

February 2019

Rossford

United Methodist Church

Our Mission:

"To Know Christ And to Make Christ Known"

Praying is a vital part of our relationship with God, but it is also a vital part of the health of our church.  Thom Rainer in his book "Autopsy of a Deceased Church: 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive" wrote these words:  
  
"Not coincidently, prayer and the health of the church went  hand in hand.  When the church is engaged in meaningful prayer, it becomes both the cause and the result of greater church health."  
  
So Church, I want to encourage you to pray.  Pray for our  church, pray for each other, pray for our community, pray that we can continue to, and find more ways, to serve our community, pray that we, as a church and as individuals, can reach others, pray for the leaders of our state, our nation and our world.  May your prayers be fervent, intense and passionate.  May these prayers connect us with God and each other.  May these prayers transform us, and send us out to love.  One of my favorite prayers is a prayer written by the Danish philosopher and theologian Soren Kierkegaard:  
  
"Father in Heaven!  Thou hast loved us first, help us never to forget that Thou art love so that this sure conviction might triumph in our hears over the seduction of the world, over the inquietude of the soul, over the anxiety for the future, over the fright of the past, over the distress of the moment.  But grant also that this conviction might discipline our soul so that our heart might remain faithful and sincere in the love which we bear to all those whom Thou hast commanded us to love as we love ourselves."  
  
This prayer reminds us of what God's love for us, and our love for others, looks like.  It is intimate and passionate and will overcome the seduction of the world, the restlessness or our souls, the fear of the future, the hurt and shame of the past, and the struggle of the moment.  This is not just about us and God's love for us, but we have the opportunity, the responsibility, to participate in this love by loving and praying for others.  
  
This is exactly what Jesus meant when he said, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.  And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)  We are to go out into our community to reach others, to serve them and show them the love and grace of Jesus Christ.  Thom Rainer says it this way in the same book I quoted above (Autopsy of a Deceased Church):

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**Services**

9:00 am Sunday School

10:30am Worship

**Office Hours:**

M-F 8:15am-2:15pm

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"Going in Christ's power requires effort.  Certainly the results are dependent upon Him [God], but obedience is work.  And obedience in His power means that we are praying to Jesus so we can reach others.  That requires an 'others' focus.  That requires us to look beyond ourselves.  That requires us to get uncomfortable.  That requires us to go."

All this starts with prayer.  So, find time to pray.  Find time to rest and be still in the presence of God.  Find time to hear God calling you to go and serve, and find time to hear God telling you that He loves you beyond your wildest imagination.  

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Dwayne

**DOCK**

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The Dessert Auction/Talent Show is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 10th following worship.  We will provide lunch and start the program at 12:30.  All of the proceeds are split between the New Orleans/Katrina Relief ministry and the youth activity fund.  Please bring a dessert to auction off!  There will be a table set up in the FLC for you to place your desserts!  This is always such a fun time for fellowship and fun.  Mark your calendars now!  If you would like to be included in the program let me know as soon as possible so I can add you to the program.  My cell is 419-344-3123/email is [Terri@seiboldbaker.com](mailto:Terri@seiboldbaker.com)



**COMMITTEE CLIPS**  
  
**Trustees:**The Trustees have had a busy month. Thank you Mike and Wendell for building the closet in the Parlor for the choir robes and music. What a nice addition to the room. Many of the lights in the sanctuary have been upgrades to LED lighting which will save thousands of watts of power, lowering our monthly electric bill. We have added a carbon monoxide detector in the Parsonage as well as repairing the disposer and dishwasher.  New storm doors have been purchased for both the front and back doors of the home. We are looking into replacing the refrigerator at the Parsonage to a larger more efficient unit.  
  
**Finance:** We met at 6:30 p.m. on January 8, 2019 at RUMC.  The Committee reviewed the year end results of the 2018 financial operations which ended with expenses exceeding all revenue sources by $26,000. The Committee also reviewed the 2019 operating budget which shows that expenses will exceed all revenue sources by $20,000. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the continuing losses even though we had a very good consecration Sunday.  A suggestion was brought to the committee that we make WATOTO an expense item in the budget and discontinue the once a month WATOTO  collection from the congregation.   This suggestion was not approved.

**WORSHIP NEWS**



Worship Committee: Members missing were Donna Robinson and Tina Vogelpohl.     
  
  
The worship committee met Jan. 3 to plan for Jan. and Feb.  We wish you all a Happy New Year and many blessings in 2019.



New lights decorated the front and back entrances to the church this season.  New pieces to the nativity looked beautiful too. Thanks to Jerry Baumgartner, Robinsons, and Garlows.

**Upcoming dates to remember:**  
Ash Wednesday, March 6th  
Palm Sunday, April 14th at 10:30 am  
Maundy Thursday, April 18th  
Good Friday, April 19th  
Easter Sunday, April 21st

Thanks,

Cheryl Garlow and Nancy Rust  
Co-Chairpersons of Worship Committee

### ****CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE****

January Just rolled on in whether we were ready or not! I don't know about you but after the busy holidays I personally look forward to less on the calendar.   
  
Our Committee is continuing to operate on auto pilot, doing what we do!   
  
February Greeter: Anita Giles  
February Valet: Al Weis  
  
Please see Al or Betty Dowell if you can volunteer to help in the future with this important ministry!   
  
 Craft night will be the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the Family Life Center. We've come to a general consensus that we really like eating taco salad for this! Please plan to join us with your favorite craft or just come to eat and enjoy fellowship!  
  
**The next craft night will be Feb 26th.**  
  
Happy New Year to everyone. Let's make 2019 the best year yet!  
   
In Christ,  
Al and Brenda Weis, Kim Weyandt, Congregational Care Committee Co Chairs



  
   
**Birthdays**  
Dan Buehrer                                                   2/2  
Steve Kotecki                                                  2/6  
Tom Ferguson                                                 2/8  
Dwayne Shugert                                              2/10  
Susan Ferguson                                               2/16  
Sue Perkins                                                     2/16  
Trudi McCamey                                               2/17  
Troy Brant                                                      2/20  
Troy Westfall                                                  2/21  
Chris Bashaw                                                  2/25  
Emilie Fisher                                                   2/27  
  


**Anniversaries**  
None this month.

\*\*\*If we missed you or someone else, please let us know at [rossfordumc@yahoo.com](mailto:rossfordumc@yahoo.com) or

call 419-666-5323\*\*\*

### ****MEN'S BREAKFAST****

#### Saturday, February 9th at 9:00 am at Silver Moon Soda Grill. Sign up in the Narthex

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### ****UPCOMING SERMON SERIES****

We will be looking at 10 Psalms and hearing what the Bible tells us that we are...  
   
**"We Are . . . "  Sermon Series**  
  
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2/3 - Psalm 23  
            "We Are . . .  Not Alone"   
2/10 - Psalm 100  
            "We Are . . .  God's People"  
2/17 - Psalm 130  
            "We Are . . .  Forgiven"  
 2/24 - Psalm 139:1-16  
            "We Are . . .  Fearfully and Wonderfully Made"  
3/3 - Psalm 117 and Psalm 137  
             "We Are . . . Human"   
3/10 - Psalm 150  
          "We Are . . ."



### ****HOW CAN YOU HELP OUT?****

**Ushers and Greeters**  
Please see Bob Baughman to Usher or Brenda and Al Weis to Greet or Valet.  
   
**Helping Hands of St. Louis**  
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.  
   
**Cancelled Stamps**  
We are collecting 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.   
**Our Kroger Plus Rewards Organization**   
**# 84283**

### ****FUNDRAISING****

Please put the following dates on your calendar and plan on helping in some way.

* **Spring Rummage Sale** - April 11 to 13  (Set up will be Sunday March 31 to Wednesday, April 10)
* **Spring BBQ** - Sunday, May 5
* **Car Rally** - Thursday, July 18 (This starts our Weekend Celebration for our 120 year Church Anniversary!!!!!)
* **Ice Cream Social** - Friday, July 19
* **Fall Rummage Sale** - September 19 to 21 (Set up will be Sunday, September 8 to Wednesday, September 18)
* **Fall BBQ** - Sunday, October 6
* **Christmas Craft Bazaar** - Saturday, November 16

As you can see, we have a busy year.  We will need a lot of help in July with the Car Rally and Ice Cream Social.  More information will be coming.



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| **SUN** | **MON** | **TUES** | **WED** | **THURS** | **FRI** | **SAT** |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  | 2:00 pm Private Event (FLC, Kitchen) |
| **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** |
| 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 5:00 pm DOCK | 8 - 10 pm HEMA (FLC) | 9:15 am Ladies Bible Study (Parlor) 6:30 pm Scouts |  | 6 - 8:00 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Choir 8:30 pm AA |  | 9:00 am Men's Breakfast (Silver Moon)  7:30 pm Contra Dancers (FLC) |
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Thank you! Your Christmas carolers for Marian & Ty were received with love as it was presented. That was a special and beautiful night for us. One of the most memorable events ever in that home. You were so greatly appreciated. The Rossford United Methodist Church is a beautiful gift to us all.   
Thank you,   
Ty & Marian Rupp  
  
  
Thank you so very much for the much needed donation of socks, hats, gloves, and winter coats. your generosity means so much to the children and their families. The smiles on the faces of the children as they pick out their new winter gear each year is priceless! You are such a blessing to us and our 55 children. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and may you have a blessed New Year.  
With thanks,   
The staff & children at WSOS Perrysburg/Rossford  
  
  
I would like to thank the prayer warriors for the beautiful prayer quilt sent to my 3 year old great granddaughter Marlee Stephens in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Just knowing we weren't alone in the fight against Burkitts Lymphoma. We covered Marlee and we are truly blessed. Marlee is doing well at this time and we are praying she will be out of the hospital soon. GOD is good and merciful and has blessed us in so many ways.  
Please continue to prayer for complete healing,  
Great Grandmother Julie Morton

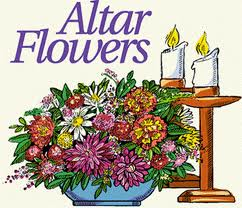
**CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE FORUM AND MEDIA TAB ON OUR WEBSITE**  
  
The Forum tab on our website includes a lifetime of top-quality Christian study and Bible sites. The Media tab is filled with fantastic Christian quality music and videos. Thank you to Larry Keeler who keeps this up to date and filled with useful information.   
  
**Forum**  
We learn by interacting with other Christians. The articles offered below provide an opportunity to discuss current events in the life of the church, offer sermon texts, and allow us to be in relationship with our Christian brothers and sisters online. Click the picture to be taken to the forum section of our website. 

**Media**  
  
Click the picture below to experience fabulous Christian music.

The 2019 Altar Flower schedule is out on the table in the

Narthex. Please consider signing up and honoring your

loved ones with flowers.

# Forty Days - Forty Items

Wednesday, March 6th is the first day of Lent. We have a challenge for you! Each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and put it into a trash bag. At the end of the forty days, donate these items for our rummage sale in the spring or donate to Helping Hands of St. Louis in the collection bin outside of their building at 443 Sixth Street, Toledo, OH 43605.

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**Staff**

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Jenny Riehm

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