

**Rossford**

**United Methodist Church**

Our Mission:

"To Know Christ And to Make Christ Known"

Greetings Church,

All over the place recently, restaurants, businesses, stores, I have been asked if I want to donate money to help feed the hungry, or help children, or any number of other worthwhile causes. I was impressed that these places were getting involved with feeding the hungry and changing the world. But seeing this got me thinking, if they are unafraid to ask you to give to help others, why then is it, when we do this within the church it is considered rude or it seems money grubbing? It just seems so negative somehow.

Well, I refuse to live that way, I refuse to see giving to Rossford UM Church as a negative (yes some pastors and churches out there do ask for money in ways that are negative and money grubbing and create division and disunity with people in and outside the church), I refuse to see giving as something to be ashamed of and speak very lightly about. I know I have only been here for a short time but I love RUMC, I love the mission and ministry that we do, I love how we change the world by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, caring for the sick and hurting, providing a space to connect with God and with each other, and being God’s light and love to our community and to the whole world. Does this mean that we are perfect? Absolutely not! Does this mean that we are done and we don’t have to do anything else, or change, or learn or grow or do more? Absolutely not!

Giving is a spiritual issue, not a church receiving issue. I am encouraging you to wrestling with God about what you give, not just financially, but also your time, relationally and your spiritual discipleship and growth. So, the month of November is going to be Marks Of A Disciple month and here is the schedule:

**11/05** – “Discipleship” John 15:1-17

**11/12** – “Prayer” Matthew 6:5-13

**11/19** – “Generosity” 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

**11/26** – “Evangelism” Matthew 28:16-20

RUMC is about knowing Christ and making Christ known. We do this by listening and responding to God's call to help others connect with God, to experience His love and grace and presence and joy. God calls us to give and serve and learn and grow, to change the world. So, the question we all need to wrestle with is: What is God calling you/me to give, and do? Don’t miss this new sermon series as we wrestle with God and His call for us to change the world in the small and big ways that we can.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Dwayne

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**Services**

9:00 am Sunday School

10:30am Worship

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**DOCK News**

D.O.C.K. is now in full swing. We’ve been meeting Sunday nights and we’re having a blast. Last month we talked about how we can be the “Salt of the Earth” and the “Light of the World”. We ended our study with the Youth Led Worship service on 10/29 singing “Salt and Light” for the special music time.

In November we will continue striving to be salt and light in the dark world by collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The instructions for filling the shoeboxes is in a separate article in this newsletter. Please help us bring light to the faces of children in need all over the world.

On November 10th we will attend Jamie Baumgartner’s concert that will be held here at RUMC. We are excited to hear him and his special guest, Raine Wilder.

The following Friday, November 17th, we will be attending the BIG CHURCH NIGHT OUT at the Huntington Center. The Newsboys, a contemporary Christian band, will lead worship with several other Christian bands that night. It is sure to be an awesome evening. We may have a few extra tickets available if anyone would like to tag along!!! Let me know.

Finally, November 26th is our Youth Led worship service. The scripture will be Matthew 28: 16 – 20 and the theme will be Evangelism.

November is looking to be a busy, fun and rewarding month for the youth! I hope the same for you.

**CHILDREN’S CHOIR**

We are going to have a Children’s Choir again!! I’m so excited to get started. Let me tell you how this is going to work. Rehearsals on the 3rd Sunday of every month during the worship service. Following the children’s sermon the children will be dismissed to me and we’ll meet in the parlor. I would love to invite your children, grandchildren, friends’ children, friends’ grandchildren…anyone you can think of, to join the children’s choir.

Having a rehearsal only once a month and during the service allows for many to participate. After several months of rehearsal, we’ll sing our song/songs during the children’s sermon. Please talk this over with any of your little friends and encourage them to join. We’ll have a great time learning new songs and eventually adding some instruments.

Our first meeting will be **November 19th**. Please mark this on your calendar in SHARPIE!!! Since we’re entering the holiday season we will be learning a Christmas song and singing it during worship on the third Sunday of December, **December 17th**. (Again, use a SHARPIE!)

One rehearsal!!! It will be an easy song and I’ll have some youth to assist. After that we will meet at least 3 times before we perform. I can’t wait! Hope you’re excited, too. Talk it up with your “little people”.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

D.O.C.K. will be collecting and packing shoeboxes for OPERATION Christmas Child during the month of November. Please consider either packing a shoebox or donating supplies to be packed. There will be a display in the Narthex where you can get a packing box and instructions and a large box nearby to put filled shoeboxes. Please see the Operation Christmas Child article in this newsletter for more specific instructions. Our final collection day will be Sunday, Nov. 19th. We will drop off all of the boxes at Waterville United Methodist Church on the 20th.. **The cost to cover the shipping and handling has increased this year. It is $9.00 per box.** Please include the $9.00 in the box. If you don’t add the money, D.O.C.K. ends up using their activity fund to cover the cost. Thanks for your help.

Terri Seibold

Director of Youth Ministry

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



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# How to Pack a Shoebox

**Operation Christmas Child**

**1. Find a Shoebox**

Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately.

**2. Girl or Boy?**

Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category:

2–4, 5–9, or 10–14.

**3. Fill with Gifts**

Select a medium to large “wow” item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. (need ideas…see below for suggestions)



**4. Pray**

Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo.

**5. Follow Your Box Labels**

A donation of $9 is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Give online through "Follow Your Box" and discover the destination of your shoebox. visit samaritanspurse.org/occ to follow your box.

**6. Drop-Off**

Final collection of boxes will be Sunday, November 19th at RUMC.

**TOYS!**

Start with a central item that a child will cherish, like a beautiful doll, a deflated soccer ball with pump, or a plush stuffed animal. Then add quality items like cars, musical instruments, puzzles, jump ropes, etc.

**Younger Children:** Blankets, sticker and picture books, blocks, finger puppets, pages of colorful stickers.

**Older Children:**

Small tools, tape measures, sewing kits, fabric squares, etc; deflated balls with pumps and needles; solar calculators, rulers

**Non-liquid hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, combs, etc.

**Crafts:**

Make your own items such as hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets.

**A Personal Note:**

You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

**Accessories:**

socks, hats, t-shirts, flip-flops, hair bands, sunglasses, etc.

**School Supplies**: pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, coloring books, etc.

**Do Not Include**

Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

**THANK YOU!**



**Ushers and Greeters**

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

**Helping Hands of St. Louis**

Please stay tuned for more information. Our next date is **November 30th**. 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.

**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 cancelled postage 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 aluminum 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.

**Kroger Rewards**

**Program**

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. We get a check quarterly from Kroger.

**Our Kroger Plus Rewards Organization**

**# 84283**

**Fellowship**

We just had a very nice turnout for pallet painting and raised quite a bit of money towards VBS. Another pallet painting is scheduled for Friday, April 20th 2018. If you haven't done this yet you are missing out on a fabulous night!! We even had 3 guys join us at our last event!! A great time for everyone.

Craft night has been fun and we will continue it on the 3rd Tues of the month in the parlor from 6 to 9 pm. Plan to join us on our next Craft Night, Tuesday Nov 21st in the Parlor.

As usual we have a full calendar and I really encourage anyone who wants to meet people in our church to attend these activities. It's a great way to plug in, get involved and meet new friends!!

**November greeter and valet:** Kristen Vargo and Al Weis

**December greeter and valet:**  Caroline and Darrel Eschedor

**Hospitality**

Hospitality will be meeting after worship on November 5th to address Veterans Day cards to the vets at the Ann Arbor VA hospital. We will also address Thanksgiving cards to our shut ins. If you know anyone who would appreciate a card please see me or Kim.

We will discuss Christmas cards and also plan the caroling which will likely be Sunday Dec 17th. Let us know if anyone would like carols sung at their home.

Let's try to bring some Christmas cheer to our shut ins!!

In Christ,

Al and Brenda Weis, Hospitality co-chairs

Kim Weyandt and Brenda Weis, Fellowship co-chairs

**Meeting Night for November**

**Tuesday - November 14th, 2017**

6:30 pm SPRC

6:30pm Trustees and Finance

7:30pm Admin

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**Jamie Baumgartner and Raine Wilder Concert at RUMC!**

Friday, November 10th at 7:00 pm in the FLC

Tickets are $5 at the door.

They have traveled all over, but never had a concert in Rossford! Let's support our favorite Rossford musicians. This event is open to the public.

**"DECK THE HALLS WITH CHRISTMAS SPIRIT"**

Coming to RUMC on December 2nd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

* Tree or wreath decorating contest
* Santa Claus live Photo opportunity
* Holiday booths and food
* Kids only Christmas shopping plaza

Sign up early to enter a tree or wreath in the trim-a-tree contest. Cash prizes will be awarded according to the highest number of votes in each category. Limited space is available for trees so sign up for the decorating contest early. Entry fee is $5.00. Contact the office for registration details.

**Worship News**

**November 5th** - Veteran's Sunday, Communion.  Veterans please be sure you have submitted a picture in your uniform if possible and another more up-to-date picture.  Present service members will be honored as well and are invited to submit a picture to the office.  If you were recognized in past years, your pictures are on file.

*Don't forget that Nov.5 is the time change (the one we like as we gain an hour!) Turn your clock back.*

**November 12th** - Second Sunday of Worship, Stewardship Speech will be given.

**November 19th** - Consecration Sunday as well as Thanksgiving Sunday. Pledges for the 2018 year will be given.

**November 26th** - Youth Sunday  Please plan to stay after church to help with the "Hanging of the Greens" to prepare the church for Christmas.

We'd like to highlight some of our committee and friends of the committee who work behind the scenes to prepare the church year round.  Ken and Michelle Sutter take down and put up the beautiful banners each time the liturgical season of the year changes.  Thank you for your faithfulness!  The following ladies watch over the altar to be sure there are flowers and decorations for each Sunday of the year - Nancy Stonerock, Elaine MacKinnon, Mary Hill, Pat Baumgartner, Nancy Rust, and Marcia Olwick.  Thank you all!

With Love,

Cheryl Garlow and Nancy Rust

Co-Chairpersons of Worship Committee

**FUNDRAISING NEWS**

***Volunteers Needed***

*As you look at these events you realize that they are not a one person project, or even a five person project. So please put these dates on your calendar and plan on helping any time you are able to.*

**BBQ**

We had a very successful BBQ.  We sold out in a little over one hour.  Thanks to all who helped.  We made a profit of over $1,900  Put the first Sunday in May, 2018, and plan on helping in any way you can.

**RUMMAGE SALE**

Our Rummage Sale this fall was great.  We had more rummage than we ever have had.  A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all who helped.  It was a big project.  **We made a profit of $3,810.**

We have a favor to ask.  If you donate rummage, please make sure it is useable items without holes or stains.  We cannot sell these items.  Also wash any items you donate so we don't have to do that.  We have a reputation of a clean, organized sale and want to continue this.  Thank you for your cooperation.

Start saving your "Treasures".  We will have another sale in either March or April.  More information will come later.

**BAZAAR**

On December 2nd, we will have a Bazaar.  We always have a Church table with Christmas items.  We don't have a lot of Christmas items to sale this year.  If you have decorations that you would like to donate, see Sue Perkins.

**MISSING**

I am missing a Steno notebook that has information about our BBQs.  If you have seen it or know where it is, please see me.

Thank you!

Sue Perkins

Chairperson

**NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS**

**Anniversaries**

Wendell & Deb James 11/10

Dave & Marcia Olwick 11/26

**Birthdays**

Janet Pertner 11/1

Kay Jacob 11/4

Logan Vargo 11/5

Sharon Zuchowski 11/5

Kaitlin Moore 11/6

Tom Ridenour 11/9

Matthew Sutter 11/9

Jerry Baumgartner 11/10

Lisa Comley 11/10

Sherry Engwert 11/11

Elaine MacKinnon 11/16

Barb Chesson 11/17

Robert Bashaw 11/20

Patricia Bruce 11/21

Bill Bowerman 11/23

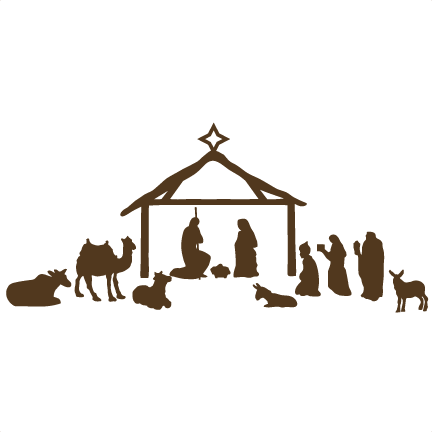
Bethany Rust 11/26

Anita Giles 11/28

George Woods 11/30

**MITTEN COLLECTION FOR WSOS**

WSOS has a local daycare at Lutheran Church of the Master in Perrysburg serving our Rossford Students. They are collecting MITTENS for kids this winter. If you would like to help out you can place your donations in the Narthex or contact Betty Woods at 419-666-1463.



**NATIVITY DISPLAY EVENT**

Many of us have Nativity sets that we display in our homes at Christmas. They are such a meaningful part of our family traditions. We would like you to bring your Nativity set to share with the church family.

The church will be open from 9-12 on Saturday, December 16th to set up.  We will provide tables and tablecloths.

They will be on display Sunday, December 17th before and after church and then you can take them back home with you.

We would love to hear more about your Nativity. Please  print a card with your family name and any interesting information about your set that you would like to share. If you are unable to set up during those hours on Saturday, contact Cheryl Garlow, Nancy Rust, or Marcia Olwick to make other arrangements. We can't wait to see what you bring in. Thanks!

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| *Sun.* | *Mon.* | *Tue.* | *Wed.* | *Thu.* | *Fri.* | *Sat.* |
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| Don't Forget to turn back your clocks on 11/5 |  |  | 6:30pm Boy Scouts | 6:00pm Bells  7:00pm Choir 8:30pm AA |  | 1:00pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 9:00am Sunday School  10:30am Veteran's Day Worship  Hosp. Mtg  5:00pm DOCK | 4pm - 7pm  ESL Class -Upstairs  6:30pm-9:30pm Choralier's Practice (FLC)  8-10pm HEMA (FLC) | 9:15am Ladies Bible Study  4pm - 7pm  ESL Class -Upstairs  6:30pm Cub Scouts | 6:30pm Boy Scouts | 6:00pm Bells  7:00pm Choir 8:30pm AA | 7:00pm Jamie Baumgartner  Concert (FLC) | 9:00am Men's Breakfast @ Silver Moon  7:00pm Contra Dance (FLC) |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 9:00am Sunday School  10:30am Worship  3:00pm Pallet Painting (FLC)  5:00pm DOCK | 4pm - 7pm  ESL Class -Upstairs  8-10pm HEMA  (FLC) | 9:15am Ladies Bible Study  4pm - 7pm  ESL Class -Upstairs  6:30pm Cub Scouts  6:30pm Finance, Trustees, SPRC  7:30pm Admin | 6:30pm Boy Scouts | 6:00pm Bells  7:00pm Choir 8:30pm AA |  |  |
| 19 Consecration Sunday | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 9:00am Sunday School  10:30am Worship  5:00pm DOCK | 8-10pm HEMA  (FLC) |  |  | Turkey.jpgThanksgiving  Offices closed |  |  |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |  |  |
| 9:00am Sunday School  10:30am  Youth Led Worship  No DOCK | 4pm - 7pm  ESL Class -Upstairs  8-10pm HEMA (FLC)  **Setup for "DECK THE HALLS"** | 9:15am Ladies Bible Study  4pm - 7pm  ESL Class -Upstairs | 6:30pm Boy Scouts | 7:00pm Choir 8:30pm AA |  |  |



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