

News From The Rock

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

April 2013

Youth Fellowship

Just a quick update on some future events. We will be going to laser tag on Friday, April 5, time to be determined.

UMYF will be going to King's Island on Thursday, June 27. We are going to the park all day and then to a concert to hear the Christian band Skillet. The church is paying for half of the cost, which will mean

you need to pay \$20. Let Marie or Jeff know by April 14 if you plan on going. We need to know ASAP in order to lock in the early bird prices. (If you

are paying by check, make it out to Solid Rock.) If any parents would like to go along to help chaperone, let us know right away. Invite a friend and join the fun!

Last month's lesson was on the checkpoint "Wise Decisions." The Key Point to remember is: We are always just one decision away from helping or hurting our lives and relationships. Are you making wise choices? Ephesians 5:15-17: "Therefore be very careful how you live—not as unwise but as wise, taking advantage of every opportunity, because the days are evil. For this reason do not be foolish, but be wise by understanding what the Lord's will is."

Our next meetings will be on these checkpoints: "Ultimate Authority—Finding Freedom under God," and "Others First—Considering Others Before Yourself."

UMYF is for all youth in grades 5-12. Come join us and bring a friend!

Upcoming Events

- **April 14:** Pizza after church at East of Chicago
- **April 21:** Bible study after church
- **April 28:** Meeting, 2:00-3:30
- **May 5:** Meeting, 2:00-3:30
- **May 19:** Pizza after church at East of Chicago

Cookie Sale

The Cookie Ministry is going to have a cookie sale on Saturday, April 27, at Heritage Pointe. All proceeds will go towards purchasing new ovens for our church.



S.O.S.

The January S.O.S. meeting was held at the home of Kathy Newton. Tamara opened the meeting with a devotion titled "Satisfaction Guaranteed." A message on gratitude was prepared by Linda Brineman and presented to the group by Tamara Spahr. A list of 2013 committees was distributed and reviewed, and the group discussed donating money for an outdoor storage building on the new church site. Linda Howell made a motion to donate \$1,000 to be used for the storage building. The motion was seconded by Lana and passed. A report was given on the greeting card ministry, and joys and concerns were voiced. The meeting was closed with a prayer from Tamara and with the group singing a benediction. Members present were Kathy Newton, Marie DeWeese, Cindy Boxell, Teresa Kreigbaum, Susan Mills, Teresa Bradford, Tamara Spahr, Pamela Hensley, Brenda Conner, Penny Bowers, Lana Myers, Jessica Barry, Linda Mc Howell and Mariah Pfister.

The February S.O.S. meeting was hosted by Penny Bowers. Tamara opened with a devotion, "Who is Really Blessed?" The treasurer's report was given by Martina. A card ministry report was given by Lana. The lesson was presented by Cheryl DeWeese on the history of Valentine's Day. Time was set for practice for the group to rehearse singing for special music on a Sunday in March. Joys and concerns were voiced with a prayer following. A

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Just Leaning on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



Psalm 115:16: "The highest heaven belongs to the LORD, but he gave the earth to all people."

Earth Day and Arbor Day both occur in April. Earth Day is recognized worldwide

"Truly He is THE infinite brightness and happiness that is heaven."

on April 22 and is aimed to inspire awareness of and appreciation for earth's environment. It's a day to plant trees, pick

up roadside trash, remember to recycle and conserve. Arbor Day is celebrated the last Friday in April, this year the 26th, and is an encouragement to plant and care for trees.

Now as we look at this verse we see that God holds heaven as His own. He treasures the light and bliss of heaven. Truly He is THE infinite brightness and happiness that is heaven. God's realm is so huge that He has afforded mankind to have the earth. He designed it and made it for our use. His hope was/is that we might find food, drink and shelter on this planet while caring for it. However man does not own this earth! We are simply landlords of God's earth. There will come a time when God Himself will hold us accountable for how we have cared for His planet. What will be your answer?

Shalom,
Pastor Kathy

Hog roast raises funds

Solid Rock sponsored a hog roast on March 16, with proceeds going to the handicap door opener fund. Approximately 200 attended the event, netting a profit of \$2,805. Thanks to Wendell Bradford for organizing the event, and to all who assisted and attended.

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women of Solid Rock Church met March 7, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in the Calico Room of Heritage Pointe, with ten women present. The meeting began in an unusual way—lesson first! This was presented through a game directed by Martha Plummer, who entitled the program and the game “Priorities”! It was played as a board game, with our members and guest (Doris Rupel, sister to President Barbara Hart) seated at tables and competing with each other in filling up squares on the board, each square marked to represent a goal or service of the United



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Methodist Women. There were so many of these that covering one's board with chips took quite a long time! It was also, in an enjoyable fashion, showing everyone how many ways there are to be a valuable, working member of United Methodist Women—a real “eye opener.” (Thanks to Martha's ingenious way of teaching us!) Bookmarks were prizes for winners, and the program ended with a sharing of Psalm 146.

Returning to the usual program and business style of our meetings, President Barbara Hart shared a devotion and spoke of the ministries and purpose of our unit with three questions: Are we expanding concepts of ministry? How are we “sowing”? Are we participating and gaining?

News from the Prayer Calendar for March spoke of the ministries of the Evangelical Methodist Church in El Salvador and the Wesley Community Centers in Savannah, Georgia. A special missionary's birthday was cited: Esther Hunter, a deaconess of the West Ohio Conference, who is a laywoman committed to full-time love, justice and service commissioned by the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

In the absence of Carolyn Winters due to snowy weather, her role of Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth was prayer led by our President. Secretary Margaret Bell read the minutes of the December meeting and called the roll for today's meeting. Announcements and dates to remember were reported by our President, who also presented our treasury report in the absence of the treasurer. The checking account balance of \$981.76 was noted as of December 31, 2012.

The meeting concluded with Pastor Kathy's report of United Methodist Women's role in our church nationally, entitled “Living the Vision.” It is indeed impressive.

February Financial Update

General Offerings\$10,903
General Fund Expenses\$13,568
Building Fund Contributions\$3,312

Read all about it!

A little girl diligently pounded away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story.

“What's it about?” he asked.

“I don't know,” she replied. “I can't read.”

Why me?

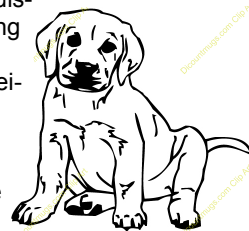
When our puppy developed hip dysplasia requiring surgery, I asked, “Why him? Why me?” Finding no satisfying answer, I proceeded to feel sorry for Mocha and myself — sorry for his pain and suffering and for the financial sacrifice we'd have to make to help him.

So I was surprised to observe that Mocha didn't share my dismay. He hopped along happily on three legs without complaint. Neither did the surgery dampen his spirits. Never mind the six-inch scar or the cone around his collar.

The ordeal made no noticeable impact on his determination to enjoy life.

I reasoned, “That's because he doesn't have the capacity to ask why bad things happen to good dogs.” But then a thought occurred: Perhaps if God revealed the answers, our human minds wouldn't have the capacity to understand. So maybe Mocha had the right idea. Maybe it's better not to waste time wondering why and just be thankful instead for what we have.

—Kari Myers



After Easter

After is every Christian's middle name. In his autobiography *A Song of Ascents*, missionary E. Stanley



Jones tells of an African man who changed his name to After immediately following his conversion. Because all things were new and different and important after

he met Christ, the man wanted to reflect that new reality in his name as well as in his thinking.

Easter is what makes us After Christians. After Easter, nothing in life is ever the same again.

• “Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.”

—Martin Luther

• “In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours.”

—Mark Twain

• “When you talk, choose the very same words that you would use if Jesus were looking over your shoulder. Because he is.”

—Marie T. Freeman

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love offering was collected, prayer partners were selected, and the benediction sung. Members present were Lana, Linda Mc, Sherry, Brenda, Cindy, Teresa K., Tamara, Cheryl, Jessica, Susan, Penny, Martina, and Mariah.

The March S.O.S. meeting was hosted by Martina. Tamara opened with a devotion, "Jesus Took Away Our Sins, Am I a Vital Part?" The lesson was given by Linda Mc. The treasurer's report was given by Martina. The card ministry report was presented by Lana. Joys and concerns were voiced. The group discussed the food booth for summer festival. Also discussed were possibility for a fall retreat. It was communicated that helpers are still needed to sort church belongings. It was decided that S.O.S. will plan one evening to help sort as a group. A love offering was collected, prayer partners selected. The meeting was closed with prayer from Tamara and the benediction was sung. Members present were Lana, Linda Mc, Brenda, Cindy, Teresa K., Tamara, Cheryl, Jessica, Susan, Penny, Martina, Kathy, Sherry, and Mariah.

Getting Acquainted

by Gina Canady

Oma Zent

What brought you to our Solid Rock Church? When our children started school here, our family changed from McNatt Church to Warren.

Oma's hobbies are art, music, gardening and traveling!

Oma has lived in Jackson Township and Salamonie Township all her life, with the exception of the first year of her life.

She likes to travel to see her daughter in Mansfield, Ohio, to visit her granddaughters in Columbus, Ohio, and to spend time with her sister in Des Moines, Iowa. She has traveled to most of the United States and the farthest countries she has ventured to is Naples, Italy, and to the edge of Switzerland!

Oma is blessed with two children, three grandchildren, one step-grandchild and 10 great grandchildren.

"In the Garden" is her favorite hymn and she has many, many more!

Sunday school teaching has blessed



Oma with many fond and funny memories!

Pastor Kathy Newton

The Northern Indiana Conference appointed Kathy here to this area and she cannot express how grateful she is for that appointment!

Kathy's two wonderful gifts from God are her grandchildren! They are her main interests. Most of her spare time revolves around both of them!

June of 2006 is when Kathy moved to the Warren area, which is when our congregation was blessed by Kathy!

Indiana University "IU" is Kathy's favorite men's basketball team...Go IU!

The lake is where Kathy enjoys spending her time away from home, and Israel is the farthest country she has traveled to!

Kathy has two children and two grandchildren.

"It is Well With My Soul" is her favorite hymn, "How Can I Keep From Dancing?" is her favorite praise song, and Kathy's favorite scripture is Jeremiah 29:11.

A memory from being a junior high student at church: her Sunday school teacher was a bit of a celebrity. His name was George Ehrman, and he wrote poetry for "Ideals".

Note: If Gina has given you an interview form, don't forget to return it!

Men's Fellowship

The Solid Rock Men's Fellowship met on March 9, 2013, at Heritage Pointe with 12 men in attendance. Randy Hensley opened the meeting with prayer. Breakfast was served by Kim's Katered Affair.



Men's Fellowship

Love Things and Use People When We Should Love People and Use Things" (Romans 12:10), and "Honor Is Better Than Honors" (1 Samuel 2:30).

The group discussed plans for the hog



roast on March 16. Proceeds will be used for a handicap door opener for the new building.

Closing prayer was offered by Randy Hensley. The next meeting will be April 13, 2013. Reservations need to be made with Steve Holmes not later than April 11.

Celebration services available on DVD

Solid Rock's celebrations of the ministries of its predecessor congregations will soon be available on DVD. "Celebrate Jefferson Center" and "Celebrate Warren" contain the services in which the legacy of each congregation was remembered during worship. To order a



DVD of one or both, call the church office, 375-3873, or Wanda Spahr, 375-6116. The \$5 cost will be donated to the Solid Rock Building Fund.

Confronting the status quo

The Wright brothers did what the status quo deemed "impossible": build a vehicle heavier than air and then fly it. A problem-solving technique they used, called "mind warping," has been described as thinking outside the box without forgetting about the box. As Jay Dennis writes in *The Jesus Habits* (B&H Books):

"Christians are people God has called to



think outside the box, without abandoning our core beliefs."

Jesus continually urged people to think "outside the box" in their understanding of God — announcing forgiveness outside the temple? touching lepers and dead people? welcoming children, women, Samaritans, tax collectors, sinners? — while at the same time, never abandoning the ancient core of the faith: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself" (see Luke 10:27).

God calls people to think not just outside the box but outside the tomb. When unconditional love and eternal life confront the status quo of sin and death, anything is possible.

Card Ministry Inventory Clearance Sale!

During the month of April, the Card Ministry is offering cards at reduced prices in the hope of reducing inventory before moving to the new church. Please think about your greeting card needs and purchase cards now. We have several new cards in stock in addition to the recycled and homemade cards.

- All cards: 30¢ or 4 for \$1
- Choose one free post card with every purchase
- All holiday (including Mother's Day and Father's Day) and specialty birthday cards: 20¢
- Check out the Christmas card sets. Great Value!

Thanks for supporting this ministry!

Lord, may I be wakeful at sunrise to begin a new day for you, cheerful at

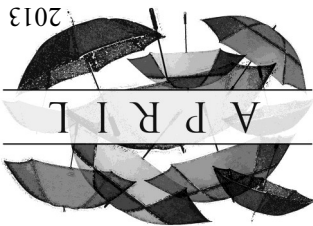


sunset for having done my work for you; thankful at moonrise

and under starshine for the beauty of the universe. And

may I add what little may be in me to our great world.

- The Abbot of Greve



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