

THE ECHO... AUGUST 2019



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



Bob Notes

Both And

Imagine car horns honking, hundreds of people walking up and down sidewalks, musicians performing, trains coming and going, traffic stopping and starting, and all of this surrounded by a plethora of astounding architecture, tremendous art work on the sides of buildings, and some of the tallest buildings in the United States.

Stop.

Now imagine barely any sound at all except for a gentle breeze rustling through the trees, some birds singing and once in a while a person walking by.

Both of these instances describe the vacation Ruth and I took in late July. The first account is some of our experience during the three days and two nights we spent in Chicago. Thousands of people cheering at a baseball game and also my ride on the el from the hotel to the ballpark should be added to this. The second account is some of our experience during the four days and three nights we spent in northern Michigan at a cabin.

These experiences had very little in common. But Ruth and I thoroughly enjoyed each one. I can't even begin to explain the peace which was with us at the cabin in Michigan. Sitting on the screen porch doing morning devotions with no sound other than the sounds of nature can help a person connect with God more so than usual especially if such surroundings are not part of one's normal life. Even living in a small town such as Rossville rarely ever produces such tranquility unless I were to get up at two in the morning when there is very little traffic going by our house. On the other hand, there was something completely exhilarating being in the city and watching people from all walks of life going about their daily lives. Often times when I get in such crowds, I am humbled to think that God knows everything about every person I am encountering whether any of them recognize God or not. And, that God created each person.

I share all of this not just to tell everyone about our vacation, but to help us to recognize that God has created places and experiences which are often completely the opposite of one another, and God is in every place. Whether the place is filled with thousands of people on one hand, or almost totally deserted of people on the other, God is there.

Let's consider this for a minute when we think about worship. For me, in the same way that I can enjoy the activity of a large city or metropolitan area as well as quiet and serene locales, I experience God in different styles of worship. I am able to worship God in services with modern music, clapping, raising hands, and people shouting amen on one hand, as well as in a quiet service with very little if any of the aforementioned. Hymns are sung. Prayers are prayed. The Word is preached. The service is relatively calm and serene. We see this differences in the Bible too.

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A few Scriptures come to mind immediately. Both from the Psalms. One is from Psalm 150:3-5 which among other things encourages us to praise God with the sounding of a trumpet, with a harp, with dancing, with stringed instruments and pipe, with the clash of cymbals, and in fact with loud, resounding cymbals. "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord", verse six says. This certainly describes an energetic kind of worship.

Yet, when we go back to Psalm 46:10. We are commanded by the Lord to "be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth".

I suppose one could write a book highlighting the many places throughout Scripture that describe different styles of worshipping God.

When we were in Michigan and I was sitting in the cabin or even going on a walk through the woods, I was able to "be still and know that the Lord is God." When we were in Chicago, I could see God amongst all the activity and people.

God is both and. Life is both and. There are times when we are busy and scurrying around from one thing to the next, never able to slow down. Then there are other times when all is quiet and still. God is there. Both. And.

Let us never forget. Let us be aware. And let us never disparage one kind of experience while celebrating another and vice versa. God is present in all.

Be Encouraged! *Pastor Bob Raschka*



Community Fellowship Café

The next Community Fellowship Café is Thursday, August 1st from 5:30 – 7:00pm. Menu: Hot Dogs, Burgers, Chips and Baked Beans.

Free and open to Everyone!

Next Ladies Day Out: August 9th

Meet in church parking lot to leave promptly at 11am we will be going to

Christo's New City Grill in Lafayette!

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

Good fellowship and food was enjoyed at Ethan's in Flora last month. 10 ladies attended "Ladies Day Out" in July.

Cubs v. Reds



A group of twelve people from the Rossville congregation have signed up to attend a game at The Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati involving the Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Reds on Saturday, August 10th. We will leave Rossville around 3:00pm for this evening game.



ATTENTION

Rossville United Methodist Church

Annual Chicken Noodle Dinner

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

August 24, 2019

from

4:00-7:00 pm

Adults	\$10.00
5-12 yrs	\$5.00
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



Rossville Community Summer's End Service August 25th

The annual Rossville Summer's End festival wraps up with a worship service on Sunday, August 25th at the Rossville School Auditorium at 10:30 am. This year, the pastors of Rossville will join together with the Rossville Bible Fellowship Church to present the service. New pastor Chris Albin, of the Bible Fellowship Church will be the speaker at this year's service. Let's join together with fellow Christ followers in Rossville for this annual event.



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Victoria Seest Aug 4
Glenn Marlow Aug 14
Jane Rothenberger Aug 15
Michael Rabanus Aug 16
Linda Ostler Aug 19
Aleyah Knox Aug 19
Vern Leslie Aug 20

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

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Mike & Loretta Rothenberger
August 26th

Worship and Sermons August 2019

August 4th "Leaving it All Behind" Colossians 3:1-11
 August 11th "And Even When..." Proverbs 22:4-6
 August 18th "A Sign of the Times?" Luke 12:49-56
 August 25th Community Worship Service at Rossville High School 10:30 am



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

June 30, 2019 **\$2,128.00**

July 7, 2019 **\$1,675.00**



Needed Weekly for Budget **\$2,333.24**

July 14, 2019 **\$1,531.00**

July 21, 2019 **\$1,000.00**

July 28, 2019 **\$1,106.00**

August, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Community Café</i> 5:30-7pm 	2	3
4 <i>Sunday School</i> 9 am <i>Worship and Jr.</i> <i>Church 10:15 am</i> <i>Service @</i> <i>Milner's 3pm</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	5 <i>Trustees Meeting</i> 7pm	6	7 <i>M&M Ladies'</i> <i>Bible Study 9 am</i> <i>L.R.E.</i>	8	9 <i>Ladies Day Out</i> 11am Parking lot 	10 <i>Baseball Outing</i> 3pm Parking lot 
11 <i>Sunday School</i> 9am <i>Worship and Jr.</i> <i>Church 10:15 am</i> <i>Prayer Group</i> 5pm	12 <i>Ad Council 7pm</i>	13 <i>Worship Team</i> 7pm	14 <i>M&M Ladies'</i> <i>Bible Study 9 am</i>	15	16	17
18 <i>Sunday School</i> 9am <i>Worship and Jr.</i> <i>Church 10:15 am</i> <i>Prayer Group</i> 5pm	19 <i>S.P.R.C. 6pm</i> <i>Missions Team</i> 7pm	20	21 <i>M&M Ladies'</i> <i>Bible Study 9 am</i> <i>L.R.E.</i>	22	23	24  <i>Chicken Noodle</i> <i>Dinner 4-7pm</i>
25 <i>Summer's End</i> <i>Festival Commu-</i> <i>nity Service at</i> <i>Rossville H.S.</i> <i>10:30am</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	26	27 <i>Grief Committee</i> 7pm	28 <i>M & M Ladies'</i> <i>Bible Study 9am</i>	29	30	31