April 2016 Blessings



**Rossford United Methodist Church**

Our Mission: To Know Christ And to Make Christ Known

*From the Pastor's Pen…*

**NEW BANNERS REFLECT THE SEASONS OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

Thanks to several families who have purchased new banners in memory of their loved ones, we will have the opportunity to reflect on the seasons of the church in a new and different way. The seasons of the church year begins with Advent. It then moves to Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and throughout the summer a season that is called “Ordinary Time.” Each of these seasons focus on certain movements of the life of Jesus and the journey of each of us as his disciples.

Advent, the color of which is purple, is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus. It attempts to help us focus our spiritual life on the Christian experience of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Christmas, the color of which is white, is of course the time we celebrate the birth of Jesus and our birth as committed followers of Christ.

Epiphany, the color of which is green, is a celebration of the coming of the wise men and a time to participate in the growth and development of this child Jesus into a man. It is during this season that we mark his dedication, time at age 12 in the temple and his baptism as a man.

Lent, the color of which is purple, is a season of penance. It is a time of confession, and humbly recognizing that without Christ we are lost.

Easter, the color of which is white, is a celebration of the resurrection. White carries the meaning of light, innocence, purity, joy, triumph, glory and resurrection.

Pentecost, the color of which is red, is the time when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. Red is a symbol of the flaming tongues of fire which were present and came upon the disciples in that upper room.

Ordinary Time, the color of which is generally green, is a time of growing or maturing in our faith. Green is also a symbol of Eternal life. Since there are many aspect to our lives as we mature, we actually can use a variety of colors and banners during this long season until we reach Advent once again.

Communion Sundays, the color of which is white, once again reminds us of the innocence of Christ and the gift of his love represented in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the cup.

I hope these signs will be a way of your renewing your faith as each season come by.

Grace and Peace,

Bob

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**Services**

9:00 am Sunday School (All ages)

10:30 am Worship Service

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**DOCK News**

April will be a big month for our youth. On April 8th the confirmation class and several adults will head to Wide Water. Our 10 Confirmands will join Confirmands from other churches for a retreat. We’ll be attending classes, worshipping with music led by a praise band, enjoying each other’s company, and hopefully making new friends. It should be a fun and meaningful time for all of us. We will return to Rossford after lunch on Sunday, April 10th. There will be no D.O.C.K. meeting that evening. We will be “recovering” from our fun!

Sunday, April 17th is Confirmation Sunday. It will also be our youth led service for April. The confirmation class will be sharing some of the things they’ve learned this year and they will take their Confirmation Vows. This is an importance step in their lives. They are making a commitment to God and the church. Please plan on attending the service to support our newest members. We will have a small reception with refreshments following.

The rest of April will be relatively quiet. We’ll have our regular meetings and perhaps take a walk to get some ice cream.

Happy Spring,

Terri Seibold

Director of Youth Ministries

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



**Worship News**

Thanks to all who helped make our Holy Week and Easter Services so wonderful! It takes many people behind the scenes as well as those volunteers and staff who work hard to prepare everything. The music, scripture, sermons were wonderful! Christ is risen. Alleluia!

We were very blessed to have out Assistant District Superintendent, Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif on March 6th and our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Scot Ocke on March 13th in our pulpit in Pastor Bob’s absence. We welcomed them to our church and very much appreciated their words of wisdom. A big thank you also to Terri Siebold and the youth for their leadership in the service on March 13th. As Dr. Ocke complimented them on their efforts he said, “They are not the future of the church. They are the church of this day!” We can be proud of each one of them.

As we head into April, we will look forward to the confirming of our young adults into the church on Sunday, April 17th. The youth have been working hard since early last fall and this will be an important day in their lives.

Schedule for April:

April 3rd - Communion Sunday with Scott Oster Memorial Moment

April 10th - Worship along with a presentation about the New Orleans Mission Trip 2016

April 17th – Youth Led Service along with Confirmation of Youth

April 24th – Worship

With Love,

Worship Committee

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**Rehearsals**

Bell Choir will hold regular Thursday

evening practices at 6:00pm.

Choir will rehearse Thursday evenings at 7:00pm

**Ushers and Greeters**

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

**Helping Hands of St. Louis**

The next date is **April 21st 2016**. 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**

If you have a Kroger card, PLEASE make sure you are signed up so that our church gets a percentage of what you buy.  This is "Free" money for our church.  You MUST sign up EACH YEAR so our church gets credit for what you buy.  Any questions, see Sue Perkins.

**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, Campbell's, Stamps**

Thank you for all your help with the stamps. We are still collecting Box Tops for Education, Campbell's soup labels and cancelled stamps. The boxes are 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.

**Hospitality/Fellowship**

March has been a busy whirlwind month for our committees. We had a very successful Birthday Soup and Salad Luncheon with approximately 100 people attending. It was a lot of fun guessing who was who in the baby picture game. First place went to Alexis Cone who guessed 31 out of 42 pictures correctly! Charlene Crispen and Kristen Vargo were 2nd and 3rd place respectfully. Prizes were awarded to the winners as well as those who had birthdays in November, as their table had the most people in attendance for their birthday month!

We hosted our annual Wednesday Lenten Series meetings, which were very informative and appreciated. Thank you to the volunteers who provided drinks and snacks for those meetings.

We sent out Easter Cards to our list of Shut Ins. These cards are very appreciated and we've heard very positive feedback from family members and the community.

We will not be meeting in April, our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 10th at 6:00 pm.

**April valet and greeter**:

Al Weis and Betty Dowell

Thank you,

Brenda and Al Weis - Hospitality Chairs

Kim Weyandt and Brenda Weis -

Fellowship Chairs



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**April Celebrations**

**and Thanks**

**Fundraising News**

**SPRING RUMMAGE SALE** -  Thursday, April 7th 9am-6pm, Friday, April 8th 9am-4pm and Saturday, April 9th 9am-12pm.  Helpers are still needed for set up the week of the sale and also to help tear down Saturday after 12pm.

**SPRING CHICKEN BBQ -** Sunday, May 1st. As usual we need a lot of help. Please put these dates on your calendar and help if you can.

**Friday, April 29th** at 9am - Wrap silverware, and set up tables

**Saturday, April 30th** at 9am - Wrap bread, and continued set up.

**Sunday, May 1st** at 8am - final set up. At 2:30pm - clean up

Thank you for all your continued support of RUMC,

Sue Perkins

Chair-Fundraising Committee

**Anniversaries**

Tom and Sue Ferguson 4/26

Dave and Jodie Lawson 4/27

**Birthdays**

Steve Agler 4/5

Cheryl Garlow 4/5

Al Weis 4/6

Brenda Weis 4/6

Kathy Ulrich 4/7

Richard 'Charlie' Brant 4/8

Olivia Rust 4/11

Kristen Vargo 4/11

Nancy Rust 4/16

Dana Alger 4/19

Judy Sikorski 4/19

Zander Comley 4/22

Jase LeVeck 4/22

Austin Vargo 4/23

**Thank You**

A big THANK YOU to our Scouts and parents for helping us bring up the rummage sale items from downstairs. we couldn’t have done it without you!

Blessings,

Cheryl Garlow

Co-Chair of Worship Committee

Rossford United Methodist Church,

Thank you all for the awesome lunch after Joanna's funeral. It was greatly appreciated.

~The family of Joanna Remley

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RUMC held a fundraising concert with the Owens Community College Concert Band on Friday, March 4th. Approximately 55 people attended and donated $288 for the Confirmation Camp the youth will attend this month.

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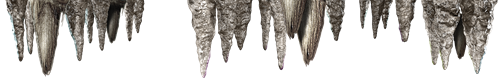
Our most recent Kroger rewards check was for $140.38! Thank you to all that have selected RUMC as the recipient of our rewards.



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|  |  |  |  |  | Happy April Fools' Day! |  |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 9:00am Sunday School  10:30am Worship  5:00pm DOCK | Rummage Set up | 9:15am Ladies Bible Study  Rummage Set up | 6:30pm Boy Scouts  Rummage Set up | 6:00pm Bells  7:00pm Choir  8:30pm AA  ***Rummage Sale***  ***9am-6pm*** | ***Rummage Sale***  ***9am-4pm*** | 9:00am Men's Breakfast @ Silver Moon  7:00pm Contra Dance  ***Rummage Sale***  ***9am-12pm*** |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 9:00 am Sunday School  10:30am Youth Led Worship  NO DOCK |  | 9:15am Ladies Bible Study  6:30pm Cub Scouts  6:30pm Ladies *Evening* Bible Study  No Hospitality Mtg  No SPRC Mtg, 6:30pm Trustees & Finance  7:30pm Admin | 6:30pm Boy Scouts | 6:00pm Bells  7:00pm Choir  8:30pm AA |  |  |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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**VBS 2016**

Vacation Bible School will be June 20th - 23rd this year.

We are starting to collect a few items for this summer:

* Gallon milk jugs
* 1/2 gallon milk jugs
* 2 liter plastic bottles
* 20 oz plastic bottles

Donations can be dropped off in the box in the Narthex. *Please rinse and/or clean out the plastic containers.* We are also looking for people to lead the children and especially someone to help design and build the sets. We'd love to have you help out. If you are interested please call Kim Weyandt at 419-266-9091.







**Rossford Brush Pickup**

Rossford Annual Spring Residential Brush and Branch Pickup will be held April 25th – 29th.  Brush and branches should be placed at the curb, not in the street, by 7 am on the pickup day for your street according to the schedule published in the Rossford Record Journal.  There will be no alley pickup and only one pass will be made through the neighborhoods.  This is NOT a yard waste, grass clipping, or building material pickup.

On March 9th RUMC held a Life Line Screening Event. During this event they screened over 40 people and performed over 160 diagnostic tests. This did not include those of you that walked in for tests as well. We were pleased with this turnout as well. Thank you to all of you that came in and supported this event.





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*Our 2016 "Blossoming of The Cross"*

