

THE ECHO... *October* 2022

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



Dreams and Renewal

We hear a lot of talk these days about a desire to see a time of revival among the churches of North America. Some folks are rather forceful in their declarations about this desire to see people and churches awoken from their slumber in order to reach a world which seems to be on a slippery slope. Everyday is another reminder of how little influence the Christian faith seems to have on our culture, and in some cases, even on our churches. And therefore, many people speak of the need for a spiritual awakening, a time of revival and renewal to come to our churches and church-related organizations. But I wonder.

What does "revival" really look like? Is it a series of services where we gather together and sing some of the old hymns and gospel songs and bring in a preacher from out of town who will challenge us and hopefully create a deeper yearning for Christ? Is it a time when suddenly there are new converts to Christianity in a manner which people think used to be the case even though maybe it hasn't been the case for 50 years? I heard a comment made at a spiritual renewal retreat I attended recently which was so profound that I feel the need to share it here.

A pastor in attendance at this retreat observed that **"revival is not a time of going back and restoring what was past, but it is a time of renewal in order to move forward into where God is leading us."**

Basically, revival is a time of renewal. It is a time of being part of the movement of God as we experience evidence of Isaiah 43:18-19 where God says, ***"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"***

All of this got me to thinking. In our desire for revival or renewal are we hoping it will be like we perceived that it was in previous years? Go to most churches which have existed for more than fifty years, and people will recount to you how it was when there were more families and children and young people. They will tell you about the ministries they used to be involved in.

They wax eloquent about everything that once was. And this is ok. But I wonder, do we think that some kind of a revival will restore what we think church was like in those days? Or do we think that a revival is one last chance to grasp on to the past before it is gone for good? But God tells us to "forget the former things... see, I AM DOING A NEW THING!"

Maybe we should be praying that God would reveal to us the dreams God wants for Rossville. Maybe its time for us to realize that while yes, the culture continues to grow further and further away from God, that God is not finished with us yet. What dreams does God want to reveal to us? How does God want to use these dreams to renew us? As we move into the last three months of 2022, isn't it time to open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts and begin to seek what God desires for us and for the surrounding community?

Therefore, lets dream some dreams! Let's open our hearts to renewal. Who knows what God has in store?

Seeking,

Pastor Bob Raschka



Tuesday October 4th & 11th 6-7:30pm

Let the Adventure Club team take you through the Adventures in Acts. Each Tuesday there will be a Bible story, music, crafts and food. Adventure Club is free and open to any child Pre-K (potty trained) through 5th grade. Check in for the Club will open at 5:45 each Tuesday.

Wednesday Fellowship at Mary's resumes October 5th



It's back! Summer is over. And that means it's time for Fellowship at Mary's to resume. Everyone is invited to join us Wednesday, October 5th at the home of Mary Gray-304 E. Main St. Rossville. The evening begins with a meal at 6:30pm. Then we will move to the living room for a time of song, sharing, fellowship, and prayer. This session will meet each Wednesday through November 16th. We are blessed to now be in our fifth year of this group and are open to newcomers. Fellowship at Mary's is often the highlight of the work week for the many folks who attend. Come join us! October 5th at 6:30pm. 304 E Main St. Rossville

ROSSVILLE ROCK October 5th & 19th

The Rossville Rock Youth Ministry meets Oct. 5th & 19th 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.



BLESSED BITES
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FORMALLY Comfort Kitchen

Blessed Bites Café

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

Next Café is October 13, 5:30-7pm. Come enjoy a Baked Potato Bar.

This is a free event offered every month (closed Jan & Feb) and open to the public.

LADIES DAY OUT October 14th

In Aug. thirteen ladies met at Noble Romans for lunch enjoying "Ladies Day Out".

Last month nine ladies had lunch at Cheddars for "Ladies Day Out".

Next Ladies Day Out will be Friday, October 14 meet in church parking lot to leave promptly at 11am.

They will be carpooling to Cracker Barrel in Lafayette.

All Ladies are invited!

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



Emily Green Oct. 1st
 Addison Cooper Oct. 3rd
 Barry McCabe Oct. 10th
 Adrienne Shireman Oct. 16th
 Mike Rothenberger Oct. 21st
 Dawn Zobel Oct. 24th



Buzz & Nancy Disinger Oct. 6th
 Michael & Vicki Rabanus Oct. 6th
 Christian & Adrienne Shireman Oct. 20th

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October Worship Themes

October 2nd : Special presentation from Vicki Rabanus, Dave Need, and Gary and Elaine Hathaway – Jewish Festivals of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

October 9th: “Umm...thanks?” Luke 17: 11-19

October 16th: “Giving an Account” Matthew 25:14-19

October 23rd: “Now and in the Future” Matthew 25:20-30

October 30th: “Losing and Saving” Matthew 16:24-27




Financial Stewardship Report

<u>Date</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Missions Offering</u>
September 4 th	\$2,704	\$41
September 11 th	\$1,745	\$39
September 18 th	\$2,269	\$12
September 25 th	\$747	\$52



October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>2 Yom Kippur</p> <p>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Trustees Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Adventure Club 6pm– 7:30pm</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Mary's Fellow- ship 6:30pm</p> <p>ROCK Youth 6:30-8pm @ Rock building</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Religious Education 1-3pm</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 Communion Sunday</p> <p>Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am Milner's service 3pm</p> <p>Bible Study 3:45pm</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Administrative Council 7pm</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>Adventure club 6-7:30pm</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>Mary's Fellow- ship 6:30pm</p> <p>ROCK Youth 6:30-8pm @ Rock building</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Blessed Bites Café 5:30-7pm</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Ladies Day Out Meet at church parking lot 11am</p> <p>Religious Education 1-3pm</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Bible Study 3:45pm</p>  <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Missions Team 6pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Staff Parish Rela- tions committee 6pm</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>Mary's Fellow- ship 6:30pm</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am Prayer 5pm</p>	<p>24 Worship Team 6pm</p>  <p>Bible Study 7pm</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>Mary's Fellow- ship 6:30pm</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Religious Education 1-3pm</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 Sunday School 9am. Worship /Jr. Church 10:30 am Bible Study 3:45pm</p>  <p>Prayer 5pm</p>	<p>31</p>					