



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



Have you ever noticed? Have you ever noticed that at a concert of a big name recording artist, or at a Purdue football or basketball game, or at a Broadway style musical, or at some other large event there are certain similarities between the crowds? It matters not their personalities or their politics or whether they even believe in God. There are similarities. I came across these from a pastor who had attended a well-known musical at the Fox theater in Atlanta. I share these here because they really got my attention. Here is a list of some of the similarities he noticed.

They:

- Paid large sums for premium tickets.
- Saved the date and prioritized their attendance.
- Arrived an hour before the event started.
- Parked blocks away and walked to the entrance.
- Waited in long lines to enter the building.
- Took their seats before the opening number.
- Remained silent and attentive throughout the performance.
- Sat in uncomfortable seats for over three hours.
- Envied those who sat closest to the stage.
- Took selfies to share on social media.
- Bought merchandise to proudly advertise their presence.
- Talked to family and friends about the experience.

I have attended several events over the years for which these attributes are common whether it was a baseball game, a musical in Chicago, and even concerts for well known Christian entertainers such as Amy Grant, Michael W. Smith, Casting Crowns, Toby Mac, and others. However, one doesn't observe this in a typical Sunday morning worship service. Do we?

Maybe this is because attending a concert or a sporting event is not usually a normal occurrence. People plan for it in advance. Whereas worship happens every week and with the exception of a few holidays here and there, the services are generally the same style. And even the holiday services take on their own tradition-with the same music sung and the same Scriptures read year after year.

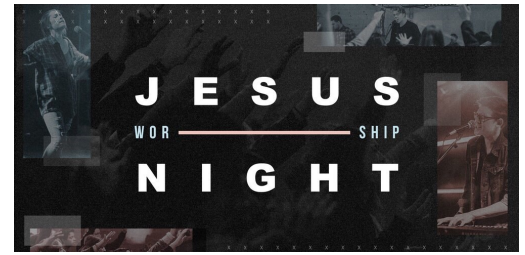
I wonder though. What would it take for people to get as excited about gathering to worship God in Christ and fellowship with others in the same manner that we would at a gathering with thousands of strangers at a sporting event or a concert? I wonder.

In Christ,

*Pastor Bob Raschka*

## ***“Jesus Night” Every Wednesday***

Fountain of Life Church and The Living Stone Church are joining together to have a weekly Wednesday evening service called “Jesus Night” at 69 West Main St. (Living Stone Church) at 7:00 pm. We are inviting everyone to come and trust that many believers in the community will be led to get involved sharing their gifts and talents. Please do not think of this as a Fountain of Life and Living Stone program but brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus joining together to support each other as we share Jesus’ love. Everyone is invited to attend. We are not asking each of the churches to participate as your respective church; but welcome your support as believers united together to proclaim Jesus to all the people of Rossville and its surrounding communities. We are not working to take anyone or anything from our respective Sunday services but to offer a safe place for the people of Rossville to come without worry of denomination, non-denomination, nor any other separating category, but simply as people who need Jesus and His grace. All are welcome every Wednesday



## **Rossville Community Men’s Breakfast meets first and third Saturdays**



A group of men have begun meeting the first and third Saturdays of each month at 7:30 am for a breakfast at the Living Stone Church. All men in the Rossville Community are invited to attend for a time of fellowship, discussion, and a delicious meal. October breakfast is on the 2nd & 16 at 7:30am.

## **LADIES DAY OUT October 8th**



Ladies Day Out on Sept. 10th had eight ladies in attendance. The next outing will be Oct. 8th. We will be going to the Camden Restaurant; then on to the 218 market. Please meet in the church parking lot to leave **promptly** at 11:00 am to carpool. Anyone is welcome to take turns driving. Due to this being a small event we do not have enough ladies to fill the RAT van.

**All Ladies are invited!**

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

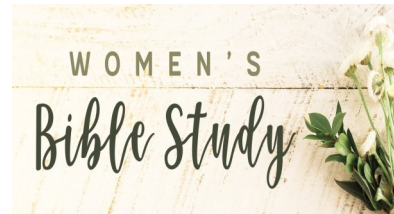
## **Wednesday Fellowship at Mary’s**

Wednesday Fellowship at Mary’s has begun. Join us Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. The evening includes a meal, singing, fellowship, discussion, and prayer. Everyone is welcome to come to the home of Mary Gray at 304 E. Main St in Rossville for this time of growing in our relationship with God and with each other.



### Rossville Community Bible Study for Women

A group of area churches in Rossville have joined together to organize a Bible study for women. There is a day and evening option for women to attend. The daytime option is here at Rossville United Methodist Church on Wednesday mornings at 10am and evenings on Tuesday's at 7:00pm at The Living Stone Church 69 W Main St. The ladies will be studying a book entitled Crazy Love by Francis Chan. The book centers on God's crazy, relentless, and all-powerful love. Have you ever wondered if we're missing it? It's crazy if you think about it. The God of the universe—the Creator of nitrogen and pine needles, galaxies and E minor- loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. This book goes deep into this love. Are you hungry for authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible solutions? If you have questions, contact Barb Michael at 765-379-2564.



Many hands make light work! And serving with you makes it Fun! Thank you to everyone who helped and donated to the Chicken Noodle Dinner. \$3,108 was raised and 350 people were served.

### October Sermon and Worship Themes

- October 3<sup>rd</sup> World Communion Sunday  
"Flesh and Blood" John 6:51-58
- October 10<sup>th</sup> "Heartbroken?" Nehemiah 1:1-4
- October 17<sup>th</sup> "Next Steps" Nehemiah 1:5-11
- October 24<sup>th</sup> "All In?" Nehemiah 1:10-11
- October 31<sup>st</sup> "Let's Get Started!" Nehemiah 2:11-18



### 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.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Emily Green Oct. 1st
- Addison Cooper Oct. 3rd
- Angela Bushfield Oct. 10th
- Barry McCabe Oct. 10th
- David Bushfield Oct. 14th
- Adrienne Shireman Oct. 16th
- Mike Rothenberger Oct. 21st
- Down Zobel Oct. 24th
- Ronin Green Oct. 26th
- Virginia McCabe Oct. 28th

# Happy Anniversary

- Buzz & Nancy Disinger Oct 6th
- Michael & Vicki Rabanus Oct 6th
- Christian & Adrienne Shireman Oct 20th

## Financial Report

Average offering Sept 5-12: \$2218.50  
 Average offering year to date: \$2299.92  
 Weekly budget need: \$2337.43



## Rossville United Methodist Church

110 W. Main St. P.O. Box 568  
 Rossville, IN. 46065  
 (765) 379-2981  
 Adult Sunday School: 9:00 am  
 Worship and Jr. Church: 10:30 am

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## PRAYER CHAIN

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.

## Adult Sunday School




9:00-10:15 a.m

Sunday Worship and

Jr. Church 10:30 a.m.



# October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  <i>Religious Ed</i> 1-3pm	2  7:30am @ LSC
3 <i>Communion</i>  <i>Sunday School</i> 9 am <i>Worship and Jr.</i> <i>Church 10:30 am</i>  <i>Prayer Group</i> 5pm	4          <i>Trustees Meeting</i> 7pm	5          <i>Ladies Bible</i> <i>Study 7pm @ LSC</i> 	6 <i>Ladies Bible</i> <i>study 10am @</i> <i>RUMC</i>   <i>6:30pm Mary's</i> <i>Fellowship</i>  <i>Jesus Night</i> <i>7pm @ LSC</i>	7	8   <i>Ladies Day Out</i> <i>Meet at church</i> <i>parking lot 11am</i>  <i>Religious Ed</i> 1-3pm	9
10 <i>Sunday School</i> 9am <i>Worship and Jr.</i> <i>Church 10:30 am</i>  <i>Prayer Group</i> 5pm	11          <i>Administrative</i> <i>Council 7pm</i>	12          <i>Ladies Bible</i> <i>Study 7pm @ LSC</i> 	13 <i>Ladies Bible</i> <i>study 10am @</i> <i>RUMC</i>   <i>6:30pm Mary's</i> <i>Fellowship</i>  <i>Jesus Night</i> <i>7pm @ LSC</i>	14	15          <i>Religious Ed</i> 1-3pm	16  7:30am @ LSC
17          <i>Sunday School</i> 9am <i>Worship and Jr.</i> <i>Church 10:30 am</i>  <i>Prayer Group</i> 5pm	18	19          <i>SPRC 6pm</i>  <i>Ladies Bible</i> <i>Study 7pm</i> <i>@ LSC</i> 	20 <i>Ladies Bible</i> <i>Study 10am</i> <i>@ RUMC</i>   <i>6:30pm Mary's</i> <i>Fellowship</i>  <i>Jesus Night</i> <i>7pm @ LSC</i>	21	22          <i>No Religious Ed</i> <i>Fall Break</i>	23
24          <i>Sunday School</i> 9 am <i>Worship and Jr.</i> <i>Church 10:30 am</i>  <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	25          <i>Worship Team</i> <i>Meeting 7pm</i>	26          <i>Ladies Bible</i> <i>Study 7pm</i> <i>@ LSC</i> 	27 <i>Ladies Bible</i> <i>Study 10a</i> <i>@ RUMC</i>   <i>Mary's</i> <i>Fellowship</i> <i>6:30pm</i>  <i>Jesus Night</i> <i>7pm @ LSC</i>	28	29          <i>Religious Ed</i> 1-3pm	30