

News From The Rock

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

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

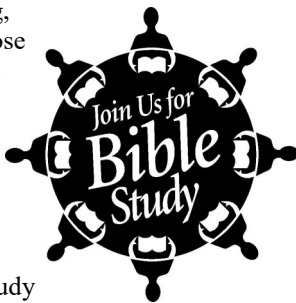
Intentional Faith Development

In January, our adult Sunday school classes will be learning about Intentional Faith Development. We would like to invite you to join us at 9:00 a.m. for these classes.



“Feasting on the Word” Bible Study

Many Christmas greetings include a blessing for the coming year. Matthew 5:6 has Jesus saying, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” Many persons take these words to mean that we study and live out the way of our Lord Jesus. Join with others on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the kitchen of Solid Rock for a time of life transformation. The study sections are listed as follows:



- January 2: Matthew 3:13-17 (Charles Ternet, leader)
- January 9: Isaiah 49:1-7 (Joe Haney, leader)
- January 16: Mark 1:1-13 (Jorita Banter, leader)
- January 23: Mark 1:21-45 (Perry Spahr, leader)
- January 30: Mark 2:18-36 (Charles Ternet, leader)

UMYF Schedule

- January 8: Young Adults lunch after church at Solid Rock
- January 15: Lunch and discussion after church at Solid Rock
- January 15: The WAY, 5:00 at Knight-Bergman Center
- February 5: Super Bowl pizza after church at Solid Rock
- February 12: Lunch and discussion after church at Solid Rock



United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met on December 1, 2016, at Heritage Pointe. Barbara Hart, president, shared the devotional “The Birth of Jesus.” The purpose of the United Methodist Women was recited by all present. Joys and concerns were taken by prayer. Mick McNany’s mission moment was entitled “When God Created Mothers.”



The roll call was taken and the secretary’s report given by Martha Plummer. Barbara Hart gave the treasurer’s report. Several thank you notes were received for the monies given by the group to various missions.

For the program, a Christmas story or reading was shared by each one present. Barbara presented each woman a candy cane with an article explaining how it represents our Savior.

Next year’s officers will meet January 10 for a planning meeting. The next regular U.M.W. meeting will be held in March. The meeting was closed by singing “Silent Night.”



Why Go To Church?

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. “I’ve gone for 30 years now,” he



wrote, “and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons.

But for the life of me, I can’t remember a single one of them. So, I think I’m wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.”

This started a real controversy in the “Letters to the Editor” column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

“I’ve been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!” When you are DOWN to nothing..... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment! (Email forward from unknown author)

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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.

Dear Solid Rock Friends,

I sincerely want to thank you for all the gifts you have given me. You say, I didn't give Mary Emma Holmes anything! If you have prayed for me and my vision, that is a gift from God. To give you an update on my vision:

Previous surgeon moved to Indy. Acquiring a new surgeon, he tells it like it is. There is no restoring the damage that has been done. But diabetic diet and shots of medication in the eye is the only solution with God's help. I covet your gift of prayers. God answers prayer every day. He wants us to come together in love and concern for one another in health physically and spiritually. It is His power that brings us peace. Peace on earth and good will toward men. Thank you. God Bless!

Mary Emma Holmes

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Solid Rock Mission Giving

Solid Rock supports a number of local, national, and international missions projects. Over the next few issues, we will highlight these projects.

Society of St. Andrew

The Society of St. Andrew was formed in 1979 as an intentional community of two families called to life and ministry together in Christ. It has grown into an ecumenical, non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to leading others into lives of Christian community and service.

Since its founding in 1979, the Society of St. Andrew has worked to fulfill the mandate of the Gospel in our lives by striving to adhere to the words of 1 John 3:18: Let us love not only in words, but in deed and in truth.

The mission of the Society of St. Andrew is to introduce people to God's grace in Jesus Christ through meeting their hunger:

Food For The Body

Since 1983, the Society of St. Andrew

has salvaged fresh, nutritious produce from American farms – produce that otherwise would be left to rot – and delivered it to agencies



across the nation that serve the poor.

God's Word For The Heart

The founders of the Society of St. Andrew sought a lifestyle that honored God while serving others. A major component of the ministry since its beginning has been to provide spiritual nourishment to others through God's Word. We find our mandate for Gleaning America's Fields ~ Feeding America's Hungry in scripture. But just as important as feeding hungry bodies is the need to feed hungry souls.

Community of Love For The Spirit

The Society of St. Andrew builds Christian community. We do this by bringing people together in service to God and in service to others.

Opportunity For Those Who Desire Action

The Christian faith leads its adherents to

action. James 1:22 admonishes followers to: But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

Hunger is a complex and many-faceted tragedy that holds a large part of the world's family in bondage. Because of the scope of hunger, many of us feel there is nothing that one person can do. We think the tragedy is too massive for one person's action to be effective. Such is not the case.

Each of us can make an impact on behalf of our hungry brothers and sisters. The Society of St. Andrew believes that all of us working together can eliminate world hunger, beginning by ending hunger in America.

—endhunger.org

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

UMCOR is a ministry of The United Methodist Church through the General Board of Global Ministries, and our goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation. We believe all people have God-given worth and dignity.

UMCOR's work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. We provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupt life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

While UMCOR cooperates with other aid organizations to extend our reach, our most important partners are the people we serve. We are confident that successful solutions to emergency or chronic conditions begin with the affected population. UMCOR provides these survivors not only temporary relief but long-term education, training, and support.

UMCOR spends 100 percent of designated donations on the projects our donors specify. When UMCOR donors give their time, money, and supplies, they join UMCOR as the hands and feet of Christ.

Mission Statement: Compelled by Christ to be a voice of conscience on behalf of the people called Methodist, UMCOR works globally to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing.

— www.umcor.org



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It is my prayer that, over the course of the past year, our worship services and my messages have in some way provided you with the spiritual nourishment you have needed in your daily lives. It is also my prayer that in the coming year you will make an attempt to be a part of worship here at Solid Rock United Methodist Church.

Church is not only a place where we come for our spiritual nourishment. Church is also a place where we come to be a part of the family of God. Church is a place where God's plans can be worked out through a group of believers with a common cause. Church is a place where God's love is on display weekly as we find new and unique ways to minister to, not only one another, but to others. Church is the physical body of Christ in action.

I would like to personally thank all of you for your role in making Solid Rock United Methodist Church a vital part of this community. You are truly a blessing and I pray that God will bless you as much this coming year as He has my family and I in 2016. See you Sunday!

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Paul

Food Pantry Needs

- Cocoa Mix
- Oatmeal
- Snack Crackers
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Ravioli
- Cereal
- Pudding Snacks



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

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

More "Nutshell Philosophy"

- Having truth decay? Brush up on your Bible!
- He who angers you, controls you!
- He who is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else.
- He who kneels before God can stand before anyone!
- Kindness is difficult to give away be-

cause it keeps coming back.

- Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory capacity.
- Never give the devil a ride. He will always want to drive!
- Nothing ruins the truth like stretching it.
- Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
- "Pray" is a four-letter word that you can say anywhere.
- Prayer—Don't give God instructions, just report for duty!
- The Will of God will never take you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.
- This church is "prayer conditioned"!
- To be almost saved is to be totally lost.
- WARNING: Exposure to the Son may prevent burning!
- Watch your step carefully! Everyone else does!
- We don't change the message, the message changes us.
- Wisdom has two parts: (1) Having a lot to say; (2) Not saying it.
- Worry is the darkroom in which "negatives" are developed.
- The work will wait while you look at the rainbow, but the rainbow won't wait while you do the work.

What is Epiphany?

Epiphany, celebrated every January 6 by millions, is considered to be the day the Wise Men finally found the Christ child. Celebration varies widely around the world. Greek Orthodox youth take a frigid swim. In New Orleans, it is the start of Carnival, which ends with Mardi Gras. In Russia, any water poured on Epiphany is regarded as holy. In Latin America, children receive gifts. It is on Epiphany, the 12th day of Christmas, that "my true love sent to me, 12 drummers drumming."

"Epiphany" comes from the ancient

Greek and means a sudden, brilliant realization – the light bulb over cartoon characters' heads when they experience a sudden revelation. Archimedes' realization of how to determine the density of an object came in such

a flash of brilliance, he wrote. Sir Isaac Newton experienced an epiphany when he suddenly grasped that a falling apple and Earth's orbiting moon are both pulled by the same force – gravity. 3M-Scotch Tape



chemist Arthur Fry describes his invention of the "Post-it Note" as a similar epiphany. The original January 6 epiphany was when the Wise Men suddenly realized the Babe in the manger was Almighty God who had come to live among us.

Roman Catholics commemorate Epiphany as the coming of the Wise Men or Magi. Greek Orthodox churches also celebrate on Epiphany the baptism of Jesus at age 30 and His first miracle at the wedding at Cana when He turned water into wine. In both traditions the idea is the same: the revelation of Christ to the world -- whether as an infant or as a 30-year-old. On the Feast of the Epiphany, priests traditionally bless water, frankincense, gold, myrrh and chalk – which is used to write over doorways *Christus mansionem benedicat*, Latin for "may Christ bless the house." During the Middle Ages, back before calendars were common, the priest would announce on Epiphany that year's date for Easter, Ash Wednesday, Ascension Day, Pentecost, and the First Sunday of Advent for the new year.

Amid the diversity of celebration, Epiphany celebrates man's realization that Christ is the son of God – as Christmas ends and the New Year begins.

— www.beliefnet.com

"The Wise May Bring Their Learning"

The wise may bring their learning, the rich may bring their wealth,
And some may bring their greatness,
and some bring strength and health;
We, too, would bring our treasures to offer to the King;
We have no wealth or learning; what shall we children bring?
We'll bring him hearts that love him; we'll bring him thankful praise,
And young souls meekly striving to walk in holy ways;
And these shall be the treasures we offer to the King,
And these are gifts that even the poorest child may bring.
We'll bring the little duties we have to do each day;
We'll try our best to please him, at home, at school, at play;
And better are these treasures to offer to our King;
Than richest gifts without them — yet these a child may bring.



—Anonymous

Ignite!

It is with Christians as with burning coals. If these are scattered apart, one after the other, they are easily extinguished. But, when collected together, the fire of one preserves that of the other, and the glowing coals often ignite others that lie near.

—August Francke

November Financial Update

General Offerings\$14,323
General Fund Expenses\$11,849
Mortgage Balance\$98,450



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Grant to me, O Lord,
to know what I ought to know,
to love what I ought to love,
to praise what delights you most,
to value what is precious in your sight,
to hate what is offensive to you.

Do not suffer me to judge
according to the sight of my
eyes nor to pass sentence
according to the hearing of
ignorant men; but to discern with
true judgment between things visible
and spiritual and above all things to
inquire what is the good pleasure of your will.



—Thomas à Kempis (1380-1471)

