

THE ECHO... JULY 2023

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



From the Pastor

I was reading an article the other day about widespread drought conditions throughout Central Indiana. In the article, they indicated that not only have we had a dry period this summer, but the generally dry conditions extend all the way back to the end of last summer.

Besides the dry weather in our land which effects not just crops, but gardens, flowers, trees, lawns, and even animals, one might look at our culture-our society and determine that we are living in a dry and weary time. I could name all kinds of statistics and situations which would bear this out, but I believe each of us are aware of most of these whether it is a decline in morality, a dearth of church involvement, family stress, and a certain self-centeredness which appears to have taken over the national conversation.

Yet, the experiences of our day and time are not new. In Psalm 63, David cries out,

“O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land, where there is no water.”

David would have known first hand about such an experience. In fact, when people from our part of the world visit the Holy Land, they are surprised by how much of a dry, barren and rugged wasteland it is in comparison with our part of the world.

In the case of Psalm 63, David compared the condition of his soul and flesh with the dry and weary land in which he lived.

His soul was parched. He spirit was dry. He was fainting. Where did he turn? Did he hide in himself? Did he use his experience as a reason to withdraw from everything? From God? No. Instead, he cried out to God. Who did David say his soul thirsts after? God! His flesh faints after God. He seeks the Lord even in the midst of sorrow. He leans upon God even though it feels like his heart and his flesh are grasping.

Just like weather patterns never remain the same, (Eventually we will be concerned because we've had too much rain.) our lives are not always at the point of drought. We are not always discouraged and looking around as if in a dry and weary land, wondering if anything will ever be “normal” again.

Therefore, when faced with times of spiritual, emotional, and physical drought in our lives, let us earnestly seek God. Let us hold on with all the strength God gives us knowing that the best days lie ahead.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Bob Raschka



In Sympathy

Connie Hinesley

January 5, 1940- June 22, 2023

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

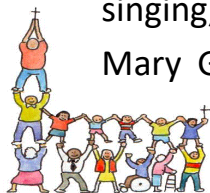
Chicken and Noodle Dinner 2023 Canceled

The 2023 Rossville United Methodist Church Chicken and Noodle dinner has been canceled. The group of folks who head up the dinner met recently and determined that due to a multitude of factors which have depleted the numbers of people who are able to assist with all the varying points of planning, organizing, and carrying forth the meal, this year's dinner has been canceled.

They did, however, decide to plan again for next year's meal which will be on the Saturday of the Rossville Summer's End Festival. (August 24, 2024).

Fellowship at Mary's Summer Gathering

Join us for Fellowship at Mary's Wed, July 12th 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 July 13th, 5:30-7pm.

This month we will be having Hotdogs, Coney Dogs, Chips, & Baked Beans

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



LADIES DAY OUT July 14th

Next Ladies Day Out will be Friday, July 14th at City Barbeque in Lafayette 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)

Forest United Methodist Church invites the people of Rossville United Methodist Church to join us for a game night on Saturday, July 22, 2023.



This is a perfect opportunity to gather the two congregations Pastor Bob serves together for an evening of fun and fellowship. The evening begins at 6:00pm.

There will be board games, Euchre, Corn Hole, and other exciting games as well as food.

Join us as the Forest United Methodist Church—9383 E. CR 600 North, Forest, Indiana.
Saturday July 22nd, 6:00pm
See You There!



UNSPOKEN @ Frankfort Hot Dog Festival July 29th.

The Christian band Unspoken will be in concert at the Frankfort Hot Dog Festival downtown at Prairie Creek Park on Saturday, July 29th. The concert begins at 5 pm along with special guests Terrian (from Toby Mac’s Diverse City Band) as well as Jeremy Rosado who was a contestant on “The Voice” & “American Idol”.



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July 2023 Worship

July 2nd "Wake-Up Call" John 16:8-9

July 9th Guest Speaker: Former Carroll County Sheriff Tobe Leazenby
 "God's Will His Way, His Plan" Proverbs 16: 1,3,&9

July 16th Guest Speaker: Dee Ann Rowe
 "Finding Your Place" 1 Kings 17:7-16

July 23rd "The Rekindling" Titus 3:4-7

July 30th "Set Apart" Acts 13:2-3



Stewardship

Date	Attendance	Online	Total	Regular Offering	Missions
May 28 th	31	87	118	\$699	\$72
June 4 th	36	51	87	\$1934	\$25
June 11 th	34	55	89	\$1591	\$71
June 18 th	50	89	139	\$2387	\$52
June 25 th	50	49	99	\$1956	\$64
2023 Average year to date:	52	62	114	\$2166	\$57



July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>2 Communion</p> <p>Sunday School 9 am</p> <p>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	3	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	6	7	8
<p>9</p> <p>Sunday School 9am</p> <p>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	10	11	<p>12</p>  <p>Mary's Fellow- ship 6:30pm</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>Blessed Bites 5:30-7pm</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>Ladies Day Out Meet at church parking lot 11am</p>	15
<p>16</p> <p>Sunday School 9am</p> <p>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	17	18	<p>19</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	20	21	<p>22</p> <p>Forest UMC Game Night 6pm</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Sunday School 9am</p> <p>Worship and Jr. church 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>Worship Team 6pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	27	28	29
<p>30</p> <p>Sunday School 9am</p> <p>Worship and Jr. church 10:30 am</p> <p>Milner's 3pm</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	31					