

THE ECHO...



2021

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



FROM THE
PASTOR

My phone rang on Wednesday, March 17th with a call from our Conference Superintendent Lore Blinn Gibson. She called with a proposal for me to consider adding an additional church- Forest United Methodist Church--to my appointment.

As you know by now, this was agreed to by Ruth and I, and the Staff-Parish and Ad Council groups at Rossville and at Forest. July 1st was the announced date as the beginning of the new arrangement. It seemed so far away, but now the date is almost here. Everything is in place, and my first Sunday is coming up on the 4th of July.

Remember, this will facilitate a change in the beginning of our worship time from 10:15 to 10:30. If you forget, it's not that big of a deal because you will only be fifteen minutes early.

Other than the worship time change, the most obvious change is that I will be at Rossville one less day a week—Tuesday—and then other extra events such as weddings and funerals or special services now and then.

Thus far, everyone at both Rossville and Forest has been so gracious about the proposed change. There will be some adjustments, but I am thankful for the opportunity to expand my ministry for Christ by serving both congregations. Hopefully, the two churches can do some events together from time to time.

God has great days in store for these congregations at a time when many people need the love of Jesus Christ in their lives.

Let's all work together to follow Christ as he continues to lead us.

Looking forward,

Pastor Bob Raschka

NEW WORSHIP TIME BEGINNING SUNDAY, JULY 4TH



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS REMAINS AT 9:00 AM.



GIVING at ROSSVILLE UMC is MORE THAN JUST MONEY

We give through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

When it comes to monetary gifts, there are multiple ways of giving at RUMC:

1. You may continue to give your gift by cash or check in the offering plate during Sunday morning worship.
2. You may mail a check to: Rossville United Methodist Church, PO Box 568, Rossville Indiana 46065.
3. You may give online using your credit/debit card or by an ACH transfer from your checking account. Our online giving provider is Tithe.ly and they provide the highest level of security for your financial transactions along with immediate confirmation of your gifts. Your giving information is safe. To set up your account on-line, search **Tithe.ly** and click on Donate to Tithe.ly. This will lead you to set up an account by following the prompts.
4. You may download the Tithe.ly app from the Apple App Store or from the Google Play Store. Once that is done, simply search for Rossville United Methodist Church and follow the prompts to set up your gift.

No matter how you give, your gifts help us to advance the Gospel to the Rossville community and around the world. We thank you for your support. Feel free to contact David Bushfield at 765-426-6271 if you have any questions or comments.

LADIES DAY OUT July 16TH



Ladies Day Out on June 11 had eight ladies in attendance. We enjoyed food and fellowship at the Nine Irish brothers.

Ladies Day Out



The next Ladies Day Out will be July, 16, 2021 at the Red Bird Café in Dayton. Please meet at the church parking lot to leave **promptly** at 11:00 am to carpool, or meet you there!

Contact Jane Emens (765-376-6176) or Connie Hinesley (765-379-2234).

Masks may be required

HYMN SING and ICE CREAM SOCIAL July 25th



Everyone is welcome to join us on the afternoon of Sunday, July 25, 2021 at 3:00 pm for a hymn sing followed by an ice cream social. A poll will be taken in the early weeks of July to determine which songs will be sung. This will involve both congregational singing and some solos. Mark your calendar for July 25th!

INDIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE REVIEW

The Indiana Annual Conference met June 11th-12th.
Listed below are a few highlights:



- The 2022 Annual Conference budget of \$11.9 million was adopted. This is 4.8% decrease from 2020, and a 4.1% increase from 2021.
- 22 churches were acknowledged for their many years of changing lives, though they closed in the last year.
- Sarah Jenkins was elected as Conference Chancellor and Heidi Harding was named Conference Treasurer.

The Conference honored the lives of 38 clergy and 40 spouses who passed away and joined the Church Triumphant in the last year.

Bishop Trimble shared an impassioned Episcopal Address entitled "Awesome and Amazing". The Bishop shared several examples of how God has been at work in the Indiana Conference in the last year, from church plants and Fresh Expressions to virtual Bible studies and baptisms. He declared, "Thank you, God, for signs of Pentecost and prayer power, for constant sightings and signs of Jesus and justice!"

Other highlights:

- 2 children were baptized.
- 30 retirees were honored for their 737 years of combined service.
- 6 persons were commissioned as provisional members.
- 3 persons were ordained as Elders.
- A resolution declaring that children matter most was passed by a large margin.
- A resolution encouraging adoption and foster care also passed by a large margin.
- A resolution asking the Church to hold off on trials until after the 2022 General Conference meets and the protocol for separation is decided was narrowly approved.
- And, a resolution meant to restore fairness in the proportion of lay delegates from each district to the Indiana Annual Conference failed.

JULY 2021 SERMONS AND WORSHIP THEMES

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July 4th: "Changing and Constant" Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Hebrews 13:7-8

July 11th: "My Calling" Luke 4:14-19

July 18th: "Restoration" Obadiah 12-14; Galatians 6:1-4

July 25th: "Judgement and Mercy" Zephaniah 3:1-6 & 14-17



Thank You to everyone who made church camp possible. RUMC is sponsoring 6 of our youth for camp this summer. Please pray for our youth and that their spiritual fire is contagious. Camper Prayer List: Miles & Izzy Green, Arizona Pritchard, Elissa & Tegan Weida and Dominique Cassamajor



- Mandee Nicolas 7th
- Kody Nicolas 8th
- Shelby Bushfield 9th
- Ruth Raschka 10th
- Jessica Boldenow 17th
- Jacque Cooper 18th
- Sharon Unger 23rd

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- David & Tonya Bushfield July 7th
- Dustin & Emily Green July 23rd



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Average General Offering received May 30-June 20: \$1,348.50
Average General Offering 2021 received year to date: \$2,195.86
Weekly budget need: \$2,580.31



July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>VBS @ Living Stone church 6-8pm</i>	2	3
4 <i>Communion</i> <i>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>  <i>Happy 4th of July</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	12	13	14	15	16  <i>Ladies Day Out Red Bird Café Meet at church parking lot 11am</i>	17
18 <i>Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 <i>Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15am</i> <i>Hymn Sing 3pm</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	26	27	28	29 <i>Memorial Service & Luncheon for Nancy Di singers Sister Marge Cornwell</i>	30	31