

News From The Rock

May 2014

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Scholarships awarded

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that six scholarship grants were awarded to the youth of the church. This year the Scholarship Committee based grants on the number of credit hours being taken, student attendance at church, and participation in church service and outreach programs, and on timely submission of the application. The recipients of those scholarships were Liz Bolinger, Tom Bolinger, Levi Sherman, Grant Canady, Rachel Decker, and Brandi Richardson.



The money in the Scholarship Fund has been decreasing at an alarming rate. The donations received are far less than the outgoing monies awarded. This is a wonderful nurture program and a way of showing our youth how much we care about them and their future. Please remember that only through your support can this ministry continue.

U.M.W. Guest Day

The United Methodist Women extend an invitation to the ladies of Solid Rock to come to their meeting on Thursday, May 1, in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe, at 9:30 A.M. The program will be given by Bernadine Garrett, telling of her mission trip to Brazil and the work she and her group did there.

SOS Meeting Highlights

The Solid Rock SOS met on April 10, 2014. Meeting highlights:

- A devotion about forgiveness was given by Jessica Barry.
- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
- Joys and concerns were shared.
- A lesson on the Easter egg was led by

Cindy Boxell. It was noted that early Christians used eggs to teach others about Jesus.

- A love offering was collected and given to a community member to aid with expenses.
- Many cards were sent in March 2014 by the Corresponding Secretary.
- Old Business:
 - Washington DC retreat rough schedule and booked housing were discussed.
 - Summer festival discussion was held.
 - Plans were discussed to sing 5/18/14 at Solid Rock.
 - Thanks for those who provided dessert for the pork supper.
- New Business:
 - Volunteers needed to serve at the Jefferson alumni banquet and the Warren alumni banquet.
 - Time to start thinking about parade float for the Summer Festival.
- Prayer partners were assigned and the meeting was adjourned with prayer and a sung benediction.
- Attendance: 15
- Next meeting: May 8, 2014 at Teresa Kriegbaum's house with Mariah Pfister as co-hostess and Pamela Hensley presenting the lesson.

Lenten Study Leaders

Thanks to the following individuals for providing leadership for this year's Lenten study series: Gary Walter, Rosalie Walter, David Spahr, Pastor Kathy Newton, Joe Haney, Linda McHowell.

Congratulations, graduates!

Solid Rock congratulates our graduating high school seniors: Grant Canady, Wyatt Cocklin, Tommy Bolinger, Conner Sabin-ske, and Cole Preston.

Just Leaning on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



"From the church leader. To a very special woman and her children. I truly love all of you, and so does everyone else who knows the truth. We love you because the truth is now in our hearts, and it will be there forever. I pray that God the Father and Jesus Christ his Son will be kind and merciful to us! May they give us peace and truth and love. I was very glad to learn that some of your children are obeying the truth, as the Father told us to do." (2 John 1:1-4)

This church leader would like to say how much she appreciates all the women/men who have helped with any and all faith development in the past, present and future. It is because you have given of yourselves to instill the truth in our hearts. May it remain there forever more.

"... continue to pray for those children that have strayed from the Truth"

Please notice that John writes, "I was very glad to learn that some of your children are obeying the truth..." My take on this is that when children are young, we can give them the truth. However, when they mature they wander about looking for their own truth, many times finally returning to the Truth. My plea is that you continue to pray for those children that have strayed from the Truth. Pray that they will come to the realization that they need the Truth in their lives once again. I also ask that you don't blame yourself for them straying. I'm not saying don't encourage them back, but don't bear a burden that is not yours to bear.

Further John prays that "God the Father and Jesus Christ his Son be kind and merciful to us! Giving each of us peace and

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United Methodist Women

Solid Rock United Methodist Women met for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 3, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe. Barbara Hart, President, opened with a devotional based on 1 Corinthians 1:18, bringing us the message of the cross, which is about the power of the cross and the hope of the cross—at timely devotional indeed for this April meeting. We noted the Prayer Calendar Mission Focus is on the United Church Women's program in Papua, New Guinea, and on the birthday of the U.M.W. staff worker Aloma Martin, who serves in Finance and Administrative Services.

Coming in much closer to home, members present today shared both joys and concerns among ourselves and our families, with prayer for several serious concerns.

Sue Beeks presented our monthly feature entitled Mission Moment, which was

about a storied "happening" about two people in need, yet fearful of each other. Sharing was discovered to be a time of helpfulness to each.

Roll call of members today numbered nine; secretary's minutes of last month's meeting were approved; and Treasurer Bernie Garrett's report was presented and approved for filing.

A short period of free discussion preceded the lesson: Ann Brauchla noted the possibilities of remembering Easter in our social action concerns and Sue Beeks noting the offerings in our table of numerous program resources through reading.

Margaret Bell gave the program for the day—a series of responses from "old people" about their experiences in and about aging, as compiled in a book by Willard Scott. It is entitled *The Older the Fiddler, the Better the Tune*. We enjoyed it, and added some of our own!

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Bell, Secretary



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News deadline for the June newsletter:
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HELP WANTED - TREASURER

Our treasurer is retiring from the position this summer to become a full-time grandmother. The job requires some computer skills and would require around three hours a week in the church office. For further information, or to apply for the position, contact Steve Holmes, Pastor Kathy Newton, or Rosalie Walter.

March Financial Update

General Offerings.....\$15,374
General Fund Expenses.....\$12,680

All's well that ends well

Like every other Sunday before, we reached the point in the service when we prepare for Communion. However, on this particular Sunday, when our pastor said, "Jesus died for our sins," my 7-year-old suddenly sat up straight in his chair and exclaimed in an incredulous voice, "Jesus

DIED?" While the adults around us stifled their laughter, another child sitting a few rows up turned around and said, "It's OK. He's better now."

Jennifer Rodia,
Providence U.M. Church
Mount Juliet, TN

Women of valor

In *A Year of Biblical Womanhood* (Thomas Nelson), Rachel Held Evans explores the concept of the Proverbs 31 woman, whose character is described as noble or virtuous. Many scholars say the most accurate translation of the Hebrew phrase *eshet chayil* is actually the "valorous woman."

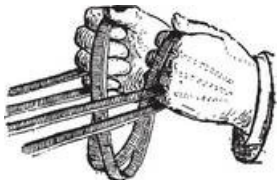
To many modern-day women, Proverbs 31 seems like an impossible-to-meet job description. But Evans says that shouldn't be the case. "The woman of Proverbs 31 is not some ideal that exists out there; she is present in each one of us when we do even the smallest things with valor," she writes. "Like any good poem, the purpose of this one is to draw attention to the often-overlooked glory of the everyday."

To affirm the females in her life, Evans started calling them "women of valor." What an honoring way to bless someone's day!

Holy homophones!

Do you remember learning homophones in school? We enjoy hearing our grade-schooler make the connections. Every once in a while, he hears one — say, chilly — and announces, "Hey! That's a homophone of the kind of chili we eat!"

Stuck at home one Sunday morning, I listened to a local worship service on the radio. When the pastor prayed, "O Lord God, reign ... my brain — apparently due to the same son's horse-riding lessons — perceived "rein." In the fraction of a second before the pastor's next word, I assumed he'd say "us in"; instead, he said "in us."

Ah, I realized, his phrase was "reign in us," not "rein us in." But sometimes God has to do both: In order to reign in us fully as King of our lives, God must rein in our tendency to wander away from him. Only then can we sense the peace that comes from Christ alone raining down on us! (Aren't homophones fun?!)




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truth and love.” So goes my prayer. May your Mother’s Day be a joyful time.

Shalom,
Pastor Kathy

Youth Fellowship

The lesson for our April meeting focused on the story of Martha and Mary from Luke 10: 38-42. We did activities about priorities and talked about how to keep the balance between the goals we have in life and our relationship with God. We decided the best way to do that is to place God into all the things in our life—school, sports, family—and then those things become a bridge to a better relationship with God and not a distraction from Him.



Seniors, remember that our Senior Recognition Sunday will on June 1st during worship. Also, we are working on the summer schedule and activities for UMYF. Listen to announcements for updates!

If you have any questions about youth, please contact Michelle or Marie. Remember, UMYF is for all youth in grades 6-12. Please join us and bring a friend!

Youth Fellowship

Upcoming Events

- April 27: Meeting, 6:45-8:15
- May 4: Pizza after church
- May 18: Meeting, 6:45-8:15
- June 1: Senior Recognition Sunday during Worship
- June 22: Meeting/Outing
- July 13: Meeting/Outing
- August: TinCaps Game

Beauty in brokenness

Leonard Sweet, author of *Strong in the Broken Places*, describes a style of Japanese pottery called kintsukuroi. It’s the art of repairing pottery with gold or silver lacquer, leaving the piece more beautiful for having been broken.

God is like a kintsukuroi potter, healing and staying near to the brokenhearted (see Psalm 34:18; 51:17; and 147:3). Instead of ashes, mourning and despair, God provides “a crown of beauty,” “the oil of joy” and “a garment of praise” (Isaiah 61:3, NIV).

Although earthly brokenness brings pain, the Master Creator can turn it into



Mothers in the Bible

Children have always had a special place in their mother’s heart.

Directions: First, cover up the second column and see if you can name some of the mothers’ children from the Bible. Then write the circled letters on the correct lines below to complete Proverbs 23:25, NIV.

MOTHERS

Eve ³¹	bore	Cain, Abel and Seth ¹¹
Sarah ²³	bore	Isaac ¹⁸
Rebekah ⁷	bore	Jacob and Esau ¹⁵
Rachel ¹³	bore	Benjamin and Joseph ²⁰
Leah ¹²	bore	Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun and Dinah ³⁵
Zilpah ⁴⁴	bore	Gad and Asher ²⁸
Bilhah ³⁴	bore	Dan and Naphtali ²⁹
Jochebed ¹⁹	bore	Moses ¹
Naomi ²	bore	Mahlon and Kilion ⁸
Ruth ¹⁴	bore	Obed ⁵
Hannah ²⁶	bore	Samuel ²¹
Bathsheba	bore	Solomon ⁴²
Elizabeth ¹⁰	bore	John the Baptist ⁹
Mary ³	bore	Jesus ¹⁶
Eunice ⁶	bore	Timothy ⁴



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PROVERBS 23:25, NIV

Answer: “May your ... mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!” Proverbs 23:25, NIV

something amazing that glorifies him. When life seems to fall apart, remember that our powerful God can make you more beautiful for having been broken.

Love gauge

In a ship’s engine room, it’s impossible to look into the great boiler and see how much water remains. But running up beside

it is a tiny glass tube that serves as a gauge. As the water stands in the little tube, so it stands in the great boiler. When the tube is half full, the boiler is half full; when the tube is empty, the boiler is empty.

Do you ask, “How do I know I love God? I believe I love him, but I want to know.” Look at the gauge: Your love for other people is the measure of your love for God.

—S.S. Chronicle

National Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is May 1, 2014

Lord of the Universe. Lord of this planet. Lord of the nations. Lord of our hearts. On this National Day of Prayer, we look to You... In the darkness, You are our Light. In the storm, You are our Anchor.

In our weakness, You are our Strength. In our grief, You are our Comfort. In our despair, You are our Hope. In our confusion, You are our Wisdom. In time of terrorism, You are our Shield. In time of war, You are our Peace.

In times of uncertainty, You are the Rock on which we stand.

We make our prayer to You using the words of the prophet Daniel:

O Lord, You are the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant of love with those who love Him and keep His commandments. You are merciful and forgiving. You are righteous, but this day we are covered with

shame because we have sinned against You, and done wrong. We have turned away from Your commands and principles. We have turned away from You.

Yet You have promised in 2 Chronicles 7, that if we—a people identified with You—would humble ourselves, pray, seek Your face, and turn from our wicked ways, then You would hear our prayer, forgive our sin and heal our land.

So we choose to stop pointing our finger at the sins of others, and examine our own hearts and lives. We choose to acknowledge our own sin—our neglect and defiance and ignorance and even rejection of You. This day we choose to repent.

In response to our heartfelt repentance, God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Father of Jesus

Christ, in keeping with all Your righteous acts and according to Your promise, turn away Your anger and Your wrath from the United States of America. Hear the prayers and petitions offered to You on this National Day of Prayer, as we give You our full attention.

Give ear, our God, and hear; open Your eyes and see. We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy.

For the glory of Your Name hear our prayer, forgive our sin, and heal our land.

We ask this in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ who offers us salvation from Your judgment, forgiveness for our sin, and reconciliation with You through His own blood shed on the Cross. Amen.

- 2014 National Prayer by Anne Graham Lotz



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