

THE ECHO... August , 2024

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



Vacations are a time to relax and perhaps even disconnect a little bit from everything for a period of time as best as possibly able. This was my vacation to a point this year, some insights of which I will share here in this article. But during the two week period beginning July 8th and ending July 21st, the world did not stop. On the first day, word came that the son-in-law of one of our dear members here at Rossville had lost his life in a drowning accident. And then on that next Saturday, just as I was about to get onto the plane in Indianapolis to head to Seattle, a news alert came on my phone that former President Trump had been shot at and was bleeding. But once you are on a plane, your cell phone contact is limited, so I didn't know more details until the plane landed in Seattle over four hours later. On our last day in Washington State, word came that eleven tornadoes hit the region where I grew up, and one near my hometown. A tree landed on someone's home and killed a lady while she was in her bed. And then on the last day of our vacation, President Biden announced he was withdrawing as a candidate for this year's presidential election. The point is, no matter what we try to schedule, the world always goes on, sometimes with horrific tragedies, and other times with historic events. But you know what? On the way back to Indianapolis from Seattle, as we flew above the land, everything seemed to take on a different perspective.

On the return trip, there were very few clouds, and therefore we were able to see a lot of the ground below. Even though we were near the wing, we could still see quite a bit. And on this return trip, I had a window seat. I remember at one point just looking down in awe of the beauty as we flew over mountainous terrain through Washington, Idaho, and Montana. And later on noticing from above why the plains are called the plains. Totally flat. Folks might think central and northern Indiana are flat. Well, it's nothing compared with places like parts of Nebraska and Iowa. At least we have hills here and there.

At times it was so peaceful there in the air. Every now and then I'd see a home or perhaps a farmhouse sitting all by itself with nothing around for miles. And I would wonder. And other times we'd fly over a town and sometimes a city. And I would wonder. I would wonder about who the people were that lived in these homes. What were their lives like? What situations were any of them dealing with? Were any of them followers of Christ? At one point I caught myself silently praying for those who lived in these homes. Many times, society refers to all of this as fly-over country. How sad. There are people who live in these places. They all need Jesus too just like the millions living in large metro areas. Oftentimes the world forgets they are even there. Just go on with our flight. Watch a movie. Read a book. Play games on the part of your phone that still works while flying. Look at the time every now and then to see how much longer the flight is. It's so much like life on the ground. We see other people here, but many times rarely notice them. We go on with our daily lives, dealing with our own issues, carrying out our daily business, and failing to notice who or what is around us. Whether it's the beauty of creation, or the needs of another person.

Anyway, these are some of my wandering thoughts. The world goes on no matter what we try to schedule to block it out. God has created an amazing planet filled with some of the grandest beauty few people ever see. There are people scattered about in areas sometimes with less than a handful of other people. God loves them too.

As we move into the month of August, let's resolve not to forget to notice all that God has placed in our life. Give thanks for the beauty. Pray for the needs of our land and its people.

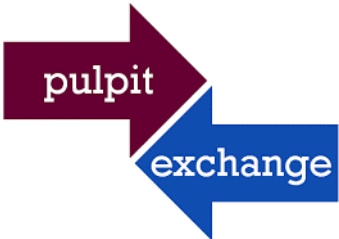
Reflectively,

Pastor Bob Raschka



LADIES DAY OUT August 9th

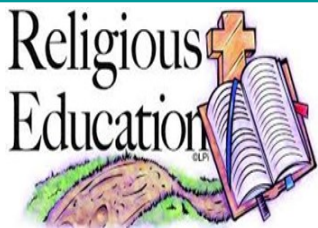
Twelve ladies met July 12th for lunch at the Angry Donkey in Michigantown. We enjoyed good food and visiting with one another. Next month, Friday, Aug. 9th we will be going to the Stone House in Delphi. Meet at the church parking lot to leave promptly at **11am** to carpool. All ladies are invited! For Questions Contact Jane Emens (765-242-0633)



On **Sunday August 11th**, we will participate in a pulpit exchange. One of the pastors from Fountain of Life Church in Rossville will preach here at RUMC, and Pastor Bob will preach at Fountain of Life Church. Both churches services begin at 10:30 am. This exchange is done as a sign of unity between the churches here in the Rossville Community. One of the ways this is accomplished is by doing a pulpit exchange for a Sunday.

You're Invited to May Thompson's 94th Birthday Party

Friday, August 16th RUMC will be hosting a Birthday Party for Mary Thompson. Mary is turning 94 and Nancy Hart would like the church to join her in celebrating Mary on Aug. 16th 5:30-6:30pm. Please remember no gifts, but cards are welcome. Cake and refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall.



Rossville Release Time Education resumes August 16th

School starts Wed. Aug. 7th. And Religious education resumes Friday Aug. 16th. For the 69th year, third and fourth grade students will come to the church for a time of religious based teaching. Each student has to have a signed permission slip which allows for them to attend. Last year, we usually had about 63 3rd graders and 55 4th graders, for a total of 118 children each Friday that we met. This year's teachers and helpers are Ronda Egan, Kristy Miller, Elaine Zimmerman, Brandy Marlow, and Pastor Bob.



RUMC Vision Statement

"Loving the Lord and our neighbors, teaching one another to obey the commands of God, and proclaiming Jesus Christ as Savior to all"

Rossville Summer's End Festival Worship Service August 25th 10:30 AM

The annual Rossville Summer's end festival is scheduled August 23rd-25th in the town park and other locations in the community. The festival will end on Sunday morning with the annual Summer's End Worship Service. This is a gathering of all the churches in the Rossville area. This year, our church is in charge of planning and organizing this event. We will provide the music, the ushers, and the sermon. Pastors from each of the other churches will participate in various parts of the service. Let's all plan to go on over to the RHS auditorium on the 25th for this special annual community event. Its always exciting to gather with other believers to worship the Lord.



- Glenn Marlow Aug. 14th
- Michael Rabanus Aug. 16th
- Vern Leslie Aug. 20th
- Jane Rothenberger Aug. 15th
- Linda Ostler Aug. 19th
- Lacretia Rothenberger Aug. 24th



Mike & Lacretia Rothenberger
August 26th

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Adult Sunday School: 9:00 am
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Bishop Tracy S. Malone
ASSIGNED AS THE RESIDENT BISHOP OF INDIANA AREA

Bishop Tracy S. Malone has been assigned as the resident bishop for the Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church, effective September 1, 2024. She was elected to the episcopacy at the 2016 North Central Jurisdictional Conference and has served as the resident bishop of the East Ohio Conference ever since.

United Methodist Churches of Indiana



RUMC will be collecting items for the Methodist Mountain Mission again this year. Items can be brought in starting Aug. 18th though Sept. 8th.

August 4 th	“Blindness Saw”	Psalm 51:1-4; 2 Samuel 11:26-12:23
August 11 th	Pulpit Exchange with Fountain of Life Church (see related article)	
August 18 th	“Whatever You Want!”	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:5-14
August 25 th	Rossville Summer’s End Community Service at RHS Auditorium “Who Do You Trust?”	Ephesians 6:10-18 Matthew 5:5-6



<u>Date</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Missions</u>
June 30 th	\$1,503.00	\$36
July 7 th	\$1,003.00	\$44
July 14 th	\$10,107.00	\$49
July 21 st	\$1,339.00	\$28.30

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>4 Communion</p> <p>Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>TOPS 6pm</p> <p>Trustee's Meeting 6:30pm</p>	6	<p>7</p> <p>Rossville Schools 1st Day</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	8	<p>9</p>  <p>Ladies Day Out Meet at church parking lot 11am</p>	10
<p>11 Pulpit Exchange</p> <p>Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Milner's Service 3pm</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>TOPS 6pm</p> <p>Worship Team 6pm</p> <p>Administrative Council 7pm</p>	13	<p>14</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	15	<p>16</p> <p>Religious Educa- tion 1-3pm</p> <p>Mary Thompson 94th Birthday Party in Fellow- ship Hall 5:30- 6:30pm</p>	17
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<p>25</p> <p>Summer's End Festival Commu- nity Service at Rosville High School 10:30am No service at RUMC</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>TOPS 6pm</p>	27	<p>28</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	29	<p>30</p> <p>Religious Educa- tion 1-3pm</p>	31