

THE ECHO... MAY 2021



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



By now, you have most likely heard about the upcoming change in my appointment status as pastor of Rossville United Methodist Church. As of July 1st, I have been appointed to serve as pastor both here at Rossville as well as at Forest United Methodist Church. Due to a shortage of available pastors, I was asked by our superintendent Lore Blinn Gibson to prayerfully consider serving as pastor of both congregations. This assignment will enable me to stay at Rossville for a few more years at the least. It will save financial resources for both congregations. It will give Forest the opportunity to be served by a fully ordained United Methodist minister with many years of experience.

Having met with representatives from the Forest Church, we feel there are many similarities in personality among the two congregations, and my ministry skills fit very well with the needs of both.

Practically speaking, the most visible change will involve the worship time on Sunday morning. Our service will begin at 10:30 instead of at 10:15. Announcements, joys, and prayer concerns will be led by a lay person during the first fifteen minutes of the service as is now the case. And then I will arrive by the time those are complete in order to lead the remainder of the service.

Another change will involve the days I am in the office here at Rossville. Currently, I am here Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday during the week plus some time as needed on Saturday. Once the new assignment begins, I will be at Forest on Tuesdays and Rossville on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during the week plus some time as needed on Saturday. Thursday will remain as my "day off". There will be times when there are special events or ministry needs at Forest that may take me there other than on Tuesday.

These first five and a half years here at Rossville have been a time of blessing for both Ruth and I and the congregation. We view you as part of our family in many ways. You have been so gracious and kind, and it has been an enjoyable place to serve. The growth which came to the congregation paused during COVID 19, but it looks like it will pick up again moving forward.

The thing is, God is in control. And change is constant. This upcoming change will involve some transition, this is true. But I believe God can use this time to create fruitful ministry for both congregations. People need Jesus in all locales. As I am now halfway through my sixth year here at Rossville, I look forward to what God continues to have in store for our ministry among you.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Bob Raschka



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 Rossville United Methodist Church:

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.



Wednesday Fellowship Resumes May 5th

Our Wednesday fellowship group at the home of Mary Gray resumes on May 5th at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a meal as well as a time of spiritual growth. Mary's house is located at 304 E. Main St. in Rossville.



National Day of Prayer Service May 6th at 7:00 pm

After a year off due to COVID, we are resuming our National Day of Prayer Service on Thursday May 6th at 7pm. The National Day of Prayer was established in 1952 as a day for people of all faiths to come together to pray for our nation.

All are welcome to attend this special prayer service here at Rossville.

WORSHIP WITH US

IN PERSON each SUNDAY @ 10:15 am or LIVE

ONLINE @10:30 am on Youtube.com Search Rossville United Methodist Church Indiana



OR, a recording of the service is available on our Rossville United Methodist Church Facebook page usually by 1:30 Sunday afternoon.



Mother's Day

Join us as we honor our moms and all women who have served in a role as a mother to us on Sunday May 9th. A special gift will be given to all moms.



We are once again collecting financial donations in baby bottles for the Pregnancy Resource Center in Frankfort this year. The bottles will be available for pick up at church beginning on Mother's Day, to be returned on Father's Day with coins or bills in them.

The Pregnancy Resource Center is expanding its services this summer to offer FREE ultrasounds and medical pregnancy tests as well as continuing to offer education services and resources.

Ladies Day Out

Our Women's Lunch Out group resumes for the first time since before COVID on Friday, May 14th. Meet at the church parking lot **promptly** at 11:00 am as we carpool to the Angry Donkey in Michigantown. Join us for a time of fellowship and nourishment. Any Questions or need a ride contact Jane Emens 765-379-3176 or Connie Hinesley 765-379-2234 Masks may be required.



Missions Dinner May 16th



Join us after church on Sunday, May 16th for a Missions dinner. Free donations will be accepted in baskets on each table to help support the many missions causes which we support here at Rossville United Methodist Church.

A delicious meal will be served.

Pentecost Sunday May 23rd

We will celebrate the birthday of the Christian movement and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples on Sunday, May 23rd. Don't miss out on this important Sunday in the life of the Church.



Memorial Day Sunday May 30th

We will honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy at the service on May 30th. There will be a moment of silence in their honor.

Sermon Schedule MAY 2021

May 2nd: "God Knows. God *Always* Knows." Psalm 139:1-3; Hebrews 4:12-13

May 9th: Mother's Day

"More than Practically Perfect" Psalm 18:30-33; Matthew 5:43-48

May 16th: Ascension Sunday

"The Patience of God" Psalm 103:1-10; Acts 1:6-11

May 23rd: Pentecost

"Beyond Beyond" Acts 2:1-8; 14-21

May 30th: Trinity Sunday

"Rest from the Stress" Matthew 11:28-30



Prayer requests for the church can be submitted to the church office. Pastor Bob or Brandy will start the phone tree system as soon as possible after receiving a request.

Here's What's Cookin': Scalloped Chicken From the Kitchen of Connie Hinesley

2 lbs cooked chicken	2 cans cream of chicken soup	2 cups diced celery
1 cup diced onion	1 cup rice cooked in broth	1 1/2 cup mayo
1 small can of pimento	1 small can of mushroom pieces	1/2 cup sliced almonds

Mix and Bake in 9x 13 Dish for 45 min at 350 degrees. Serves 12

Crumble one roll from package of Ritz Crackers with 1Tbs of melted butter to top dish

Enjoy!



Joe Latshaw 6th

Allena Weida 7th

Jim Unger 8th

Rex Rothenberger 10th

Brandy Marlow 17th

Velma Leazenby 20th

Carly Disinger 24th

Rita Power 27th

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Jeff & Diane Miller May 13th
Barry & Ginny McCabe May 15th
Dan & Jacque Cooper May 22nd



Stewardship Report

Average offering received March 28th - April 25th: \$3,209.80
Average offering received 2021 year to date: \$2,420.50
Weekly budget need: \$2,580.31



May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>2 Communion</p> <p>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	3	4	<p>5</p> <p>Mary's Fellowship 6:30</p>  <p>FELLOWSHIP</p>	<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>Religious Education 1-3pm</p>	8
<p>9</p> <p>Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>  <p>Happy Mother's Day</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Administrative Council 7pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Worship Team 7pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Mary's Fellowship 6:30</p>  <p>FELLOWSHIP</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Ladies Day Out 11 am</p> <p>Religious Education 1-3pm</p>	15
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