

## THE ECHO... APRIL, 2019

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



# Bob Notes

Do you ever stop to think about pathways? Have you ever stopped to consider all the paths marked out for us on a daily basis? Some have existed in different forms for years. For example, if you look at an old street map or highway map, you might discover that the same streets, roads, and streets that exist now were there over 120 years ago too. And many of them have the same names. How different would life be if it were not for clearly marked paths from sidewalks to expressways. And they all lead somewhere. Many communities came into existence because someone put a road through, or a railroad also. Towns started dotting across the landscape as "paths" were built.

In the same way, whether we are aware of it or not, we are on a spiritual path. This path was not put there by us either. The Lenten season is a perfect time to think about this path. Where is the spiritual path we choose in our life leading? During Lent, it eventually leads to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on the account of our sins. Until we can come to this point of understanding, everything we believe about God will not be complete.



But let us not get caught up in Lent or in Holy Week to the detriment of our Easter Celebration.

The cross was a stop on the journey—yes, an absolutely horrible stop at that—to the resurrection. The suffering of Christ on the cross led to victory over sin and death.

May the path you are on lead you daily into God's presence. Choose the path that leads to life. New life which is only found in Jesus Christ.

Expectantly,

Pastor Bob Raschka

### Community Friendship Café



No Mess Sloppy Joes, Green beans & Dessert will be served. Free and open to everyone!

### **Praise Times Three in Concert April 6<sup>th</sup>**

We are privileged to have Praise Times Three returning to Rossville for a concert on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Praise Times Three was recently nominated for the Trio of the Year for the Carolinas Gospel Music Convention in Lumberton, North Carolina.

Based out of Portland, Tennessee, Praise Times Three is made up of John Bower Sr., Judy Surface, and Corina Helm. Their voices together are a gift from God. They have performed in several states sharing God's word

through their music. Founding member John Bower is a Rossville High School graduate.

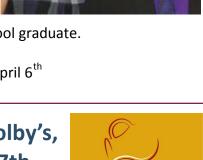
Join us as we experience blessing and worship through music on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>



# Adventure Club Sunday, the Colby's, & Camp Fundraiser April 7th

On Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating another fantastic season of Adventure Club as some of the children sing a song or two that they learned this year. Also, we are privileged to have Valerie and Felipe' Colby to present exciting details about their work in Honduras.

After church, we are all invited to come down and enjoy a delicious lunch as we hold the second of our two fundraisers to help send youth and children to church camp this summer. Menu will include assorted salads and Desserts.





#### **Next Ladies Day Out: April 12th**

Meet in church parking lot to leave promptly at 11am!

We will be taking the "RAT" van to South Fork Restaurant in Mulberry.

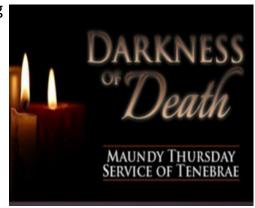
Need a ride call Connie Hinesley at 379-2234 or Jane Emens at 379-3176

Thank you to everyone who attended our mystery event last month. Fourteen ladies attended and had lunch at Red Bird Café in Dayton. Everyone had wonderful fellowship and delicious food.



Make plans now to join us for worship on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The children will march with palm branches waving on this special Sunday as we kick off Holy Week.

Returning by popular demand, we are once again celebrating Christ's Last Supper with a Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae. This very gripping service takes us through the Last Supper, Holy Communion, and the events of Christ's passion. Several passages will be read by different readers. After each passage, a candle is extinguished. This service brings us closer to understanding Christ's sacrifice for us as we remember. The service is scheduled for **Thursday, April 18**<sup>th</sup> @ **7:00 pm.** 



#### **Rossville Community Good Friday Service**



The Rossville Minister's Association is sponsoring the annual Community Good Friday Service on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The service this year will be held at Rossville Bible Fellowship, located at the corner of Cason and Plank Streets. All are welcome to attend.





Rossville Church of the Brethren is once again hosting the Community Sunrise Service and Breakfast on Easter Sunday Morning April 21<sup>st</sup>. The service is scheduled for 7:00 am and the breakfast for 8:00 am. Let us come together as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Participating churches this year are Rossville Church of the Brethren, Rossville United Methodist Church, The Living Stone Church, and Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church.



Join us at 10:15 am on Easter Sunday morning for a service of resurrection and celebration. A fantastic service of praise, worship, and special music is planned as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Pastor Bob's sermon based on Luke 24:1-12 is entitled, "It's All Different Now!" Bring friends and family to help us celebrate.

#### EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>

If you would like to have an Easter Lily placed at the front of the sanctuary in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the form in the bulletin or let the church office know by Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>. Cost of the flowers is \$8.25



#### **Worship and Sermon Themes**

**April, 2019** 

April 7<sup>th</sup> Adventure Club Sunday Presentation by Felipe' and Valerie Colby

April 14<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday "Is This What We Hoped For?" Mark 11:1-11

April 21st Easter Sunday "It's All Different Now" Luke 24:1-12

April 28<sup>th</sup> "Coming Late to the Party" John 20:24-31



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### **April Birthdays**

2nd Shelby Brock 13 Corey Nicolas 15th Vanessa Dotson 15th Israel Green 16th Niki Knox

19th Lyn Burkle 19th Tegan Weida 23rd Ainura Nametullayeva 25th Ali Burkle 25th Dylan Disinger



## Happy Anniversary

Steve & Linda Ostler April 6th

Rex & Jane Rothenberger April 17th

Jane & Phil Emens April 28th

Don & Connie Hinesley April 29th



#### Rossville United Methodist Church

110 W. Main St. P.O. Box 568 Rossville, IN. 46065 (765) 379-2981 Adult Sunday School: 9:00 am Worship and Jr. Church: 10:15 am

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Adult Sunday School 9:00-10:00 a.m

Sunday Worship and

Jr. Church 10:15 a.m.

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

February 24, 2019 \$1,194.00

\$2,162.47

March 3, 2019



March 10, 2019 \$2,012.00 March 17, 2019 \$1,226.00

Needed Weekly for Budget \$2,333.24

# April, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3  M&M Ladies'	4	5 Religious Ed	6 Praise x 3
	Trustees 7pm	Adventure Club	Bible Study 9 am  L.R.E. 6:30pm  Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm	Community Café 5:30-7pm	1-3pm	Concert 6:30pm
7 Adventure Club Sun/ Milk Project. Sun. School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am -Church Camp Lunch	8 Worship Team 6pm	9 Adventure	10 M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am	11	12  Ladies Day Out 11am Parking lot  Religious Ed 1-3pm	13
-Service @ Milner's 3pm -Prayer Group 5pm	Administrative Council 7pm	6-7:30pm Carnival Night	Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm			
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Community -+Sunrise Service & Breakfast @ Brethren Church Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am Prayer Group 5pm	22	23	24  M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am  Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm	25	26 Religious Ed 1-3pm	27
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