

THE ECHO... MAY 2022

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



Witness. What does it mean to witness to our faith?

Do we witness to the faith we have in Jesus Christ through our words?

Do we witness to the faith we have in Jesus Christ through our actions?

Are we witnessing to our faith in how we treat other people, whether a random server at a restaurant, or our closest family members and dearest friends?

Recently I had an experience which reminded me that sometimes we are a witness in manners we might not have previously considered.

I went to the Clinton County Jail one Wednesday afternoon to do chaplain visits with inmates. A corrections officer brought in one of the inmates I visit with on a fairly regular basis. The inmate sat down at the table and with a big smile he said, "God is amazing." I agreed and was thinking he was going to share with me a breakthrough he had experienced with his case. Maybe he had received some good news about the charges he was facing. Neither of these were correct. In fact, nothing in his situation had changed. Instead, he went on to describe to me that he had been laying in his cell and began to think to himself, "God, can you show me in some way that you love me and have not forgotten about me." Within a minute of his prayer, a corrections officer came in and said, "hey, the chaplain is here to see you." The inmate said to me, "Chaplain Bob, your very presence is a reminder that God loves me!" I said, "really?" "Yes", he said. "I prayed for a reminder of God's love, and the next minute you showed up."

I thanked him and thought to myself, "Wow! What a reminder that sometimes we witness to our faith just by our very presence." I've preached this point in many a sermon over the years. But to have someone actually tell me in a practical way I had never considered for myself was quite an eye-opener.

It reminds me of the quote, "preach the gospel, and if necessary use words." Yes, it is important to use words when they are called for. I believe part of the problem in our time is that not enough parents or grandparents have spent time sharing the basics of the Christian faith they hold with their children. Jesus and church have become options among a list of four or five different other things instead of the main thing from which the four or five different other things flow.

Still. We need to live out our faith in tangible manners as a witness for Christ. Do people see Jesus in us? Do people desire to draw closer to Christ by our actions? Sometimes we just need to show up. And other times we need to be willing to talk to people about the faith we possess.

A good exercise in this process is to pray a prayer that goes something like, "Lord, help me to say the words today you want me to say. And stop me from saying the words I shouldn't say."

"Lord, give me the opportunity to share my faith either through words or actions today."

This is all part of building our witness. Who knows? Your very presence might be the answer to someone's prayer.

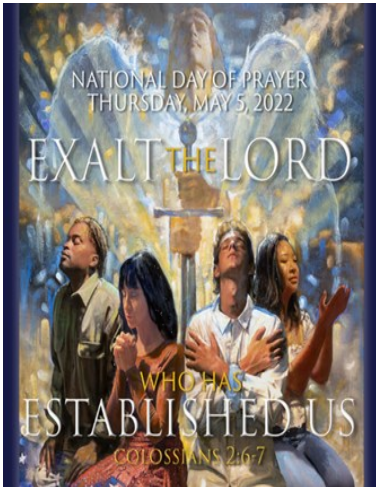
Witnessing for Christ,

Pastor Bob Raschka

Wednesday Fellowship at Mary's is back!



Join us Wednesdays at 6:30 pm now through June 1st. Everyone is welcome at the home of Mary Gray 304 E. Main St for this time of growing in our relationship with God and with each other. Each week we pray, share a meal together, sing, and share our hearts.



ROSSVILLE, KILMORE, and COLFAX UMCs coming together for National Day of Prayer Service

This year's National Day of Prayer Service is scheduled for Thursday May 5th at 7pm in the sanctuary. We are excited this year as pastors and representatives from three Clinton County Churches—Rossville, Kilmore, and Colfax will participate in this service as we come together to pray for our nation.

Mother's Day Service May 8th

During the Mother's Day service Valerie & Felipe Coby will share news of the amazing things God is doing in their ministry "His Eyes Honduras" Hill Climber Coffee, The Milk Project, helping churches, and the clinic . His



Eyes was created to serve Gods work in and around Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Specifically, the mission reaches out to the people in Tegucigalpa through the work of the Body of Christ Christian Clinic. The name His Eyes though came from seeing that we were being called to bring spiritual and physical healing, which although started in medical work, has expanded to Church plants, clothing outreach, scholarships, children's outreach, short term mission groups, and farming ministries. All of which have a physical component of bringing healing, but all have the common goal of reaching more people for Christ, here in Honduras and especially through our short term mission program, around the world. We are called to not see the world as we see it, but to use His Eyes to see what He (Christ) would have us see.



LADIES DAY OUT May 13th

Ladies Day Out will be going to the Bob Evans Restaurant Friday, May 13th off State Rd 26 in Lafayette. 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).





We look forward to celebrating You!

May 14th @6pm

Join us in the fellowship hall for a pitch in dinner. Please bring a dish to share (no need for desserts they will be provided).

For questions see Kris Need or Vicki Rabanus

Missions Lunch May 15th

Join us in the fellowship hall after the Sunday morning service May 15th to enjoy a Taco Bar. This meal is a free will offering and all proceeds will go to missions.



ROSSVILLE ROCK WEDNESDAY May 4 & 18th

The Rossville Rock Youth Ministry will meet May 4th & 18th this month at the Rock Building on Ramey St. All middle and high school students are encouraged to attend as a way to fellowship with others your age and grow in your relationship with Christ. Doors open at 6:30pm with a program scheduled from 7-8 pm. The Rock will meet two Wednesdays each month year round except for December.

Sermon and Worship Themes May 2022

- May 1st "Most Pitied?" 1 Corinthians 15:1-19
- May 8th "The Shepherd" Psalm 23
- May 15th "Grace or Works?" Ephesians 2:4-10
- May 22nd "Is Peace Illusive?" John 14:23-29
- May 29th "One" John 17:20-23



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.



Allena Weida 7th
 Rex Rothenberger 10th
 Brandy Marlow 17th
 Velma Leazenby 20th
 Carly Disinger 24th
 Rita Power 31st

Jeff & Diane Miller 13th
 Barry & Ginny McCabe 15th



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The purpose of the Rossville United Methodist Church is to love the Lord and our neighbors, teach one another to obey the commands of God, and proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior to all.
Scriptural Foundations:
Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 12:29-31

From the Family of Jacque Cooper

To all who helped with the Chicken Noodle dinner... Thank you for all the love and support. We are so appreciative of the wonderful dinner after Jacque's service. It was a great time of fellowship.

Your kind thoughts and sympathy will always be remembered. *thank you*

Stewardship Report

Regular Missions Dollars collected in 2022 through April 10th: \$674.50

UMCOR Sunday special offering: \$155.00

General offering average March 20th- April 10th: \$3,214.45

Average offering 2022 year to date through April 10th: \$2,541.22

Weekly budget need: \$2,457.50



May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Communion</p> <p>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p> Mary's Fellowship 6:30pm</p> <p>ROCK 6:30- 8pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p> National Day of Prayer Service 7pm</p>	6	7
<p>8</p> <p> Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	9	10	<p>11</p> <p> Mary's Fellowship 6:30pm</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p> Ladies Day Out Meet at church parking lot 11am</p> <p>Religious Ed 1-3pm</p>	14
<p>15 Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am Choir practice 4pm</p> <p>Missions Luncheon</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	16	17	<p>18</p> <p> Mary's Fellowship 6:30pm</p> <p>ROCK 6:30- 8pm</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	19	20	21
<p>22 Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	23	24	<p>25</p> <p> Mary's Fellowship 6:30pm</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm@LSC</p>	26	27	28
<p>29 Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	30	31				