

THE ECHO... JANUARY, 2019



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

Bob Notes...

A new year dawns. The old year has passed away. The pages of tomorrow are blank. Oftentimes we see a whole plethora of prognosticators make predictions about what lies ahead in each new year.

We see this in many areas from the economy, to the weather (which they never seem to get completely correct), to how the crops might do in the new year, to predictions about health advancements, to sports, and life in general. There are thousands of people whose livelihoods depend on making predictions. Even if they are only right half the time, the predictions are often taken seriously.

The thing is, there is a document which dates back thousands of years that has made "predictions" about the future. This document foretells what is coming down the road. It even gives indications of what life on earth might be like before these "predictions" of coming events begin to play out.

This document is better known as The Holy Bible. Scattered throughout the Bible are many predictions or prophecies as they are known about events which were at the time of the foretelling, way off into the future. One of these events we just finished celebrating—the coming of the Messiah to the earth. And before we put everything away for another eleven months, let us not forget that this Messiah was the one Isaiah spoke of hundreds of years before the Messiah's coming as the wonderful counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. This same Messiah would go on to make "predictions" or prophecies himself about things to come. One of these centered around what would play out as the destruction of Jerusalem in the year 70AD. He then went on to explain the condition of life on the planet before the time of his return. Some of the signs he warned of concern wars and rumors of wars, nation rising against nations, famines, and earthquakes. There will be a rise in false prophets, and an increase in wickedness. The love of many people will grow cold. Yet, before anyone gets all too comfortable declaring, "wow, all of this stuff is happening in our time, so Christ must be getting to return." He very well could. But he warned that no one knows the hour of his return. Jesus predicted that the gospel will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, then the end will come. As of last count, according to the American Bible Society, there are still 1,859 languages (or 31%) who do not have even one verse of Scripture translated into their language yet. By this account, there is still a way to go. But the most important prediction connected with all of this comes when the Messiah whose birth we just celebrated tells us to "keep watch because you do not know on what day your Lord will come." All of this and much more detail can be found in Matthew 24 as well as Mark 13 to an extent.

My point here is that while it is interesting and maybe even important to have some idea or clue of what 2019 will hold, it pales in comparison with the words told to us in the Bible which forecast that one day Christ will return and shall "reign forever and ever". This is something we can hold on to. In the meantime, let us be about living our lives and loving God, and loving others, and seek to make a difference in the little corner of the world God has placed us. As we do, we will have "kept watch".

Looking Forward,

Pastor Bob Raschka

Rossville United Methodist Church

2019 Officers, Committee, and Team Personnel

Underline new in position

Pastor: Robert A. Raschka

(date term ends on Dec. 31)

The Administrative Council

Lay Leader:	<u>Connie Hinesley</u> (2021)
Lay Delegate to Annual Conference:	<u>Mary Gray</u> (2020)
Chairperson:	<u>Carolyn Bushfield</u> (2019)
Asst. Chairperson:	<u>Virginia McCabe</u> (2020)
Secretary:	Joann Rothenberger (2019)
Treasurer:	<u>Brad Nelson</u> (2021)
Trustees Chairperson:	Kenneth Disinger (2021)
Staff-Parish Chairperson:	<u>Mary Gray</u> (2020)
Missions Chairperson:	Lyn Burkle (2020)
Finance Chairperson:	Phil Burkle (2019)
Adventure Club Coordinator:	Linda Ostler
LRE Coordinator:	Connie Hinesley
Prayer Coordinator:	Vicki Rabanus
Membership Secretary:	Vicki Rabanus (2021)

At Large Members

Class of 2019

Carolyn Bushfield
Nancy Disinger

Class of 2020

Virginia McCabe

Class of 2021

Dave Need
Heather Wiggins

The Board of Trustees

Chairperson: Kenneth Disinger (2021)

Class of 2019

Darrin Disinger
Dan Cooper
Jane Emens

Class of 2020

Phil Emens
Corey Nicolas
Vern Leslie

Class of 2021

Kenneth Disinger
Joann Rothenberger

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chairperson: Mary Gray (2020)

Class of 2019

Lyn Burkle
Mary Gray

Class of 2020

Jacque Cooper
Brad Nelson

Class of 2021

Connie Hinesley
Vicki Rabanus

Worship Team

Chairperson: Pastor Bob Raschka

Class of 2019

Lacretia Rothenberger

Class of 2020

Brandy Marlow
Nancy Neidigh

Class of 2021

Virginia McCabe

Chancel Area Coordinator: Jacque Cooper

Sound Technician: Phil Emens

Communion Steward: Linda Ostler & Ainura Nametullavyeva

Finance Committee

Chairperson: Phil Burkle

Church Treasurer: Brad Nelson

Class of 2019

Phil Burkle

Class of 2020

Debbie Pollard

Class of 2021

Mary Gray

Financial Secretaries (count, record, and deposit offerings): Lyn Burkle, Jane Emens, Virginia McCabe

Adventure Club Team

Coordinator: Linda Ostler

Teacher: Susan Zufall

Shepherds:

Phyllis Patterson

Debbie Pollard

Crystal Dillingham

Connie Hinesley

Jane Emens

Nikki Knox

Transportation: Crystal Dillingham and Bob Raschka

Greeter: Vern Leslie

Music: Brandy Marlow

Activities and Games: Laura Pritchard

Sound and Video Screen: Pastor Bob Raschka and Glenn Marlow

Snacks: Lyn Burkle

Missions Team

Chairperson: Lyn Burkle (2020)

Class of 2019

Joann Rothenberger

Phyllis Patterson

Rita Rothenberger

Class of 2020

Lyn Burkle

Lisa Jensen

Class of 2021

Jane Emens

Diane Miller

Church Camp Coordinator:

Brandy Marlow

Backpack Buddies Coordinator:

Dave 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 2019

Lyn Burkle

Nancy Disinger

Mary Gray

Class of 2020

Debbie Pollard

Class of 2021

Virginia McCabe

2019 Budget Approved

The Administrative Council approved the 2019 Budget for Rossville United Methodist Church at its December 10, 2018 meeting. The total budget for the year comes in at \$118,995.07. This divides out to \$2,333,24 per week over 51 weeks. (The week of the summer's end service is not included) This budget is a 0.7% increase over 2018.

Also, one of the goals of the Administrative Council for 2019 is that by the end of the year, we will have begun paying our "Tithe" (formerly apportionments) to the Indiana Annual Conference. Rossville has not paid this since the early part of 2015. This tithe is in addition to the budget and comes in at 10% of our projected general offerings. The total for this would be about \$11,899.51. We did begin paying 1% to our district in 2018 which is a step forward. But a tithe is what is expected. The tithe helps to fund all kinds of ministries around Indiana and throughout the world which no one church could ever accomplish on its own. Let us all do our part as God has blessed us to help Rossville UMC meet our financial goals here in 2019.



Winter Movie Nights feature

"I Can Only Imagine" and "Heaven Can Wait"

For the third consecutive year, we are hosting a couple of Winter Movie Nights. The first one is scheduled for **Friday, January 11, 2019 at 7pm** and will feature "I Can Only Imagine". This movie is based on the hit song of the same title.

I Can Only Imagine is the song that brings ultimate hope to so many...often in the midst of life's most challenging moments. The movie centers on the life of Mercy Me lead singer Bart Millard,

Life wasn't easy for Bart. He leaned into an active imagination and his love of music as escapes from a troubled home life. As he grew older, he turned to football in hopes of connecting with his abusive father (Dennis Quaid). But a career-ending injury combined with the vision of a teacher who saw unlimited potential- set Bart on a musical pathway. The movie is a gripping account of the journey that no one in Bart's new band Mercy Me ever could have imagined.

Along with Dennis Quaid, the movie includes Trace Adkins, Cloris Leachman, J. Michael Finley, Madeline Carroll, and Priscilla Shirer. Join us on January 11th for this special movie.

The second movie night is scheduled for February 8th and will feature "Heaven is for Real".

New Officer Installation

All of our newly elected officers will be installed by Pastor Bob at our worship service on Sunday, January 13th. A list of all church office holders is included on page 2 &3 in this newsletter.



Vision Retreat

The Administrative Council will hold its 2019 Vision and Planning Retreat on Saturday, January 26th from 9am -noon. Last year's retreat produced some significant goals, which we saw the implementation of in 2018. Among those were the beginning of a monthly soup kitchen, which came to be called "COMFORT KITCHEN", as well as the formation of a group of mentors who would come alongside new attendees to help orient them to the life of our church. Please be in prayer as we meet and consider where God is leading us here in 2019 and in the years ahead.

Winter Bible Study begins January 15th

The study runs on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm from January 15th through February 12th. Our winter Bible Study is the second part of the Song of Solomon Bible Study we began last fall. The study is based on a DVD led by Pastor Tommy Nelson. Following the 30 minute DVD session, we have a discussion based on the material presented. The themes for the studies this winter are as follows:

January 15 & 22: Conflict January 29 & February 5: Romance February 12: Commitment

**Happy Anniversary to Jim & Wilma Graves
January 27th**

January Birthdays



- Don Hinesley 5th
- Connie Hinesley 5th
- Carolyn Bushfield 6th
- Emmeline Seest 18th
- Miles Green 19th
- Sue Milner 20th
- Rob Cooper 20th
- Mary Brown 25th
- Wilma Graves 27th

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

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Worship Themes

- January 6th "little christmas" Matthew 2:1-12
- January 13th "You Are Loved" Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
- January 20th "Worried Much?" Matthew 6:25-34
- January 27th Prayer Series Begins Week 1: "Adore: Loving God" Psalm 29:1-4; Luke 11:1-2



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

December 2, 2018 **\$1,827.85**

December 9, 2018 **\$1,372.00**









December 16, **\$1,358.00**

December 23, \$5,784.17

Needed Weekly for Budget \$2,272.31

January, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p>  <p>L.R.E. 6:30pm</p>				
<p>6 Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am Communion Take down greens after church & Pizza Service @ Milner's 3pm</p>	7	8	<p>9 M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</p>	10	<p>11 Religious Ed 1-3pm Movie Night 7pm</p>	12
<p>13 Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am ROCK 6-7:30pm</p>	<p>14 Administrative Council 7pm</p>	<p>15  Bible Study 7pm</p>	<p>16 M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am L.R.E. 6:30pm</p>	17	<p>18 Religious Ed 1-3pm</p>	19
<p>20 Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</p>	<p>21  SPRC 6pm Missions Team 7pm</p>	<p>22  Bible Study 7pm</p>	<p>23 M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</p>	24	<p>25 Religious Ed 1-3pm</p>	<p>26 Vision Planning Retreat 9am-noon </p>
<p>27 Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am ROCK 6-7:30pm</p>	28	<p>29  Bible Study 7pm</p>	<p>30 M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9am</p>	31		