

THE ECHO... MAY , 2025

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



Life has many seasons. Seasons of growth and vitality. Seasons of challenge and decline.

Seasons of joy and celebration. Seasons of change and transition. Of course here in our part of the world, the weather can include all four of these in the same day at times...

Currently, we are at the beginning of a season of transition. Ruth and I have begun the arduous packing and downsizing process in preparation for our move. The church awaits to find out exactly what kind of a transition the next many months will bring.

As I think back over our 9 ½ years here at Rossville, I see several different seasons.

The first few years involved healing , celebration of 185 years of ministry, and eventually a time of growth.

In the middle years, we hosted a series of concerts including Praise Times Three, Savannah Whitaker, and what has now become an annual songfest and Ice Cream social.

Ministry into the community has continued throughout the entire period despite times of challenge. Challenge came during COVID and the year or two which followed. Challenge came in the passing away of several key members scattered throughout the years. Challenge came as some folks moved out of state. There was a time of stability after COVID until the church began to deal with decisions regarding disaffiliation and the Rossville Church's future over these past two or three years.

Time has marched on. Changes have come to our culture and community. More change is yet to come here at Rossville Church. Within the next few weeks, things will become clearer as to exactly what the change will involve. But change, nonetheless.

In the midst of changes and transition, we need to be careful not to allow anxiety to invade. We need to remember what the church, and ultimately what the Christian faith is about.

In Philippians 3:13-14, the Apostle Paul refers to the future when he speaks about pressing onward. He says, "One thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Therefore, in the midst of change and even in the midst of uncertainty, keep pressing on. Don't become side-tracked from the faith. Hold onto to hope. Remember the cause of Christ. Love one another. See the people around you. Keep pressing on.

Faithfully,

Pastor Bob Raschka

National Day of Prayer Service May 1st 7pm



We will once again this year host a National Day of Prayer Service here at Rossville UMC.

The service is scheduled for Thursday May 1st at 7:00pm. This year's theme is "Pour Out to the God of Hope and be filled."

Participants in our service this year are Diane Miller, Vicki Rabanus, and Pastor Bob from Rossville UMC. Pastor Dave Bushfield from Colfax and Darlington UMCs, Pastor Alan Downing from Connecting Point Church in Frankfort, Pastor Brian Wik from the Living Stone Church, and former Carroll County Sheriff Tobe Leazenby.

Missions Dinner

You are cordially invited to join us for a delicious meal of on Sunday May 4th after church. The menu includes: Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Green beans, desserts and Drinks. Proceeds from the dinner will go to help support our missions causes here at Rossville.

In 2024, these included the following:

HIS Eyes Honduras
Indiana United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon
Red Bird Mission -Kentucky
Life's Heart Ministry- The Eller's
Ray & Sylvia Degenkolb
Lucille Raines Residence-Indianapolis
Clinton County Community Thanksgiving Meal-Frankfort
Backpack Buddies-Rossville
Good Samaritan Fund – Rossville

LADIES DAY OUT May 9th

Nine ladies met at The Olive Garden for "Ladies Day Out". We were blessed with great fellowship and Italian food. The next outing will be Friday, May 9th. We will be traveling to Trisha's Red Bird Café in Dayton. 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)



We will once again participate in the annual baby bottle campaign for the Frankfort Pregnancy Resource Center beginning on Mother's Day (May 11th). You are welcome to pick up an empty baby bottle at church on the 11th, and then return it on Father's Day (June 15th) filled with coins, bills, or a check. All proceeds will go to help support the work of the pregnancy resource center, which serves women through free resources and services, including pregnancy testing, ultrasound scanning, options information, H.O.P.E. pregnancy and parenting mentoring, STI and STD testing, and after abortion support.



May 7th Allena Weida
 May 10th Rex Rothenberger
 May 17th Brandy Marlow
 May 24th Doreanne Deweese
 May 31st Rita Power



Jeff & Diane Miller May 13th

All Church Work Day May 10th 9am

Its that time again to ready the church for warmer weather. Many hands make light work so please join the Trustees at 9am on Saturday May 10th.

2025 Rossville Church Scripture of the year

The Leadership team has agreed that the Scripture passage of the year for 2025 here at Rossville is 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

"Rejoice always! Pray without ceasing! Give thanks in all circumstances! This is God's will in Christ Jesus for you!"



The Rossville Community 2025 Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **Monday June 2nd through Friday June 6th** from 6-8pm at Rossville Church of the Brethren.

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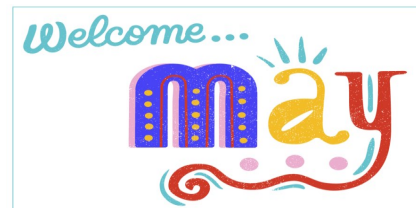


RUMC Breakthrough Prayer

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

May Worship Themes

May 4th "What Kind of Love?" John 21:1-14
 May 11th "And Call Her Blessed" Proverbs 31:28-31
 May 18th "Abandoned" Psalm 91:1-6
 May 25th "Coming Late to the Party" John 20:24-31




Stewardship

<u>Date</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Missions</u>
March 30 th	\$5,793.60	UMCOR special offering \$527.00
April 6 th	\$1,180.00	\$43.00
April 13 th	\$8,864.00	\$36.00
April 20 th	\$1,823.00	\$55.75



May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  <i>National day of Prayer Service 7pm</i>	2 <i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i>	3
4 Communion <i>Sunday School 9 am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i> <i>Missions Lunch After Church</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	5 <i>TOPS 6pm</i>	6	7	8	9  <i>Ladies Day Out Meet at church parking lot 11am</i>	10 <i>Church Work Day 9am</i>
11 <i>Sunday School 9am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i> <i>Milner's 3pm</i> 	12 <i>Leadership Team 6pm (formally Ad. Council)</i> <i>TOPS 6pm</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>Religious Education 1-3pm</i>	17
18 <i>Sunday School 9am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	19 <i>Missions 6pm</i> <i>TOPS 6pm</i>	20 <i>SPRC 6pm</i>	21	22	23	24
25 <i>Sunday School 9am</i> <i>Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</i> <i>Prayer Group 5pm</i>	26  <i>TOPS 6pm</i>	27	28	29	30	31