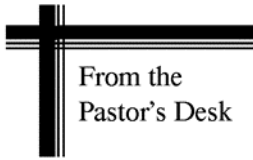


THE ECHO... *March* 2024

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



From the
Pastor's Desk

This time of the year is symbolized by struggle. A struggle between two forces pulling at each other.

For example, March is a struggle between sports teams as college basketball gears up for the NCAA tournament with “win-or-go-home” games on the docket. We see the same in Indiana boys basketball as sectional final games happen on March 2nd. The winner of these games go on to the regional. These tournaments usually produce “upsets” most years. Many use the term “March Madness” to refer to the struggle.

Then, there is the old adage about March coming in like a “lion” and going out like a “lamb”. The month can bring violent struggles related to weather. Each year, tornado awareness month is in March. Early spring winds battle with the last gasps of winter winds. When these forces collide, the results can become the story of legend for years to come.

This year, the month of March in the Christian year is when everything comes to a head. The first half of the month, we continue our journey through the season of Lent. Near the end of the month, we near the completion of Lent as we celebrate Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The days which follow struggle between light and darkness. We call the week “Holy Week” because it commemorates the patent demonstration and summit of the Lord Jesus Christ’s holiest and immense love for all of humanity. This love is willing to suffer unto “death, death on the Cross” in order to save us from our sins. It is a love which knows no end, conquering death itself. From Palm Sunday to the struggle between Jesus and the Pharisees to the last supper, to the trial and the crucifixion. Add all the side battles such as Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, the betrayal by Judas, and the desertion by the rest of the disciples add to the struggle. Maybe the most searing day of all for the disciple is Holy Saturday. The One they thought the Messiah is dead. But then.... But then!!!!

This year when the last morning of March dawns, the greatest news of all is once again declared: Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

The struggle has an end. A finish. A completion. A victory!

Journeying together,

Pastor Bob Raschka

Daylight Saving time will begin March 10th.

Spring Forward one hr. at 2am.



LADIES DAY OUT March 8th

Eleven ladies met for lunch at Cheddars on Feb. 9th. As always lots of laughs and good food was enjoyed. The next Ladies Day Out will be Friday, March 8th. We will be traveling to The Bryant in West Lafayette. Meet at the church parking lot to leave promptly at **10:45am** to carpool.

All ladies are invited! For Questions Contact Jane Emens (765-242-0633)

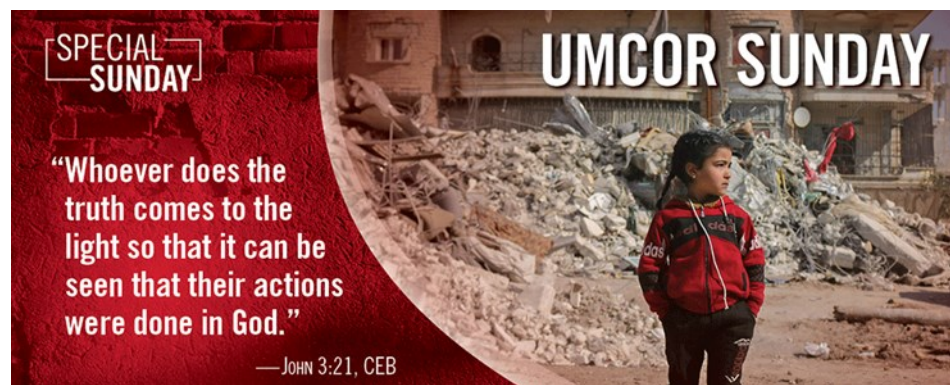


RUMC Annual Chili cook-Off March 10th

Join us after church **March 10th** for the Chili cook-off. Every year the best chili masters in Rossville face off for the title of Champion. 2018 & 23 Jeff Miller, 2019 Kris Need, 2020 Miles Green, 2021 Dan Cooper, 2022 Ken Ledman. Vote for your favorite chili and each dollar equals one vote. All proceeds go to send kids connected with our church to church camp. Drinks and all the fixins' will be provided.

Witness to the Cross Lenten Bible Study has begun

Pastor Bob invites everyone to join him for our Lenten Bible Study. We will meet each Wednesday through March 27th at 7pm. The Lenten Bible Study this year is entitled. Witness to the Cross. This video based Bible Study features enthusiastic author Amy Jill-Levine. In the study, we will experience Good Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die: Mary his mother; the Beloved Disciple from the Gospel of John; Mary Magdalene and the other women from Galilee; the two men, usually identified as thieves, crucified with Jesus; the centurion and the soldiers; Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Jews and Romans, friends and strangers, the powerful and the powerless, the hopeful and the despairing.



UMCOR Sunday is March 10th. On this Sunday you will have the opportunity to give to a special offering to support the work of UMCOR (The United Methodist Committee on Relief). As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to respond with extravagant grace. Through this offering, we are able to make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives had been upset by storms, wars, fires, and other disasters. This offering underwrites UMCOR's costs of doing business and allows the promise that 100% of any gift to a specific project will go only towards that project. Give to this special offering as God leads you on Sunday, March 10th.

Community Wide Spring Bible Study

A community Spring Bible Study begins Wednesday March 6th and runs through Wednesday May 15th at 10:00 am at the Living Stone Church 69 W. Main St. Rossville. The study this year is on the book of Ephesians.



For additional information, contact Karen Studebaker at (765) 650-1699.



Gather together with us on **Palm Sunday** March 24th at 10:30am as we celebrate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We will have a march of palms early in the service.

We will gather in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday March 28th at 6:30pm for a Maundy Thursday Soup Supper. We will partake in the meal and then celebrate the Last Supper Jesus had with his disciples. All are welcome to this meaningful evening.



It's our year to host! Good Friday and Easter Sunrise and Breakfast @ Rossville UMC

Rossville area churches, including Rossville Bible Fellowship, Rossville Church of the Brethren, Fountain of Life, Living Stone, Rossville Presbyterian Church, Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, and Geetingsville Presbyterian Church will join us here at Rossville United Methodist Church for the annual Rossville Good Friday and Easter events.

The Community Good Friday Service is scheduled for **Friday March 29th at 7:30pm** .

On Easter, the Sunrise Service is scheduled for **Sunday March 31st at 7:15am**. This is followed by the Easter Breakfast at **8:00am**. Join us along with the churches in our area as we remember our Lord's sacrifice and celebrate his resurrection!





Janice Leazenby March 6th

Nancy Disinger March 17th

Dan Cooper March 24th

Christian Shireman March 27th

RUMC Breakthrough Prayer

God, may Your preferred will break through in our church and in our lives, opening the door to the future You have chosen for us. We exchange our wills for Yours to fully follow You. Amen

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March Worship Themes

March 3rd "Shut Your Face!" Luke 18:35-43

March 10th "There He Goes Again!" Luke 19:1-9

March 17th "The Unexpected" Luke 10:25-37

March 24th Palm Sunday
 "You've Got a Test" Mark 11:1-11

March 29th Community Good Friday Service
 "Nothing Special Friday" John 19:1-30

March 31st "At the End of the Day...Truth!" John 20:1-18



Stewardship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Missions</u>
January 28 th	\$1,146	\$19
February 4 th	\$1,757	\$57
February 11 th	\$1,831	\$62
February 18 th	\$ 533	\$17
February 25 th	\$1,850	\$97



March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					Religious Education 1-3 pm	
3 Communion Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am Prayer Group 5pm	4 TOPS 6:30pm	5	6  Lenten Bible Study 7pm Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC	7	8  Ladies Day Out Meet at church parking lot 10:45am Religious Education 1-3 pm	9
10 Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am Chili Cook Off Milner's Service 3pm Prayer Group 5pm	11 TOPS 6:30pm Administrative Council 7pm	12	13  Lenten Bible Study 7pm Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC	14	15 Religious Education 1-3pm	16
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