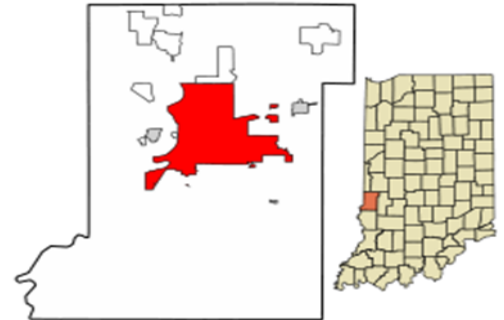
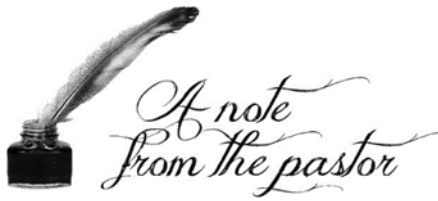


# THE ECHO.. APRIL, 2025

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

**Pastor Bob moving to Terre Haute** Indiana Bishop Tracy Malone has appointed Rev. Robert Raschka as the senior pastor of Memorial United Methodist Church in Terre Haute effective July 1, 2025.

Pastor Bob's last Sunday at Rossville and at Forest is June 22<sup>nd</sup>.



Here we are. The weeks of Lent are now starting to count down until Palm Sunday and Holy Week arrive on April 13<sup>th</sup>. And then we will metaphorically find ourselves in the garden, at the trial, and the cross. And then... silent Saturday...or Holy Saturday.

And then...NEW LIFE! Resurrection! VICTORY over sin and death!. This is where we are in the church year. Still in a time of reflection. A time of allowing the Holy Spirit to indicate to us areas that hold us back from a better relationship with God and others. Time to work. Time to prepare. We know the outcome. We know Easter is coming. Resurrection. Before we get there, let's not skip over the days. Let's continue to do the good God calls us to. Let's continue to seek God's help in eliminating a destructive habit or attitude. And then come to the victory of new life not only on Easter Sunday, but in all the days which follow.

And....here we are. Here we are. The news has been received. Everything is set and official. Ruth and I will begin doing ministry at the Memorial United Methodist Church in Terre Haute effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Most of you have most likely heard this news by now either through the announcement in church on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, or through my Facebook post, or by word of mouth. Regardless. Change is coming to our lives. We are moving to a new community. We are moving to a new part of the state. The congregation I have been appointed to has already begun reaching out to us with warmth and love. And, many folks here at Rossville have congratulated us and offered us very kind words.

Three months remain though. Understand, while these months will be different in some respects than the previous nine years in my time with you at Rossville, there will be other things which are constant. The Word will still be preached. Prayers will still be prayed. Ministry and pastoral care will still happen. Yes, the further we move into these months will involve a lot of packing (and hopefully downsizing) in order to move. But I will still be as available as possible. God doesn't stop. And neither should we.

In time, the name of Rossville's new pastor will be announced. Once that occurs, a new level of excitement and anticipation will begin. I believe the Holy Spirit is at work in this process. Most likely God has prepared that person for Rossville, and Rossville for that person's ministry among you. I encourage all of us to pray in this regard.

For now though, it is the middle to latter part of Lent. Let's make some good memories in these last three months together. Memories of the past nine years. Memories of these days. Celebration of the work of Jesus Christ.

In Christ's Love,

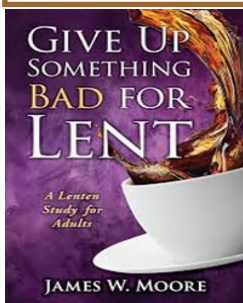
*Pastor Bob Raschka*

**Office Manager and Praise Team changes**

Our office manager for the past several years, Brandy Marlow, and her husband Glenn--both of whom lead the music for our blended style services, have tendered a letter of resignation. Brandy will serve as office manager through Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup>. And Glenn and Brandy will continue to lead our blended style service through April 27<sup>th</sup>. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for their years of service to Christ and the church here at Rossville and wish them well wherever God leads them.

**Fellowship at Mary's on Wednesday's**

Fellowship at Mary's will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Now through April 30th. 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.)



**Lenten Bible Study**

We have had a fantastic start to our Lenten Bible Study—"Giving Up Something Bad for Lent". This last Bible Study during Pastor Bob's tenure with us meets on Tuesdays through April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**LADIES DAY OUT April 11th**

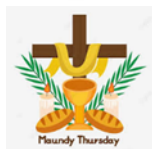
Ten ladies met March 14th for Ladies Day Out at Cracker Barrel. We enjoyed the great food Friday April 11th we will eat at Olive Garden in Lafayette. All ladies of the church are invited. Please meet at the church parking lot to leave promptly at **11am** to carpool. All ladies are invited! For Questions Contact Jane Emens (765-242-0633)



**Palm Sunday Worship** April 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am



**Lenten Bible Study** April 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm



**Maundy Thursday Soup Supper and Holy Communion** April 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm



**Rossville Community Good Friday Service**  
[Rossville Church of the Brethren 109 N. Plank St.](#) April 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm



**Rossville Community Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast**  
Rossville Church of the Brethren 109 N. Plank St April 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00am



**Easter Celebration Worship at RUMC** April 20<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am



## April Birthdays

Shelby Brock April 2nd      Kristin Arnone April 13th  
 Israel Green April 15th      Lyn Burkle April 19th  
 Tegan Weida April 19th      Ainura Nametullayeva April 23rd  
 Ali Burkle April 25th



Rex & Jane Rothenberger April 17th  
 Phil & Jane Emens April 28th

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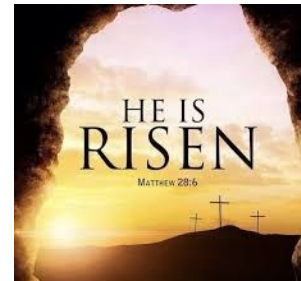
The Rossville Community 2025 Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday June 6<sup>th</sup>** from 6-8pm at Rossville Church of the Brethren. A call-out meeting for individuals interested in volunteering is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** at 6:15 pm at the Church of the Brethren.

#### 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

#### Sermon Themes

April 6 <sup>th</sup>	"New"	Isaiah 43:16-21
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
	"Is it Time for Some Stones?"	Luke 19:28-40
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Resurrection Sunday Easter</b>	
	"The Last Word"	Luke 24:1-8; Acts 10:37-43
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	"Where, Why, and How"	Psalm 150



#### Stewardship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Missions</u>
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$1,065.00	\$38.00
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,162.00	\$35.10
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	\$1,739.50	\$31.26
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	\$1,373.00	\$26.00



# April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p> <p><i>Vacation Bible School Call Out 6:15pm @ Brethren Church</i></p>  <p><i>Lent Bible Study 7pm</i></p>	<p>2</p>  <p><i>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</i></p> <p><i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i></p>	3	4	5
<p>6 <i>Communion</i></p> <p><i>Sunday School 9 am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i></p> <p><i>SPRC meeting after Church</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	7	8	9	10	11	12
	<p><i>TOPS 6pm</i></p> <p><i>Trustees 6:30pm</i></p>	 <p><i>Lent Bible Study 7pm</i></p>	 <p><i>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</i></p> <p><i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i></p>		 <p><i>Ladies Day Out Meet at church parking lot 11am</i></p> <p><i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i></p>	
<p>13</p> <p><i>Sunday School 9am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i></p> <p><i>Milner's 3pm</i></p> <p><i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	14	15	16	17	18	19
	<p><i>Leadership Team 6pm (formally Ad. Council)</i></p> <p><i>TOPS 6pm</i></p>	 <p><i>Lent Bible Study 7pm</i></p>	 <p><i>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</i></p> <p><i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i></p>	 <p><i>Soup Supper in Fellowship Hall 6pm</i></p>	 <p><i>Religious Ed 1-3pm</i></p> <p><i>Good Friday Service 7:30pm @ Brethren Church</i></p>	
<p>20 <i>Easter Sunday</i></p> <p><i>Easter Sunrise Service 7am @ Brethren</i></p> <p><i>Easter Service here at RUMC 10:30am</i></p>	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<p><i>Missions 6pm</i></p> <p><i>TOPS 6pm</i></p>		 <p><i>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</i></p> <p><i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i></p>		<p><i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i></p>	
<p>27</p> <p><i>Sunday School 9am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i></p>	28	29	30			
	<p><i>TOPS 6pm</i></p>		 <p><i>Fellowship @ Mary's 6:30pm</i></p> <p><i>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</i></p>			