

THE ECHO... MARCH 2021

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



During the season of Lent, church leaders such as myself encourage people to spend some time in introspection and reflection. We are encouraged to allow God to reveal to us areas in our lives in which we have slipped away from God, to confess these, and repent of them, and allow God to turn us back toward Him. However, I wonder. I wonder if when we hear a pastor, or a teacher speak about such matters we find ourselves hoping that a person we are close with will take this seriously. We hope that they will finally change those areas which need to change in their life. . Well, I heard a story on the radio the other day which put me in mind as to God's desire for us in this.

A man had a conversation with his ear, nose, and throat doctor about his wife. He stated that he thinks his wife is experiencing hearing loss because she doesn't answer him like she used to. All he could think of is that she is losing her hearing. Well, as the story goes, the doctor told the man to go home and try an exercise. "Say something to her from 40 feet away, then 30 feet away, then 20 feet away, and finally from 10 feet away, and see if she answers." So, he did.

One night as his wife was preparing dinner, he was sitting at the far end of the living room while she was in the kitchen. He asked her, "Honey, what's for dinner tonight?" No answer. He then moved to a part of the room which was closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet away and asked, "Hey love bug, what's ya' fixin'?" No answer. Now, he walked into the dining room, about 20 feet away from her, and asked, "Dear, I was wondering what you are cooking for supper tonight?" No answer. "Hmm. This must be more serious than I thought", he wondered to himself. So, he went to the kitchen, about 10 feet away from his wife and asked, "What' cha making?" Still no answer. "Oh my goodness, I wonder what I am going to do." Finally, he got up right in her face and asked, "honey, I was wondering what you are making for dinner tonight?"

She yelled at him, "we're having chicken! I've told you five times already!!"

Yep. It turns out the husband was the one suffering the hearing loss. And much worse than he could have imagined.

How often do we do this with other people's shortcomings? We see where they are wrong, where they are failing, and where they need to improve, but fail to see that maybe, just maybe we ourselves are in much worse shape. Perhaps this is why Jesus said in Matthew 7:3, "And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own?"(NLT)

Therefore, this Lenten Season I challenge us all—myself included—seek the Lord and honestly ask God to show you the areas in your life where there is a log that needs removed.

Reflectively,

Pastor Bob Raschka



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS MARCH 14th

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour when you go to bed on Saturday March 13th as Daylight Saving Time begins **Sunday, March 14th** at 2:00 AM. We don't want to be late for church! Daylight Saving Time continues until Sunday, November 7th when we return to Standard time again.



UMCOR SUNDAY OFFERING MARCH 14th

The annual special offering for the United Methodist Committee on Relief is scheduled for the 4th Sunday of Lent—March 14th. Last year, Rossville UM Church collected \$427.00 for this offering. Envelopes will be provided. Monies collected on UMCOR Sunday help to lay the foundation so that they are able to assist in aiding individuals and communities which have been struck by a disaster such as floods, fires, tornadoes, and earthquakes.

LENTEN DRAMATIC READINGS

- This year, our worship services during Lent will include a dramatic reading which is followed by the extinguishing of a Lenten Candle. The readings are accounts of different people who were connected with our Lord Jesus Christ near the time of his crucifixion.
- The remaining schedule is as follows:
 - February 28th: The Woman who Anointed Jesus- Tonya Bushfield
 - March 7th: Pilate's Wife- Diane Miller
 - March 14th: Barabbas—Jeff Miller
 - March 21st: Mary at the Cross- Kris Gochenour



Case for Easter Bible Study Begins March 24th

Was Jesus' death a sham? Was the tomb really empty? Was Jesus really seen alive after his death? These questions and more will be discussed in a four-week study based upon Lee Strobel's book and media series entitled The Case for Easter. Pastor Bob will lead this series beginning Wednesday, March 24th at 7pm. The dates for the other sessions are Wednesday March 31st, Tuesday April 6th, and Wednesday April 14th. All are invited.



JOIN US FOR PALM SUNDAY SERVICE MARCH 28th

We will celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem at our annual Palm Sunday Service on March 28th. The children will march around the sanctuary

LENT 2021
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2-21 Dealing with Sin 2-28 Purpose
 3-7 Ten Commandments 3-14 Born Again
 3-21 Written 3-28 The Crowd



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.





happy birthday!


Nancy Disinger 17th
 Dan Cooper 24th
 Brinsley Cooper 25th
 Christian Shireman 27th
 Tonya Bushfield 28th

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Adult Sunday School
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 Sunday Worship and
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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
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Worship Themes March 2021

March 7 th "The Ten"	Exodus 20:1-18
March 14 th "Born Again"	John 3:14-21
March 21 st "Written on the Heart"	Jeremiah 31:31-34
March 28 th Palm Sunday "The Crowd"	Mark 11:1-11

Offerings

Regular offerings received for the Sundays of January 3rd through February 21st averaged \$2,170.07 for a total of \$17,360.59
 The weekly budget need is still under review for 2021, but runs about \$2,600.



\$256.76 was collected for missions, and \$300 was donated for church camp on these Sundays.

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>Fellowship at Mary's 6:30pm</i> 	4	5	6
7 <i>Communion</i> <i>Sunday School 9 am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	8 <i>Administrative Council 7pm</i>	9 <i>SPRC 6pm</i> <i>Worship Team 7pm</i>	10 <i>Fellowship at Mary's 6:30pm</i> 	11	12	13
14 <i>Sunday School 9am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i> <i>ROCK Youth 6-7:30pm</i>	15 <i>Missions 7pm</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21 <i>Sunday School 9am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	22	23	24 <i>Bible Study 7pm</i> 	25	26	27
28 <i>Sunday School 9am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:15am</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i> 	29	30	31 <i>Bible Study 7pm</i> 			