



News From The Rock

July 2010

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Building/Site Update

The Building/Site Committee would like to thank everyone for their input, support and prayers. We will continue to take ideas and comments.

The committee has directed the architect to design a building that will incorporate a multi-use room. We will continue to keep the congregation apprised of the progress.

Administrative Council

The Solid Rock Administrative Council met June 22. The trustees reported that repair of the roof covering the exterior stairway has been completed. A railing at the parsonage has also been repaired.

The Concession Stand Committee reported that, although there have been many rainouts, the concession stand has been very successful. Of the \$3,000 startup funds allocated for the project, \$2,000 has already been reimbursed.

Council also approved a new Internet and computer use policy and a harassment policy.

Secret Camp Sponsors

Secret sponsors pray for our campers, prepare a card and small trinket for each day of camp, and send cards and wishes throughout the year. If you would like to support one of

our young campers, please contact Lisa Sabinske at 375-3427 or 417-7553.

Afternoon at the lake

Pastor Kathy will host an afternoon at Lake Manitou on July 25. Please bring a carry-in dish. Meat and drink will be provided.

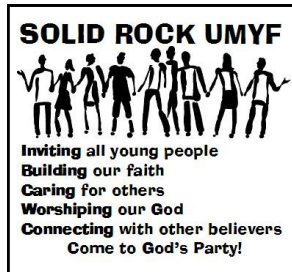


July 4 Schedule
9:30 - Worship at Solid Rock
10:30 - Community Worship

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the UMYF Lock-In! Special thanks to Lana for organizing all the food, to the Walters for our campfire, cookout and worship, to Canady's for the swimming, to Cindy for cooking such a delicious breakfast, and to all the mentors who came to be a part of the lock-in.

The youth traveled through the 5 purposes of their ministry throughout the evening. There were 13 youth in attendance, and 2 or 3 managed to stay up all night! Thanks again to everyone who helped make this happen for the youth! (If you see Wyatt C. ask him how many fish he caught!)



Summer Schedule:

Attention Youth! Notice the changes in meeting dates and times!

June 27 — Lazer tag or Putt Putt after church

July 18 — swimming, 4:00-5:30

Aug. 7 — Tin Caps game

Aug. 15 — meeting with mentors, 4:00-5:30

Any questions? Contact Jeff or Marie. Check out our Solid Rock UMYF Facebook page for other information!

Just Leaning on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



If you will think back with me for a moment you might remember us studying the *Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation* by Bishop Robert Schnase. We (those present at Conference) were privileged to

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hear firsthand what Bishop Schnase was thinking when he wrote this book, and everyone was gifted with his new book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Living*.

Bishop Schnase started by discussing "Radical Hospitality." He expressed

"this is NOT a committee assignment or responsibility; it belongs to the whole church." He next talked to us about "Passionate Worship," the principle setting where God works on our hearts and minds. "It is NOT a preference to our worship style, routine, or going through the motions. It is what connects people to God and each other."

Thirdly he discussed "Intentional Faith Development" where he reminded us that Jesus taught his disciples and us in community. We cannot develop our faith alone! "Churches that have small groups are vibrant. It permeates into the spiritual life and mission of the church and its members."

Next Bishop Schnase talked about "Risk-Taking Mission and Service." This involves justice and mercy issues. It involves a moving past our "comfort zone" into an area of service to those we know and those we don't.

Lastly he revealed to us on

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What's in your bucket?

On May 29th of this year, Jordan Romero of Bear Lake, California, and his father were in a group that reached the top of Mt. Everest in the Himalayas. At 13 years of age, Jordan was recognized as the youngest boy to complete the climb. In an interview afterward, he shared his intention of climbing the highest peaks on each of the seven continents, in addition to traveling to the highest elevations in all fifty states.

While Jordan's aspirations are admirable, it made me rethink some of the items on my own "bucket list." Admittedly, there are probably significant differences (you think?) in the emphasis for a teen age boy and for those of a "ahem....woman of a CERTAIN age."

Previously, being able to walk along the Great Wall of China had been one of my most ambitious goals, along with more modest ones, such as: being able to walk up to a doorway, jump and slap the casing at

the top; being able to remember if "embarrass" is spelled with two "r's" and one "s", or one "r" and two "s's" or two "r's" and two "s's" without hauling out the dictionary or using Spell Check (I usually go for a synonym.); buying a pair of slacks and not having to shorten them, or eating milk chocolate off some chocolate covered peanuts without making a trip to an ER.

Recently, after a series of Sunday morning Bible Study classes, visiting Jerusalem's archeological sites to see if I could distinguish Solomonic gates from those built by other rulers has found its way to my list. This was added, however, after dealing with the trepidation of knowing I would be in the same hemisphere as India when there.

Since hearing of Jordan's accomplishment, I am thinking of amending my list. A modest goal might be to spend a night in each of the cities, towns, villages or counties named "Warren" located in only twenty-one states other than Indiana. Since only one state boasts of a city or county designated "Kalamazoo," needless to say, that task has already been achieved. How about visiting the lowest point of the 50 states, or the highest point, or the lowest AND the highest of all the states? Did you know the highest point of Indiana, at 1,257 feet, is Hoosier Hill in Franklin Township, and the lowest point is 320 feet above sea level where the Wabash River flows into the Ohio River in Posey County? Maybe finding the geographic midpoint of each of the 50 states would be interesting. It just so happens we all live within a hop, skip and a jump of the geographic center of Indiana, which is fourteen miles N-NW of Indianapolis.

What to choose? Any suggestions?

Barbara Kleinhans

Dear Solid Rock family,

I don't know, or even think, this letter can express my gratitude for the scholarship you all have provided, but I must try, so thank you, thank you so very, very much. Your support is gratefully appreciated. I am honored by your faith and assistance.

Sincerely,
Emma Sabinski

I would like to thank the church for the scholarship money for college. I can assure that the money will be put to good use. I

plan on pursuing a medical degree, so I have many years ahead of me and would appreciate your prayers. Hope that all of the Purdue fans can overlook the fact that the money will be used to attend IU...GO HOOSIERS!

Kailey Neff

Thank you so much to everyone who remembered me during my sister's sickness and death. It was wonderful to have a church family there for me.

Marjorie Pearson

Do I applaud what is right?

The summer before my eighth-grade year I made friends with a guy named Larry. He was new to town, so I encouraged him to go out for our school football team. He could meet some guys, and being a stocky fellow, he might even make the squad. He agreed.

The result was a good news-bad news scenario. The good news? He made the cut. The bad news. He won my position. I was demoted to second string. I tried to be happy for him, but it was tough.

A few weeks into the season Larry fell off a motorcycle and broke a finger. I remember the day he stood at my front door holding up his bandaged hand. "Looks like you're going to have to play."

I tried to feel sorry for him, but it was hard. The passage was a lot easier for Paul to write than it was for me to practice. "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep" (Rom. 12:15 NASB).

You want to plumb the depths of your love for someone? How do you feel when that person succeeds? Do you rejoice? Or are you jealous? And when he or she stumbles? Falls to misfortune? Are you really sorry? Or are you secretly pleased?

Love never celebrates misfortune. Never. I like the way Eugene Peterson translates the passage: "Love... doesn't revel when others grovel, [but] takes pleasure in the flowering of truth" (MSG). J.B. Phillips is equally descriptive: "Love... does not gloat over the wickedness of other people. On the contrary, it shares the joy of those who live by the truth."

You know your love is real when you weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice. You know your love is real when you feel for others what your heavenly Father feels for you. Remember, love "rejoices whenever the truth wins out" (1 Cor. 13:6 NLT).

- Max Lucado

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“Extravagant Generosity.” He’s quoted as saying, “Issues of money are also issues of faith... That single act of tithing changes how we look, spend, save and give money. God uses your generosity to reconfigure your spirit.” We have discovered this through our Capital Campaign and I pray we continue to find ways God can configure our spirits to coincide with God’s purpose.

I invite you to evaluate our congregation on these terms. I have found that we (Solid Rock) have some definite strengths and that there are some areas with room for improvement. I ask that you look into not only the church but into your own personal life to evaluate where you personally are and prayerfully allowing God to mold and make you into a “fruitful” person.

Shalom,
Pastor Kathy

United Methodist Women

The Solid Rock United Methodist Women met on June 3 in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe with 12 members in attendance. President Myrna Neff opened with devotional thoughts from Proverbs



United Methodist Women

17:17. Members joined in repeating the U.M.W. Purpose, after which Myrna shared from the International U.M.W. Prayer Calendar.

In the absence of Spiritual Growth Coordinator Carolyn Winters, we prayed for her and for others who were ill. We also expressed thanks for joys.

Myrna’s Mission Moment came from the U.M.W. Response magazine, which recently carried an article entitled “Dancing on a Peace Line.” In Ireland, there is a community program which supports friendship among differing communities by means of dance.

The business meeting concluded with remembrances of member Mabel Fields, and a motion to contribute to our U.M.W. mission work with a memorial contribution. She was “all for missions,” and will be missed for that, as well as her friendship.

Myrna chaired the program for the morning. Focus was on “Building and Experiencing Community in New Ways.” The

“new way” was a fascinating experience, as Myrna encouraged each member to share memories of how they remembered their high school years and beyond. Several members had brought pictures, senior class albums, even items of clothing from years long past. We felt some new feelings of “community” in our sharing in such a different way.

Cookie Ministry

There will be no cookie ministry in July.

Timeshare Opportunity

A timeshare in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, has been donated to Solid Rock with proceeds directed to the Building Fund. Those interested in this opportunity should contact Steve Holmes.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry wants to thank Vicki Bonewitz, Mary Brown, Wanda Spahr, and Mary Emma Holmes for yarn donations. We are now needing gals willing to make shawls. Call 375-2062 for more information. We meet on Friday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. at the apartment of Mary Emma Holmes at Heritage Pointe. We have lots of fun. You can work on things for the bazaar also.

Young Adults

The Young Adults will meet at the home of Cindy Boxell on July 11 after church for lunch and games.

Honor Roll

These Solid Rockers were on the honor roll all four quarters at Salamonie School: Olivia Bolinger (All A’s), Carson Bolinger, Kaleb Nighthenheler, Robby Bolinger, Lily Sabinske, Maddy Canady, Walker Spahr, Tom Bolinger, Connor Sabinske.

The following students had perfect attendance for the fourth quarter: Carson Bolinger, Kaleb Nighthenheler, Robby

Bolinger, Lily Sabinske, Olivia Bolinger, Tom Bolinger, Walker Spahr, and Matt Sieberns.

Congratulations on your achievements!

Relay for Life

Several Solid Rock members took part in Relay for Life on June 12-13. Walkers included Joh and Candy Smith; Lee, Drew, and Lola Smith; Mariah Spahr; Cindy Boxell; and Lamoine and Rochelle DeHaven. Also collecting pledges was Marg Bentley. Solid Rock members made contributions totaling \$750.

May Offerings

May general offerings totaled \$15,126. Building Fund receipts were \$7,625.

Correction from last month’s “Getting Acquainted”: Brenda Conner’s husband is Tim.

13 Rules to Live By

1. It ain’t as bad as you think; it will look better in the morning.
2. Get mad, then get over it.
3. Avoid having your ego so close to your position that when your position falls, your ego goes with it.
4. It can be done!
5. Be careful what you choose. You may get it.
6. Don’t let adverse facts stand in the way of a good decision.
7. Check small things.
8. Share credit.
9. You can’t make someone else’s choices. You shouldn’t let someone else make yours.
10. Remain calm. Be kind.
11. Have a vision. Be demanding.
12. Don’t take counsel of your fears or naysayers.
13. Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier. (In the military, one is always looking for methods of increasing or multiplying one’s forces.)

- General Colin Powell

“America the Beautiful”

Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929) wrote, edited and taught English in her native Massachusetts. Occasionally, she wrote hymns, too.

On a trip to Colorado, Bates was greatly impressed by amber waves of grain, fruited plains and purple mountain majesties. She believed that God had definitely shed his grace all across this land. A visit to the summit of Pikes Peak inspired Bates to write her most famous poem-hymn, “America the Beautiful.”

Bates also realized that patriotism was an important part of America. She was grateful for heroes “who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life.” She wanted all Americans to realize how God had shed his grace on them and had crowned what was good “with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.”

Bates embodied the spirit of thankfulness to God for all she had experienced and been given.



A prayer for summer

**A rippling sea of green and gold
Is shimmering before us
As wind stirs the tall corn,
Wave after green wave rises high,
Reaching for the summer sun.**

**Lord God,
When you summon seeds
From these furrowed fields,
How readily they obey!**

**Like the myriad crops,
Help us grow steadily:
Help us stretch, ripen
Round out, unfold.**

**In the warm rays of your strength,
Help us yield goodness!**

