

THE ECHO... June 2023

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



Several weeks ago, I mentioned in a sermon that sometimes God slows us down and almost literally stops us to fix what is wrong and makes us totally weak within ourselves. God puts us in a place where there's room for only one God.

Everything we depended on in life was unhelpful. All the systems we'd put in place to give us security in life failed. The people you trusted turned on you. Everything we had set up in the place of God came to no good until we realized that there really is room for only one God. In this often painful process, God brings each of us to a time of restoration and renewal. A few days following, one of our church attendees gave me a poem he wrote in response to the sermon. I share it with you here.

PRUNE ME TO JUST ONE GOD

I have lived in homes that had once not leaked
Windows not sealed well
Basements—well, I hate to think
Of what therein might dwell

While listing in my mind
These unfulfilled desires
Procrastinated projects
Like slowly leaking tires

It's too easy to leave uncleaned
And costly to repair
The failings of a house
That's in such disrepair

I casually passed a mirror
And nearly tripped and fell
Over a memory I'd forgot
But now remember well

Of deeds so covered up
Moist cow-pies under snow
Their fragrance won't dry up
Or go away with winter's cold

Prune that apple and the peach to
Skeletons half dead or more
And prune me to just ONE GOD
Whom I love evermore
--Tom Builta May 2, 2023

As we move into another summer season, let us remember that in all of those "experiences of summer" we view as of the utmost importance to never forget that there really is **room for only one God**. Let's do our best, with God's help, to remember and to live for God.

In Christ's love, *Pastor Bob Raschka*

Worship Themes

SPIRIT WORKS SERIES June 4th -July 2nd & July 23rd-August20th

June 4th "Love Poured In"

Romans 5:1-5

June 11th "Why?"

Galatians 5:16-24

June 18th "It's a Matter of Joy and Peace!"

Romans 14:1-7

June 25th "The Helper"

John 14:25-26

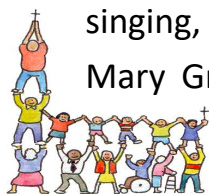


**SPIRIT
WORKS**

The Work of the Holy Spirit
Summer 2023
Rossville United Methodist Church

Fellowship at Mary's Summer Gathering

Join us for Fellowship at Mary's Wed, June 7th at 6:30pm. The evening includes a meal, singing, fellowship, discussion, and prayer. Everyone is welcome at the home of Mary Gray at 304 E. Main St.



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

Next Café is June 8th, 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 June 9th

Eleven ladies met for lunch May 12th at Cracker Barrel. The next Ladies Day Out will be Friday, June 9th; dining at the Red Bird Café in Dayton. Please meet at the church parking lot to leave promptly at 11am to carpool. All ladies are invited!

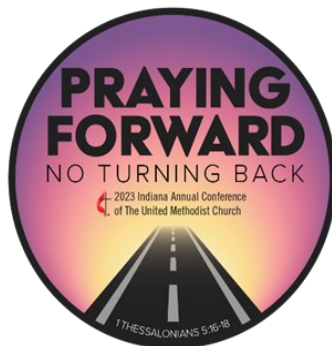
For Questions Contact Jane Emens (765-376-3176) or Connie Hinesley (765-379-2234).

Prayer Vigil for Indiana Annual Conference June 8th-10th

The Indiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will be in session at Ball State University from June 8th -10th. This year's theme is "PRAYING FORWARD".

Prayer is at the heart of all we do as United Methodists. It is our hope that the whole Conference will be drenched in prayer! To that end, we are asking those of you who are not able to be at Muncie to be present in prayer that God will show us the way forward for our Conference. We have created two slots for each half hour the Conference will be present, around the clock. (Whenever two or more of you are present in my name...) If you are a night owl, please sign up for a late slot. We're only asking for half an hour, (but feel free to take more). If you sign up, we'll send you some prayer topic suggestions, but we're not going to tell you how to pray. Please bless us with your presence in prayer.

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To sign up for a slot on the prayer vigil, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084fa9af23a3f94-indiana#/>

Rossville Community Vacation Bible School

When: June 25-28, 2023

Where: Rossville Presbyterian Church

Time: 5:30-8pm (Supper Included)

Theme: Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs



Volunteers are needed please call the VBS Director: Toni Bluemke 765-714-0590

*Please remember that we will be hosting next summer and would love to have the wisdom from the previous year.

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Adult Sunday School

9:00-10:15 a.m

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



Happy Anniversary!

- Glenn & Brandy Marlow June 5th
- Phil & Lyn Burkle June 22nd
- Larry & Margo Oren June 23rd
- Stephen & Kristin Arnone June 29th



- Dominique Cassamajor June 15th
- John Burkle June 16th
- James Graves June 21st
- Caleb Disinger June 23rd
- Carson Disinger June 23rd
- Mary Gray June 26th



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.


Stewardship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>On-line</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Missions</u>
Apr 30	47	64	101	\$983	\$14
May 7	44	54	98	\$5,502	\$181
May 14	53	92	145	\$1,491	\$45
May 21	55	106	161	\$1,712	\$40



\$518 was raised at the missions dinner on May 7th. Thank you to all who participated.

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>4 Communion</p> <p><i>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p> <p><i>Fellowship Hall Tegan Weida Open House 6- 8pm</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p><i>Trustees 6:30pm</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p></p> <p><i>Mary's Fellow- ship 6:30pm</i></p> <p><i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p></p> <p><i>Blessed Bites 5:30-7pm</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p></p> <p><i>Ladies Day Out Meet at church parking lot 11am</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>Annual Conference June 8-10th</p>
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