

January 2017

Blessings

Rossford United Methodist Church

Our Mission: To Know Christ And to Make Christ Known

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**Services**

9:00 am Sunday School

10:30am Worship

10:00am Summer Worship

DOCK meets most Sunday's at 5:00 pm

*From the Pastor's Pen…*

***THANK YOU!!!!! THANK YOU!!!!! THANK YOU!!!!!***

Truly it has been a fabulous journey to be in ministry with you over the past 10 and 1/2 years. You have been so giving and willing to jump in with all of your time and energy to support the ministry and mission ideas that came from our various committees and from me. It has been a gift to walk in faith with you. We, Shirley and I, want to also express our gratitude for the extremely generous Christmas gift that you gave us. The expression of love that it represents will always be remembered and held deeply in our hearts.

2016 has been an extremely challenging year for our church and society. Coming through one of the most dramatic presidential elections was just the tip of the iceberg. In so many ways our world is becoming more violent with strange and bazaar actions not only from terrorists but from citizens living next to us within our own communities. When one driver decides that another driver is driving too slow resulting in the shooting death of a 3 year old in the back seat, something is terribly wrong in our world. I can’t help but wonder what 2017 will bring since over the Christmas season, ISIS urged its followers to attack churches which is the first time that churches have been specifically named as targets. So in a world such as ours, it is a time for the church to stand strong and let the world know who the real leader is. Of course, that real leader is the one whose birth we just celebrated, ever Jesus Christ our Lord.

So whatever 2017 holds, I would expect that you will stand firm in your faith and commitment to Rossford UMC and the ministry/mission God has called you to.

Thank you again for your love and support over the years.

Happy New Year,

Pastor Bob Ball

**Worship News**

 

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**DOCK News**

Happy New year! I don't think I ever thanked you for helping us with the Operation Christmas Child project back in November. I delivered 52 wonderfully-filled shoe boxes to the drop-off location. Thank you so much for your donations.

D.O.C.K. celebrated Christmas with Katia Thomas on December 28th. She was back for a visit and we had a party. Any excuse for a party!! Fun times!!

January will be a quieter month for the youth. We'll be planning a talent show soon, but a January show date won't give us enough rehearsal time. Stay tuned for more information. We will be leading worship on January 29th. Expect a "New Year/New You" theme.

*Stay Warm!*

Terri Seibold

Director of Youth Ministry

**W**e are **D**isciples **O**f **C**hrist’s **K**ingdom!

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**Worship News**

What a glorious Christmas season we've had at Rossford United Methodist Church! The church looked beautiful. Thanks to our committee members and volunteers from the congregation who helped us with all the decorating. The advent readers, The Youth, the Robinsons, the Coffmans, the Huffs, and the James Family all did an excellent job in leading us in worship. Thanks to the bell players Jane Williams and Brenda Weiss too who played while the choir and congregation sang and the candles were lit. Thank you to the choir, the bell choir, the youth, Terri, Sarah, and Jeannie and Kim Loch for their musical leadership. It is a lot of hard work and practice to present our favorite Christmas music.

One of the big jobs is preparing the luminaries for Christmas Eve. We appreciate Lisa Comley and the youth getting them ready for us. The Sutters lit them, another huge job, and our committee members set out the luminaries Christmas Eve morning and picked them up on Christmas Day. It is a beautiful sight to see them lit on Christmas Eve and welcoming all to come to worship.

Lastly, your generosity was overwhelming in donating canned goods, turkeys, and hams for the 11 families we were able to help. Two of the families were single persons but the others had children, as many as 12, and all were very appreciative of your gifts. You are the hands of Christ. Perhaps we can do this at another time of year in addition to Christmas. There is a lot of need in our community.

Our committee will meet with Pastor Bob after Christmas and begin planning worship for the winter months and on to Lent. Remember, spring is just around the corner ( we hope)!

With Love,

Cheryl Garlow and Nancy Rust **-** Co-Chairpersons of Worship Committee



**Ushers and Greeters**

Please see Bob Baughman to Usher or Brenda and Al Weis to Greet or Valet.

**Helping Hands of St. Louis**

Our next date isn't until 2017. Please stay tuned for more information. Questions? please contact Jerry Baumgartner at 419-666-7236.

**Prayer Quilts**

If you know of anyone who would benefit from a prayer quilt please call or see Nancy Stonerock. She can be reached at 419-874-3504.

**Kroger Store**

The Kroger Rewards Program is a nationwide program that lets loyalty card holders select charities to which Kroger will donate, based on dollars they spend in stores. If you have a Kroger card, PLEASE check to see that you are signed up so that our church gets a percentage of what you buy.  Your purchases really helps us out. Thank you!

**UMC Market**

The United Methodist Church has started a "market." This is a way for our church to earn money. You need to go online to [www.umcmarket.org](http://www.umcmarket.org) and sign up. Whenever you order from this site our church receives a % of what you purchase. There are 89 pages of participating stores and the amount we receive varies. Any questions, see Sue Perkins.

**Box Tops and Stamps**

We are still collecting Box Tops for Education and used stamps. The collection box is located in the Narthex. Please see Barb Chesson if you have any questions.

**Can Drive**

We would like to remind you that we are still collecting cans to raise money for our church. If you have any to donate, the container is outside the kitchen door. If you need a pickup, please call Doug Williams at 419-661-9484.

**Rehearsals**

There are no Bell Choir practices in January, but will hold regular Thursday evening practices at 6:00pm beginning in February.

Choir will rehearse Thursday evenings at 7:00pm.

**Hospitality**

Happy New year From  Our committee. As I write this we are past the Christmas service. Thank you to the Fosters and Eschedors for stepping up to greet and valet Sat and Sunday services. There are always lots of visitors these days so it's great that you greeted them RUMC style!

The only thing that is on the horizon is the Gone With The Wind movie night Jan 6th at the Valentine theater. This is a new idea and hopefully will be a fun night!! I think about 10 people are signed up so far.

Two of our December events were cancelled due to weather, the Choraliers concert on Dec 11th and Christmas caroling on December 18th. You can't fight with Mother Nature.

There are no other events planned for Jan or Feb so hopefully next time we get together the weather will cooperate!!

**January Greeter and Valet:** Jane and Doug Williams

**February Greeter:** is Kristen Vargo. Still need a Valet for February.

Have a safe happy and healthy New Year and hoping that 2017 brings peace to our world.

Al and Brenda Weis,  Hospitality co-chair

Kim Weyandt and Brenda Weis, Fellowship co-chair



**January Celebrations**

**and Thanks**





**Anniversaries**

We have no anniversaries this month. If by chance we missed yours please let us know.

**Birthdays**

Paula Ball 1/5

Gerri Hoffman 1/6

Jeff Comley 1/9

Kathleen Mulinix 1/12

Obadiah Brant 1/13

Mike Hoffman 1/13

Sue Stolar 1/16

Carol Kotecki 1/17

Gretchen Miller 1/17

Jim Sikorski 1/20

Dave Baur 1/23

Tammy Miller 1/25

Russ Uncapher 1/30

Karen Whalen 1/30

Neil MacKinnon 1/31

**Thank You**

Thank you to the Almester family who provided the fresh Christmas swags on the front doors of the church.

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| *Sun.* | *Mon.* | *Tue.* | *Wed.* | *Thu.* | *Fri.* | *Sat.* |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 9:00am Sunday School10:30am Worship | Happy New Year!Offices closed | 6:30 pm SPRC Organizational Mtg |  | No Bells 7:00pm Choir8:30pm AA |  |  |
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**Finance News**

The Finance Committee wishes to thank everyone who committed to giving to the church in 2016. Without your help our church would not be able to provide as much as we do.

**2017 Counters**

We need two people to count money after services on Sunday. If you would like to fill in the remaining spots please contact Larry Ulrich. Thank you!

**January** - David Feltner and Charline Crispen

**February** - Dan Buehrer and Tom Ridenour

**March** - Judy Bowerman and Elaine MacKinnon

**April** - Jerry Baumgartner and Jim Seibold

**May** - Dan Buehrer and Jerry Baumgartner

**June** -

**July** - Bill Seibold and Jim Seibold

**August** - Deb James

**September** - David Feltner and Charline Crispen

**October** - Judy Bowerman and Elaine MacKinnon

**November** - Tom Ridenour and Bill Seibold

**December** -



**Meeting Night for January**

Tuesday, January 10th

6:30pm SPRC, Trustees, and Finance

7:30pm Admin

**Heifer International Penny Drive 2017**

**THANK YOU!!**

**As of this print date we have collected over**

**998,315 pennies!**

For more information, please see Steve Agler or visit www.heifer.org

* For more than 70 years Heifer International has partnered with and helped communities.
* They've worked in more than 125 countries to attain sustainable livelihoods through community-owned interventions.
* Helped over 25 million families lift themselves out of poverty.
* There are still nearly 1 billion people in the world that live in extreme poverty.



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