

THE ECHO...

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



There are some people in this world who we could classify as sentimental types of folks. They have planned activities in their minds for every special day or holiday of the year. They have a list of holidays posted on the side of their refrigerator. Depending on the season of the year, their home, or office, or garage, or whatever is decorated to the hilt for whatever season it is. These might be the types of folks who have their homes all decorated for Fall even in late August, and they put their Christmas lights up the day after Halloween—which by the way, they had decorated for in early September. Birthdays, anniversaries, and even the marking of important events are all part of who they are. These folks cry at movies and are emotional over seeing a simple puppy in someone's arms. Many people have traces of these characteristics, but perhaps not all of these. At least not to an extreme.

Extreme examples of sentimentality are the folks who not only do not forget anniversaries, but plan for them well in advance. Overly-sentimental types of folks keep the greeting card industry in business and the Hallmark Channel on the air.

Most people who know me well, would classify me as sentimental-but not to the extreme as I have described here.

In this vein, I was thinking about the fact that school in Rossville starts on August 5th this year. Once I get past my yearly complaints about school starting in almost the middle of summer, I refocus and some years I remember back to the beginning of many school years when I was a kid. It's the sentimental part of me which still remembers these kind of details.

I think the Bible is a pretty sentimental book in some respects. Think of all the details that are given in how to celebrate certain festivals and holidays-especially in the Old Testament. Think of the wording used to describe events such as Joseph meeting his brothers after he had become second in the land to Pharaoh; the birth of Moses; the crossing of the Red Sea; the songs of David; the birth of Christ, the resurrection of Christ; the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost; and the predicted return of Christ to name a few. These aren't just some sort of monotone report on these events, but they are told in such a way that even children can remember them. Remember, the people were commanded to "Teach these to their children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." (Deut. 6:7)

In so doing the importance of the Holy Scriptures are spread. The thought occurs to me, and it is really an indictment as I think about it. "Did I spend as much time teaching the Scriptures to my children as I did engraining in them an appreciation for holidays and seasons?" "Did I see to it that even if I wasn't the one teaching them, that they were regularly attending Sunday School or Jr Church or youth group as they got older?" Many churches, including ours, only have Jr Church these days because of the lack of children and youth. Families are all doing other things that are deemed more important. My question to myself and all of us is this. Are we as sentimental about the words taught us from the Bible as we are about everything else in life? And do we make an attempt to live them out?

Maybe we should ask God to show us where we have lacked and guide us in this area and to where God would like us to be in reaching everyone with the good news of Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Bob Raschka

THANK YOU'S

Praise Times Three thanks us for giving them the great blessing of being a part of our church service on June 19th. "We love everyone of you and continue to keep you in our prayers."

Living Alternatives **Pregnancy Resource Center** acknowledges and thanks us for our donations \$409.32.

Midwest Mission Distribution Center thanks us for the generous donation of school kits during the Indiana Annual Conference in June.

ROSSVILLE ROCK August 6th & 17th

The Rossville Rock Youth Ministry meets August 6th at the Town Park and August 17th 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. On the 17th doors open at 6:30pm with a program scheduled from 7-8 pm. There is a special back to School event for the whole family on Aug 6th at the Town Park 5-8:30pm.

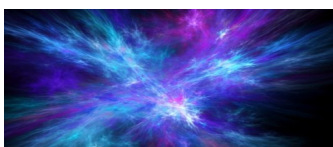


LADIES DAY OUT August 12th

Friday, August 12th meet in church parking lot to leave promptly at 11am. They will be carpooling to Noble Roman's Pizza in Lafayette.

All Ladies are invited!

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



By Signs and Wonders Bible Study begins August 21st

As the church in North America tends toward a casual, cultural expression of Christianity, a surprising thing is happening. Instead of becoming more relevant, it's becoming less.

Our Bible Study this late summer and fall will focus on a response to this situation through a Bible Study program entitled, By Signs and Wonders: How the Holy Spirit Grows the Church.

Through this program written by Steve Elliott we will discover how the good news of Jesus Christ spread in the years following Jesus Life, the methods used to see entire communities converted in the great revivals of the past and discover critically important insights into how to more effectively reach the world in which we live.

Pastor Bob will be leading this video-based study. There is also a book available to order for a donation of \$20. The book is optional, but will assist you in going deeper about the topic for each of the 9 weeks of the course. Orders will be taken in church July 31st and August 7th.

The class begins Sunday, August 21st at 3:45pm. A full schedule will be distributed on the first week of the class. Everyone is welcome to attend this Bible Study as we come to a better understanding of growing our church for Christ in the months ahead.

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 August 11, 5:30-7pm



BLESSED BITES

@Rossville UMC

FORMALLY Comfort Kitchen

WHO: YOU

TIME: 5:30-7pm

MENU

WHAT: Music and fellowship

June 9 Taco Bar
With all the fixings

WHEN: SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH THRU DECEMBER

July 14 Hamburgers and Hot Dogs

August 11 Tater Tot casserole

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

Sept. 8 Ham and cheese sliders

Oct 13 Baked Potato Bar

WHY? BECAUSE WE WANT TOO!!!!

Nov. 10 Turkey and Noodles

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

Dec. 8 Lasagna

The Cutler Band!!

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

Time: 5:30-7pm

Summer's End Festival is Coming

If the kids around Rossville have returned to school and the summer is rapidly giving way– it must surely be “Summer's End Festival” time.



Each year Rossville celebrates the end of Summer with a festival. It takes place the fourth full weekend in August. There will be entertainment on the main stage on Saturday evening. The Queen Pageant, Lil Miss/Mister and Cutest Baby Contest have returned to Friday evening. Carnival rides will **not** be on the schedule this year. Some of the many events include a [car show](#), [golf tournament](#), fireworks, street fair, [parade](#), [Hornet Hustle 5K Walk/Run](#), lots of food, and town wide garage sales. See the Summer's End Festival Schedule below for more details. Friendships and family ties are renewed each year as several class and family reunions are held during this busy weekend.

All day parking at the town park will be \$5.00 this year. Only service animals are allowed. Pedestrian traffic only permitted in the town park with the exception of handicapped devices.

Families and out of town visitors have made the Summer's End Festival a part of their end of the summer plans. As our town motto states – “Rossville is a place where you feel at home.” Come home and see what all the excitement is about.

Summer's End Festival Craft/Business/Flea Market Vendors @ Rossville Town Park

Aug 26 @ 8:00 am – Aug 27 @ 5:00 pm

Summer's End Festival Food Court @ Rossville Town Park

Aug 26 @ 12:00 pm – Aug 27 @ 9:00 pm

Hornet Hustle 5K Fun Run/Walk @ Rossville Town Park Pavilion

Aug 26 @ 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Cutest Baby Contest/Lil' Miss and Mister Contest/Queen Pageant @ Rossville Town Park Pavilion Porch

Aug 26 @ 7:00 pm

Summer's End Festival Annual Cake Walk @ Rossville Town Park-Pavilion

Aug 26 @ 7:30 pm

Rossville Volunteer Fire Department Pancake and Sausage Breakfast @ Rossville Volunteer Fire Department

Aug 27 @ 6:00 am – 9:00 am

Rossville Summer's End Festival Car & Bike Show @ Rossville Town Park

Aug 27 @ 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Summer's End Festival Parade @ Starts at Rossville School

Aug 27 @ 10:00 am

Summer's End Festival Fireworks @ Rossville Town Park

Aug 27 @ 9:15 pm – 9:45 pm

Community Church Service @ Rossville High School Auditorium

Aug 28 @ 10:30 am – 11:30 am



ATTENTION

Rossville United Methodist Church

Annual Chicken Noodle Dinner

will be held in the church basement (110 W. Main St.)

August 27, 2022

4:00-7:00 pm

Adults \$12.00

5-12 yrs \$6.00

4 & under Free

Carry outs available

Proceeds will help
local families in need.

MENU

Chicken & Noodles

Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans

Applesauce

Dinner Roll

Dessert

Lemonade/ Iced Tea





Glenn Marlow 14th

Aleyah Knox 19th

Jane Rothenberger 15th

Vern Leslie 20th

Michael Rabanus 16th

Lacretia Rothenberger 24th

Linda Ostler 19th

Steve Pollard 31st



Mike & Lacretia Rothenberger August 26th

Religious Education

Please be in prayer for all children and teachers as they head back to school in August. Special reminder to pray for the Religious Education Class and their teachers as well. Religious Education will take place here on Fridays throughout the school year from 1-3pm. What an amazing opportunity we have to share Jesus!

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August Sermons and Themes

- August 7th "Resist!" James 4:1-12
- August 14th Lay speakers from RUMC presenting a program about the Jewish "Shabbat"
- August 21st "Hurry Up and Wait!" James 5:7-11
- August 28th Rossville Summers End Festival Service at Rossville High School 10:30 am



A Note from our Treasurer

Summer is a great time to turn in your receipts. If you have items that you need reimbursed for please turn them in as soon as possible.





Thanks, Laura Humrickhouse

Stewardship Report

<u>Date</u>	<u>Regular offering</u>	<u>Missions Offering</u>
July 3	\$9,268.00	\$57.00
July 10	\$1680.00	\$24
July 17	\$414.25	\$47.00
July 24	\$1194.00	\$31.50
Total received for the period: \$12,556.25		
Average weekly offering July 3-24: \$3,139.06		
Average weekly offering 2022 to date: \$2,283.81		
2022 Total Missions Offering: \$1,878.35		



August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Board of Trustees</i> 7 pm	2	3 <i>ROCK Youth</i> 6:30-8pm @ Rock building <i>Jesus Night</i> 7pm @ LSC	4	5	6 <i>Rock Event @ Town Park for Teens & their families 5- 8:30pm</i>
7 <i>Communion</i> Sunday 9am <i>Donuts & Coffee</i> Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am <i>Prayer Group</i> 5pm	8 <i>Administrative Council</i> 7pm	9	10 <i>Jesus Night</i> 7pm @ LSC	11 <i>Blessed Bites Café</i> 5:30-7pm	12  <i>Ladies Day Out</i> Meet at church parking lot 11am	13
14 Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am <i>Prayer Group</i> 5pm	15 <i>Missions Team</i> 6pm	16 <i>Staff Parish Relations Committee</i> 6pm	17 <i>ROCK Youth</i> 6:30-8pm @ Rock building <i>Jesus Night</i> 7pm @ LSC	18	19 <i>Religious Education</i> 1-3pm	20
21 Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am <i>Bible Study</i> 3:45pm  <i>Prayer Group</i> 5pm	22 <i>Backpack Buddies Meeting</i>	23	24 <i>Jesus Night</i> 7pm @ LSC	25 Pastor Retreat	26 <i>Religious Education</i> 1-3pm	27 <i>Summer's End Festival Chicken Noodle Dinner</i> 4-7pm 
28 <i>Community Service @RHS</i> 10:30am No service here at RUMC <i>Bible Study</i> 3:45pm  <i>Prayer Group</i> 5pm	29	30 <i>Worship Team</i> 7pm	31 <i>Jesus Night</i> 7pm @ LSC			