

THE ECHO...



2021



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



One year has now passed. One year since our in-person worship services here at Rossville were suspended for the first of three different time frames: March 22-May 24, 2020; November 29-December 13, 2020; and January 3-10, 2021. A total of fifteen Sundays. One year since we began live-streaming our worship services. First on Facebook, and later on both You Tube and Facebook.

During this year, some in our congregation have lost friends or loved ones due to COVID-19. A handful of our folks were diagnosed with COVID-19. And almost everyone in the congregation has had friends and loved ones who were diagnosed with it.

A year ago at this time, we were making plans of how to do Maundy Thursday Communion as a drive-through set up. A year ago at this time, Easter Service was being planned for an empty sanctuary. A year ago...

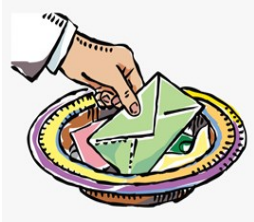
It seems like yesterday, and yet it seems like an eternity. Beyond COVID-19, many of our congregants have experienced one of the most difficult years in their lives whether it was health issues in which they have had to wait to receive treatment,(and in some cases still haven't) or employment-related issues, or months and months of uncertainty, or not being able to gather with family members or for church activities. Or other issues beyond these. Many have struggled.

And now here we are. Many have received their second vaccine, and have gradually begun returning to in-person worship. Hopefully as Easter nears, many more will feel comfortable as well. Another Holy Week has come. The first day of Spring has passed. We will gather in person on April 4th to celebrate the reason for our faith, the reason there is a church, the reason for our joy—the rising up of Jesus Christ from the dead! The resurrection!

I invite everyone who is able or feels comfortable doing so, to gather together with us for this grand day. And then as we move further into the spring and more change comes, that we will hold onto the hope we have in Jesus Christ!

In Christ,

Pastor Bob Raschka



Offerings

Average offering received per week February 28- March 21st: \$1,960.00
 Average offering received per week 2021 year to date: \$2,092.00
 2021 budget needed per week: \$2580.31

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal, Holy Communion, Fellowship Meal April 1st



This year for Maundy Thursday we are having a Seder Meal along with Holy Communion followed by a dinner beginning at 6:00 pm in the church basement.

There will be an observance of the Jewish Passover as the pastor explains the meaning and significance of the items of the Jewish Seder Meal.



This will be followed by a partaking of Holy Communion as we remember our Lord's last supper with his disciples. The evening will conclude with a full dinner. Everyone is invited to attend this special evening.



The 2021 Rossville Community Wide Good Friday Service, Easter Sunrise Service, and Easter Breakfast are scheduled for the Living Stone Church, located at 69 W. Main St. in Rossville.

The **Good Friday Service** is scheduled for Friday, **April 2nd** at **7:00 pm**. Pastors from the churches of Rossville will be participating in this service.

The **Easter Sunrise Service** followed by **Easter Breakfast** is scheduled for Sunday, April 4th at **7:00 am** and **8:00 am** respectively.

Everyone is invited to attend one of all of these events as we in the Rossville Community gather together for worship all in one place for the first time since the 2019 Summer's End Festival—prior to COVID-19.

WORSHIP WITH US IN PERSON each SUNDAY @ 10:15 am or @10:30 am on Youtube.com

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A recording of the service is available on our Rossville United Methodist Church

Facebook page usually by 1:30 Sunday afternoon.

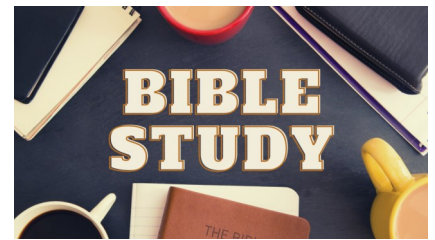




Join us in-person to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Sunday, April 4th at 10:15 am. Last year, we did not meet in person due to COVID-19. This year, we are encouraged to wear masks if you are comfortable and gather together. The service will also be live streamed on You Tube and on Pastor's Facebook page beginning at 10:30 am. A recording of the service will be available on the Church Face book page on Easter afternoon. Join us as we celebrate the RISEN SAVIOR!

Case for Easter Bible Study continues

The last two sessions of our Bible Study—The Case for Easter—are scheduled for Tuesday April 6th and Wednesday April 14th at 7:00 pm. The session on the 6th is focused on “The Case for the Empty Tomb”. On the 14th, the class will conclude with Eyewitnesses to the Resurrection. Even if you have not attended the first two sessions, you are welcome to attend the last two sessions of this enriching and informative Bible Study.



Grief Care Class begins April 13th at Delphi UMC

Mike Harbech is facilitating a class entitled, "Hope Beyond Today, Navigating Life After Loss". This grief care class offers a Christian approach through the stages of grief. This is an opportunity for anyone who has had a recent or past loss to learn how to navigate the journey through grief.

Conversations in the class are strictly confidential, sharing is not required and each participant is greeted with warmth and respect.

There is NO COST. If you are interested in attending, please contact Delphi United Methodist Church at 765-564-3791 and ask for Ruth Miller. It is important to get your name in ahead of time so they can have materials ready for you. The church is located at 1796 N US Hwy 421- Delphi.

Dear Rossville United Methodist Church,

Asante sana (thank you) for the continued support of Life's Heart. We are praying that we will be able to return to Kenya here in 2021. Life's heart is blessed to be able to continue the blessings there. The harvest of bananas, mangoes, oranges, and avocados has begun. Planting of bean and maize (corn) crops is completed. The mobile clinic has received additional funds to increase service among the people. 2 children with cleft lip have had successful surgery.

Be Blessed!

*Tim & Marcia Eller
Rossville, Indiana*

*Thank you
MAY GOD BLESS YOU*



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Saturday, April 24th, 10am-1pm.

Due to Covid-19 Adventure Club will only meet one day this Spring. Join us for music, crafts, games, Bible stories and Lunch! This event is free and open to any child Pre-K (potty trained) through 5th grade. Please come a few minutes early to register your child. Registration will open at 9:45am prior to event. Mask are required and will be available to those who need one.

MUSIC

LESSONS



Crafts

GAMES

Lunch



- Shelby Brock 2nd
- Corey Nicolas 13th
- Israel Green 15th
- Niki Knox 16th
- Lyn Burkle 19th
- Tegan Weida 19th
- Ainura Nametullayeva 23rd
- Kristin Arnone 13th
- Ali Burkle 25th
- Dylan Disinger 25th

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 Worship and Jr. Church: 10:15 am

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- Steve & Linda Ostler April 6th
- Rex & Jane Rothenberger April 17th
- Phil & Jane Emens April 28th
- Don & Connie Hinesley April 29th



Worship Schedule

- April 4th Easter Sunday "It's NOT the End" Mark 16:1-8
- April 11th Guest Speaker: Eric Schneider from Dayton UMC
- April 18th "About that Anger" Psalm 4
- April 25th "God is Here... And There" Psalm 139:7-12 & Matthew 18:20



April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p>1</p> <p><i>Holy Thursday Seder Meal & Dinner 6pm</i></p>  <p>Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p><i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i></p> <p><i>Good Friday Service 7pm @ Brethren Church</i></p>	3
<p>4 <i>Easter sunrise Service 8am @ Brethren Church</i></p> <p><i>Communion</i></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9 am</i></p> <p><i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p> 	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<p><i>Trustees 7pm</i></p>	<p><i>Bible Study 7pm</i></p> 			<p><i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i></p>	
<p>11 <i>Guest Speaker Eric Schneider</i></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>	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<p><i>Administrative Council 7pm</i></p>	<p><i>Worship Team 7pm</i></p>	<p><i>Bible Study 7pm</i></p> 		<p><i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i></p>	
<p>18 <i>Sunday School 9am</i></p> <p><i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	19	20	21	22	23	24
		<p><i>SPRC 6pm</i></p>			<p><i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i></p>	<p><i>Adventure Club Saturday 10am -1pm</i></p> 
<p>25 <i>Sunday School 9am</i></p> <p><i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15am</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	26	27	28	29	30	
					<p><i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i></p>	