

# THE ECHO... AUGUST, 2023

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

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Many people enjoy traveling. Some folks travel frequently. Others less so. Many folks used to travel but due to a myriad of issues, they don't any longer. On our recent vacation I was thinking about this. As a child I used to keep track in my mind where we went every year for vacation. But these all stopped once my dad's employment changed, and his vacation was no longer in the summer—it was in the fall. And in those days, there was no fall break in school other than 2 days off at the end of October for teacher's institute.

In adulthood, many of our vacations have involved visiting family. And since they live in different parts of the country, we've been able to visit many places. Traveling to different regions and places can give one a whole new perspective on where we live. In some ways, it can give us a new appreciation for where we live. Not that where we live is as beautiful as the Appalachian mountain region of Tennessee. Or that where we live always has the best climate. But there is something about home. For one thing, after our trek on I-75 through Tennessee and Georgia (especially the Atlanta area) I've decided we have very few traffic problems here. Sometimes we need to get away in order to change our perspective.

We live in a diverse world with varying cultures, customs, and climates. While "people are the same everywhere" as the saying goes, each place has its own unique characteristics. And sometimes we need to realize that no matter what we are experiencing in our part of the world, or our part of the state, some places have life easier, and in some places, life is much more difficult. I have lived in small towns, suburbs, the city, and the country. While conventional wisdom might tell us that life in the country and small towns is less hectic, I have discovered that regardless of the size of a community one lives in, life is still hectic. There are still expectations and struggles regardless of they type of community.

The point of these rambling thoughts is that God is with us no matter where we live. Not one area is perfect. Not one area is beyond reconciliation. God calls us to pray for the communities in which we live. He even called the people of Judah to pray for Babylon, a land to which they had been forcefully exiled. He told them in Jeremiah 29:5-7 " 5 'Build houses and live in them; and plant gardens and eat their produce. 6 Get married and become the fathers of sons and daughters, and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply there and do not decrease. 7 Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf."

May we pray for our town and our county. Whether you live in Rossville, Clinton County, Carroll County, Lafayette, Tippecanoe County or anywhere in between. Pray and seek the welfare of wherever God has placed you. Pray.

In Christ,

*Pastor Bob Raschka*



***Sunday, August 6, 3:00 pm***

***Join us at Rossville United Methodist Church***

***For Song Fest***

***followed by an Ice Cream Social***

***Song Fest will be a combination of Hymns,***

***Contemporary Music & Solos.***

### **Fellowship at Mary's Summer Gathering**



Join us for Fellowship at Mary's Wed, August 2, 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 August 10th, 5:30-7pm.

This month we will be serving baked spaghetti and green beans.

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

### **LADIES DAY OUT August 11th**

Nine ladies met at City Barbeque for Ladies Day Out in July.

Friday, Aug. 11th we will be eating at **Cheddars 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)



**CANCELED****Chicken and Noodle Dinner 2023 Canceled****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).

### Release Time Religious Education Begins August 18<sup>th</sup>

The Rossville Release Time Religious Education program resumes Friday August 18<sup>th</sup>. Third and fourth graders from Rossville Elementary School who are willing and have received parental permission will attend this program. We are coming close to almost seventy years since the program began here in Rossville. We are privileged here at Rossville United Methodist Church to continue to host this program. The teachers and leaders for the 2023-2024 school year are Ronda Skinner, Kristi Miller, Elaine Zimmerman, Brandy Marlow, and Pastor Bob Raschka.



### August Worship Themes

August 6<sup>th</sup> "Not an Easy Road" Matthew 5:11-12; Acts 20:22-23

August 13<sup>th</sup> "Groans" Romans 8:26-27; Jude 20-21

August 20<sup>th</sup> "Many Gifts" 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

August 27<sup>th</sup> Rossville Summer's End Festival Service @ Rossville High School Auditorium 10:30am



## Cheesecake Fruit Salad from the Kitchen of Brandy Marlow

- 1 (8-oz.) container cream cheese spread (such as Philadelphia) (room temp softened and whipped)
- 1 cup thawed frozen whipped topping
- 1/4 cup vanilla whole-milk strained (Greek-style) yogurt
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar, sifted (my Kids like when I sub banana pudding mix too)
- 1 tsp. fresh lemon juice (from 1 small lemon)
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 5 cups chopped ripe fruit (such as pineapple, strawberries, mango, kiwi, red grapes)

Whisk together cream cheese, whipped topping, yogurt, sugar, lemon juice, and vanilla extract in a large bowl until combined. Next Stir in fruit and serve cold



Correction from July Echo– Happy Anniversary to Dustin & Emily Green on July 23rd.

Mike & Loretta Rotenberger Anniversary Aug 26th.

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Adult Sunday School: 9:00 am  
Worship & Jr. Church: 10:30 am

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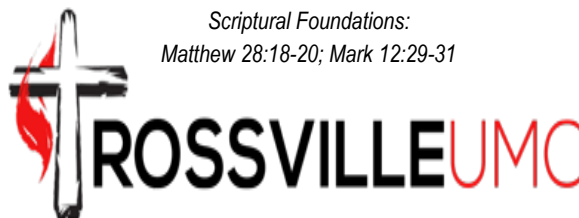


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| Glenn Marlow Aug. 14th    | Jane Rothenberger Aug. 15th     |
| Michael Rabanus Aug. 16th | Linda Ostler Aug. Aug. 19th     |
| Vern Leslie Aug. 20th     | Lactetia Rothenberger Aug. 24th |
| Steve Pollard Aug. 31st   |                                 |

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*The purpose of the Rossville United Methodist Church is to love the Lord and our neighbors, teach one another to obey the commands of God, and proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior to all.*

Scriptural Foundations:  
Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 12:29-31



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.

**Adult Sunday School**

9:00-10:15 a.m

**Sunday Worship and**

**Jr. Church 10:30 a.m.**



**Stewardship in the Summer...**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Missions Offering</u>
June 25	50	27	77	\$ 1,956	\$64
July 2	37	96	133	\$878	\$64
July 9	42	69	111	\$10,435	\$66.50
July 16	31	68	99	\$1,660	\$40.75
July 23	41	42	83	\$1,067	\$73



# August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2  Mary's Fellowship 6:30pm  Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC	3	4	5
6 Communion  Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am   Song Fest 3pm	7	8  Rossville Schools Start	9  Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC	10   Blessed Bites 5:30-7pm	11   Ladies Day Out Meet at church parking lot 11am	12
13 Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am  Milner's 3pm  Prayer Group 5pm	14  Administrative Council Meeting 7pm	15  Staff-Parish Committee 6pm	16  Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC	17	18  Religious Education 1-3 pm	19
20 Sunday School 9am  Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am  Prayer Group 5pm	21  Missions Team 6pm	22	23  Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC	24	25  Religious Education 1-3 pm	26
27  Community Summer's End Service @ Rossville High School 10:30am  Prayer Group 5pm	28	29	30  Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC	31		