

News From The Rock

June 2011

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Card Ministry

In March, the card ministry group hosted a Stampin Party with the hope of acquiring some "tools" to assist us in making and recycling cards. The response was overwhelming and we were able to get over \$500 worth of products! Thanks so much to all of you who helped make this happen. A special thanks to Mary Brown for purchasing the "Big Shot" and lots of other great things.

The Card Ministry began filling the card racks for Mother's Day last year. As we mark this anniversary, we celebrate and give thanks to Barb Preston who envisioned this new ministry.

We have great fun "crafting" the cards and the fellowship we enjoy speaks volumes to the glory of God who inspires us. We have needed to purchase card stock and have gathered a few items throughout the year. To date, we enjoy over \$100 in proceeds! I have a dream of this ministry growing to meet, not only personal greeting cards needs, but the card needs of existing ministries of the church.

Thank you for your support. You continue to bring in your used cards (the whole card please) and we will continue to provide a selection for all occasions in the card racks. We continue to have new, recycled, and stamped cards from which to choose. Check us out and watch for the up-coming anniversary sale!

Linda McHowell

Welcome, new members!

Solid Rock gained five new members during worship on May 22. A loving welcome is extended to Lily Sabinske, Cathleen Miller, Dennis Miller, Teresa Kriegbaum, Kodi Boxell, and Lisa Sabinske.

Scholarship Fund Offering

The purpose of the Solid Rock scholarship fund is to help youth and adults in obtaining their first degree from a college or trade school. The fund has been maintained by personal gifts, memorial money, and money from the Bazaar. Scholarship offering is also received from members of the adult classes on Sunday mornings. At a recent Administrative Council it was decided that other members/attendees should have the opportunity to give towards this fund by having special offerings accepted throughout the year. The Scholarship Committee designated Senior Recognition Sunday as the first special offering. The pails will be passed or you can write a check or place your giving in an envelop with your name if you would like it to be credited to your 2011 giving.



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Youth to attend TinCaps baseball game



The Solid Rock United Methodist Youth will attend a Fort Wayne TinCaps game on July 8. Please let Jeff Walter or Marie DeWeese know if you plan to participate.

Help needed for parade float

Volunteers are needed to plan and construct a parade float for the Salomonie Summer Festival. If you have an interest in helping, please contact the church office.

Just Leaning on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



As June approaches my thoughts turn to Father's Day. With those thoughts come bittersweet memories. My Father was a savvy, smart, wise business man. I

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often wonder what advice he would give me in the various situations in which I find myself. He was a man of few words but those few words were just about al-

ways yielded. More importantly, whatever he did, he did for the good of his family. Though he worked long hours, most days he would make time to go to band concerts, ball games or whatever his children happened to be involved in. As you probably have already guessed I miss him terribly!

I was not left without a Father though. I still have a Father that is savvy, smart and wise. My Father is still a Father of few words and yes, I do try desperately to yield when direction is given. My Father is so good to His family that He sent His Son for the forgiveness of sin. This Father of mine is present all the time and never ever leaves. As you probably know, I hunger to know Him better!

I'd like to wish all fathers a Happy Father's Day by asking the One True Father to bless them for all they do for their families!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
Pastor Kathy

When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.

- Author unknown

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women of Solid Rock Church met May 5 in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe. Myrna Neff, President, opened with devotions from Response magazine: articles of current missionary emphasis. Members responded with their pledged "Purpose." Prayer was offered by Myrna for six currently active missionary people and projects in various areas of our troubled world.

Carolyn Winters led members in National Day of Prayer concerns and thanksgiving for our nation, the church, and our missionaries; also, for our family members celebrating graduations and weddings. Naomi Oxley shared a reading entitled

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"Aging Gracefully" and "Words of Wisdom."

Formal reports of minutes of April's meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved. Barbara Hart, Treasurer, served as secretary in the absence of Margaret Bell.

An enjoyable program was given by Ann Brauchla-Slaughter, entitled "Train Ride." This was headed by a reading of Howard Cress' creation entitled "Life is Like a Train Ride." Members shared their thoughts and experiences, using this point of view, and Helen Campbell read words to a song, "Life's Railway to Heaven."

Two new members were welcomed: Crystal Lee and Patricia Wilson. The June meeting, scheduled for June 2, will feature a program entitled "Discovering Haiti," to be presented by Martha Plummer.

Upcoming UMYF Events

- **June 5:** Pizza after church, East of Chicago
- **June 24:** Girls' Day Away, Canady's cottage
- **June 26:** Pizza after church, East of Chicago
- **July 6:** Volunteer Night, 6:00-7:30, Food Pantry
- **July 8:** TinCaps Game
- **July 10:** Meeting, 4:00-5:30 at the church
- **July 17:** Pizza after church, East of Chicago
- **August 7:** Meeting, 4:00-5:30 at the church
- **August 14:** Pizza after church, East of Chicago

Men's Fellowship

The Solid Rock Men's Fellowship met on May 14, 2011, at Heritage Pointe with 14 men in attendance. Bill Couch opened the meeting with prayer. Breakfast was served by Kim's Katered Affair.

Robert Glass shared devotions, providing spiritual insight from the story of an oak tree.

Steve Holmes reported that 72 persons were served at the East of Chicago fundraiser, with proceeds of \$376.

Closing prayer was offered by Norman Wolfe. The next meeting will be June 11, 2011.

Please Join Us in
Celebrating the Graduation
of

Liz Bolinger

Saturday, June 4, 2011

From 5-9 p.m.

at Her Home

417 East Fifth Street
Warren, IN

PLEASE COME TO AN OPEN
HOUSE IN HONOR OF

Colin McIntire

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2011

4:00 P.M. - ?

COLIN'S HOME

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Thank you!

Dear Solid Rock UMC,

I wanted to say thank you for all the support and unconditional love I've received from the congregation as I've grown throughout my life. I'm very thankful for the scholarship fund you are also supporting me with as I begin my college career at Purdue. You are all such a blessing!

With love,
Liz Bolinger

April Offerings

General Offerings \$14,473
Building Fund Contributions \$8,351

Pray without ceasing

"Faith is to the soul what life is to the body. Prayer is to faith what breath is to the body. How a person can live and not breathe is past my comprehension, and how a person can believe and not pray is past my comprehension, too."

—J.C. Ryle

Five feet and five minutes

Following is an email I recently received from the granddaughter who lives with her husband and the world's most special great-granddaughter in Florida:

"...last week an elderly woman, and her equally elderly passenger, crashed through our backyard privacy fence, through Nicole's gym set, our screened-in patio and finally came to stop in our living room. She was able to continue on after the fence because instead of hitting her brakes, in her confusion, she kept stomping on the accelerator.

"The love seat was against the sliding glass door that she smashed and it became a projectile destroying most of our living room. Minutes before, Marc and Nicole had been sitting on it putting their shoes on as they were getting ready to leave for school and work. They had gone into the garage and were just getting in the car as the crash occurred. The women were not injured but were taken to the hospital because they were confused and upset.

"You never think of a freak accident like this happening to you, but five feet and five minutes could have changed all our lives. The driver had missed the two propane tanks for the gas grill in the garage. And five minutes earlier my family was in the path of destruction. I know my angels were working overtime. I drop to my knees and thank God that He was watching out for my family, the two women and my neighbors. I am truly praising Him and thanking Him for His mercy.

"Another lesson learned ... Ordinarily when I wake Nicole in the morning, I crawl into her bed and we cuddle for five minutes, but sometimes life gets in the way ... as it did that morning. I was rushed. You know the excuses we allow ourselves. But I vow, I will never let another morning go by (at least until she gets too old to let me do it) without crawling in her bed to cuddle.

Five minutes or five feet can change your life forever..."

Barbara Kleinhans

Thank you!

Thank you to the following session leaders at our Lenten study series: Andy Hayward, Randy Hensley, Scott and Gina Canady, Linda McHowell, Linda K. Howell, Myrna Neff, and Dave Spahr.

Rochelle DeHaven

For better ... for worse

A little girl in a Baptist church asked her mother, "Why do they rope off the aisle at a wedding? So the bridegroom can't get away?"

- Tal Bonham



A cake decorator in New Zealand was asked to inscribe 1 John 4:18—"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear"—on a wedding cake. The decorator misread the verse, and when the cake arrived at the wedding reception, it was discovered that John 4:18 was inscribed on the cake. "For thou hast had five husbands, and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband."

- Harold W. Bretz



A little boy was at his first wedding. After the service, another child asked him, "How many men can a woman marry?"

"Sixteen," the little boy said.

"How do you know?" his friend asked.

"The preacher said it—four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer," the boy replied.

- Rev. David Polek



Seating guests at a wedding, an usher asked a middle-aged woman who had entered the church: "Are you a friend of the bride, ma'am?"

"Lord have mercy, *no*," she said. "I'm the mother of the groom."



Former Education Secretary William Bennett attended a modern wedding where the bride and groom pledged, in their wedding vows, to remain together "as long as love shall last."

"I sent paper plates as my wedding gift," Bennett said.

- *The Detroit News*

Dad's Top Ten Ways To Be The Foundation of Your Family

by Dovid Grossman and Ken Mossman

Part of the responsibility of being a father is to establish a strong foundation for the family. Just like a building foundation, much of this work goes unseen and rarely gets acknowledged, yet the strength and integrity of the entire structure relies on it. The following intentions, although not always perfectly fulfilled, give us guidance in our mission.

Grounded in Reality

While my children may put me on a pedestal, I have my feet firmly on the ground and

acknowledge my own strengths and weaknesses.

Demonstrative Love

I take the time to know and understand the best way to communicate my love to each and every child. My children see my love for my wife clearly expressed.

Mutual Respect

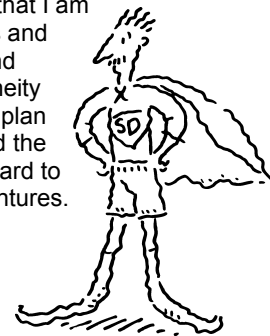
By honoring and never ridiculing the thoughts, emotions and actions of my family, each member clearly experiences and understands my great respect for them.

Consistently Predictable

My family is comforted and anchored by my predictability. My deepest values are consistently demonstrated in my speech and behavior.

Predictable Spontaneity

My family knows that I am extremely curious and love to explore and learn. My spontaneity is consistent. We plan with flexibility, and the children look forward to unexpected adventures.



Responsible

My children see how I prepare and follow through, owning up to my responsibilities. They learn by my example.

Safety/Security

I take safety very seriously and my children know it. They have learned by my examples, for instance: I always wear a helmet when skating, skiing or bicycle riding, and I take first-aid and CPR classes. Our car does not go into motion until all seat belts, including mine, are on.

Advocate

My children know that I stand behind them and will protect, defend and honor them at all times. I do not discuss my children's failings with others.

Serious Humor

I deliberately use humor liberally to lighten stress and lubricate relationships to ensure a cohesive family.

WYSIWYG What you see is what you get

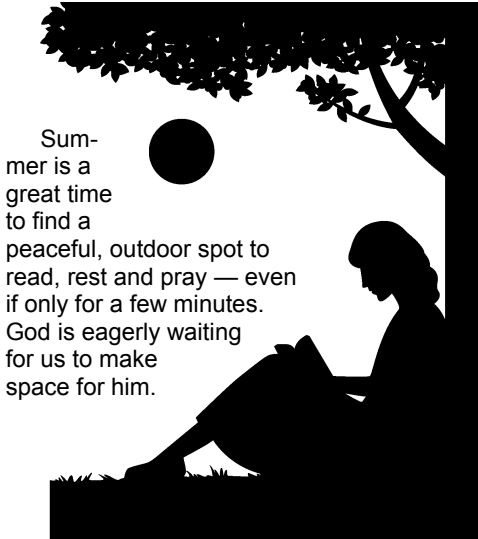
I practice what I preach and that includes accepting human frailty and mistakes. The greatest foundation for a family is living with integrity.

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Quiet space

“Rest is not idleness,” said John Lubbock, “and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky is hardly a waste of time.”

Most of us need more, not less, rest built into our daily routine. Only when we are quiet can we hear God’s whisper.



Summer is a great time to find a peaceful, outdoor spot to read, rest and pray — even if only for a few minutes. God is eagerly waiting for us to make space for him.

Lord, where would we be without our friends? They give us of themselves unselfishly, they stand by us in trouble, in happiness they share our laughter, they make life more colorful. Make me a good friend, ready to help but not to interfere, loyal but not uncritical, open rather than elusive, dependable at all times. Amen



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