

Rosebush United Methodist Church

JULY / AUGUST 2021

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SUNDAYS:

Life Group @ 9:00am
(On hold until further notice)

InPerson Worship @ 10:00am
(In the Parking Lot, please tune to 90.1 FM Band also 10am)

Facebook Live @ 11:30am
(search for Rosebush United Methodist Church)

YouTube (anytime) (search for RosebushUnitedMethodistChurch) [Rosebush UMC - YouTube](#)

Podcast at Spotify @ Tough Questions Joseph Beavan

www.toughquestions.buzzsprout.com Apple Podcast @ tough questions joseph beavan

TOUGH QUESTIONS:

1st & 3rd Wednesdays @ 6:00pm
Via Zoom only until further notice (contact Pastor Joe or Lori if you wish to join)

BIBLES & BEER:

On HOLD until further notice

EMMAUS MEETINGS:

On HOLD until further notice

PASTOR JOE BEAVAN

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VISIT OUR OTHER WEBSITE:

www.toughquestionsforgod.org

Message From Donna Anderson

As Finance Chair, I would like to share with you the position we are currently experiencing. In this very uncertain time, there are some people who still have not returned to the church for worship. Many families have continued to support the General Fund by giving whether they are present or not, but some have not. We would like to encourage you to support the Rosebush United Methodist Church as you call this your church. Our apportionments are paid for the year, but there are monthly expenses such as salaries and utilities that we need to meet. Thank you for helping us in our time of need.

Online Offerings

We are always grateful for your support! We are now offering a new electronic giving program. Making contributions for your regular church offerings and other contributions can be made in a convenient, safe, and secure way without the need to carry cash, write a check or prepare envelopes.

You can set up your own account and log in any time. You will be able to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, or just make a one-time donation, as well as view your giving history.

We invite you to give our new electronic giving program a try. You can access a donation link through our website at www.rosebushumc.com. From the Home Page, click on the "Online Giving" button. We Thank You for your support!

UMCOR ASSISTS

(Reprinted to correct an error)

In Midland, and in the State of Michigan, \$100,000 will support 120 different households through 2021. There were 34 grants that totaled \$783,700 that were distributed in 2020. The Michigan Conference received \$110,000 to address flooding in the Great Lakes Bay Region. There were 101 emergencies throughout 2020. UMCOR donated \$100,000 in funding to assist more than 1500 survivors and 400 households with need in Tennessee. Also, \$100,000 was donated in other states: Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Texas and Iowa. UMCOR also assisted with wildfires in California, Oregon, Washington and Colorado. (This information is provided from the General Board of Global Ministries.)

INTRODUCING—"GOD'S PRESENCE" (formerly referred to as "God Sightings")

WE WANT YOUR STORIES!

Sometimes you just want to hear good news for a change. You probably have a story or two, right? If you have a heartwarming story of God's Love, Protection, Guidance, Healing, etc., let us know! Even if it's a story you heard from someone else, on the TV, on the radio, or wherever.

We want to dedicate an entire page to your stories, and even possibly feature a story in our weekly worship bulletin.

THIS IS FOR EVERYBODY—THAT MEANS — KIDS — WE WANT YOUR STORIES TOO!

Stories will be collected and placed in our bi-monthly newsletter, and we will also feature a story in our weekly worship bulletin, especially for the kids.

So, send us your stories, any way you can:

- ⇒ Drop them off at the church office or use our Prayer Box/Drop Off box
- ⇒ Email them (rosebushumc@gmail.com)
- ⇒ Mail it to us—P.O. Box 187, Rosebush, MI 48878
- ⇒ Call it in (989-433-2957)
- ⇒ Text Pastor Joe or Lori
- ⇒ You can also reach us through our website at www.rosebushumc.com, under "Contact Us"

If you want, we will keep your story confidential - otherwise we will print your name with your story.

So here's one story we have for you now:

The last gift my mother gave me before passing was a pair of Black Hills Gold hoop earrings. While gardening in my five flower beds, I noticed one was missing. It seemed impossible that I would ever find it again. I offered a prayer to God, "If you want me to find this earring, so be it." Shortly after that, there it was laying on top of the dirt. The moral of the story: You can find a needle in a haystack with God's help!

YOUR TURN! SEND US YOUR STORIES!

ERMA BOMBECK ON THE 4TH OF JULY

Erma Bombeck wrote this during the Cold War, when the Soviet Union annually celebrated the communist revolution with a massive military parade and fly-by past the Kremlin: "You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4th, not with a parade of guns, tanks and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength, but with family picnics where kids throw frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism." (JoyfulNoiseletter-June/July 2007—via Good News Shared Coloma (MI) United Methodist Church)

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FOURTH OF JULY

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2021 is on Sunday, July 4, 2021; the federal holiday will be observed on Monday, July 5, 2021. [History of the Fourth of July - Brief History & Early Celebrations - HISTORY](#)

2021 Work Camp Invitation



Here's the Basic Information:

What? FUMER's 2021 Work Camp to GCCP (God's Country Cooperative Parish)
First United Methodist Church in Easton Rapids, MI

Where? GCCP is in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, headquartered in Newberry.

When? Sunday – Saturday, August 8-14, 2021

We travel there on Sunday, work M – F, and return on Saturday.

What Kind of Work Might We Do? Repairs in private homes or churches, or work on the new GCCP Headquarters can also be expected. Food preparation or work in other GCCP ministries is possible.

What Will it Cost? Very little, because our money is raised! And since all fees, materials, housing, most meals and gas for the drivers are covered, the only cost for each participant will be to pay for their own meals while we are in route, or if we go "out" to eat or for snacks, etc.

How Do I Sign Up? If you are interested, contact Joyce Showerman at 917-663-5284 or jshowerman@fumer.org. You are not committing at this time, just indicating your interest. It's never too early to start building our team.

For those of you in Rosebush -

For further information or to indicate interest -

please contact Brenda Grettenberger 989-644-5627



IN ALL AREAS Tech, Nursery, Kids Church, and Welcoming

If you would like to help with any part of Sunday service or in another ministry, please contact Pastor Joe or Lori at the church office, 989-433-2957.

MOWERS: Trustees are asking for help with mowing the lawn at the church. If you would like to help, please contact Ken Bentley. 989-424-8814 or leave a message at the church. A sign-up sheet is available on the welcome table in the front entryway.

BELL RINGERS WANTED

When we get back to meeting again, Jan Mogg is asking for more bell ringers. Practice will be on Wednesdays, 4:45pm to 5:45pm. If you are interested in joining the bell ringers, please contact Jan Mogg at 989-433-5430.

If you are able to assist in helping others with small, odd jobs around the house such as painting, cleaning, mowing, yard work, etc., please let us know, leave your name and phone number where we can reach you. You can also email the church at rosebushumc@gmail.com.



NOW IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM
1st & 3rd Wednesday each month @ 6pm

If you wish to join by Zoom, please call, text, or email Pastor Joe, Lori or the Church Office for link information. Links are emailed approximately one hour before we begin the class.

"Tough Questions for God" is all about identifying the most challenging, difficult issues of the Christian journey. How do I apply them to my life? Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people?

GOT AN IDEA FOR A SERMON TOPIC? Let Us Know!

VIDEO SERMONS and SERMON NOTES ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

Couldn't make to church on Sunday? You can view our sermons on YouTube or listen via Podcast.

From our website, on the Home Page, we have made direct links available for your convenience.

Sermon notes are also available. All notes are saved in Word and PDF format. You are invited to print them off for your use.

Sermon Notes can be found on the "Media" tab on our website.

Visit our website at www.rosebushumc.com

and on our new website at
www.toughquestionsforgod.org.

CHECK OUT THESE GREAT RESOURCES FOR YOUR YOUTH!

Visit our website @ www.rosebushumc.com

PRESCHOOL— Up to 4 yrs age
CROSTOWN— Kindergarten to 5yrs age
KONNECT for kids 1st – 3rd grade
LOOP for kids 4th – 6th grade
SWITCH for kids 6th – 12th grade

DEVOTIONS WITH GOD

View on website at www.rosebushumc.com

OR
www.toughquestions.buzzsprout.com

PLEASE LET US KNOW!

If you would like to receive the newsletter by way of email, please contact Lori at rosebushumc@gmail.com. Otherwise, if we don't hear from you, we will send it to you by way of mail.

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All donations are greatly appreciated!

**ROSEBUSH
 RED WHITE
 BLUE
 CELEBRATION**

July 2 - 4, 2021

**Isabella Township Park
 4029 N Mission Road**

Follow us on Facebook at
www.Facebook.com/Rosebush4th



Grand Marshals:
 Jim & Karen McConnell
**Community Service
 Award:**
 Janice Galgoc

FRIDAY - July 2nd**Ice Cream Social - 7:30pm - 9:00pm**

Cool off with hand dipped vanilla ice cream with your choice of toppings at the Isabella Township Park Pavilion.

Free Family Movie - Dusk

Bring your lawn chairs/blankets & enjoy "The Little Rascals". Free Popcorn - Water is \$1/bottle - Free entry into bicycle raffle!

SATURDAY - July 3rd**5K Run - 9am**

Limited to 100 participants. All participants receive a medal & can purchase a t-shirt by 6/16. Check our Facebook page for more information on sign up and entry costs.

Softball Tournaments - 9am

Cheer on your team at the Isabella Township Park. Contact Jeff Hohlbein at (989) 560-5446 for more information.

Parade Line-up - 10am

Line-up begins at Rosebush Elementary school. **Parade will begin at 11am** and makes its way down Mission Rd to the back of Isabella Township Park and out through Brown Milling. **No registration is required.**

Classic Auto Show - 10am-2pm

Registration begins at 9:00am.

Participants are welcome to join the parade. Door prizes will be randomly drawn throughout the show. Participants receive a ticket to the pig roast. For more info contact Spencer at (989)330-0497.

SATURDAY - July 3rd

Presentation of Awards - Immediately following the parade.

Concession Stand - Noon-3pm

Enjoy a lamb & pig roast with friends and neighbors in the enclosed pavilion.

\$5 adults, \$3 children (6-12).

5 & under free

Kids Games - 11:30am - 2:30pm

Various children's games, rock climbing wall, and caricatures by Corby Blem. Check out the Story Walk provided by the library. It will be set up around the walking track and prizes will be given out!

Truck & Tractor Pull - 2pm - 6pm

Registration at 1pm. Pull begins at 2pm.

Just west of the open pavilion sign up to compete in the pull. There will be various weight classes. Contact Casey at (989) 488-3258 for more information.

Music in the Park - 7pm - 11pm

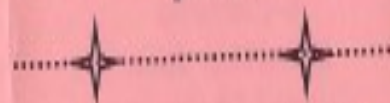
Grab your partner and dance to the tunes from **Rampage** in the open pavilion. Free to the public.

Thank you to the community members who have volunteered their baked goods and labor for this year's celebration.

SUNDAY - July 4th**Softball Tournaments Continue**

10:30am

Come enjoy another day of exciting games!



Handicap parking is available behind the closed pavilion. Follow along the south park property line toward the pavilion.

T-shirts and license plates will be available at the Friday night movie and the concession stand on Saturday.

Volunteers are desperately needed!! You can help by volunteering for just one hour! Please contact one of the following:

CAR SHOW

Contact Spencer at 989-330-0497

TRACK-SIDE CONCESSIONS

Contact Frank at 989-621-4452

TRUCK PULL

Contact Casey at 989-488-3258

PIG ROAST CONCESSIONS

Contact Johnny at 989-817-3469

KIDS GAMES

Contact Johnny at 989-817-3469

ROSEBUSH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



JULY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES- DAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 7p Ice Cream Social – Rose- bush Park	3 9a Men's Break- fast @ Bob Evans 10a Rosebush Parade
4 9a Virtual Cafe 10a Worship 11:30a FB Live	5 6p Trustees Mtg	6 8:30a TOPS	7 6p Tough Ques- tions	8	9	10 9a Men's Break- fast @ Big Boy (Clare)
11 9a Virtual Cafe 10a Worship 11:30a FB Live	12	13 8:30a TOPS 5:30a Finance 6p Ad Board	14	15	16	17 9a Men's Break- fast @ The Nest (Farwell)
18 9a Virtual Cafe 10a Worship 11:30a FB Live	19	20 8:30a TOPS	21 6p Tough Ques- tions	22	23	24 9a Men's Break- fast @ IHop
25 9a Virtual Cafe 10a Worship 11:30a FB Live	26	27 8:30a TOPS 11am Dunevant Memorial	28	29	30	31 9a Men's Break- fast @ Bob Evans

NOTES:INDEPENDENCE DAY – Sunday, July 4, 2021

RED, WHITE & BLUE ROSEBUSH CELEBRATION – Friday, July 2 thru Sunday, July 4, 2021

ROSEBUSH PARADE – Saturday, July 3, 2021

ISABELLA COUNTY FAIR: Saturday, July 17, 2021 - Saturday, July 24, 2021

ROSEBUSH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AUGUST 2021



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NOTES: **NATIONAL AVIATION DAY** – Thursday, August 19, 2021
 SENIOR CITIZEN DAY – Saturday, August 21, 2021

BIRTHDAYS—JULY

Reg LaLone	3rd
Nikki Mitchell	4th
Lisa Ling	6th
Wendy Wixson	7th
Gloria Martin	8th
Cheryl Haring	9th
Frank Lynch	9th
Chris Bair	10th
Tiffany Bouman	10th
Tricia Cotter	11th
Tanya Mogg	19th
Lori Thompson	19th
Dennis LaLone	20th
Todd Bean	22nd
Larry Ervin	22nd
Darin Mogg	23rd
Don Cotter	29th
Pat Pappas	29th
Bridget Ervin	31st
Gayle Gilchrist	31st

BIRTHDAYS—AUGUST

Pat McConnell	3rd
Delainey Rose Mogg	7th
Charlotte Wright	7th
Maxine Wright	7th
LouAnn Fitzpatrick	9th
Bethany Ervin	13th
JJ Evans	17th
Ryan Ervin	23rd
LuAnn Louch	23rd
Penny Pappas	23rd
Jonah Ervin	27th
Cherlyn Seneshen	27th
Nick Stark	30th



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**ANNIVERSARIES—JULY**

Ron & Gloria Martin 3rd
 Darin & Tanya Mogg 8th
 Butch & Jean Glass 11th
 Floyd & Rhonda Graham 29th

ANNIVERSARIES—AUGUST

Jared & Tiffany Bouman 7th
 Cornell & Molly LaLone 18th
 Gene & Lori Thompson 18th
 Larry & Wilma Ervin 23rd
 Ryan & Bethan Ervin 30th

ROSEBUSH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Ad Council Minutes – Tuesday, May 11, 2021

PRESENT: Pastor Joe Beavan, Lori Thompson, JoEtta Ervin, Karen Gale, Sue Pickens, Ken Bentley; **PRESENT BY ZOOM:** Molly & Cornell LaLone, Donna Anderson

Pastor Joe gave a prayer and Sue Pickens called the meeting to order. Minutes were reviewed. JoEtta made a motion to accept the minutes of April 13, 2021 as written, Donna second the motion, and the minutes were accepted.

JoEtta reported for the Finance Committee. All bills are paid to date, we are doing well and the 1st quarter audit for 2021 has been completed.

JoEtta also reported for the UMW.. The ladies treated the staff at the Rosebush Elementary School to a luncheon in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. The luncheon was well received.

Ken Bentley reported for Trustees. The front doors of the church lobby have been fixed. The disposal in the kitchen has been replaced. As to the parsonage, Trustees are looking into placing trees on both sides of the property in order to break the view, which they will need to do in the fall. Lights will also be replaced on the trees at the church.

Pastor Joe reported that we opened the church again for in person worship on Mother's Day, and we had a good crowd. We are also trying to find ways and new ideas to do differently and to connect with the congregation. Ideas welcome. The National Day of Prayer participation did not go well. We would like to try to encourage participation next year possibly with a church service, and maybe also by way of Zoom.

Other discussions included having a Family Day / We Miss You Sunday / Welcome Back Sunday, having a bake sale and/or car wash day, having a cookout, bonfire night, and a movie or trivia night. We also discussed having a Community Church service in the park and inviting other churches to join us.

We will be having our ice cream social night during the Red White & Blue Celebration. We also discussed having ice cream bars instead of dipping the ice cream.

We would like to do another Trunk N Treat in October. We will need to communicate with the township to see when they are doing trick or treating for the village and what times that will be. We will coordinate our trunk n treat with that date and time.

One last item discussed was possibly doing a "God Sightings" page in the newsletter. The articles would feature stories from anyone, not just the congregation, who had a "God Sighting" story to tell and anyone who would like to have it published in the newsletter. We would also like to feature kids stories as well, possibly even feature them in a weekly bulletin.

No other business having been presented or discussed at this time, the meeting was postponed. The next Council Meeting will take place at Tuesday, June 8 at 6:00pm and Finance will meet at 5:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Thompson

ROSEBUSH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Ad Council Minutes – June 15, 2021

PRESENT: Pastor Joe Beavan, Lori Thompson, Molly LaLone, JoEtta Ervin, Sue Pickens, Kay Morrison, Donna Anderson, Karen Gale. No one attended by way of Zoom.

Pastor Joe opened the meeting with a prayer, and Sue Pickens called the meeting to order.

Minutes of May 2021 were reviewed. Molly LaLone made a motion to accept the minutes as written, JoEtta second the motion and the minutes were approved.

Finance: Apportionments are paid for the year. However, the General Fund has been running low. Tithes are low and money has been withdrawn from our Capital Fund in order to pay certain bills. Finance will review where extra funds have been spent and where we will be able to cut back. Donna Anderson will draft a small ad for the upcoming newsletter to let the congregation know what's going on. It will also be in an upcoming weekly worship bulletin.

Trustees: No Report

Pastor Joe: We continue to look at ideas to re-connect and re-establish connections with the congregation and to reach out to the community. Pastor Joe will be developing a focus group to work on ideas to re-engage with the congregation. This focus group is intended to give folks an opportunity to a chance to share their thoughts in a safe, secure manner. We need to keep options open, and to be more progressive, including social media, the parking lot worship, and in person worship.

JoEtta, Molly and Sue will be putting together a team and making calls to touch based with the congregation and to invite them back to church.

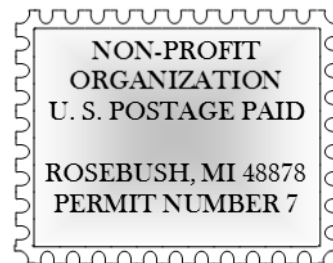
We look forward to the Ice Cream Social on Friday, July 2. We will be serving ice cream bars and ice cream cups. The UMW will also be preparing the coleslaw for the July 3 celebration.

There being no other matters brought before this Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Thompson



At the intersection of Faith & Life



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Divine Comedy

“Comedy is really a divine gift. Giving joy to others brought me joy . . . Laughter can take our fear, twist it, wring it out, and hang it out to dry. Bad things happen all the time. In essence, comedy rewrites reality. Put the Spirit of Laughter into your day every day. Bring Joy to others. Lighten your load with laughter.”

- Comedian Mike Buzzelli

