

# THE ECHO... NOVEMBER 2019



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



## Bob Notes

I came across these thoughts the other day in a preaching magazine. I share them here.

"Isn't it strange how two hours seem so long when you're at church, and so short when you're watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you're praying but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring you think it is to read one chapter of the Bible but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts or games but they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in Church?

Life is, indeed, strange, isn't it?"

In this month of November when we set a day aside to give God thanks and praise, my imagination could add a few more quips to the list above.

They are as follows.

Isn't it strange that people can't wait to rush through Thanksgiving Dinner so they can turn on the football game?

Isn't it strange that people will just leave everything on the table when Thanksgiving Dinner is done so they can rush out for the Black Friday sales which now start on Thanksgiving Day in many locales?

Isn't it strange that the original Thanksgiving Feast in 1621 lasted three days while we hope to get everything prepared and finished in as little time as possible?

Isn't it strange that we hear how people dread Thanksgiving and any other days when families gather because they fear getting into political arguments?

Isn't it strange?

Has Thanksgiving turned into the only thing that keeps the majority of people going wild about Christmas on the day after Halloween?

Or is it still a day to stop in the middle of all our activities and truly give thanks to God? Every day should be a day when we are thankful, but this day was set aside to remind us of how our forebears survived their first year at Plymouth Rock thanks to Almighty God and the help God provided from the native population. Even though half of their number died the previous winter, they have thanks the following Autumn for the blessings God had brought them since.

Let us not forget to live a life of thankfulness. Let us not rush through the upcoming Thanksgiving Day on November 28, but instead focus on its meaning.

Thankful for the people of Rossville.

*Pastor Bob Raschka*

Daylight Savings Time Ends,  
and Standard Time begins Sunday,  
**November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Don't forget to turn  
your clocks back an hour before  
going to bed the night before.



# ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>** is All Saints Sunday. This day is set aside to remember Christian loved ones who have passed away in the previous twelve months. At this service we will have a special time to honor the memory of these individuals. If someone in your circle of friends or family, or someone who had a positive influence in your life has passed away this year, this service can serve as a meaningful experience as you remember them.



## *Community Fellowship Café*

*The next Community Fellowship Café is Thursday,*

*November 7th from 5:30 – 7:00pm.*

*Soup and Grilled Cheese will be served!*

*Free and open to Everyone! Need a Ride Call (765)379-6452*

## *Next Ladies Day Out: November 8th*

Meet in church parking lot to leave promptly at 11am

we will be going carpooling to Cheddars in Lafayette.

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

Eleven ladies enjoyed fellowship and good food together at Cracker Barrel on Oct. 11th!



Our annual stewardship emphasis is scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Last year we had a very enthusiastic response, and we are looking to how God may lead us forward in support of Christ's church here at Rossville in 2020. Don't miss out on these important Sundays in the life of the church.

Rehearsals for our annual **Christmas Reader’s Theatre** will begin on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm. This year’s program is entitled “AWAY FROM THE MANGER”. A few worshippers visited the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. But what about those who stayed away? Their excuses are many and varied. This program is a lighthearted yet challenging look at why we sometimes “stay away from the manger”. We need as many people as are interested in being a part of this fun and inspirational experience this year.



Rehearsals will continue weekly until the day of our program which is December 15<sup>th</sup> during the worship service. Come on out and join the fun beginning November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our **Christmas Choir** will begin rehearsals on Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 pm. The choir will sing at the worship service on Christmas Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup>.



**Bishop Trimble to preach at District Prayer Gathering at Delphi Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.** Indiana United Methodist Bishop Julius Trimble will be preaching at our Northwest District Prayer Gathering and District Conference on Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. This will take place at Delphi United Methodist Church—1796 U.S. 421, Delphi, IN. You are welcome to come and pray for our leaders, congregations, and communities.



Join us as we gather together to give God thanks for another year at our 10:15 service on November 24<sup>th</sup>—Thanksgiving Sunday. Whether this year was a year of blessings, or a year of challenges, or most likely a mixture of these, God has led us through the year. Invite friends and loved ones to this special service.



The season of Advent this year begins on December 1<sup>st</sup>, the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Therefore in order to be prepared for the beginning of Advent, we are inviting people to stay after church on **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>** to help decorate our church facility for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season. A meal will be served afterwards. Let’s hope as many as are able to stay can do so as many hands make for light work.

We would like to thank everyone for the very generous gift and many acts of kindness expressed to us for Pastor's Appreciation month. It is great to serve in ministry with the wonderful people of Rossville. Thanks again.

Love,

*Pastor Bob & Ruth*



Did you enjoy our group Christmas outing last year? I know I did! So please join us again as we carpool to see "I'll Be Home for Christmas" on Saturday, December 7th at 6pm.

Connie Hinesley will be purchasing a block of tickets and needs payment by Nov. 24th.

**Delphi First Assembly of God Presents:**  
**Our 20th Anniversary**  
**Dinner Theatre Production**  
**"I'll Be Home for Christmas"**



**1940s**  
**Big Band Era**

**Radio**

**Salute to**  
**our Military**

**Tickets are \$15.00 each and includes a Full-Course Dinner and a Broadway-Style Musical (no childcare available)**

**Performance Schedule:      \*\* RESERVATIONS REQUIRED \*\***

**Friday, December 6th**  
 Doors open at 6:00 pm

**Saturday, December 7th**  
 Doors open at 6:00 pm

**Sunday, December 8th**  
 Doors open at 5:00 pm

**To Purchase Tickets:**  
[www.delphifirst.org](http://www.delphifirst.org)  
 or call 765-564-2200  
 Mon - Thurs  
 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Delphi First Assembly of God**  
**9835 West US Hwy 421 ~ Delphi, IN 46923**



**Pastor Bob Nov. 1st**  
**Brayla Marlow Nov. 3rd**  
**Darrin Disinger Nov. 14th**  
**Debbie Pollard Nov. 17th**  
**Cody Disinger Nov. 17th**  
**Margo Oren Nov. 19th**  
**Elissa Weida Nov. 22nd**  
**Phil Emens Nov. 25th**  
**Zoe Marlow Nov. 28th**  
**Ethan Rothenberger Nov. 30th**

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**Bob & Ruth Raschka November 23rd**

**Worship and Sermon Themes November 2019**

November 3<sup>rd</sup> "Resting from Their Labors" Hebrews 12:1-2

November 10<sup>th</sup> "Is it All a Game?" Psalm 135:15-18; Matthew 6:31-34

November 17<sup>th</sup> "Fractions" Mark 12:41-44; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

November 24<sup>th</sup> "Entering the Gates" Psalm 100; Matthew 7:13-14

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

September 29, 2019 <b>\$1,112.00</b>		October 13, 2019 \$2,437.00
October 6, 2019 \$7,687.00		October 20, 2019 <b>\$1,671.00</b>

Needed Weekly for Budget \$2,333.24

# November, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  <i>Religious Ed</i> 1-3pm	2
3 <i>Sunday School</i> 9 am <i>Worship and Jr. Church</i> 10:15 am <i>Brayla M. Bday party</i> 1:30-3:30 <i>Membership class</i> 4pm <i>Service @ Milner's</i> 3pm <i>Prayer Group</i> 5pm	4	5  <i>Adventure Club</i> 6:30-7:30 <i>Carnival Night</i>	6 <i>M&amp;M Ladies' Bible Study</i> 9 am  <i>Fellowship @ Mary's</i> 6:30pm	7  <i>Community Caf�</i> 5:30-7pm 	8 <i>Ladies Day Out</i> 11am <i>Parking lot</i>  <i>Religious Ed</i> 1-3pm	9
10 <i>Sunday School</i> 9am <i>Worship and Jr. Church</i> 10:15 am <i>Membership class</i> 3:30pm <i>Prayer Group</i> 5pm  <i>R.O.C.K. Youth</i> 6-7:30pm	11  <i>Ad Council</i> 7pm	12	13  <i>M&amp;M Ladies' Bible Study</i> 9 am  <i>L.R.E.</i> <i>Fellowship @ Mary's</i> 6:30pm	14	15  <i>Religious Ed</i> 1-3pm	16
17 <i>Sunday School</i> 9am  <i>Worship and Jr. Church</i> 10:15 am  <i>Prayer Group</i> 5pm	18  <i>SPRC</i> 6pm  <i>Missions</i> 7pm	19	20  <i>M&amp;M Ladies' Bible Study</i> 9 am   <i>Worship Team</i> 7pm	21	22  <i>Religious Ed</i> 1-3pm	23
24 <i>Sunday School</i> 9am  <i>Worship and Jr. Church</i> 10:15 am <i>Hanging of the Greens</i> Noon <i>Prayer Group</i> 5pm  <i>R.O.C.K. Youth</i> 6-7:30pm	25  <i>Deadline for Poinsettia orders</i>	26	27  <i>M&amp;M Ladies' Bible Study</i> 9 am	28   <i>Church Office Closed</i>	29  <i>Church Office Closed</i>	30