

# THE ECHO...



# 2022

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



What is freedom? How is freedom defined? We have come to a month of the year when we celebrate our freedom as a nation. But what does that freedom mean? Does it mean we are free to live out all of our wishes and desires regardless of whether they cause harm or not? Does it mean we can pretty much do what we want, and anyone who tells us otherwise is somehow inhibiting our freedom as human beings? In order for a society or organization or even the human race to flourish, don't there need to be some limits on 'freedom'? Don't there need to be some laws which protect us from each other? If there are no laws, there really is no freedom because then the freedom that prevails causes people to become entangled. And, there is anarchy.

The Bible describes this concept in such verses as 2 Peter 2:19 where it says, "These people promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for a person is a slave to whatever has mastered them." In other words, there are people who are caught up in slavery to their own actions and desires. And yet, they have promised freedom to others. And all this does is drag people away from a state of freedom and into a state of slavery.

Yes, it is important to live in a "land of freedom", where we can move about mostly unrestricted. And we have freedom to worship. But if our freedom is based fully on human reasoning instead of on Christ, then it really is no freedom at all. In fact it is quite the opposite. Our freedom then is found in Christ and in Christ alone.

Galatians 5:1 says, "it is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke to slavery." Freedom gives us a choice to do what is right. It gives us a choice to practice kindness, do no harm, and to stay in love with God. Freedom releases us from the chains of sin and allows us to be at peace.

Later in this chapter in Galatians, we are warned. "Do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather serve one another in love."

So yeah. Celebrate the birthday of our nation's independence. Celebrate freedom. But at the same time be cognizant of those who were never able to experience this freedom even in the "land of the free". Remember there are many who have been held captive at different times and places throughout our history, and in some places this is still the case today.

Ultimately however, as much as humans try, there is no way we can offer or receive total freedom on our own. True freedom, true peace comes from the One who won our freedom from sin for each of us when he died on a cross- and then rose again.

May we remember from where our freedom truly comes. Jesus Christ.

Freely,

*Pastor Bob Raschka*

**Church Camp**

It's summer church camp season once again! This year, the following individuals connected with Rossville UMC are signed up for church camp.

July 3<sup>rd</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Sr High Camp at Camp Indicoso near Springville, Indiana  
Serenity Ault, Dominique Casamajor, Emma George, Elissa Weida, Tegan Weida

July 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Middle School Camp at Camp Adventure near Pierceton, Indiana  
Arizona Pritchard.

Let's remember to uphold each of these six campers up in prayer during their weeks at camp.



**Special Wednesday Fellowship**



A special evening of Wednesday Fellowship at Mary's is scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm. This will be a potluck dinner open to the entire congregation followed by a time of fellowship. Everyone is invited. Mary's is located at 304 E Main St in Rossville.

**LADIES DAY OUT July 8th**

Friday, July 8th meet in church parking lot to leave promptly at 11am.  
They will be carpooling to the Angry Donkey in Michigantown .

All Ladies are invited!

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



**ROSSVILLE ROCK WEDNESDAY July 6th & 20th**

The Rossville Rock Youth Ministry will meet July 6th & 20th 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.



Summer Lunch Program for kids in the Community

Every Tuesday & Thursday 11:30-12:20

Now through August 4th @ The Living Stone Church

Lunch delivery for seniors also available

within city limits call 765-379-2967

Comfort Kitchen is back under a new name... Blessed Bites Café

Join us the 2nd Thursday each month for food, fellowship and the Cutler Band.

Next Café is July 14th 5:30-7pm



# BLESSED BITES

@Rossville UMC

FORMALLY Comfort Kitchen

WHO: YOU

TIME: 5:30-7pm

WHAT: Music and fellowship

## MENU

June 9 Taco Bar  
With all the fixings

WHEN: SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH THRU DECEMBER

July 14 Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

WHERE: ROSSVILLE UMC 110 W. Main St. Rossville, IN

August 11 Tater Tot casserole

WHY? BECAUSE WE WANT TOO!!!!

Sept. 8 Ham and cheese sliders

We want to have fun, food, fellowship and great music from

Oct 13 Baked Potato Bar

The Cutler Band!!

Nov. 10 Turkey and Noodles

Time: 5:30-7pm

Dec. 8 Lasagna

We will be taking the months of January and February off and will start back up again in March 2023.

**SAT  
JULY  
30TH**



EVERYONE  
IS  
WELCOME!

And the HotDog Festival

Present

**FREE!**

# GRAM *Downtown*

A YOUTH LED RALLY AND SUMMER  
CONCERT FEATURING

**AMONTE  
KING**

**MODERN  
DAY CURE**

## **SIDEWALK PROPHETS**

**DOWNTOWN FRANKFORT INDIANA**

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Call or email us with questions!  
Cramforjesus@outlook.com 765-490-3233



Mandee Nicolas July 7th  
 Ruth Raschka July 10th  
 Jessica Boldenow July 17th  
 Sharon Unger July 23rd



David & Tonya Bushfield July 7th  
 Dustin & Emily Green July 23rd

**Worship Schedule**

July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	“Cleaning Out the Ears”	James 1:19-27
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	“ Mercy!”	James 2:1-13
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Guest Speaker DeAnn Rowe “Reminders from God”	Psalms 46:1-11
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	“Hissing Tongues”	James 3:1-12
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	“Resist!”	James 4:1-12



**Rossville United Methodist Church**

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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.


**Stewardship Report**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Regular offering</u>	<u>Missions Offering</u>
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	\$1,884.00	\$154.00
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,142.30	\$ 48.00
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,263.00	\$ 21.00
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,800.00	\$ 15.25
June 19 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 552.00	\$ 25.00
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,788.00	\$ 57.00

Total for period \$10,429.30 \$295.25  
 Received year to date: \$55,958.19 \$1,718.85  
 Total extra monies given for missions year to date: \$1636.85



# July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>3 Communion Sunday 9am Donuts &amp; Coffee Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	<p>4 Church Office Closed</p> 	5	<p>6</p> <p>ROCK Youth 6:30-8pm @ Rock building</p> <p>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	7	<p>8</p>  <p>Ladies Day Out Meet at church parking lot 11am</p>	9
<p>10 Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	11	12	<p>13</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Blessed Bites Café 5:30-7pm</p>	15	16
<p>17 Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Noodle Making 9am</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Noodle Bagging 9am</p>	<p>20</p> <p>ROCK Youth 6:30-8pm @ Rock building</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	21	22	23
<p>24 Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	25	26	<p>27</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	28	29	<p>30</p> <p>CRAM Event Side Walk Proph- ets concert @ Frankfort Hot Dog Festival</p>
<p>31 Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>						