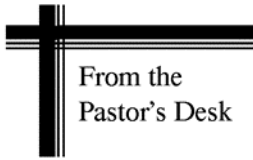


# THE ECHO... *May* ,2024

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



From the  
Pastor's Desk

What barriers keep us “stuck in ruts?” What walls exist? Maybe we don’t use words like barriers and walls to describe them. Instead they might constitute the excuses we use to never make the first attempt at required change. We’ve grown so accustomed to the “way things are” that we pretty much continue to live a life which affirms “the way things are.” Even though we are not all too thrilled with “the way things are”. And, in many ways we’ve grown rather individualistic. Sometimes we are so into what “Jesus has done for me”, that we forget about the “loving others” part of Christ’s commands. And as a result barriers, ruts, and walls remain. And maybe even grow larger. The thing is, we may not even do any of this on purpose. It just is.

Barriers, ruts, and walls exist in our lives and in our communities. But the fact of the matter is God is willing to act with, through, and even in spite of our human-tendencies. God can serve as a lamp in the darkness, shining light on the barriers, ruts, and walls, and directing a way to leap over them. (2 Samuel 22:29).

This year, the theme verse of the National Day of Prayer is this very verse. It is a call to realize that God’s way is perfect, God’s promise is true; and God serves as a shield of protection on all who would take refuge in him. It is important that we not sit around and just complain about the state of affairs in our land (no matter what side of the aisle you find yourself). Instead we need to realize that if we are willing, God will lighten the darkness and show us the way through the barriers, ruts, and walls of our lives, our society, and our culture. All in a way to bring God’s breakthrough. It’s time to join together and allow God in Christ to lead us through into the future he has planned—no matter how uncomfortable or “outside the box”.

In Christ,

*Pastor Bob Raschka*

## Worship Themes

May 5<sup>th</sup> “Overcomer” Matthew 6:13 & 1 Corinthians 10:12-13

May 12<sup>th</sup> Ascension Sunday and Mother’s Day  
“You Will Receive” Acts 1:6-11

May 19<sup>th</sup> The Day of Pentecost  
“Do We Like the ‘Suddenly?’” Acts 2:1-8

May 26<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday  
“Dreams and Visions” Isaiah 6:1-8 Acts 2: 14-21



### National Day of Prayer May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Pastors and representatives from several area churches will join us for the National Day of Prayer Service on Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm. We will gather to pray for our nation, focusing on areas of church, family, education, business/workplace, government, arts/entertainment, and military service. Our prayer coordinator Vicki Rabanus has been working behind the scenes to help create a memorable evening. All are welcome to gather as we pray for our nation.



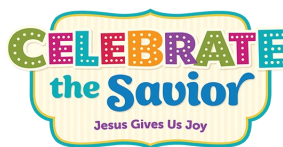
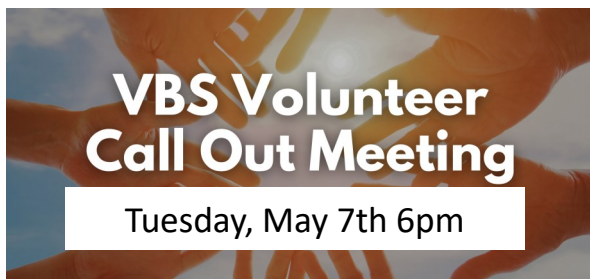
### Trustees Work Day

The Trustees are holding a work day on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am. Those who are able are invited to join us in sprucing up the outside of our church facility as well as completing any projects needed on the inside. We hope to be completed by noon. Join us on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Many hands make light work.

*Pulled Pork Lunch  
Missions Fundraiser  
Sunday May 5th  
After Church*



*Menu: Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Macaroni & Cheese, Chips and Dip, Deserts, and Drinks*



Save the Date!

June 24-27th, 6-7:45pm

(Door open at 5:45pm)

Held at The Rossville United Methodist Church

For Ages Pre-K (potty trained) through 5th Grade

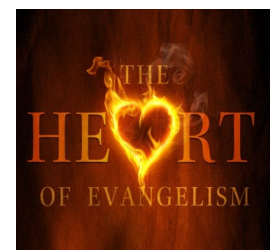
### LADIES DAY OUT May 10th

Eight ladies met for lunch at Bob Evans last month. Everyone enjoyed good food and wonderful fellowship. Next month Ladies Day Out will be going to Culvers in Lafayette on Friday, May 10th. Meet at the church parking lot to leave promptly at **11am** to carpool. All ladies are invited! For Questions Contact Jane Emens (765-242-0633)



### Rossville Outreach Event: Reviving the Heart of Evangelism

Caleb Shields will be leading a training event in raising up a team from our church to learn about outreach into our Rossville community. The training event is on Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, with the outreach event on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> at a time yet to be determined. Listen for announcements at church with further details.





Jeff & Diane Miller May 13th

Barry & Ginny McCabe May 15th



Allena Weida 7th

Rex Rothenberger 10th

Brandy Marlow 17th

Carly Disinger 24th

Doreanne Deweese 24th

Rita Power 31st

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**Baby Bottles for Living Alternatives Resource Center**

We will have baby bottles available to take home with you beginning on Mother's Day and bring back to the church filled with coins or cash on Father's Day. The proceeds will go to assist the Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center in Frankfort.



**Fellowship at Mary's Now Though May 22nd!**

Join us for Fellowship at Mary's on Wednesdays at 6:30pm .

Each Fellowship night will be at pitch in dinner.

The evening includes a meal, singing, fellowship, discussion, and prayer. Everyone is welcome at the home of

Mary Gray 304 E. Main St. Rossville, IN



**Graduation Recognition May 19<sup>th</sup>**

If you have a student graduating High School or College this year please see Brandy Marlow.

Students will be honored at the morning service on May 19th.



**Stewardship**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Missions Offering</u>
March 31	\$ 842.00	\$23
April 7	\$ 1,895.57	\$72
April 14	\$ 10,032.00	\$20.56
April 21	\$ 1,143.00	\$29.00



**Adult Sunday School**

**9:00-10:15 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship and Jr. Church**

**10:30 a.m.**

# May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  <i>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</i>	2  <i>National Day of Prayer Service 7pm</i>	3 <i>Religious Education 1-3 pm</i>	4 <i>Church Work Day 9am-Noon</i> 
5 <i>Communion</i> <i>Sunday School 9 am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i>  <i>Missions Lunch After Church</i>  <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	6  <i>TOPS 6:30pm</i>	7  <i>VBS Call Out 6pm</i>  	8  <i>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</i>  <i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i>	9	10  <i>Ladies Day Out Meet at church parking lot 11am</i>  <i>Religious Education 1-3 pm</i>	11
12 <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>  	13  <i>TOPS 6:30pm</i>  <i>Ad Council 7pm</i>	14  <i>Caleb Shields Outreach Training 7pm</i>	15  <i>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</i>  <i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i>	16	17  <i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i>	18  <i>Neighbor Outreach TBD</i>
19 <i>Graduation Recognition</i> <i>Sunday School 9am</i> <i>Worship 10:30 am</i>  <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	20  <i>TOPS 6:30pm</i>	21	22  <i>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</i>  <i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i>	23  <i>Last Day of School for Rossville Schools</i>	24	25
26 <i>Sunday School 9am. Worship and Jr. Church 10:30am</i>  <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	27   <i>TOPS 6:30pm</i>  <i>Church Office Closed</i>	28	29	30	31	