

THE ECHO...

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

Foundation. Do you ever think much about foundation? You know, that upon which everything else is built? Whether a simple slab for a one story home without a basement, or a skyscraper such as the Willis (formerly Sears) Tower in Chicago which has a 100 foot foundation and 90 interlocking tubes.



Everything has a foundation of sorts. Whether the roots of a tree or the DNA of humans and other living beings, there are major pieces which hold everything in place. Without a foundation, rarely anything would exist, or be able to hold together.

However, in time, through aging and the passage of time, or through poor decisions which might eat away at a foundation, even the strongest foundations may eventually crumble, thus causing whatever it is supporting to collapse.

The Bible speaks to us about foundations. These foundations are spiritual in nature and are able to withstand much.

They contain promise and hope. One such example is a prophecy from Isaiah about the Messiah. Isaiah 28:16 reads, "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: 'See, I lay in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed.'" If we trust in Christ as our sure foundation, despite no matter how low we may become, or whatever life throws at us, we can endure. 1 Corinthians 3:11 exclaims that "no one can lay any foundation other than what has already been laid, which is Jesus Christ." Our lives are ultimately tested by the kinds of stuff we tried to build upon the foundation. Verse 13 says that the quality of each person's work is put to the test with fire, and that which survives is our reward. If everything is burned up, the person is still saved but only as one escaping through the fire.

Therefore, no matter what we try to build upon in our lives, the only foundation which is solid and lasting is Jesus Christ himself. Similarly, 2 Timothy 3:19 says that God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his, and everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from sin."

Can we do any of this on our own merit? No. Only when we seek the strength which God offers us can we stand up against anything that would come at us in an attempt to drag us away from the faith.

It appears to me that much of the solid foundation which was built up by generations of Christ-followers who came before us is being tested these days. There is so much uncertainty, strife, and division that it appears many people have forgotten where their true foundation lies. Let us, as we move through this time of discernment here at Rossville, and as we live our lives out in the world, remember to stay connected to the solid foundation. Remember as the old hymn of the church says, "The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord... with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died."

As we prayerfully consider the future of the church here in Rossville, do NOT forget the foundation upon which we are built. The foundation of Jesus Christ who paid for all of us with his blood.

Faithfully,

Pastor Bob Raschka

Discernment Process Sessions

The first of two discernment process prayer sessions is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00pm. This session, as well as the one on Monday, March 6th will be undergirded with our key scripture for this process,

Colossians 3:12-15:

"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."

If you are interested in seeking God's guidance through the discernment process, please plan to attend as we consider each of the possibilities before us and the financial cost.

Remember, Tuesday February 7th at 7pm.



LADIES DAY OUT February 10th

Ladies Day Out had 10 ladies meet for lunch at The Olive Garden on Jan. 13th. The next outing will be Friday, Feb 10th. We will be eating at Applebee's in Lafayette at the Tippecanoe Mall.

All ladies are invited to join.

Meet at the church parking lot to carpool promptly at 11am.

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

WINTER MOVIE NIGHT



The last of our Winter Movie Night for this year is as follows:

Friday February 10th at 7:00 pm features Episode 7 : "Invitations" & Episode 8 : "I am He."

Popcorn and bottled water will be served at these events.

RUMC 2023 Chili Cook-Off February 19th after church



Every year we have a chili cook-off to see who makes the best chili around. This event is a fun RUMC tradition to raise money for church camp. Please see Brandy Marlow to be a contestant, donate items or for info on Church Camp.


Hope Beyond Today
 Navigating Life After Loss

Hope Beyond Today is a six week program that has been developed by those who have lost loved ones and have navigated through the maze of hurt, sorrow, and heartache caused by grief. Like many of us, they have experienced deep emotional pain. Their thoughts of encouragement will enable others to find hope during their own personal journey.

Ruth Miller and Deb Mears will facilitate this class starting **Tuesday, February 21st**. Each class will consist of a one hour session, beginning with a 30 minute DVD, followed by discussion time for the group to share their own thoughts (if they choose), words of encouragement, and comfort.

It is the purpose of **Hope Beyond Today** to provide hurting people with practical ways to deal with their pain as a result of a life changing loss.

Starting Tuesday, February 21st
 Delphi United Methodist Church
 6:00 PM

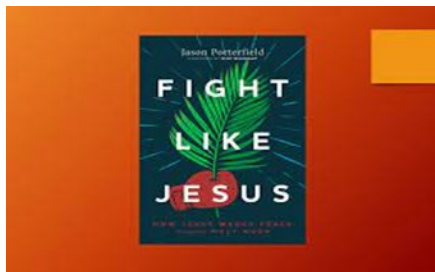


*** If you are interested in joining this 6-week class, please RSVP to the church office at 765/564-3791 by **February 6th** so we can plan accordingly. If you have questions about the class, you may contact Deb Mears at 765/490-6817 or Ruth Miller at 765/586-1558.*



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
FEBRUARY 22nd 7:00pm

Our Lenten theme this year is based on Christ's responses to each day of Holy Week and is entitled "FIGHT LIKE JESUS: How Jesus Waged Peace throughout Holy Week" The theme will be introduced at our Ash Wednesday Service with a sermon entitled "Cheers and Tears" based on Luke 19:41.



Our Lenten Bible Study this year is based on the book by Jason Porterfield, Fight Like Jesus, How Jesus Waged Peace throughout Holy Week. This study does not include a DVD and will require each participant to receive a book. A sign up sheet will be available at church beginning February 5th. The study will meet on six Sundays beginning February 26th and running through April 2nd at 4:00pm.

February Sermons

SIGNS AND WONDERS SERIES runs through February 19th
 February 5th "Unafraid" John 6:16-24

February 12th "Light" John 9:1-9

February 19th "Alive!" John 11:40-44

FIGHT LIKE JESUS SERIES begins February 22nd
 Ash Wednesday February 22nd "Cheers and Tears" Luke 19:41-42

February 26th "Hammers and Lambs" Zechariah 9:9-10 John 12:12-19





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Every Tuesday, February 28th – March 21st

6pm-7:30pm

Join us as the Adventure Club team takes you through the Adventures in Acts. Each Tuesday there will be a

Bible story, music, crafts and light meal.

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.



Bible Lesson

Music

Crafts

Food



Steve & Debbie Pollard February 16th



Dustin Green Feb. 3rd

Vicki Rabanus Feb 6th

Erika Rothenberger Feb 10th

Larry Oren Feb 12th

Barb Nulph Feb 20th

Jane Emens Feb 22nd

Lisa Jensen Feb 23rd

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Financial Stewardship

Total regular offerings received in 2022:

\$118,136.68

Total raised for missions causes in 2022: \$3,412.65

January 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Missions</u>
January 1 st	\$1,287.00	\$26.00
January 8 th	\$9,196.00	\$60.50
January 15 th	\$1,312.00	\$79.00
January 22 nd	\$1,011.00	\$58.00

Our missions giving in 2022 helped to support the following causes and missions:

International

H.I.S. Eyes, Honduras (Felipe' and Valerie Colby)

Life's Heart Project, Kenya (Ken & Marcia Eller)

Sam Naik International, India

National

Red Bird Mission, Kentucky

Indiana

Indiana United Methodist Children's Home, Lebanon

Lucille Raines Residence, Indianapolis

Local

Pregnancy Resource Center, Frankfort

Backpack Buddies Program, Rossville

Good Samaritan Fund, Rossville



February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p><i>1</i></p> <p><i>Ladies Bible Study 10am @ Living Stone</i></p> <p><i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i></p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p><i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i></p>	<p><i>4</i></p>
<p><i>5 Communion</i></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9 am</i></p> <p><i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p><i>Trustees Meeting 6:30pm</i></p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p><i>7pm Prayer Discernment Session</i></p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p><i>Ladies Bible Study 10am @ Living Stone</i></p> <p><i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i></p>	<p><i>9</i></p>	<p><i>10</i></p>  <p><i>Ladies Day Out Meet at church parking lot 11am</i></p> <p><i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i></p> <p><i>Movie Night 7pm</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p>
<p><i>12</i></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9am</i></p> <p><i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i></p> <p><i>Milner's Service 3pm</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p><i>Administrative Council 7pm</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p><i>Ladies Bible Study 10am @ Living Stone</i></p> <p><i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i></p>	<p><i>16</i></p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p><i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i></p>	<p><i>18</i></p>
<p><i>19</i></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9am</i></p> <p><i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i></p> <p><i>Chili Cook-Off Church Camp Fundraiser After church</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p><i>Missions 6pm</i></p>	<p><i>21</i></p>	<p><i>22 Ladies Bible Study 10am @ Living Stone</i></p>  <p>ASH WEDNESDAY</p> <p><i>Ash Wednesday Service 7pm</i></p> <p><i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i></p>	<p><i>23</i></p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p><i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i></p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p><i>Leadership Training @ Delphi 10am-3pm</i></p>
<p><i>26</i></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9am</i></p> <p><i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i></p> <p><i>Bible Study 4pm</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p><i>Worship Team ?</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <p><i>Adventure Club 6-7:30pm</i></p> 				