

THE ECHO... November, 2024

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



On the evening of October 17th, a gathering of our congregation met and decided to begin a process which would result in Rossville no longer as a United Methodist Church. The church would become another church following the completion of this process. There are all kinds of steps needed in the interim which will be made known as they become clear. However, in this period of transition, we still need to be about being a church of Jesus Christ. We need to love Jesus and have a heart for people as I mentioned in last month's column. And, we need to continue asking ourselves, "how can we be the body of Christ during these days?"

We live and serve in a divided world filled with hungry people. People who are hungry for the love of Jesus Christ. People who are hungry for some fulfillment in their lives. People who have a "God-shaped" hole in their spirits. People who seek to fill this hole with that which leads only to more emptiness and disappointment. People with material needs such as food and clothing and transportation.

As a church here at Rossville, our ministries have focused on helping to meet these needs through our worship services, prayer group, and Bible Studies. Through programs for children and young people such as Adventure Club and Release Time Education. Through special events such as our annual songfest. Through the varying missions projects we support. Through our involvement in and serving as the host site for Backpack Buddies- the program which sends food home with children in need at Rossville Schools. The number of students we are serving this year has almost doubled over last school year. All of these will continue as we move into the season of Thanksgiving, Advent, and into the first of the year.

Yes, our superintendent Lore Blinn Gibson will be in discussions with our leadership about the process, and everything involved. The church will continue to do ministry and serve as witnesses for Jesus Christ in the Rossville community and beyond. God knows what the future holds.

Keep serving the Lord!

Pastor Bob Raschka

Election 2024--Good Wisdom for Voting

John Wesley, the first Methodist, had this advice for Christians during elections.

"I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them:

- 1) To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy.
- 2) To speak no evil of the person they voted against.
- 3) To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side."



Fellowship at Mary’s moved to Thursdays and meets now through Nov. 21st

The fall session of Fellowship at Mary’s will be meeting on Thursdays. They meet on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. through November 21st. Each week involves a meal, fellowship, music, and discussion. Please bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome to join us at Mary’s (304 E. Main St.)



We will remember those members from our congregation who have passed away since the previous All Saints Day (Nov 1) in our service on Sunday, November 3rd. This year we will remember Sue Milner and Barb Nulph. Their names will be read, and a candle will be lit in their memory.



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!

LADIES DAY OUT November 8th

On Oct. 11th nine ladies enjoyed lunch at The Bryant. The next Ladies Day Out will be Friday, Nov. 8th. We will be traveling to Lafayette to eat lunch at City Barbeque on SR 26. Please 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)



Join us at 10:30am on Thanksgiving Sunday Nov. 24th as we celebrate the reign of Christ and give God thanks for the blessings and guidance of another year. Bring a guest with you as we celebrate.



Yes, its that time of year again. Plan to stay after church on Nov. 24th to help us adorn and beautify our church for the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons. Pizza will be served after we have completed hanging the decorations.



Bob & Ruth Raschka November 23rd

- Pastor Bob Nov. 1st
- Brayla Marlow Nov.4th
- Barbra McCullah Nov. 13th
- Darrin Disinger Nov. 14th
- Debbie Pollard Nov. 17th
- Bayley Zobel Nov. 17th
- Cody Disinger Nov.17th
- Margo Oren Nov. 19th
- Elissa Weida Nov. 22nd
- Phil Emens Nov. 25th
- Zoe Marlow Nov. 28th
- Ethan Rothenberger Nov.30th



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
Set Your Clocks Back One Hour

Join us in bringing Christmas to children all over the world. Pick up a shoe box, fill it, and return it by Nov. 17th. Suggestions of what to pack and what not to pack are available on the Operation Christmas Child table. A suggested donation of \$10 is needed to ship each box. For questions see Brandy Marlow.



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November Sermons

- November 3rd All Saints Sunday "Done Gone" Isaiah 25:6-9
- November 10th "It's Not Ours!" Genesis 39:1-6
- November 17th "Why Do This?" Malachi 3:8-10; 1 Corinthians 16:1-4
- November 24th Christ the King and Thanksgiving Sunday



Stewardship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Missions</u>
September 29 th	\$1,630	NA
October 6 th	\$9,268	\$38
October 13 th	\$1,353	\$36.78
October 20 th	\$1,200	\$35



November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Religious Educa- tion 1-3pm</i>	2
3 <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> <i>Communion</i> <i>Sunday School</i> <i>9 am</i> <i>Worship and Jr.</i> <i>Church 10:30 am</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	4 <i>Administrative Council Meet- ing for Nest Steps with Lori Blinn Gibson</i> <i>6pm</i> <i>TOPS 6pm</i>	5	6  <i>Jesus Night</i> <i>7pm @ LSC</i>	7  <i>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</i>	8  <i>Ladies Day Out</i> <i>Meet at church parking lot 11am</i> <i>Religious Educa- tion 1-3pm</i>	9
10 <i>Sunday School</i> <i>9am</i> <i>Worship and Jr.</i> <i>Church 10:30 am</i> <i>Charge Confer- ence 4pm</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	11 <i>TOPS 6pm</i> <i>Administrative Council 7pm</i>	12 <i>Worship Team</i> <i>6pm</i>	13  <i>Jesus Night</i> <i>7pm @ LSC</i>	14  <i>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</i>	15 <i>Religious Educa- tion 1-3pm</i>	16
17 <i>Sunday School</i> <i>9am</i> <i>Worship 10:30 am</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i> <i>Last Day to drop off Operation Christmas child boxes</i>	18 <i>TOPS 6pm</i> <i>Missions Team</i> <i>6pm</i>	19 <i>Staff Parish Rela- tions Committee</i> <i>6pm</i>	20  <i>Adventure Club</i> <i>6-7:30pm</i> <i>Jesus Night</i> <i>7pm @ LSC</i>	21  <i>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</i>	22 <i>Religious Educa- tion 1-3pm</i>	23
24 <i>Sunday School</i> <i>9am</i> <i>Worship and Jr.</i> <i>Church 10:30 am</i> <i>Hanging of the Greens after church & Pizza social</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	25 <i>TOPS 6pm</i>	26	27 <i>Jesus Night</i> <i>7pm @ LSC</i>	28  <i>Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving</i>	29	30