

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



How do you view the Bible? Do you view it as your guide for daily life? Is it a book of rules? Is it the “most controversial book in the world?” Is it an encyclopedia? Do you view it as truth? Is it a textbook? Or, do you view it as one of many truths for people to choose from? How do you view the Bible?

When pastors are fully ordained as elders or deacons in the United Methodist Church, we are asked if we are persuaded that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain all things necessary for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and are the unique and authoritative standard for the church’s faith and life. In addition, we are asked if we will be faithful in prayer in the study of the Holy Scriptures. In fact, every person who has been ordained in the United Methodist Church has promised to defend the church “against all doctrines contrary to God’s Word.”

Now, I am not here to get into a debate about how pastors have or have not lived these out over the years. I simply present them as the Church’s view of Scripture. At least on paper, the United Methodist Church views the Bible as God’s word.

There are reams and reams of books, articles, songs, and what-not about the Bible. One song comes to mind called “Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.” (B.I.B.L.E.)

Recently, I came across a description of the Bible given by Pastor Eric Huffman in his book Scripture and the Skeptic which I believe narrows down everything about the Bible into one little description. He refers to it as A LOVE STORY.

“It’s not only about long-ago people. *It’s about me.*

It’s not a theological beating. *It’s a father’s embrace.*

It’s not a textbook. *It’s a love story.*

He shares an account of the Prodigal Son in his description of the Bible as a Love Story.

“There once was a boy who had everything but felt he had nothing.

He deeply resented his father for never giving him what he deserved.

So one day the boy looked at his dad in the eye and said, “You’re dead to me!”

And he left his father’s house. At last, the boy was free from his father; that was all he ever wanted. But to his dismay, the deep, empty feeling remained. One dreadful day it hit him: “Oh no. Maybe I’m the problem. Dad gave me everything and all he asked of me was love.”

Bankrupt and alone, the boy went home, trembling with fear. As he walked slowly, shamefully up the path toward the house, he saw his father running toward him with a crazed look in his eyes. “He’s finally going to give me what I deserve,” the boy thought. And he braced himself for a beating. But all the boy got was a kiss, new clothes, and a party.”

This is the Bible. This is the love story. We may think of it as a textbook with a pass/fail test when all is said and done. But if we read the Bible like this, we haven’t learned to read it. The Bible is a love story! In it we discover a God who loves us so much that when we turn to him in repentance, he throws us a party!

In Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bob Raschka

Rossville Release Time Religious Education

The new school year starts out at Rossville on Friday August 6th. That means its almost time for Religious Education to begin once again. We are hoping that this year will be a more “normal” year with fewer weather cancellations, and hopefully no cancellations due to COVID.

Religious Education here at Rossville United Methodist Church is tentatively scheduled to begin Friday August 20th. The new class of 3rd graders will be at the church on Fridays from 1-1:50pm, and 4th graders will be here from 2-2:45pm. Please keep the children and the teachers and assistants in your prayers as the new school year begins.



LADIES DAY OUT August 16TH

Ladies Day Out on July 9th had fifteen ladies in attendance. We enjoyed food and fellowship in Dayton at Trisha's Red Bird Cafe.

The next Ladies Day Out will be Friday, Aug 13th, 2021 at Olive Garden in Lafayette. Please meet in the church parking lot to leave **promptly** at 11:00 am to carpool.

All Ladies are invited!

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

Living Alternative Pregnancy Center Collection

We collected a total of **\$311.70** in the baby bottles for the Living Alternative Pregnancy Center in Frankfort.



Special thanks to everyone who collected cash or coins in the bottles here at our church during May and June. These donations help to provide free services to women facing unplanned pregnancies. The services are offered in a caring and confidential setting by staff who specialize in pregnancy and sexual health issues. Thanks again for your generosity.

AUGUST 2021 SERMONS AND WORSHIP THEMES

August 1st: Hope That is Sure” Zechariah 1:2-6, 9:9-13

August 8th: Guest Speaker Ken Brewster
“Here Come da Judge” Amos 5:10-15

August 15th: Guest Speaker Bob Schumacher (Gideons)
“God’s Word is Both Seed and Bread” Isaiah 55:10-12

August 22nd: “The Whirlwind” Nahum 1:2-8

August 29th: Rossville Community Summer’s End Service at Rossville High School 10:30 am
Michael Wayne Smith in concert





ATTENTION

Rossville United Methodist Church

Annual Chicken Noodle Dinner

will be held in the church basement (110 W. Main St.)

August 28, 2021

from

4:00-7:00 pm

Adults \$10.00

5-12 yrs \$5.00

4 & under Free

Carry outs available

Proceeds will
help local
families in
need.

MENU

Chicken & Noodles

Mashed Potatoes

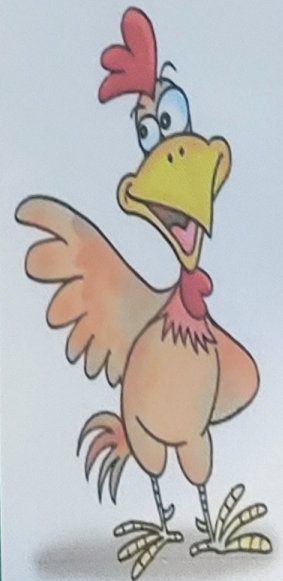
Green Beans

Applesauce

Dinner Roll

Dessert

Lemonade/ Iced Tea



**Summer's End Festival
Community Worship Service
2021**

August 29th 10:30am Rossville High School Auditorium



Michael is a Christian singer / songwriter from Oak Ridge, TN and has been traveling in ministry with his family since 2009 proclaiming the love of Christ through his music.

Please come join will be a wonderful time of music and sharing of God's love to us all.

Free to attend, a free will offering will be taken.

Web: www.michaelwaynesmith.com

August Birthdays

Victoria Seest 4th

Glenn Marlow 14th

Jane Rothenberger 15th

Michael Rabanus 16th

Linda Ostler 19th

Aleyah Knox 19th

Vern Leslie 20th

Lacretia Rothenberger 24th

Steve Pollard 31st



Mike & Lacretia Rothenberger

August 26th

Adult Sunday School

9:00-10:15 a.m

Sunday Worship and

Jr. Church 10:30 a.m.



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 Worship and Jr. Church: 10:30 am

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Financial Update

Average offerings June 27th-July 25th: \$3,180.29

Year to date average: \$2,359.94

Budget need per week: \$2,337.43



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.
- We thank you for your support. Contact David Bushfield at 765-426-6271 if you have any questions.

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Communion</p> <p>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pastor on Vacation through the 15th</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>Ladies Day Out Olive Garden Meet at church parking lot 11am</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Administrative Council 6pm</p> <p>Missions Team 7pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>SPRC 6pm</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Religious Ed 1-3pm</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:15 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Worship Team 7pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Religious Ed 1-3pm</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>Chicken Noodle Dinner 4-7pm</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Community Service at Rossville High School 10:30am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				