

THE ECHO... MAY 2023

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



I've heard the comment on more than one occasion, and from more than one person in regard to Rossville United Methodist Church. What is the comment? "That's the most praying church I've ever come across." As a pastor, to hear this kind of comment is refreshing. Churches are known for lots of things. But to be known for prayer is refreshing. We are known as a church which prays. People know they can communicate a prayer concern to us, and someone will pray for it. Besides our prayer group, our automated phone tree, and even some text messages, we even have two places in the church building (one in the fellowship hall, and the other in the prayer corner at the back of the sanctuary) where people can write down a prayer request and place it in the basket which is there. We are good at praying for a whole host of needs, and we have seen many answered prayers over the years.

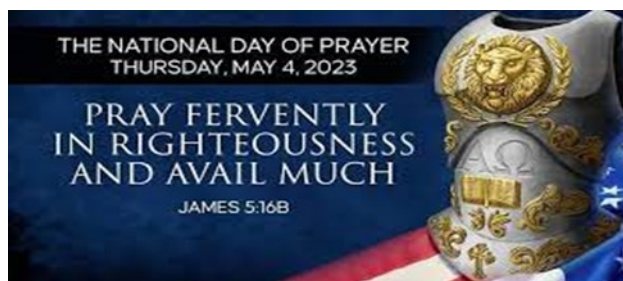
But, do we pray for each other? Are all the people in our congregation being prayed for regardless of whether or not they have expressed a need? Personally, when I first started at Rossville, I divided the congregation into groups of about 7 individuals or families each. Besides other requests I am aware of, I pray for one group each day. It takes about 2 or 3 weeks to pray through the entire congregation. But what about the congregation praying for each other?

Well, we are blessed to have an insightful prayer coordinator here at Rossville. She is leading us through a study on breakthrough prayer. One item which has come from this at the outset is that beginning **Monday May 1st**, everyone in the congregation is invited to open up the church directory to the page which includes their name and pray for each name listed on that page. **If you don't have a directory, pick one up at church, or email us and we will get one to you.** Once you have prayed for the people on your page, then turn to the next page on the following day and pray for the name of the people on that page, and so on. Soon, you will have prayed for everyone in the church. There will be names of people you don't know. There will be names of folks you haven't seen for maybe a period of years. Regardless. Pray for them. Lift them up and whatever they might be facing in their lives. This practice will help all of us go deeper and grow deeper in our prayer lives.

It might even lead to a breakthrough you didn't know you needed. Let us pray for one another. Who knows what God has in store for us and the people who currently are involved in Rossville UMC? Who knows what God has in store for the folks in our community that will one day be a part of our church but don't know it yet?

Remember, God is doing a new thing! Do you perceive it?

Pastor Bob Raschka



Churches joining together for National Day of Prayer Service at Rossville May 4th.

Rossville, Jefferson, Kilmore, and Forest United Methodist Churches are joining together on **Thursday, May 4th** for a National Day of Prayer Service at 7pm. The service, held here at the Rossville UMC, will feature prayers led by Pastor Craig Overman from Jefferson and Kilmore, Pastor Bob Raschka from Rossville and Forest, Rossville Elementary School Principal Chad Dennison, Vicki Rabanus, and Carolyn Bushfield.

Please plan to join us as we gather together in prayer for our nation on May the 4th.



Church Work Day Saturday, May 6th

Join us on Saturday, May 6th at 9am to help spruce up the church property and building. We hope to be finished before noon.



Italian Beef to be served at Missions Dinner May 7th after church

The missions team will be serving a meal of Italian Beef, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Broccoli Salad, Lettuce Salad, Deserts, and drinks after church on Sunday May 7, 2023. Buckets will be set up at the tables for individuals to make donations towards the missions programs we support here at Rossville.

All are welcome to stay for this delicious meal.



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

Next Café is May 11th, 5:30-7pm. This month we will be having a Taco Bar!

This is a free event offered every month and open to the public.

LADIES DAY OUT May 12th



Six ladies and one child met for lunch and fellowship at Chick-Fil-A April 14th. The next Ladies Day Out will be at Cracker Barrel in Lafayette on May 12th. Please meet at the church parking lot to leave promptly at 11am to carpool. All ladies are invited!

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

If any lady would be willing to take a turn driving the group please see Jane Emens.



Thank you to every one who took part in the Burger Bash. It was so much fun and we were able to raise \$2,722.00 to help repair the stained-glass windows.

May Worship

May 7th “ Stopped Ears” Acts 7:55-60

May 14th Mother’s Day
“Prepare” Psalm 66:16-20; 1 Peter 1:13-16

May 21st Ascension Sunday
Guest Speaker: Rev. Lore Blinn Gibson

May 28th PENTECOST
“Spirit Speaks” Acts 2:1-6; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13



Please invite the special women in your life to our
Mother’s Day Service on May 14th.
All Mothers will receive a token of our appreciation.

Pentecost Sunday, May 28th! In celebration of Pentecost please join us in wearing red to our Sunday service at 10:30am.

Pentecost: Another high holy day of the Christian calendar. Called by many the birthday of the church, Pentecost represents a passing of the mantle of sorts—from the Incarnate Christ to the ever-present Spirit, the reminder of the God within, the sustainer, the teacher, the strengthener. Pentecost is a day of celebration for all that God has done and is doing within the life of the church.



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Happy Birthday!

- Allena Weida May 7th
- Rex Rothenberger May 10th
- Brandy Marlow May 17th
- Velma Leazenby May 20th
- Carly Disinger May 24th
- Rita Power May 31st



- Jeff & Diane Miller May 13th
- Barry & Ginny McCabe May 15th

Adult Sunday School

9:00-10:15 a.m

Sunday Worship and
 Jr. Church 10:30 a.m.



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.

Our Stewardship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Missions Offering</u>
April 2 nd	44	41	85	\$8,952.00	\$34
April 9 th Easter	95	78	173	\$1,494.00	\$69
April 16 th	56	109	165	\$1,751.00	\$48
April 23rd	55	101	156	\$951	\$33



Proceeds from April 23rd Burger Bash towards stained-glass window repair \$2722.00

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 <i>Ladies Bible Study 10am @ Living Stone</i> <i>6:30pm Mary's Fellowship</i>  <i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i>	4  <i>National Day of Prayer Service 7pm</i>	5 <i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i>	6  <i>Church Work Day 9am—Noon</i>
7 <i>Communion</i> <i>Sunday School 9 am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i> <i>Missions Dinner After Church</i> <i>Book Study 4pm</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	8 <i>Administrative Council 7pm</i>	9	10 <i>Ladies Bible Study 10am @ Living Stone</i> <i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i>	11  <i>Blessed Bites 5:30-7pm</i>	12 <i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i>  <i>Ladies Day Out Meet at church parking lot 11am</i>	13
14 <i>Sunday School 9am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i> <i>Milner's Service 3pm</i>  <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	15	16 <i>Staff Parish Relations Committee 6pm</i>	17 <i>Ladies Bible Study 10am @ Living Stone (Last Day)</i> <i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i>	18	19 <i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i>	20
21 <i>Sunday School 9am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	22	23	24 <i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i>	25	26	27
28 <i>Wear Red for Pentecost Sunday</i> <i>Sunday School 9am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. church 10:30 am</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	29	30	31 <i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i>			