

# THE ECHO... AUGUST 2020



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

## From the Pastor

Across the years I have served in full-time ministry, I have preached just about 1,425 weekly sermons. Of these sermons, twenty-six have had any chapter or verses from the Book of Revelation as its main text. (I actually keep track of this sort of thing.) Yes, I have quoted verses from Revelation during countless sermons over the years. (I don't keep track of this.) But, on only 26 of the 1,425 plus sermons was Revelation the main text. And the last time was on New Year's Day of 2017.

Five things have happened which have caused me to decide it is time to do an entire series on Revelation. One is the fact that it occurred to me that I have never preached a sermon series on the Book of Revelation. Two, there are a lot of misunderstandings and assumptions made about the book which cause people to say it is confusing (while never actually having read any of it). Three, our worship team suggested at a meeting last year that they thought it'd be interesting if I would consider preaching about Revelation. Fourth, **the year 2020 happened!** (Do I need to say anything else?) Fifth, and most importantly, I felt a nudging from the Holy Spirit that it is time to tackle this book.

And so, as you will read in an article elsewhere in this newsletter, I have decided it was time to preach a series of sermons dealing with the book of Revelation. I trust that by the time I complete the series at the end of October, all of us (myself included) will have perhaps a clearer understanding of the book of Revelation. There are practical lessons from the book which can be applied to our daily lives. It is not only a book about future events. May God guide us in our pursuit and understanding.

In Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Bob Raschka*





### Release Time Religious Education Classes

Rossville Schools are starting back up on August 5<sup>th</sup>. And, per information we have received from Rossville Elementary School principal Chad Dennison, we will be starting Release Time Religious Education on Friday August 21<sup>st</sup> **using Social distancing guidelines**. The third graders will be at our church from 1-1:50 pm and the 4<sup>th</sup> graders from 2-2:45 pm on Fridays. The students will wear masks while in the hallways at the school, and will remain facing forward the entire time they are at the church. Our Religious Ed staff is Rhonda Skinner, Pastor Bob Raschka, Kristi Miller, Elaine Zimmerman, and Brandy Marlow. These are the plans approved by the Rossville Elementary School leadership and the Rossville Schools Superintendent at the present time. We will announce if there are any changes.

### Summer's End Festival Cancelled

The Rossville Business Association announced on July 15th that the annual Rossville Summer's End Festival was cancelled for 2020. This decision was made after much discussion and legalities concerning the COVID -19 pandemic.

As a result of the festival's cancellation, our church will not be holding our annual Chicken and Noodle Dinner. But we will be back on August 28, 2021! We are still, however,

**selling bags of noodles for \$3 a piece**. If you would like to obtain noodles, please contact Nancy Disinger at 379-3357. Nancy says, "Don't worry we will be back bigger and better next year."



The cancellation of the festival has also caused the cancellation of the annual community worship service. Therefore, we will still be having a regular morning service here in our church on August 23rd, the date originally scheduled for the summer's end community worship service.



### Revelation Series

Pastor Bob will begin a ten-week sermon series on the book of Revelation starting Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. The series will include background material about the book, the circumstances of its writing, the seven churches the book was written to, lessons for our lives, some of the graphic imagery, and Revelation's application both in the time in which it was written as well as to today and the end times. The scheduled ten Sundays are August 9<sup>th</sup> - September 27<sup>th</sup>; and October 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>.

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- Victoria Seest 4th**
- Glenn Marlow 14th**
- Jane Rothenberger 15th**
- Michael Rabanus 16th**
- Linda Ostler 19th**
- Aleyah Knox 19th**
- Vern Leslie 20th**
- Steve Ostler 24th**
- Lacretia Rothenberger 24th**
- Steve Pollard 31st**

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**Happy Anniversary**

**Mike & Lacretia Rothenberger Aug 26th**

**Financial Report**

- Amount needed weekly to meet the budget: \$2539.51
- Average received per week June 28- July 26: \$2580.09
- Average received per week 2020 year to date: \$2261.69
- United Methodist Committee Relief Offering \$420.00
- Loving Alternatives Crisis Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Collection: \$201.32

BUDGET



**August 2020 Worship Schedule**

- August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Guest Speaker Dave Bushfield
- August 9<sup>th</sup>: Revelation Series Begins "Revelation: The Backdrop" Revelation 1:1-8 & 22:5
- August 16<sup>th</sup>: "Revelation: Head v. Heart" Rev. 2:1-10
- August 23<sup>th</sup>: "Revelation: Faithful to the End" Rev. 2:8-11
- August 30<sup>th</sup>: "Revelation: Good & Bad" Rev. 2:12-16



# August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p><b>2</b></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><i>Trustees 7pm</i></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><i>B</i></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><i>First Day for Rossville School</i></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9am Communion Sunday</i></p> <p><i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><i>Administrative Council 7pm</i></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><i>Worship Team 7pm</i></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><i>IN Annual Conference UMC</i></p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9am</i></p> <p><i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><i>SPRC 6pm Missions 7pm</i></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15am</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><i>Reopening Task Force 7pm</i></p>					