

THE ECHO...

October, 2024

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



In my junior year at Ball State University, I had started living off-campus in sharing a place with three buddies of mine. I was no longer working at the Dining Service in our dorm as I had the previous two years. It was the first full year since changing my major from music education to a Bachelor of Science in music and religious studies. This would help prepare me for seminary after completing college. I was involved with a group at the Wesley Foundation—one of the campus ministries at Ball State—which was made up of four other folks who were in the process of answering a call to the ministry and preparing to go to seminary.

Sometime in the middle of September of that year, I had landed a part-time job working for Greek's Pizzeria-located just a few blocks from where I was living. Well, before having a chance to begin, I received a call from the campus pastor at Wesley Foundation telling me that a small church was in need of a pastor, and if I was interested, I should call the district superintendent. I did. And to make a long story short about what happened next, interviews were held, arrangements were made, and here I was, a twenty year old college student, about to begin serving a church of about 25 people as their pastor. Morningside United Methodist Church was located on the northeast side of Muncie near the Muncie Mall. I never would have imagined it. I followed a seventy year-old pastor who had been serving the church in retirement. The thought never dawned on me at the time, but can you imagine attending church one week, and listening to a well-seasoned pastor with a wealth of wisdom, and then the next week a college student who knew very little in comparison?

Well, the folks at Muncie Morningside kind of adopted me as a son. My first Sunday was October 14, 1984. They surrounded me with love and support. The church grew.

I learned what serving in an urban neighborhood was like. Within blocks of the church were three adult bookstores in which all sorts of seedy activities were reported to have occurred. By God's grace, all three of them were closed by the time my ministry at Morningside completed. I personally had nothing to do with this course of events, but I do remember attending a hearing about it.

They loved Jesus, and had a heart for people.

The folks who lived in the area were down home folks, many who had either worked for Borg-Warner, Ball Corporation, or Delco-Remy, or were retired from such places. The people in the church loved Jesus, and had a heart for people.

In the forty years since, God has led us to several different styles of churches and communities. As I reflect back, one point which has stood out is that the majority of the attendees in each church loved Jesus, and had a heart for people.

This is certainly true here at Rossville. We have experienced a congregation here at Rossville who loves Jesus and has a heart for people. We've celebrated together. We've worshiped together. We've trudged through times such as COVID together. And now, our congregation here in the Rossville church is in the process of determining what God has next for us, and who God wants us to be.

Whatever process is determined, my prayer is that each person here will continue to love Jesus and have a heart for people. Seek God's direction as to what steps lay ahead.

Reflectively,

Pastor Bob Raschka

Fellowship at Mary's moved to Thursdays. Starts October 3rd

The fall session of Fellowship at Mary's will be meeting on Thursdays. The first session is on Thursday, October 3rd beginning at 6:30 pm. and runs through November 14th. No fellowship the night of all church meeting Oct. 17th. Each week involves a meal, fellowship, music, and discussion. Everyone is welcome to join us at Mary's(304 E. Main St.) beginning September 12th.



LADIES DAY OUT October 11th



Nine ladies met for lunch and fellowship on Friday, Sept. 13th at the North End Café. This month on Friday, Oct. 11th we will be going to The Bryant in West Lafayette on Highway 52. This week we will be meeting 15min sooner.

Please 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)

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

Join us as the Adventure Club team takes you through "Adventures with Abraham". Each Wednesday there will be a Bible story, music, crafts and light meal.

Adventure Club is free and open to any child

Pre-K (potty trained) through 5th grade.

Check in for the Club will open at 5:45 each Wednesday.

Please see Brandy Marlow for questions or to sign up to help.

Steering Committee Report to Congregation October 17th

A congregation-wide meeting is set for **Thursday October 17th** at 7:00 pm to hear a report from the steering committee about possible steps forward. This report will detail the options available to the congregation in regard to our future as a United Methodist Church or as another church entity.

This is an information- only meeting to present the options as well as answer questions to the best of the committee's ability. An option to move forward will be discussed. And if needed, an official church conference meeting will be scheduled at a later date to initiate the steps forward. (Fellowship at Mary's is not meeting Oct. 17th)

A letter with further details will be sent to each member of the congregation in advance of the October 17th meeting.



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 Worship & Jr. Church: 10:30 am

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- Emily Green Oct. 1st
- Addison Cooper Oct. 3rd
- Barry McCabe Oct. 10th
- Jensen Parks Oct. 12th
- Adrienne Shireman Oct. 16th
- Mike Rothenberger Oct. 21st
- Dawn Zobel Oct. 24th
- Ronin Green Oct. 26th
- Ken Ledman Oct. 27th
- Virginia McCabe Oct. 28th
- Kathy Ledman Oct. 29th

- Buzz & Nancy Disinger Oct. 6th
- Michael & Vicki Rabanus Oct. 6th
- Christian & Adrienne Shireman Oct. 20th



October Worship Themes

- October 6th Guest Speaker: Sam Naik
- October 13th "God's Regret" Genesis 6:5-8
- October 20th "Flood of Destruction" Genesis 7:11-22
- October 27th "Promise" Genesis 9:8-13



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

Stewardship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Missions</u>
Sept 1 st	\$2,708	\$37
Sept 8 th	\$1,075	\$33
Sept 15 th	\$2,228	\$53
Sept 22 nd	\$1,665	\$90.30



October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  Bible Study 7pm	2 Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC	3  Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm	4 Religious Educa- tion 1-3pm	5
6 Guest Speaker Sam Naik Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am Prayer Group 5pm	7 TOPS 6pm Administrative Council 7pm	8  Bible Study 7pm	9 Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC	10  Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm	11  Ladies Day Out Meet at church parking lot 10:45am Religious Educa- tion 1-3pm	12
13 Communion Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am Milner's Service 3pm Prayer Group 5pm	14 TOPS 6pm Worship Team 6pm Administrative Council 7p	15  Bible Study 7pm	16 Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC	17 All Church Meeting "Steps to move Forward" 7pm	18 Religious Educa- tion 1-3pm	19
20 Sunday School 9am Worship 10:30 am Prayer Group 5pm	21 TOPS 6pm Missions Team 6pm	22  Bible Study 7pm	23 Adventure Club Volunteer Meet- ing 6:30pm Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC	24  Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm	25 Religious Educa- tion 1-3pm	26
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