

# THE ECHO... , 2024

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

FROM  
THE  
PASTOR



I was driving back into Rossville from Adrienne, Christian, and Grace's on the early evening of August 24<sup>th</sup>. This was the weekend of the Summer's End Festival, and I had just dropped Grace back home after her and I spent some time on a "bapa-granddaughter" date at the festival. About a mile south of Rossville School, I noticed some smoke. At first, I didn't think anything of it. As I drove closer however, I thought to myself, "people aren't allowed to burn trash in the town limits." By the time I got to the light in town, I could see that the smoke was coming from closer to where we live. As I turned in the alley from the east and saw flames, I realized it was the garage of the house behind the church. The fire had, at that point, only been burning for a fairly short period of time, but it was spreading quickly. The fire department had not yet arrived. And, there was panic (as one would imagine) among the family members who lived in the house. Thankfully, they had all been able to get out. Once the fire department arrived, they were able to start knocking down the fire. But fairly extensive damage had occurred. Some flames had made it to the edge of the home, and smoke damage in the home is wide-spread.

A few thoughts. The family involved are nice folks, but generally, like so many in our time, keep pretty much to themselves. They now are in great need. The fire was just the latest in a string of recent challenges for them. One doesn't realize what a community has or does not have in place when a crisis of this magnitude occurs. I am told that thankfully this happened on a Saturday because most of the volunteer fire department personnel were available. Word has it, that in the middle of the day, when everyone is working, there are times when Rossville Fire only has a very limited number of firefighters available. Other departments would need to be called in to assist, which of course would take more time to get the needed help to the scene. The firefighters, EMT, and police personnel in our area are very diligent, and each person knew exactly what to do upon arrival. They are all well-trained.

Also, the Red Cross in the Lafayette area did not have the people available to come to scene. They were called in. And, they provided everything digitally over the phone and arranged housing for the family, but were unable to send people or resources to the home. In comparison, a few years ago when a home burned southeast of Rossville at which two children lost their lives, the Red Cross came from Lafayette with a full range of supplies and food.

The church was able to be the church both on Saturday and the days following. I was able to open the church as a cooling center for overheated firefighters. And, the money collected at the Community-wide summer's end worship service on Sunday to assist the family was very generous.

Other thoughts occurred to me. One just never knows what any day might bring. We never know when something like this will hit "close to home". It is important that we pray for our neighbors, whether we see them very often or not. They all face the same kinds of challenges that you are most likely facing. Most importantly, stay committed each day to the work of Christ. You might be called upon to assist as God enables you at an unexpected moment. Even if it is just bringing some bottled water over to someone.

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Bob Raschka*

## Gideon Bible Presentation

Bob Shumacher, from the Clinton County Gideons, will be joining us on Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> to give a short presentation on the work of the Gideon Bible International. Donations will be accepted after the service for the Gideon ministry.



### Last Week to Bring in Items

RUMC is collecting items for the Methodist Mountain Mission. Items can be brought in through Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. A list of needed items is available on the information board. Small items can be placed on the table in Esther Beard room, and larger items in the parsonage garage. The United Methodist Mountain Mission has been serving the people of eastern Kentucky since 1943. They have 8 opportunity stores in Kentucky that are located in Barbourville, Irvine, Harlan, Hazard, Jackson, Pineville, West Liberty, and Burkesville. They have trucks that travel to churches in Ohio, Tennessee, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania and throughout Kentucky to pick up donated items. With the help of our supporters they are able to provide gently used clothing and household items at a reasonable price.

### Fellowship at Mary's moved to Thursdays. Starts September 12.

The fall session of Fellowship at Mary's will be meeting on Thursdays. The first session is on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm. The fall session this year will last for ten weeks (rather than the usual eight,) and runs through November 14<sup>th</sup>. Each week involves a meal, fellowship, music, and discussion. Everyone is welcome to join us at Mary's (304 E. Main St.) beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>.



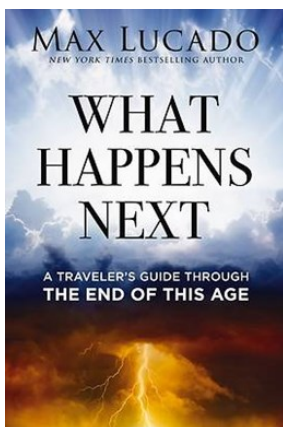
### LADIES DAY OUT September 13th

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, twelve ladies went to lunch at The Stone House in Delphi. We enjoyed visiting while enjoying a meal. A few enjoyed a slice of pie too! The next Ladies Day Out will be Friday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be traveling to the North End Café in Lafayette on Elmwood.

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)

### RUMC FALL BIBLE STUDY BEGINS TUES SEPT 17th



Our Fall Bible Study this year is based on Max Lucado's new book, What Happens Next: A Traveler's Guide through The End of This Age. What comes to mind when you think about the end times? If you are like many Christians, you might not think about it much at all. You have a kind of faith that focuses on the here and now. Why occupy your thoughts with the "not yet" when you have enough to deal with in the "right now"? **The answer is simple: because Jesus focused on the end times. A full thirty percent of his teachings in the Gospels have to do with discourses on heaven, hell, and the events that will signal the final age.** So, if Jesus made the end times a priority, it only makes sense that his followers would make it a priority as well. In a world filled with political tension, personal trials, and international turbulence, we find ourselves drawn to exploring what happens next on heaven's timeline. Whether we find ourselves in

the "I can't wait," "I'm almost ready," or "I'm not sure about all of this" camp, we will be encouraged to ponder God's plans and promises for the future.

Join us beginning Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm for this six session Bible Study. **A sign up sheet will be available at church on September 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. We will meet each Tuesday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> through Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.**



**Song Fest & Ice Cream Social**  
**Sunday, September 15, 3:00 pm**



*Song Fest will be a combination of Hymns, Contemporary Music & Solos. This is a free event for the community and music will be provide by several local churches.*

September 26th Prayer Vigil



Have a passion for prayer? Please join us for a prayer vigil! Rossville UMC & Forest UMC are responsible for covering the 24hrs on September 26th. This is part of a 6 day prayer vigil with Colfax UMC, Darlington UMC, Kilmore UMC & Jefferson UMC. A sign up with prayer times will be available soon. Please sign up for a 1hour prayer slot and help us bring light to the brokenness of this world.

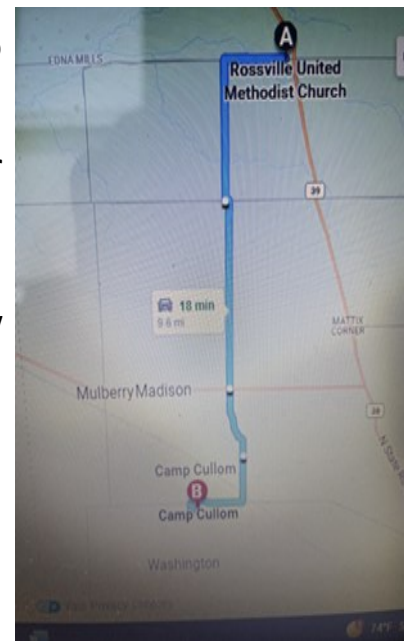
**SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> SERVICE, CARRY IN DINNER, AND ANTIQUE CAR SHOW AT CAMP CULLOM**

Our worship service on Sunday September 29th will take place at Camp Cullom for a second year. The Camp is located at **6815 W County Rd 200 N.** **This service will replace our regular Sunday morning worship service on September 29<sup>th</sup>.** We will still meet at 10:30 am. We will still **bring our regular offering.** Except, we will worship together with 5 other United Methodist Churches here in Clinton County: Colfax, Forest, Jefferson, Kilmore, and Mulberry. Each pastor will play a role in leading a different part of the service. After the service, we will partake in a carry-in dinner. And an antique car show will take place.

This is a great opportunity to gather together and worship and fellowship with believers from other Clinton County churches .



Come on out to Camp Cullom to worship the Lord on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September. Talk to your friends and maybe some folks can carpool. Let's gather together!



Save the Dates



Adventure Club Volunteer Meeting October 23rd @ 6:30pm  
 Adventure Club Fall Session "Adventures with Abraham"  
 4 weeks on Wednesday Nights (Notice New Week Night)  
 Oct. 30th-Nov. 20th 6pm-7:30pm



- Buzz Disinger Sept. 1
- Corey Disinger Sept. 1
- Phil Burkle Sept. 9
- Macy Parks Sept. 9
- Mary Beth Seest Sept. 10
- Joe Bowyer Sept. 17
- Joann Rothenberger Sept. 20
- Sydney Fadness Sept. 26



- Corey & Mandee Nicolas Sept. 5th
- Mark & Gail Seest Sept. 9th
- Rob & Tammy Cooper Sept. 24th

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**September Worship Themes**

- September 1<sup>st</sup> "Did Ya Forget?" James 1:19-27
- September 8<sup>th</sup> "IF" Psalm 124
- September 15<sup>th</sup> "Who is He?" Mark 8:27-38
- September 22<sup>nd</sup> "The Greatest Temptation" Mark 9:30-37
- September 29<sup>th</sup> Camp Cullom Service



Every  
 Sunday  
 Morning  
 9am

**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"

**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



Date	Regular Offering	Missions
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,242.00	\$38.00
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,697.10	\$30.10
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	\$2,771.00	\$29.44
August 18 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,935.35	\$34.00

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Communion</p> <p>Sunday School 9am</p> <p>Worship 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Church Office Closed for Labor Day</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Religious Educa- tion 1-3pm</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Sunday School 9 am</p> <p>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Milner's Service 3pm</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p> <p>Last Day for MMM</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>TOPS 6pm</p> <p>Administrative Council 7pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>Ladies Day Out Meet at church parking lot 11am</p> <p>Religious Educa- tion 1-3pm</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Sunday School 9am</p> <p>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Song Fest &amp; Ice Cream Social</p>  <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>TOPS 6pm</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>Bible Study 7pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Religious Educa- tion 1-3pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Emmaus Team Meeting 8am-3pm</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Sunday School 9am</p> <p>Worship 10:30 am</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>TOPS 6pm</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>Bible Study 7pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Prayer Vigil</p>  <p>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Religious Educa- tion 1-3pm</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Service at Camp Collum 10:30am</p> <p>No service here. (Dave Bushfield preaching)</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>TOPS 6pm</p>					