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one church. one challenge

Solid Rock United Methodist Church

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2009 Capital Campaign

... building lives on the foundation of Jesus Christ

From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Little did I realize when God assured me, “Faithful is He that called you...”(I Thessalonians 5:24), that God’s faithfulness would be so tangible and prevalent as it has been in our ministry together. Here at Solid Rock we have continually witnessed God’s faithfulness to us.

- Bringing two loving congregations into one
- Selling not just one property but two in the midst of a terrible financial situation
- Bringing new and young people into our church family
- Lifting up leaders who are willing to do whatever God calls them to do

Yes, God has been very faithful to us. Certainly there have been times of challenge that have required blind faith on our part, yet through it ALL God has proven Himself faithful.

As we face yet another “defining moment” in our faith walk, I believe God wants to prove how great God is once again. As you review the material in this packet, I ask you to pray and seek God’s direction for your commitment. Go a step beyond what you think you can do and ask God what God wants to do through you. Yes, God certainly can use you to accomplish this great feat for His Kingdom.

Shalom,

Pastor Kathy



Our History

In 1838, settlers of a new village on the banks of the Salamonie River gathered at the home of James Morrison to hear a traveling evangelist, who returned to Warren to hold services in Mr. Morrison's barn about every four months. Growing



membership prompted the building of a white frame structure, which served the congregation until the present building was erected in 1896.



On January 9, 1927, a new Jefferson Center Methodist Episcopal Church opened, as two congregations merged, locating across the road from the new Jefferson Township school, at the center of this rural community.

The turn of the twenty-first century found both churches seeking God's di-



rection as they faced challenges of declining membership, aging congregations, and church buildings requiring significant maintenance while lacking the space and physical configurations needed for effective ministry in a time and culture not envisioned by their founders.

A task force was formed to investigate opportunities for joint ministries of the two congregations, and the possibility of merger began to be discussed. Long and rich traditions of the two congregations, including heritages of multiple generations of families and deep community ties, made this a difficult decision for many. However, looking to the example of their forebears, and trusting God in His wisdom, members stepped forward in faith and, with growing excitement as opportunities to minister to the community in new ways became apparent, accepted the challenge of merger.

After much prayer and careful consideration, the name "Solid Rock" was chosen, representing our commitment to build our lives on the foundation of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Much as in a

marriage, two families have joined to become one new entity, and the journey continues as we seek God's direction in serving him in the Warren community.

One opportunity (and, yes, challenge) that lies before us is the building of a new facility that recognizes and builds on the heritage of faith the congregations bring to this merger, and at the same time provides space and infrastructure for carrying out ministries in a culture vastly different from that of our predecessors. The congregation of Solid Rock United Methodist Church is called to prayer, that we not miss the full blessing that God has in His plans for us. Please consider the building that God wants for us, but more importantly the unique ministries he is calling us to in this community, and the ways in which those ministries may take shape. We invite you to join us in this venture! As you hear His voice, please share with your leadership teams. As he calls, and as you generously give of your time, talent, and treasure, may you be richly blessed.

A Time Line

- September 2006** - Task force formed to investigate ways that Jefferson Center and Warren United Methodist Churches could do joint ministry. This task force became the "New Vision Ministry Team."
- March 2008** - New Vision Ministry Team recommended that the two congregations become one.
- March 18, 2008** - A large majority of both congregations approved the merger.
- July 6, 2008** - First worship service as Solid Rock United Methodist Church
- August 2008** - Church Growth Services and Studio Three retained to guide in capital campaign and building design
- October 1, 2008** - Officially became Solid Rock United Methodist Church
- June 2009** - Jefferson Center parsonage and church sold
- October 2009** - Start of capital campaign

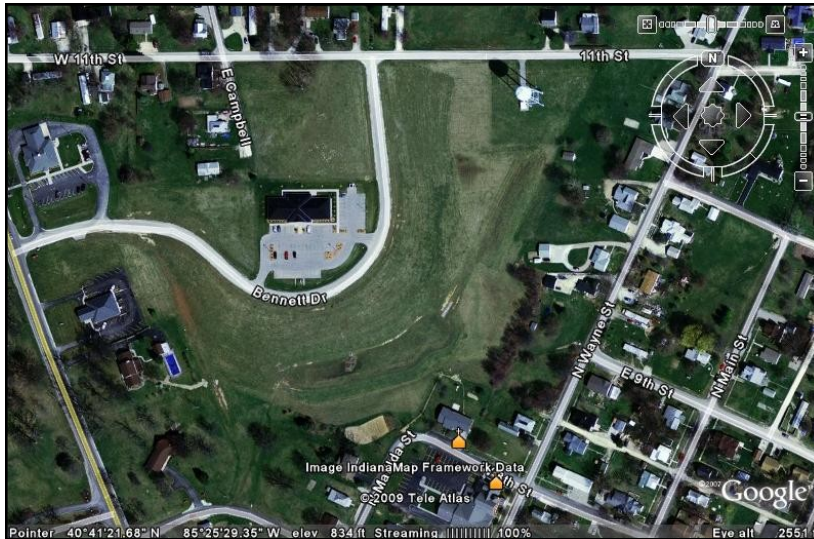
Our Project

Our new building will feature ...

- Total handicapped accessibility
- Lower heating and cooling costs as a result of energy-efficient construction
- A larger narthex
- A covered drop-off area
- A larger sanctuary
- Adequate parking near the building
- Space for outdoor activities
- Room for expansion

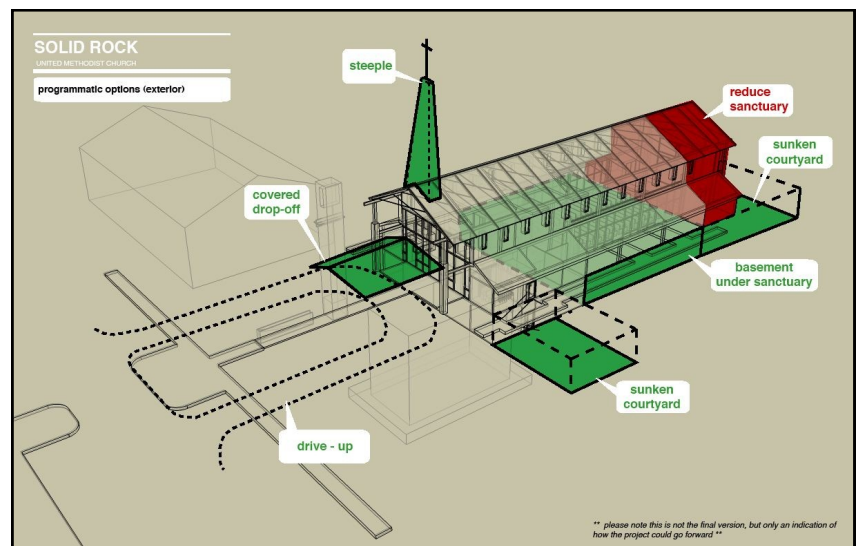
Additional features if adequate funding is available ...

- Enlarged basement or facility all on one level
- Greater storage
- Disaster shelter
- Quiet room
- Prayer room
- Library
- Stone or brick veneer on exterior



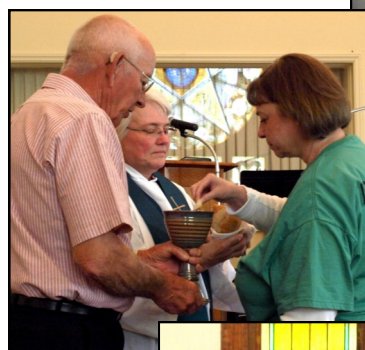
Plans are to build on this 11-acre tract on Bennett Drive in the Warren Professional Park. It is located across State Road 5 from Heritage Pointe and is within easy walking distance of downtown Warren.

This is an early rendering of what the new Solid Rock church might look like. No final design changes will be made until the results of the capital campaign have been completed. The congregation will continue to have input into the design once a firm budget is established. Leaders are being deliberate in taking this process one step at a time.



Ministry Benefits

- ☞ Total handicapped accessibility to all parts of the facility will enable fuller ministry to individuals with mobility challenges.
- ☞ The size of the property will permit future expansion as ministries grow or needs change.
- ☞ Adequate parking near the building will provide access for all and accommodate larger programs.
- ☞ A quiet room and a prayer room would make available areas for meditation and small group fellowship.
- ☞ A library would house a variety of spiritual growth resources.
- ☞ A disaster shelter would provide storm refuge for neighboring families.
- ☞ A larger narthex will be a gathering space and foster relationship-building.
- ☞ A covered drop-off will provide easier and safer access.
- ☞ Increased capacity in the sanctuary gives us room to grow!
- ☞ Room for outdoor activities will open up numerous ministry opportunities not currently available.



Funding Plan

Funding for the proposed building project would come from these sources:



Existing Building Funds (approximately)	\$215,000
Capital Campaign (goal).....	400,000
Sale of Warren Site (estimate).....	60,000
Loans.....	500,000
Total	\$1,175,000

It is our hope to exceed the goal of \$400,000. Doing so would permit us to add to the project or reduce the loan amount. The final plan of finance will be presented to the congregation for approval prior to construction.

“Equal sacrifice, not equal gifts”

We will have some large gifts, as well as many smaller gifts. All are equally important and valued. Here is how we can reach our goal:

Solid Rock United Methodist Church CAPITAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN - Chart of Gifts 3-YEAR GOAL: \$400,000

# GIVING UNITS	WEEKLY AMOUNT	ANNUAL AMOUNT	3-YEAR AMOUNT	TOTAL 3-YEAR
1	256	13,333	40,000	40,000
2	160	8,333	25,000	50,000
7	96	5,000	15,000	105,000
8	50	2,600	7,800	62,400
12	30	1,560	4,680	56,160
10	25	1,300	3,900	39,000
10	20	1,040	3,120	31,200
8	10	520	1,560	12,480
7	5	260	780	5,460

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An Invitation

You are invited to make an eternal difference in the lives of men and women, boys and girls through the ministry of Solid Rock United Methodist Church

What do I do now?

- ☞ PRAY that God would lead in your decision to make a commitment that represents personal sacrifice.
- ☞ DISCUSS your commitment with your spouse and/or members of your family.
- ☞ COMMIT Complete the commitment card and place it in the envelope provided.
- ☞ RESPOND *For those attending the Advance Challenge Meeting:* Return your sealed envelope personally to Steve Holmes, Campaign General Chair, or the church office by November 8.

For the congregation: Return your sealed envelope on Commitment Sunday, November 22, when you come to worship.