



# News From The Rock

August 2018

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

## Solid Rock welcomes new Family Ministry Coordinator

Solid Rock is excited to welcome John Pearson II to our ministry team! He will be the new Family Ministry Coordinator. In this position, John will be overseeing, leading, and assisting with ministries involving Children's Ministry, Middle and Senior High Youth Group, College Age, and several family events.

John and his wife Sarah have two children, and are expecting their third child in September. He comes to us with great ideas, and a true calling to work with children and young adults.

John will be starting his ministry with us on Sunday, August 5. Solid Rock will be hosting a carry-in after worship on Sunday, August 12, to welcome John and his family to our church.

## "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study

With the arrival of August comes the end to summer vacation and the return to "the books"! We at Solid Rock will return to "the books" of John, Joshua, 2 Timothy, and Matthew for our Monday evening 7:00 p.m. Bible studies. Each Monday evening a group of us gather in the church kitchen to anticipate



**JOIN OUR STUDY**

Pastor Paul's message for the coming Sunday. You are invited and encouraged to join this mixed group to listen to God's word and open our lives to where the Spirit is leading our congregation. Bring your

Bible and learn with us!

- August 6: John 21:1-19 (Jorita Banter, leader)
- August 13: Joshua 1:1-9 (Joe Haney, leader)
- August 20: 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (Perry Spahr, leader)
- August 27: Matthew 14: 22-32 (Jorita Banter, leader)

We hope to see you in August!

## Bear Ministry

"LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL THINGS."

Please be reminded there are assorted stuffed animals in the narthex for you to take for newborn babies or anyone in need of comfort or security to know they are loved and thought of always.



from Pastor Paul

Prayer is a discipline of patience, and a human effort to allow the Holy Spirit to do his re-creating work in us. The discipline of prayer makes us stop and listen, wait and look, taste and see, pay attention and be aware. To some it may sound like advice to be passive.

On the contrary, it actually demands a great deal of will-power and motivation. We pray every Sunday as part of our worship service. Compassionate prayers for our Christian community, for our friends and families, and prayers for those who serve, is easy.



Christ says, "I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." The first thing we are called to do when we think of others as our enemies is to pray for them. Not an easy task for sure! It requires discipline to allow those who hate us or toward those we have hostile feelings to come into the intimate center of our hearts. People who make our lives difficult and cause us frustration, pain, or even harm, are least likely to find a place in our hearts. Remember, it's impossible to lift our enemies up in the presence of God and at the same time continue to hate them. This is why some saints consider prayer for our enemies is the main criteria for holiness.

Compassion means "to suffer with." Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to weep, to share in brokenness and mourn

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## June Financial Update

General Offerings .....	\$14,651
General Fund Expenses .....	\$13,075
Mortgage Balance .....	\$35,554

*Our Vision: Sharing and experiencing the life-giving message of Jesus, to restore wholeness and build an intentional community of hope, relationship, and purpose for everyone.*

## SOS

SOS met at the home of Lana Myers on July 12. There were 15 members and one guest in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President Kodi Elliot giving the devotions entitled "God Said No."

The minutes for the June meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given.

The lesson was given by Lisa Burris on The Lord's Prayer.

Joys and concerns were spoken by the members, and prayer was led by Kodi.

Old business was discussed and a few new items were introduced under New Business.

The love offering was collected. The monies collected each month are given to a local resident or organization who is in need of funds.

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#### Worship Schedule

Sunday School at 9:00

Worship at 10:00

at 485 Bennett Drive, Warren

Church Phone: 375-3871

#### Church Office

Office Phone: 375-3873

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - Noon

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News deadline for the September newsletter: August 19

Prayer partners for the next month will be the fourth person to your left. Next meeting will be August 9 at the home of the hostess Teresa Kriegbaum with Shannon Rogers as co-hostess. Shannon will also have the lesson.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of our benediction.

## United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met at 9:30 a.m., July 5, 2018, in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe. Barbara Hart, president, opened with a devotion on "Declaration of Independence," then led the group in the Purpose of the United Methodist Women.

The Mission Focus was for Open Door Community House in Columbus, Georgia. Since 1935, Open Door has expanded to meet the increasing needs of the community, which has responded by opening its heart to those in need.

The July birthday calendar was July 4th for Randy Hilderbrant, serving at God's County Cooperative Parish in Newberry, Michigan. The parish consists of seven churches, and he works with them in community and leadership development.

Bernie Garrett asked for prayers and concerns and joys, then offered prayer.

Viv Hienen gave the Mission Moment entitled "I Chose So Much More Than Sewing." Her mission project was to teach girls, grades 3 through 6, how to sew for themselves and others, lifetime skills, and also learning about the United Methodist Women and quilting for others.

Roll call, secretary's, and treasurer's reports were given.

It was announced that the 2018 Mission Ministry (which used to be called School of Christian Ministry) will be held July 17 At DePauw University, in Greencastle.

Carolyn Winters led a very interesting program of "A Sacred Space of Community," with those attending reading selected Bible verses pertaining to the program.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 2, at 9:30 a.m. in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe. Sue Beeks and Doris Souers will present the Mission Moment and program respectively.



## Communion Quiz

- The official United Methodist name for this sacrament is:
  - The Lord's Supper
  - Holy Communion
  - Eucharist
  - All of the above names are used by United Methodists.
- The word "Eucharist" is derived from the Greek word(s) for:
  - Bread
  - Meal
  - Thanksgiving
  - "Let's eat!"
- The term "open communion" means everyone is invited to the communion table if they...
  - Love Jesus
  - Earnestly repent of their sins
  - Seek peace with one another
  - All of the above
- Which drink became popular because it was suitable for alcohol-free Communion?
  - Florida's Natural Grape Juice
  - Tropicana Red Grape Juice
  - Welch's Grape Juice
  - Lucy & Ethel's Freshly-Stamped Grape Juice
- Persons responsible for the preparation of the bread, wine and Communion are called:
  - Communion servers
  - Communion stewards
  - Communion ministers
  - Communion hosts
- The act of dipping the bread into the wine during Communion is called:
  - Blending
  - Dunking
  - Intermingle
  - Intinction
- Monthly and quarterly communion are popular in the U.S. because:
  - Pastors riding the circuit could not visit every church every Sunday
  - When pastors were not available, laity (who cannot give communion) led worship
  - Methodists got used to the irregular schedule of communion
  - All of the above
- In the formative years of the Methodist Church, John Wesley took communion...
  - Just on Sundays
  - Four or five times a week
  - Whenever Charles took communion
  - Whenever the bread was fresh
- Why were the tops of 19th century communion cups cut at an angle?
  - Manufacturing of plastic cups was still decades away
  - To avoid looking like shot glasses
  - Glass blowers could never cut straight lines
  - That's how people drank grape juice back then
- There is a minimum age to receive communion in a United Methodist church.
  - True
  - False

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with those in despair. Compassion erases the mistakes of life, just like the pencil erases the mistake on the paper. We hope that through prayer, patience and compassion, humanity will grow into the fullness that God intended. We, God's children, are the conduit to that end.

Prayer leads us into compassionate union with Christ. The discipline of patience reveals itself in the way we pray and our actions reveal the way we bring the Good News to those around us. So often our lives get so overburdened that it takes every bit of energy to survive the day. We would like to get away from the present moment. We are so busy with productivity and "being on top of things," that we lose sight of what the Scriptures are teaching us. If we are to be the conduit of Christ's lessons to pray without ceasing, having holy patience and compassion for humankind, our actions need to speak louder than words. Most important of all, none of this can be accomplished without God's compassion for us all.

See you Sunday,  
Pastor Paul

## Food Pantry Needs

- Cereal
- Canned Spaghetti
- Small Pack Candies
- Pop-Tarts
- Ice Pops
- Snack Bars
- Popcorn
- Pudding Snacks



Also needed: plastic bags, books and magazines (6 months through adult)

Please leave your items in the wooden boxes in the narthex.

## Answers to the United Methodist Communion Quiz

1. The official United Methodist name for this sacrament is:  
The correct answer is **all of the above names are used by United Methodists.**
2. The word "Eucharist" is derived from the Greek word(s) for:  
The correct answer is **thanksgiving.**
3. The term "open communion" means everyone is invited to the communion table if they...  
The correct answer is **all of the above.**
4. Which drink became popular because it was suitable for alcohol-free Communion?

The correct answer is **Welch's Grape Juice.**

5. Persons responsible for the preparation of the bread, wine and Communion ware are called:  
The correct answer is **communion stewards.**
6. The act of dipping the bread into the wine during Communion is called:  
The correct answer is **intinction.**
7. Monthly and quarterly communion are popular in the U.S. because:  
The correct answer is **all of the above.**
8. In the formative years of the Methodist Church, John Wesley took communion...  
The correct answer is **four or five times a week.**
9. Why were the tops of 19th century communion cups cut at an angle?  
The correct answer is **to avoid looking like shot glasses.**
10. There is a minimum age to receive communion in a United Methodist church.  
The correct answer is **false.**

## A Prayer for Our Students

Lord, thank you for the unique gifts of every child as they transition into a new school year. Fill each student with fresh enthusiasm and a heart that is excited to learn and grow. Cover them with your enduring love, give them confidence and grace, and equip them with the ability to persevere through trials. Bless their teachers with wisdom, understanding, and a heart to serve, as they embark on the journey together!



## A Prayer for My Child's School

Thank you, Lord, for the teachers in my child's life. I pray for your covering over them as they plan, instruct, counsel, challenge, listen, direct, and serve. Walk with them, and guide them through peace in moments of stress, and enable them to seek an understanding of each child in their care with a kind heart and a discerning spirit. I pray for physical, emotional, and spiritual blessings on the entire school staff, and for strong unity in school-family relationships, so that all children can learn, grow, and thrive!

—Laurie Yogi

## Sponsorship Opportunity

*"Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14*

We have always believed that God calls even the little ones to do HIS work on earth. We have also supported any time one or both of our children want to volunteer at church or serve in the community. On our past visit to Jen's family, we attended Covode UMC, where most of Jen's family attends. Their mission team did their presentation from their recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic in March. As we were watching the slide show, David leaned over to me and said, "I want to go build houses with Grandpa Knox." So we asked if he was allowed to go (he is only 8), and he is.



On March 7, 2019, David, myself, Grandpa Knox, along with others from Covode UMC, will be embarking on a life changing seven-day journey. During this mission trip we will be building homes for those in need, handing out Bibles, as well as providing food to feed a village. However, in order for us to be able to we have to raise approximately \$2,500.

Would you consider making a donation to help us be the hands and feet of Jesus? All donations will be tax deductible. Checks can be made out to Solid Rock UMC, and in the memo line put "Plummer Mission Trip." You can mail your donation to either:

Donnie and Jen Plummer  
5386 N 700 E  
Van Buren, IN 46991

or  
Solid Rock UMC  
PO Box 322  
Warren, IN 46792

If you are unable to make a monetary donation towards our trip, we would covet your prayers for the mission trip.

We thank you for your prayers.

Love,  
The Plummer Family

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For 6th to 12th Graders  
Sunday, August 26th  
5:00-6:30  
Knight-Bergman Center

- "If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere."  
—Frank A. Clark
- "To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart."  
—Eleanor Roosevelt

Creator God, who breathed this world into being, who is discernible within the harmony of nature, the perfection of a butterfly's wing, the grandeur of a mountain range, the soaring eagle and humming bird, thank you for this world which you have created. Thank you for summer sun, which reminds us that



your creative breath is still alive and active. Thank you for the warmth of your love, sustaining this world, your garden.

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