed Weekly for Budget **\$2,272.31**

November, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p>1</p> <p>Comfort Kitchen 5:30-7:30</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Religious Ed 1-3pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Brayla Marlow 1st Birthday Party in fellowship hall 2-5pm</p> 
<p>4</p> <p>All Saints Sunday Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am Communion</p> <p>Service @ Milner's 3pm Membership Class 4pm</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Fall Bible Study 7pm</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</p> <p>L.R.E. 6:30pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Annual Charge Conference @ Dayton UMC 6:30pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Religious Ed 1-3pm</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>  <p>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am District Confer- ence Monticello UMC 3:17pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Noodle Making 9am</p> <p>Worship Team 6pm</p> <p>Administrative Council 7pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Bag Noodles 9am</p>	<p>14</p> <p>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</p>  <p>Fall Bible Study 7pm</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Religious Ed 1-3pm</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Thanksgiving Sunday Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</p> <p>Choir Practice 4pm Play Practice 4:30pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>SPRC 6pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</p> <p>L.R.E. 6:30pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Happy Thanksgiving</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>No Religious Ed Thanksgiving Break</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am Hanging of the Greens ROCK Youth 6- 7:30pm Choir practice 4pm, Play Prac- tice 4:30pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9am</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Religious Ed 1-3pm</p>	