

THE ECHO... November 2022

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



ATTENTION: TOWN HALL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th @ 6 pm

I have been in prayer and in conversation with many people about the deep issues which have divided so many within our denomination. Our Administrative Council here at Rossville United Methodist Church has discussed these at varying meetings over the past year. The Council, at their September meeting, decided it was time to bring the whole congregation up to date on these matters.

Therefore, everyone connected with our church is encouraged to attend a Town Hall Meeting on Sunday evening November 13th at 6 pm. At this meeting, I as well as our Council Chairperson Ginny McCabe will present information about what has transpired in the denomination over the past few years. We will also share information which will help those who attend the meeting to come to a decision of discernment in regard to what the future holds for Rossville United Methodist Church both short term and long term. Each person needs to prayerfully consider what direction God wants us to go in. **Will we continue as we have for our entire 191 year history here at Rossville?** As Rossville United Methodist Church and its predecessor names (Rossville Methodist; Rossville Methodist Episcopal)? Or will God lead us into something else? Who are we? What does God want of us? Will we have much of a long-term future if we don't start attracting more folks from younger generations for that future to even exist no matter the name of our church?

Anyway, this meeting could be the first of many depending what is decided. However, this particular meeting will not include a decision on whether we will remain a United Methodist church or not. But we will take a "**straw poll**" towards the end of the meeting about whether we should begin a process which could lead to Rossville disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church. The results of the "straw poll" will determine our next steps which would include either a) Set up an additional town hall meeting with our superintendent Lore Blinn Gibson to answer questions which we currently don't have answers for. Or b) Decide to wait until after the United Methodist Church General Conference meets in 2024 at which time we will respond to their actions with a decision on the future of Rossville Church.

If you have any interest in how our Rossville Church will continue in the future, it is vitally important that you attend this first town hall meeting.

May our Lord Jesus Christ guide us as we look into the future.

In Christ,

Pastor Bob Raschka

~IN MEMORIAM~

Velma Leazenby May 19, 1925- October 11, 2022

Lilly Halcomb September 19, 1940- - October 14, 2022

Dan Leazenby March 13, 1943- October 18, 2022

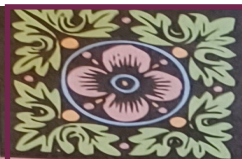


Daylight savings time thankfully comes to an end on November 6th. Don't forget to move your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday November 5th. Everyone can get an extra hour of sleep before coming to church the next day.



Wednesday Fellowship at Mary's Continues Through November 16th

Everyone is invited to join us Wednesday's 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. 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.



BLESSED BITES
@Rossville UMC
FORMALLY Comfort Kitchen

Blessed Bites Café

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

Next Café is November 10, 5:30-7pm. This month we will be serving Turkey & Noodles.

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

LADIES DAY OUT November 11th

Twelve ladies met for lunch Oct. 14th eating at Cracker Barrel. Everyone enjoyed good fellowship and good food. The next outing will be Nov. 11th at Freddie's in Lafayette (by Menards). All ladies are invited to join. Meet at the church parking lot to leave promptly at 11am.

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



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6th

We will remember all of those from our congregation who have passed away since November 1st of 2021 at our service on November 6th. Their name will be read, family members and friends will be welcomed to stand in the person’s memory, and a candle will be lit in the individual’s honor.

We will remember the following people who have passed away from RUMC this past year:

- Jim Unger May 8, 1933- February 15, 2022
- Jacque Cooper July 18, 1947- March 20, 2022
- Velma Leazenby May 19, 1925- October 11, 2022
- Lilly Halcomb September 19, 1940– October 14, 2022
- Dan Leazenby March 13, 1943- October 18, 2022



Let’s all join together on this special Sunday as we remember. 10:30 am



THANKSGIVING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20th

Join us in worship Sunday, November 20th at 10:30 as we give thanks to God for the blessings, strength, and endurance of getting through another year.

Join us after church on November 27th—the 1st Sunday of Advent—as we decorate our church for the Advent and Christmas Season. Afterwards we will share in a meal. The more that stay and help, the faster the work will be accomplished. Many hands make light work.



CALL OUT!

Mark your calendars. Rehearsals for our Christmas Program, which will again this year involve a handbell choir and choral group. Practices begin Sunday December 4th after Missions Dinner. Make plans to join this exciting group as we prepare for the Christmas Program which will be on December 18th.





Pastor Bob Nov. 1st	Barb McCullah Nov. 13th
Darrin Disinger Nov. 14th	Debbie Pollard Nov. 17th
Cody Disinger Nov. 17th	Margo Oren Nov. 19th
Elissa Weida Nov. 22nd	Phil Emens Nov. 25th
Zoe Marlow Nov. 28th	Ethan Rothenberger Nov. 30th

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Bob & Ruth Raschka November 23rd

Funds raised for the Gideons \$269

Please see information board to read letter from Bob Schumacher



NOVEMBER WORSHIP

November 6th ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
 "What About This?" Luke 20:27-38

November 13th Holy Communion
 " A Reminder" Isaiah 12:1-6

November 20th Christ the King Sunday / Thanksgiving Sunday
 "Thanks Be to the One" Philippians 4:4-9; Jeremiah 23:5-6

November 27th 1st Sunday of Advent
 "Our Eternal Hope" Matthew 24:36-44; Zephaniah 3:17



Tithes and offerings

Financial Report		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Missions Offering</u>
October 2 nd	\$1958	\$41
October 9 th	\$1681	\$32
October 16 th	\$ 925	\$37
October 23 rd	\$1056	\$65

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 <i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i>	5 <i>Basement Reserved for TOPS 9am-Noon</i>
6 All Saints Sunday <i>Sunday School 9 am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	7	8	9  <i>Mary's Fellowship 6:30pm</i> <i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i>	10 <i>Blessed Bites Café 5:30-7pm</i>	11  <i>Ladies Day Out Meet at church parking lot 11am</i> <i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i>	12
13 Sunday School 9am/ Communion <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i> <i>Milner's service 3pm</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i> <i>Town Hall 6pm</i>	14 <i>Administrative Council 7pm</i>	15 <i>Staff Parish Relations committee 6pm</i>	16  <i>Mary's Fellowship 6:30pm</i> <i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i>	17	18 <i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i>	19 <i>Basement Reserved for Marlow Baby Shower 2pm-4pm</i>
20 Sunday School 9am <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	21	22	23 <i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i>	24 	25 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	26
27 Sunday School 9am <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i> <i>Hanging of the Greens</i> <i>Prayer 5pm</i>	28	29	30 <i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i>			