



# THE ECHO... FEBRUARY 2020

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

## *A Word From The Pastor*

The early part of February celebrates love. In fact, we start seeing displays in the stores filled with hearts and red colors and other symbols of "love" almost as soon as they take down all the Christmas stuff. Like all the other holidays, there are a plethora of food items and decorations and even clothing connected to the day we celebrate "love"—Valentine's Day. Let's focus in on the concept of love as we approach Valentine's Day.

In Greek, there are four separate words used for love. "**Eros**" is the word indicative of the description of love we celebrate at Valentine's Day. It is a sense of being "in love." It is often based on "feeling" or "**romance**."

Another kind of love spoken of in the Bible is "**Phileo**". This means to have a special interest in someone or something, frequently associated with **friendship**, but often associated with loving something. This could be love for friends or love for items such as a particular kind of food or drink or color or hobby or sports team or other interest.

Another word for love describes the love and affection that naturally occurs between parents and children, and can exist between siblings. This word for love is "**Storge**" It is found in Romans 12:10 as it says to "love each other as brothers and sisters, let there be deep friendship and **family-affection** toward one another. Honor one another above yourselves."

Finally, we come to the most important word for love. And this is actually first. "**Agape**". Agape' is love because of what it does, not because of how it feels. God so loved the world. (Agape'). —John 3:16. God's love was displayed through an **action**-not a feeling. Christ so loved (agape)' that he gave his life.

A mother who loves a sick child will stay up all night caring for it. It is not something she necessarily wants to do, but it is a true act of agape' love. In a marriage, agape' love develops over time. It is not something which is forced.

Agape' love is not an impulse generated from feelings. It is an exercise of the will-- a deliberate choice. Loving a person with agape' or **sacrificial** love is to obey God on another person's behalf. When Christ commanded us to love one another, (John 13:34) the term for love which is used is agape'. Agape' is also the word for love to describe a fruit of the Holy Spirit in Galatians 5:22.

Agape' love is the kind of love that obeys God's teachings. Many Christians say they love God but the choices and actions they take in life are contrary to the will of God. Jesus says those who do not love (Agape') him do not obey his teaching.—John 14:24

As we approach another Valentine's Day and celebrate love, let us remember that the most sacrificial kind of love is an action. **Love is a verb. It is not just based on "feelings."**

In Christ, *Pastor Bob Raschka*

## Vision and Planning Retreat

Over the past few years, the annual vision and planning retreat at Rossville has resulted in the development of some new and vital ministries in the life of our church. Most significantly was the start of our Friendship Café' which provides a free meal on the first Thursdays of April through December. Also, a new grief ministry was begun last year and the decision to become part of the Impact program was agreed to.

Are you interested in what God might have in store for us this year and in coming years? Come on out and join us on Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – noon. The Administrative Council will host its annual vision and planning retreat at that time. Anyone who is interested or who has an idea to share is welcome to attend. You do not have to be a member of the Administrative Council to attend this meeting. Let's get together and seek God's will as we look ahead through the rest of 2020 and into 2021 and beyond.

### *Next Ladies Day Out: February 14th*

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

We will be carpooling to Culvers in Lafayette .

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

**Ten ladies met for lunch on Jan. 10th at Cheddars.**

**They enjoyed the fellowship and great food.**

**Can you believe it! Ladies Lunch is now 1yr old.**

**Time flies when you are having fun!**



## EMMAUS GATHERING

**Friday, February 14th Rossville United Methodist Church**

**110 West Main St. Rossville, IN 45065**

**Fellowship: 6:30pm in basement**

**(A-M please bring drinks, N-Z snack to share)**

**Meeting: 7pm (childcare provided)**



Fellowship Dinner February 16th

After church a meal of Ham & Beans will be Served

This is a free meal open to anyone

For more information see Jeff Miller



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**TUESDAYS Feb 25th - April 7th 6:00-7:30 pm**

**(Club will not meet March 24th Spring Break)**

**Adventure Club Sunday April 5th 10:15am**

**PRE-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**MUSIC**

**LESSONS**

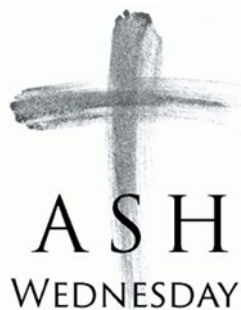
**FUN**

**GAMES**

**SNACKS**







### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE February 26<sup>th</sup>

The season of Lent begins Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and continues until Easter Sunday morning on April 12<sup>th</sup> this year. We will begin our Lenten Season together at a service at 7:00 pm on the evening of February 26, 2020. Everyone is welcome to gather as we join together in this season of repentance and renewal.

## In Concert



**SATURDAY FEB. 29TH  
6:30 PM**

## *Praise Times Three* *Gospel Trio*

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*Join us for an evening of Southern  
Gospel music*



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BUDGET

**2020 Budget**



The Rossville UMC budget for this year is \$128,950.85.

The weekly amount needed on average is \$2,528.44

Total weekly offerings for the weeks of December 29, 2019-January 12, 2020 were \$11,842.00.

Amount needed to fund the last week of 2019 and first 2 weeks of January was \$7,424.28.

**February Worship Themes**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> "Infinity..." Matthew 18:21-35

February 9<sup>th</sup> "Salt and Light" Matthew 5:13-16

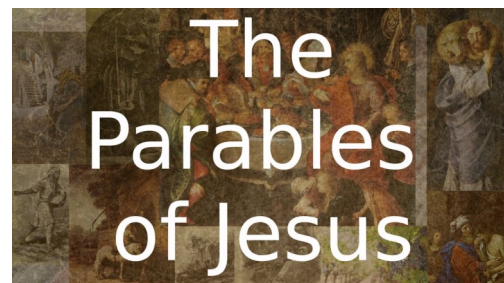
February 16<sup>th</sup> "The Sower" Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

February 23<sup>rd</sup> "The Prodigal and his Brother"

Luke 15:11-32








Ash Wednesday

February 26<sup>th</sup> "Making Peace with God" Joel 2:12-13; 2 Corinthians 5:20-21





# February, 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<p>1</p> <p><i>Impact Team @ Tipton</i></p> 
<p>2</p> <p><i>Sunday School 9 am</i></p> <p><i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i></p> <p><i>Service @ Milner's 3pm</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Trustees Meeting 7pm</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>6pm <b>Bible Study</b></p>  <p><i>Worship Team 7pm</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p><i>M&amp;M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</i></p> <p><i>LRE</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p><i>Religious Ed 1-3pm</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p><i>Vision/Planning Retreat 9am-Noon</i></p>
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<p>16</p> <p><i>Sunday School 9am</i></p> <p><i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i></p> <p><i>Ham &amp; Bean Fellowship Meal</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	<p>17</p>  <p><b>Presidents Day</b></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>M&amp;M Ladies' Bible Study 9 am</i></p> <p><i>LRE</i></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p><i>Religious Ed 1-3pm</i></p>	<p>22</p>
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