



THE ECHO... OCTOBER 2019

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



Bob Notes

In October the green eventually fades into gold, or yellow, or red. In a fairly short time the vast majority of those golds, and yellows, and reds give into gravity and fall to the ground. Still, summer usually doesn't just suddenly let go all at once. There are hints of it around as warm days linger on for a little bit before being replaced by the chill of November. Sometimes the month will see a hint of a flake of snow here or there, and usually a few mornings of "frost on the pumpkin". But just as soon as people have turned on their furnace, the temperature warms again, and we are opening our windows on the same day that we had the furnace on. There are still hints that summer has not completely surrendered its veil until it does. And as sure as the last vestiges of summer fade like the last crack of the bat in the last game of the World Series, we know that summer will once again return.

Our Christian lives are like this. Sometimes everything is fresh and new and alive like in the Spring. Days of promise lie ahead, and we can't wait to grasp it all. Then the summer comes, and our faith is strong, and we are growing and learning and helping and its as if we will never face another temptation. But then we start listening to those old voices and end up being drawn away and entangled by the things of the world. And gradually our faith begins to weaken. Usually not all at once, but it does. And if we are not careful we can end up like many who eventually reject the faith they at one time proclaimed and lived. And like fall changing into winter, we become a little colder towards each other and toward God. But God never gives up on us. God keeps longing for us to come back to him and for us to escape those things which at the end of the day do not fill us or meet our heart's true needs. And eventually, there is a return to faithfulness that comes because of the restorative power of Jesus.

The Christian life does have periods of new life and growth. And it also has periods where we are just kind of hanging on. It is important to remember to keep on keeping on even during those times when it becomes more of an obligation. As we do, we can have confidence that our faith will grow again, and we will see God at work in our lives and in the lives of those around us.

In Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bob Raschka



Community Fellowship Café

The next Community Fellowship Café is Thursday,

October 3rd from 5:30 – 7:00pm. Potato Bar!

Free and open to Everyone!

Need a Ride Call (765)379-6452

Next Ladies Day Out: October 11th

Meet in church parking lot to leave promptly at 11am

we will be going to Cracker Barrel in Lafayette.

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

Fifteen ladies enjoyed fellowship and lunch together at Olive Garden Aug. 9th!



Annual Charge Conference October 13th



We will join with churches from throughout our section of the Northwest District for our annual Charge Conference on Sunday, October 13th at 3:00 pm at Stidham United Methodist Church(5300 S Co Rd 175 W , Lafayette, IN.) We will meet in our parking lot to carpool over to Stidham at 2:00 pm. The

Charge Conference serves as a time for churches to realign our mission of God (making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world) and re-aiming toward specific priorities the Holy Spirit has set for us in the year ahead. The Conference affirms actions taken by our Administrative Council regarding the year ahead such as electing leaders, setting salary, and updating membership information. Our Charge Conference will be presided over by our Conference Superintendent Lore Blinn Gibson. And she will guide us in Loving(prayer and community building), Learning, and Leading. All members of the Administrative Council and any additional interested church members are invited to attend. Churches in our region attending this conference are: Rossville, Mulberry, Lafayette Trinity, Lafayette Congress Street, Bringhurst, Buck Creek, Pine Village, Remington, West Point, Oxford, Fowler, Attica First, Covington Salem, and Kentland Trinity.

Rossville 101 Membership Class begins October 27th

A class for those interested in joining the membership of Rossville United Methodist Church will begin meeting on Sunday, October 27th at 4:00 pm.

This class meets for three consecutive Sundays and will cover where we came from, where we are today, and the spiritual benefits of joining the membership of Rossville United Methodist Church. Those who joined the church this summer as well as those who are interested in joining, or current members who would like a refresher course are invited to attend. The class will meet at 4:00 pm on October 27th and November 3rd and at 3:30 pm on November 10th.



Impact Team

Earlier this year, as part of its annual vision and planning retreat, the Rossville Administrative Council agreed to sign up for an Indiana Conference program known as IMPACT. Individuals from our congregation signed up for the team led by retired United Methodist pastor Rev. Greg Enstrom. The team from Rossville meets in Tipton with groups from seven other churches once every other month for a period of nine sessions. The goal of the Indiana Conference IMPACT program is to guide churches to learn how to thrive in our "tomorrows" instead of hoping to just survive them.

Each session has a specific topic such as vision, leadership, worship, and faith development. During the month in-between the sessions, the IMPACT team is assigned certain tasks to complete in moving us forward. For example, in August and early September we planned and then carried out a prayer walk/drive around to each street in Rossville as well as a drive in the six mile radius around the town. We observed and noticed different parts of our area and prayed for each neighborhood. We also discussed some revealing demographic reports about the Rossville area. In October, we are asking some folks to join us in helping to begin the process of discerning a vision for the future. The team will continue meeting every other month until November 21, 2020. Members of the Rossville Impact team are Pastor Bob, Mary Gray, Connie Hinesley, Brad Nelson, Heather Wiggins, Dave Need, Carol Bushfield, Dave Bushfield, Tonya Bushfield & Linda Ostler,



TUESDAYS Sept. 24th - Nov. 5th 6:00-7:30 pm

(Club will not meet Oct. 15th Fall Break)

Adventure Club Sunday Oct 27th 10:15am

PRE-K through 5th grade

MUSIC

LESSONS

FUN

GAMES

SNACKS



Emily Green Oct 1
Addison Cooper Oct 3rd
Barry McCabe Oct 10th
Adrienne Shireman Oct 16th
Mike Rothenberger Oct 21st
Dawn Zobel Oct 24th
Ronin Green Oct 26th
Virginia McCabe Oct 28th

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October 6th Buzz & Nancy Disinger
October 6th Michael & Vicki Rabanus
October 20th Christian & Adrienne Shireman

October worship themes

October 6th World Communion Sunday
 "Consequences and Promises" Jonah 1:12-2:10

October 13th "Spared!" Jonah 3:1-10

October 20th Laity Sunday Dave Bushfield preaching

October 27th Seriously? Jonah 4:1-11



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

September 1, 2019 \$1,664.00

September 8, 2019 \$1,558.00



September 15, 2019 \$3,913.00

September 22, \$2,928.00

Needed Weekly for Budget \$2,333.24

October, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p>  <p>Adventure Club 6-7:30pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</p> <p>L.R.E.</p> <p>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Community Café 5:30-7pm</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Religious Ed 1-3pm</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Sunday School 9 am</p> <p>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</p> <p>Service @ Milner's 3pm</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p> <p>R.O.C.K. Youth 6-7:30pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Trustees 7pm</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Adventure Club 6:30-7:30</p>	<p>9</p> <p>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</p> <p>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Ladies Day Out 11am Parking lot</p>  <p>Religious Ed 1-3pm</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Sunday School 9am</p> <p>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Ad Council 7pm</p> <p>Impact Team 8pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>No Adventure Club (Fall Break)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</p> <p>L.R.E.</p> <p>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>No Religious Ed (Fall Break)</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Laity Sunday Sunday School 9am</p> <p>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>SPRC 6pm</p> <p>Missions 7pm</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>Adventure Club dinner 5:30pm</p> <p>Adventure Club 6-7:30pm</p> <p>Worship Team 7:30pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</p> <p>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Religious Ed 1-3pm</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Adventure Club Sunday Sunday School 9am</p> <p>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p> <p>R.O.C.K. Youth 6-7:30pm</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>Adventure Club 6-7:30pm (Costume Night)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>M&M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</p> <p>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</p>	<p>31</p>		