

April 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…*

**THE MOST IMPORTANT SEASON OF THE YEAR**

If you were asked. “Which is the most important season of the Christian year?” what would you say? I do know that we, in our society, tend to think that the birth of a baby is a great day of celebration and perhaps if asked which event in life would be the most important we would most likely say “the birth.” I know we are generally extremely happy when we learn that our son and daughter-in-law or daughter and son-in-law are going to have a baby there is much joy, celebration and planning for the big day.

When we look at the Biblical story we discover something quite different. Although there are stores in the Old Testament that report the conception of a child, for the most part the emphasis is put on the death as if it is the most important. Likewise, we find this to be true with the story of Jesus. Of the four Gospel writers, only Matthew and Luke report a story about the Birth of Jesus. Mark and John have nothing to say about the birth. In fact, nothing is said throughout the New Testament about the birth of Jesus except Matthew and Luke’s account.

On the other hand, all four Gospels report about the death and resurrection of Jesus. This story of Jesus’ death and resurrection is reported throughout writings of Paul and the New Testament. So it seems to me that from a Biblical perspective, the most important event in the story of Jesus is his death and resurrection. In fact, one might say, the death and resurrection is the “proof of the pudding” that Jesus is who he says he is. So why is this so important for us today? I would offer this. We are in the season of Lent that will take us up to Palm Sunday, Holy Week including Maundy Thursday and then to Easter. I would invite and encourage you to participate fully in this season as part of your own spiritual discipline and growth. Palm Sunday will be a time of celebrating Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. In celebration of this event, we will lead a donkey from the church to the High School and back remembering Jesus riding into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. Maundy Thursday, we will gather to remember the disciples with Jesus in the upper room for the Last Supper.

All of these events help us understand more fully the power and wonder of Easter. So plan now to join us on this journey as we seek to deepen our love and commitment to the Christ who came to live among us, took our sin upon himself, died on the cross and then rose again that we will be able to share with Him in the Kingdom that God has prepared for all of us.

Grace and Peace,

Bob

**Worship News**

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**Worship News**

We were very blessed to have out District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Scot Ocke on March 5th in our pulpit in Pastor Bob’s absence. As well Assistant District Superintendent Rev. Rae Lynn Schleif on March 12th. We welcomed them to our church and very much appreciated their words of wisdom.

The Worship Committee has been busy collecting canned and boxed items of food as we do at Christmas to deliver to individuals and families during holy week. You may bring items in anytime up through Palm Sunday. Items will be delivered the week of April 9th.

Someone recently said, "No one does Easter like Rossford UM Church!" Don't miss this service!

Upcoming Services

April 23 - The New Orleans Mission team experience

April 30 - Youth Sunday

May 5 - Communion Sunday

With Love,

Cheryl Garlow and Nancy Rust

Co-Chairpersons of Worship Committee

**Journey To Calvary:**

**Bearing the Cross in the 21st Century**

**Wednesday, April 5th**

**7:00 pm -** The Daughter Project and the Cross in the Parlor

**Sunday, April 9th**

**9:30 am** Parade with our live donkey through town

**10:30 am** Palm Sunday worship service with live palm branches

**Thursday, April 13th**

**7:00 pm** - Maundy Thursday Service – One of our most

beautiful services - music, candlelight, scripture

and follow the journey through Jerusalem to Calvary.

**Sunday, April 16th**

**8:00 am** - SonRise Service - a service of scripture and hymns

**8:30 am** - SonRise Breakfast following the service in the Family Life Center. Join us by making a reservation on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

A free will offering will be taken to defray expenses.

**10:30 am** - Easter Worship - Beautiful service of music, sermon, transforming the old rugged cross into a beautiful flowered cross to celebrate the resurrection.



**DOCK News**

Happy Spring Everyone! There are only two months left in our 2016 – 2017 DOCK season. Time sure flies when you’re having fun…and we are! We didn’t have a meeting on the 2nd since I was still soaking up the sun on a vacation in Florida.

On the evening of April 9th, Palm Sunday, we will celebrate our annual Christian Passover. We’ll talk about the Jewish Passover which is a memorial to God passing over the houses of the children of Israel when He killed the firstborn of the men in Egypt. For Christians it is a memorial of the death of Jesus as the true Lamb of God. This sacrifice makes possible the forgiveness of our sins.

There will be no DOCK on Easter, April 16th.

On April 23rd we will be preparing for our youth led worship service which will be on April 30th. It will be a “spring” themed service.

As always, thanks for your support of our youth.

Terri Seibold

Director of Youth Ministry

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

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**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 May 4th. 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.

**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**

Bell Choir practices Thursday evenings at 6:00pm

Choir will rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm.

**Hospitality**

We held our second monthly craft night on March 21st. We enjoyed time away from home and a chance to finish up our projects. We are planning on another craft night on Tuesday, April 18th at 6pm. Feel free to join us, we would love to have you.

A group of us got together on March 26th to see the movie "The Shack" and have lunch. We enjoyed our time out together to see a great spiritual movie.

In April we are sending out Easter cards to our shut-ins. If you know of someone that could use a periodic card or letter, let us know.

Birthday Sunday will be on April 9th.

Our next scheduled meeting is Sunday April 2nd after services. There will not be coffee hour on Easter Sunday. Enjoy your afternoon.

**April Valet: Matt Foster**

**April Greeter: Kristen Vargo**

Thank you to all the volunteers that help out this special ministry.

In Christ,

Al and Brenda Weis,  Hospitality co-chair

Kim Weyandt and Brenda Weis, Fellowship co-chair

**Meeting Night for April**

**Tuesday - April 11th, 2017**

6:30pm Trustees and Finance

7:30pm Admin

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**APRIL**

**Celebrations**

**and Thanks**

**Fundraising Calendar for 2017**

**SPRING BBQ** - Sunday, May 7

**VBS** - July 17-20 from 5:30 - 8:30

**FALL BBQ** - Sunday, October 8

**CHRISTMAS STORY SHOW** - Sunday, October 8

(A new Fundraiser)

**FALL RUMMAGE SALE** - October 19, 20 and 21.  Set up October 8 after Christmas Story Show

**CRAFT BAZAAR -** Date not set.  Probably November 4th or 11th.

**"LET IT GLO" -** Christmas Tree and wreath decorating contest. December 1st and 2nd.  Another new fundraiser.  More information to come

**CHURCH HISTORY**

More information will be coming soon.

*We are also planning on selling t-shirts/sweatshirts this spring.*

***Please put these dates on your calendar and plan on helping in any way you are able.***

Thank you!

Sue Perkins, Chairperson

**Anniversaries**

Tom & Sue Ferguson 4/26

Steve & Pam Agler 4/27

**Birthdays**

Steve Agler 4/5

Cheryl Garlow 4/5

Al Weis 4/6

Brenda Weis 4/6

Kathy Ulrich 4/7

Richard Brant 4/8

Olivia Rust 4/11

Kristen Vargo 4/11

Nancy Rust 4/16

Dana Agler 4/19

Judy Sikorski 4/19

Zander Comley 4/22

Austin Vargo 4/23

**Thank You**

To the Pastor and Members of The Rossford United Methodist Church,

Thank you so very much for the prayer quilt. Such a thoughtful gesture from so many good people who don't know me. It is very humbling. Surviving such a serious operation is proof that prayer works. Prayer is also perpetual because once a prayer is offered to God it cannot be taken back, therefore I thank you all for your kindness to a stranger who will keep all of you in his heart forever.

God Bless you all,

Bill Thomsen

Steve Agler,

I read your journey to collecting 1,000,000 pennies. I was awed, encouraged, and wowed and THANK YOU! Thank you for your care, your core, and persistence and your support. Soon, there will be a gift for you in the mail.

Thanks,

Pierre U. Ferrari

President and CEO

Heifer International



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Thank You!

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| *Sun.* | *Mon.* | *Tue.* | *Wed.* | *Thu.* | *Fri.* | *Sat.* |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  | 10:30am Private Event  (FLC, Kit) |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9:00am Sunday School  10:30am Worship  No DOCK | 5:30 pm Parent Project  (Parlor) | 9:15am Ladies *Morning* Bible Study  6:30pm Cub Scouts | 6:30pm Boy Scouts  7:00pm Lenten Study  (Parlor) | 6:00pm Bells  7:00pm Choir  8:30pm AA | Wedding Rehearsal | 9:00am Men's Breakfast Silver Moon  Wedding  7:00pm Contra Dance |
| 9 *Palm Sunday* | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 9:00 am Sunday School  10:30am Worship  5:00 pm DOCK | 5:30 pm Parent Project  (Parlor)  ***PICTURE DAY***  ***2:00 - 8:30 pm*** | 9:15am Ladies *Morning* Bible Study  6:30 pm Mtg Night (Finance, Trustees & Admin)  ***PICTURE DAY***  ***2:00 - 8:30 pm*** | 6:30pm Boy Scouts Pack Meeting w/cake auction | 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday  8:30pm AA | Good Friday |  |
| 16  *Easter* | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 8:00 am  SonRise Service  Breakfast following  10:30 am Worship  NO DOCK | 5:30 pm Parent Project  (Parlor) | 9:15am Ladies *Morning* Bible Study  6:00 - 10:00 pm Craft Night (Parlor) | 6:30pm Scouts Pack Meeting | 6:00pm Bells  7:00pm Choir  8:30pm AA |  | *Earth Day* |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 9:00 am Sunday School  10:30am Youth Led Worship  5:00 pm DOCK | 5:30 pm Parent Project  (Parlor) | 9:15am Ladies *Morning* Bible Study  6:30pm Cub Scouts | 6:30pm Boy Scouts (FLC, Sanct) | 6:00pm Bells  7:00pm Choir  8:30pm AA | *Arbor Day* | 3:00 pm Baby Shower (FLC, Kitchen) |
| 30 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9:00 am Sunday School  10:30am Youth Led Worship  NO DOCK |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**EXCITING NEWS!**



We are proud to announce that we will be partnering with

Universal Church Directories to create a new pictorial church directory.

Only one short trip to the church will assure that you and your family will be part of this special directory. The process takes about 45 minutes to one hour. Each family photographed receives a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait to be sent postage free to their home. Plus, you receive a free directory with no hidden costs, no sales pressure, and no sitting fees. We will then have a fabulous tool for contacting one another (and recognizing one another)!

**Monday, April 10th - 2pm-8:30pm**

**Tuesday, April 11th - 2pm-8:30pm**

**Online Scheduling Available!**

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to [**www.ucdir.com**](http://www.ucdir.com), click on schedule your photography session on the right side, enter **oh1985** in the Church Code field and enter **­­­­church** the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family’s appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday.

**If you are unable to schedule online…**See one of our volunteers at the table in the narthex to schedule your time. They will have an updated list of available times each week.

**Opportunities for RUMC Friends**

**Noah's Ark and Creation Museum - Kentucky**

October 9-11

$375 per person- Double occupancy

See JeanE Waggoner if interested

419-666-1860

**Christmas in Branson**

November 12-18

See "The Miracle of Christmas" at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Branson, complete with live animals, angels in the field, the manger, etc. Plus 6 other shows.

$719 per person - double occupancy

If interested please contact Cheryl Garlow at 419-265-3358 or Nancy Rust at 419-509-6008

**Spring Egg Hunt**

The Rossford Community Recreation Center is sponsoring the Spring Egg Hunt at Island View Park on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 11 AM. Questions, call the Recreation Center at 419-666-2905 or visit their website at rossfordrecreation.com

**Cpr/Aed Training**

On March 25th RUMC hosted a Family and Friends CPR class. It was presented by Rossford's own Firefighter/Medic Ryan Hennessey.

The class was offered to anyone in the community who wanted to learn basic CPR and AED life saving processes. There were 9 people who attended this very imformative class. It was offered for only $20 and was a 3 hour class.

If you are interested in attending a class like this in the future please speak with Ryan Hennessey at 419-724-0855 or visit www.restarttheheart.org. If there is enough interest, we will host another class here at RUMC.





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