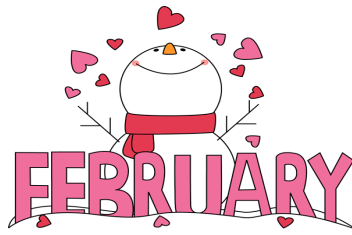


THE ECHO...



2022

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



FROM THE PASTOR

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” - Romans 15:13

We worship the Lord God Almighty who gives hope in the midst of trial, joy in the midst of suffering, and peace in the midst of conflict.

It is in this hope that we are able to get through whatever trials we might face. So many people are going through so many difficult trials right now that it is tempting for many people to fall into a sense of despair. Despair can weigh on us like a heaviness. Despair can cause us to resign ourselves to the fact that things are only going to get worse. Despair can block any sense of hope for today or tomorrow.

But the prayer in Romans 15 listed above is in the form of a blessing. It is a reminder that the God who is hope will intervene in your life and bring you joy and peace as you trust in him. This is another point. It's not always easy to trust when our life experiences continue to pile one yet one more "thing" after another.

Recently, a dear friend shared with me how difficult it is to trust anymore. They had seen so many people in the last year who seemed to start improving in their battle with COVID, only to pass away.

Another person shared with me on the same day that he had been to four funerals in the last month in a half of close friends of his who had died from COVID.

I could go on and on but then I would defeat the purpose of this article. This article is to help to bring some light in the midst of the darkness of our days. To remind us that God will fill us with hope in the midst of trial, joy in the midst of suffering, and peace in the midst of conflict.

The Apostle Paul even says in 2 Corinthians 12:10 that for Christ's sake, he delights in weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and difficulties. "For when I am weak, then I am strong," he says.

He sees his trials as another opportunity for God to bring strength and hope. In fact, in verse 9, Christ says, "my grace is sufficient for you, my power is made perfect in weakness."

Therefore, when we come to the end of our rope. When it seems like all hope is lost, the God of hope give us the grace we need to face another day, and power to overcome.

Let us then, trust in the Lord. Let us hang on to faith. Let us remember that when we don't even think we can pray anymore, that "the spirit intercedes for us with groanings that are too deep for words." (Romans 8:26).

May these words encourage you today and tomorrow and on into all the days ahead.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Bob Raschka



We are gearing up for a great Adventure Club Session in March. A Great event needs planning and many hands. If you have a heart for sharing the Gospel and love kids please join for two planning meetings and free up your Tuesday nights in March for Club. Call Out for volunteers is **Tuesday, Feb 1st at 6:30pm** and a final run through for volunteers

Tuesday, Feb 22nd at 6:30 both meetings in the Esther Beard room.

Spring session of Adventure Club will meet Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, & 29 6-7:30pm (No Meeting Spring Break) Join us in March as the Adventure Club team takes you through the Adventures in Acts. Each Tuesday there will be a Bible story, music, crafts and a snack.

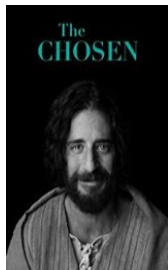
Adventure Club is free and open to any child Pre-K (potty trained) through 5th grade.

LADIES DAY OUT February 11th

Six ladies enjoyed lunch last month at Monicals for Ladies Day Out. The next outing will be Feb. 11th at Cheddars in Lafayette on St. Rd. 26. 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).



Our 2nd Winter Movie night will feature "The Chosen"

Winter movie night is Friday, February 18th at 6:30 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". 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 "The Chosen".

Grief Ministry

Donations of cookies are needed for our grief ministry. Please place cookies in the deep freezer in basement. Cookies will be taken out as needed and sent to the funeral home along with this card. Chocolate Chip, Sugar cookie, or Snickerdoodle are great (no nut or peanut butter please) For questions see Jacque Cooper



Sharing the sorrow of your loss.

Rossville United Methodist Church



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.



Sound the alarm the RUMC Annual Chili cook-Off is about go down.

Join us after church on **Sunday, February 20th** for the Chili cook-off. Every year the best chili masters in Rossville face off for the title of Campion. 2018 Jeff Miller, 2019 Kris Need, 2020 Miles Green, and our current reigning champ for 2021 Dan Cooper. Vote for your favorite chili and each dollar equals one vote. All proceeds go to send kids connected with our church to church camp. Drinks and all the fixins' will be provided.

For questions see Brandy Marlow.

IMPACT team to resume

Before COVID-19, there was a group of individuals from our church who were participating in a program offered by the Indiana Conference entitled "Impact" This group had met on four different occasions over a period of months in 2019 and once at the beginning of 2020. They had been helpful in guiding us to discover many strengths of our congregation as well as the needs of the Rossville community. The sessions are resuming February 19th 9am –Noon. These will be done via zoom. Each participant will be given an address to log onto to access the meetings. We do have some open spots available. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Bob.

The topics and dates of the remaining meetings of the IMPACT program are as follows:

- February 19th: Intentional Faith Development
- April 23rd: Moving from Encounters to Relationships
- June 18th: Moving Outside the Walls: REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION
- August 20th: The Worship Experience
- October 15th: Working Through Change



2021 in the books

2021 statistical information for Rossville United Methodist Church was as follows.

- Membership: 79
- Average In Person Worship Attendance: 48
- Average number of weekly Live-Stream Worship Views: 119
- Total average weekly reach: 167
- Total regular general fund weekly offerings: \$129,290.02
- Total collected for missions: \$2,535.10
- Total collected in special one-time offerings beyond regular missions: \$3,404.80



Stewardship Report

- Average offering January 2-16: \$3,584.72
- Weekly Budget need: \$2,457.50
- Missions offering total January 2-16: \$61.50

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dustin Green 3rd

Vicki Rabanus 6th

Erika Rothenberger 10th

Larry Oren 12th

Barb Nulph 20th

Jane Emens 22nd

Lisa Jensen 23rd

Happy Anniversary

Steve & Debbie Pollard

February 16th

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 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.

February Sermons

WHAT IF JESUS WAS SERIOUS SERMON SERIES CONTINUES through the 20th.

February 6th: "What About Heaven?" Luke 17:20-21

February 13th: "More Than a Feeling" Philippians 2:3-11

February 20th: "The Value of the Ordinary" 2 Corinthians 5:16-17

February 27th: Transfiguration Sunday
"Too Bright?" Exodus 34:29-35; Luke 9:28-36

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Adult Sunday School


9:00-10:15 a.m

Sunday Worship and

Jr. Church 10:30 a.m.



February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p>  <p><i>Adventure club Meeting 6:30pm</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>Religious Ed 1-3pm</i></p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 Communion</p> <p><i>Sunday School 9 am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p><i>Trustees Meeting 7pm</i></p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>  <p><i>Ladies Day Out Meet at church parking lot 11am</i></p> <p><i>Religious Ed 1-3pm</i></p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p><i>Sunday School 9am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Happy Valentine's Day</i></p> <p><i>Administrative Council 7pm</i></p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i></p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>Religious Ed 1-3pm</i></p> <p><i>Movie Night 6pm</i></p>	<p>19</p>  <p><i>Impact Team Zoom Meeting 9am-Noon</i></p>
<p>20</p> <p><i>Sunday School 9am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i></p> <p><i>Chili cook-off After church</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	<p>21</p> <p><i>Missions Meeting 6pm</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>SPRC 6pm</i></p>  <p><i>Adventure club Meeting 6:30pm</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>Jesus Night 7pm@LSC</i></p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p><i>Religious Ed 1-3pm</i></p>	<p>26</p>
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