

THE ECHO... JANUARY 2022

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



FROM THE
PASTOR

Whew! 2021 has ended. 2021 is in the history books. People thought 2020 was bad. Well, many would say that 2021 was worse. One day people might look back and lump 2020 and 2021 together. I was trying to count up in my mind how many people I have known who lost their lives in 2021 due to COVID and lost track at about 15, I think. And then there were scores and scores of people I have known that suffered with COVID but recovered. Throw into this one of the worst tornado outbreaks to hit the South and parts of the Midwest since they started keeping records—and in December at that. And then a whole series of horrific wildfires, hurricanes, etc. Yes, many are glad to see the year end. I know so many people who are suffering from loss as we turn the calendar.

While I suppose one could find difficult or tragic experiences from most any year, it just seems like 2021 produced a greater share of them than normal. Of course, the year wasn't totally tragic. New babies were born. Weddings were held. There were graduations from high school, college, and technical school. Several folks began a new, and fulfilling career. And most importantly from my standpoint, new converts were made for Christ. I have had the privilege of being with some folks as they made these new commitments and handed their life over to Christ. This was some of my greatest joy.

The new year, 2022, like most years will be filled with a mixture of good and bad, tremendous and depressing, ups and downs. I challenge each of you to commit, here at the offset, whatever the year may bring, to Jesus Christ. May Christ lead you into a deeper and more fulfilling relationship. May Christ help you to bring healing and reconciliation into situations of brokenness. May Christ guide you in changing and improving those areas which you have struggled with for years. May Christ be with you in times of celebration and help you through times of difficulty.

And then when we start 2023 and look back at 2022, we can say with confidence that no matter what the year brought, Christ was with us, and we were with Christ each step of the way.

Looking forward!

Pastor Bob Raschka



Special thanks to the dear people of Rossville United Methodist Church for the generous gifts presented to us at Christmas from the congregation. We are blessed to continue to serve among the people of Rossville UMC.

Love, Pastor Bob and Ruth

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the Christmas gift and all the notes of encouragement & love you sent. I love you all and it's a joy to call you family.

God Bless, Brandy Marlow

LADIES DAY OUT January 14th

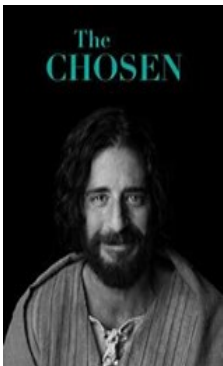
Last month 6 ladies enjoyed lunch & fellowship at Panera Bread The next Ladies Day Out will be January 14th at Monicals in Lafayette on St. Rd. 38. Meet in church parking lot to leave promptly at 11am.

All Ladies are invited!

For Questions Contact Jane Emens (765-376-3176) or Connie Hinesley (765-379-2234).



Winter Movie nights to feature "The Chosen"



After a year off because of COVID-19, we have planned to restart our winter movie nights. These are scheduled for Saturday, January 22nd, and Friday February 18th at 6:00 pm. Our focus for the winter movie nights this year is the extraordinary depiction of Christ's life as represented in the television series presented on the Vid Angel app, "The Chosen".

We will present season 1 episodes 1 & 2, " I Have Called You By Name", and "Shabbat" on January 22nd. On February 18th, we will present episodes 3 & 4, "Jesus Loves the Little Children", and "The Rock on Which it is Built" . Make plans now to join us for these enriching episodes of "The Chosen".

New Officers Installation

Our new officers for 2022 will be installed at the worship service on January 9th. This is an opportunity for us to show our support and prayers for each of these as they have begun their new terms of office here at Rossville United Methodist Church.



Rossville United Methodist Church

2022 Officers, Committee, and Team Personnel

Underline new in position

Pastor: Robert A. Raschka

(date term ends on Dec. 31)

The Administrative Council

Lay Leader:	<u>Gary Hathaway</u> (2022)
Lay Delegate to Annual Conference:	Elaine Hathaway (2024)
Chairperson:	Virginia McCabe (2023)
Asst. Chairperson:	Phil Burkle (2022)
Secretary:	Vicki Rabanus (2022)
Treasurer:	Laura Humrickhouse
Trustees Chairperson:	Ken Ledman (2023)
Staff-Parish Chairperson:	Margo Oren (2023)
Missions Chairperson:	Lyn Burkle (2023)
Finance Chairperson:	Phil Burkle (2022)
Adventure Club Coordinator:	Linda Ostler
LRE Coordinator:	Connie Hinesley
Prayer Coordinator:	Vicki Rabanus
Membership Secretary:	Vicki Rabanus (2024)

At Large Members

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Nancy Disinger	Buzz Disinger	<u>Emily Green</u>
Diane Miller	Mary Schiery	<u>Kris Need</u>

The Board of Trustees

Chairperson: Ken Ledman (2023)

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Darrin Disinger	Gary Hathaway (asst chair)	<u>Steve Arnone</u>
Jane Emens	Glenn Marlow (trustees treasurer)	

Jeff Miller

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chairperson: Margo Oren (2023) **Lay Leader:** Gary Hathaway

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
<u>Carolyn Bushfield</u>	Jacque Cooper	Vicki Rabanus
Dustin Green	Dave Need	
Connie Hinesley	Margo Oren	

Worship Team

Chairperson: Pastor Bob Raschka

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Kris Need	Ginny McCabe
Brandy Marlow	

Chancel Area Coordinator: Brandy Marlow and Joe Bowyer
Communion Stewards: Linda Ostler & Ainura Nametullavyeva
Sound Technicians: Phil Emens

Finance Committee

Chairperson: Phil Burkle
Church Treasurer: Laura Humrickhouse
Lay Leader: Gary Hathaway
Lay Member of Annual Conference: Elaine Hathaway
Ad. Council Chairperson: Virginia McCabe
Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chairperson: Margo Oren
Trustees Chairperson: Ken Ledman

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Phil Burkle	Debbie Pollard	Mary Gray

Financial Secretaries (count, record, and deposit offerings): Lyn Burkle, Virginia McCabe

Missions Team

Chairperson: Lyn Burkle (2023)

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Phyllis Patterson	Lyn Burkle	<u>Emily Green</u>
	Jane Emens	<u>Kathy Ledman</u>
	Lisa Jensen	Diane Miller

Community Outreach Representative:	Connie Hinesley
Church Camp Coordinator:	Brandy Marlow
Backpack Buddies Coordinator:	Dave Need
Nursery Coordinator:	Church office
Prayer Chain Coordinator:	Church office
Church Historian:	
Audit Committee:	Nancy Disinger, Jacque Cooper, Debbie Pollard, Brandy Marlow

Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations)

Chairperson: Bob Raschka
Lay Leader: Gary Hathaway

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Nancy Disinger	Debbie Pollard	Jane Emens
Margo Oren		Virginia McCabe
		Diane Miller



Vision and Planning Retreat

The Administrative Council will be hosting a Vision and Planning Retreat on Saturday, January 29th from 9 am – 12 noon. We are inviting anyone who is interested in discussing, praying for, and envisioning what God may have in store for our church here in 2022 and in the years ahead to attend this retreat. You do not have to be a member of the Administrative Council to attend.



Church Financial Information

Average offering November 28- December 19, 2021: \$5,260.86
Average offering January 3-December 19, 2021: \$2,535.10
2021 weekly budget need: \$2,461.25



We collected \$1,224.00 for **tornado relief** and \$630 for the **Bishop’s Children’s Christmas offering**.

2022 Budget Approved



The Rossville UMC Administrative Council approved the 2022 budget at it’s December, 2021 meeting. The budget is \$125,332.63. The weekly offering needed to meet the budget is \$2,457.50.

2021 Missions

The Rossville United Methodist Church Missions team is glad to report that we were able to continue our support of many different missions programs in 2021 thanks to the support of the funds raised from our dinners as well as the Sunday missions collections.

Due to your generosity, we were able to support the following projects this year:

Local

- Rossville UMC Good Samaritan Fund \$200
- Frankfort Community Thanksgiving Dinner \$200
- Rossville Backpack Buddies Program \$500

Indiana

- Indiana United Methodist Children’s Home \$500
- Adult & Teen Rehabilitation Center Addiction Recovery \$500

United States

- Red Bird Mission- Kentucky \$150

International

- H.I.S. Eyes Honduras (Felipe’ & Valerie Colby) \$500
- Life’s Heart Well project—Kenya (Tom & Marcia Eller) \$500
- Sam Naik International Missions—India \$150





Gary & Elaine Hathaway January 16th

Jim & Wilma graves January 27th



Don Hinesley 5th

Connie Hinesley 5th

Carolyn Bushfield 6th

Emmeline Seest 18th

Miles Green 19th

Sue Milner 20th

Rob Cooper 20th

Mary Brown 25th

Wilma Graves 27th

Stephen Arnone 26th

Rossville United Methodist Church

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Adult Sunday School: 9:00 am
Worship and Jr. Church: 10:30 am

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Adult Sunday School

9:00-10:15 a.m

Sunday Worship and

Jr. Church 10:30 a.m.



January 2022 Worship Themes

January 2nd: "We'll Leave the Light On" John 1:9-18

January 9th: "The Year of the Lord" Isaiah 61:1-4

"What if Jesus Was Serious" Sermon Series January 16th – February 20th

January 16th "Everything and Nothing" Mark 10:17-31

January 23rd "The Good News or the To-Do's?" Matthew 5:1-12

January 30th "In Whom Do We Trust?" Ephesians 1:10-20



January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>2 Communion</p> <p>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	3	4	5	6	<p>7</p>  <p>Ladies Day Out Meet at church parking lot 11am</p> <p>Religious Ed 1-3pm</p>	8
<p>9</p> <p>Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Administrative Council 7pm		Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC		Religious Ed 1-3pm	 <p>7:30am @ LSC</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	17	18	19	20	21	22
		SPRC 6pm	Jesus Night 7pm@LSC		Religious Ed 1-3pm	
<p>23</p> <p>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am Prayer Group 5pm</p>	24	25	26	27	28	29
					Religious Ed 1-3pm	Vision & Planning Retreat 9am – noon
<p>30</p> <p>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am Prayer Group 5pm</p>	31		Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC			