

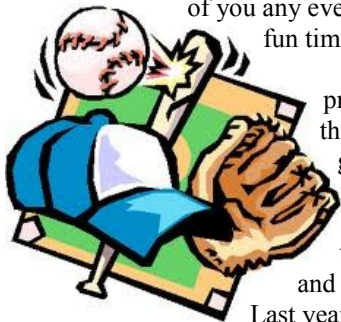
News From The Rock

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

May 2013

Concession Stand Update

Spring is here again, so the weather man tells us, and that means the start of baseball season at Tower Park. We are looking for another enjoyable season manning the church's mission project working at the concession stand. We would love to see all of you any evening for a fun time.



All profits from this project go to various projects for the church and community.

Last year's project benefitted several areas including: The Bread of Life Food Pantry, the church Building Fund, WAMA, Christmas December to May, and Blessings and Needs.

The season starts May 20, and we will be at the park Monday through Friday nights from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. You can join in the fun by simply contacting Jo Keller at church or at 375-3834. We are looking forward to sharing this rewarding outreach mission opportunity with our community's youth.

The Concession Committee

Kids Club

The spring session of Kids Club was titled "igoGreen." We had a lot of fun learning how to show gratitude and respect to God by taking care of His creation. We learned about water conservation, wind power, and solar power. The kids also learned about loving their neighbors and taking care of other people. We had a total of 17 kids partake, many of which are not members of Solid Rock. A very BIG thank you to all those who help with the lessons, crafts and games. Also, thank you to those who provided snacks each week. They were delicious!

Youth Fellowship

We had a great time at Laser Tag in April! We went to Pizza Hut afterwards to eat. Thank you to Mike and Rita for helping to chaperone that trip.

As we go into summer, the UMYF schedule will change a little. Due to holidays and vacations, we won't be meeting for lessons during June and July. However, we are planning several fun summer events. The first is our trip to King's Island and the concert by Skillet. Look for more information about that trip in June. We have 21 youth and adults planning on attending and we're looking forward to a great day! Youth, remember to turn in your \$20 for the trip if you haven't already done so.

We are also planning on a possible canoe outing and swimming this summer. Updates will be sent out by the phone tree and posted on our Facebook page. If you aren't a member of that page, let Marie or Jeff know and we will get you added. Feel free to invite a friend!

Upcoming Events

- **May 5:** Meeting, 2:00-3:30
- **May 19:** Pizza after church at East of Chicago
- **June 9:** Pizza after church at East of Chicago
- **June 27:** King's Island Trip

Thanks!

Thanks to the following individuals for leading Lenten study sessions: Gary Walter, Dave Spahr, Patty Hensley, Randy Hensley, Rosalie Walter, Perry Spahr.

Help stock the shelves

Please help the women receiving care at *A Friend's House* by stocking their shelves with items they use on a regular basis. *A Friend's House* is a residential facility in Bluffton, Indiana. Please bring any of the following to church by Sunday, May 26. Thank you.



- Coffee (regular)
- Low-fat salad dressing (not Italian)
- White vinegar
- Storage/freezer bags
- Raisins
- Sunflower seeds

United Methodist Women

The "second spring" session of United Methodist Women met April 4, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in the Calico Room of Heritage Pointe with ten members present. President Barbara Hart led with a brief devotional opening and the group joined together with the U.M.W. Purpose. Prayer Calendar notices of activities in world-wide mission were noted, as well as special birthdays of missionaries being celebrated today. We were reminded that those places and people serve in the fields of mission for us!

Carolyn Winters, our Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator, was warmly welcomed back to our group after a lengthy absence due to surgery. She led us in prayers of both joy and concern for members of Solid Rock Church and our group. Ann Brauchla-Slaughter, in her designated "Mission Moment," reminded us of our opportunities and needs as Christian women to care for others. Older women are particularly targets for scams.

Carolyn Winters' lesson dealt with

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many aspects of how to care for others. It was entitled "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial." An offering was taken to be used in organized, helpful resources which offer women, children and youth ways to master skills such as budgeting, establishing or maintaining credit, and many other needed financial skills. Readings prepared by Carolyn concerning problems in these areas were shared among members present. Members may continue offerings to this special effort at our next meeting, in the envelope distributed today or an envelope marked for "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial." These offering envelopes need to reach our Treasurer (either Barbara Hart or Ann Brauchla-Slaughter).

Business included minutes of the March meeting and a Treasury Report showing a March 31 balance of \$1149.52. In the absence of an elected Treasurer, Ann

Brauchla-Slaughter will be assisting President Barbara with the work of Treasurer.

A new project for our unit was proposed and discussed: helping young children in school with needs for socks and underwear. This was tabled for further discussion and will be taken up at our next meeting.

Men's Fellowship

The Solid Rock Men's Fellowship met on April 13, 2013, at Heritage Point with 13 men in attendance. Bill Couch opened the meeting with prayer. Breakfast was served by Kim's Katered Affair.

Randy Hensley shared two devotionals, "Two are Better than



One" (Ecclesiastes 4:9) and "Train up a Child ..." (Proverbs 22:6).

The group discussed the upcoming pizza fundraiser on April 16.

Closing prayer was offered by Rev. Joe Haney. The next meeting will be May 11, 2013. Reservations need to be made with Steve Holmes not later than May 9.

Stamp Out Hunger

On Saturday, May 12, local communities across America will be asked to join the U.S. Postal Service and its letter carriers to combat one of this nation's growing problems — hunger.

About 50 million Americans — including 17 million children — now live in families that lack sufficient food.

The Postal Service, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), Campbell Soup Company, Feeding America and other partner organizations are working together to collect food donations on May 12. It is the nation's largest single-day food drive in local communities across America — including



Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

Now in its 20th year, the Stamp Out Hunger food drive benefits Feeding America, the nation's largest domestic hunger-relief organization.

In 2011, letter carriers collected 70.2 million pounds of food donated by customers on their delivery routes, which marked the eighth consecutive year the total food collection was at least 70 million pounds.

How to Participate in Stamp Out Hunger food drive: To participate in the 20th Stamp Out Hunger food drive, residents are encouraged to leave a sturdy bag containing non-perishable foods, such as canned soup, canned vegetables, pasta, rice or cereal next to their mailbox prior to the time of regular mail delivery on Saturday, May 12. Letter carriers will collect these food donations as they deliver the mail and take them to their local food bank or pantry.

March Financial Update

General Offerings	\$13,790
General Fund Expenses	\$11,373
Building Fund Contributions	\$8,149

A life-filled prayer

A high school senior in Washington, D.C., offered this graduation prayer, which applies to people of all ages:

"Dear God, grant us one thing before we leave the sheltered reassurance of our childhood. Show us life. Not an empty, shallow world of shallow people and shallow dreams, but real life. For we have known the bliss of childhood as well as the passion of adolescence.



"We want to make the world a better place, but we don't know how. We want to throw our arms around our brothers and our sisters, but our hands cannot reach. We want to break the cycle of violence and the bonds of injustice in our society, but we're not strong.

"Smile on us when we drink from the waters of truth. When we are old, reassure us that our struggle helped make the world a kinder, gentler and more peaceful place. And please, God, don't let us die without ever having lived."

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LOOKING INTO THE SKY

As Jesus ascended into heaven, two angels had a message for his disciples.

Directions: Underline the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write it on the line below to complete the angels' message in Acts 1:11, NIV.

1. strange same odd	2. Lazarus Jesus Martha	3. who then there	4. pear been apple	5. taken cat dog
6. sky from earth	7. you work toil	8. desk chair into	9. house hallway heaven	10. can't will won't
11. breakfast come lunch	12. nose back mouth	13. see the hear	14. oval round same	15. way girl boy
16. his her you	17. white have black	18. one seen two	19. go low high	20. sea heaven ocean

"This _____, _____ has _____
 _____,
 _____ in _____

 _____ him _____ into _____."

Acts 1:11, NIV

"This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11, NIV

People with no religious affiliation—atheists and agnostic—now make up the third-largest "religious" group in the world. According to the Pew Forum, 2.2 billion call themselves Christians, 1.6 billion identify themselves as Muslims, and roughly a billion consider themselves "Nones," unaffiliated with any religion. (Thanks for sharing this, Pauline!)

Must-have traits

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.

—George Washington Carver

ASCENSION CRAFT



Use this craft to remember where Jesus is now and the promise of his return.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 4 cotton balls
- Blue plastic cup
- Glue
- Scissors
- White paper
- Markers or crayons
- Fishing line (about 14")
- Paper clip

What you do:

1. Set the cup upside down. Pull apart the cotton balls, forming cloud shapes, and glue them around the cup.
2. With an adult's help, poke a hole in the bottom of the cup.
3. On the paper, draw and cut out a Jesus figure. Color both sides.
4. Poke a hole atop Jesus, string fishing line through the hole and tie a knot.
5. String the other end through the hole in the cup. Tie the end to a paper clip.
6. Pull up the paper clip to take Jesus into the clouds.

"We are only fully alive when we're helping others."
 —Rick Warren

Mistaken identity

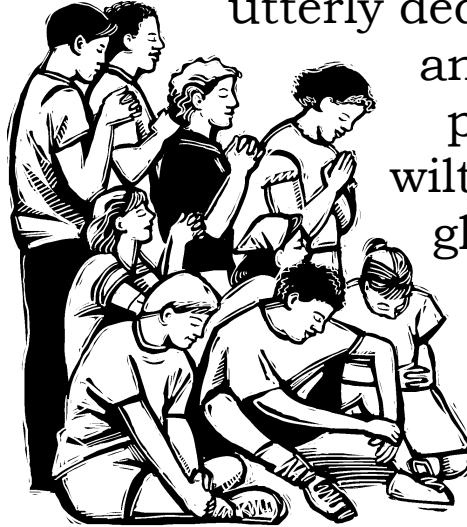
Two cars waited at a stoplight. When the light turned green, the first driver didn't notice. The woman behind him pounded her steering wheel and yelled. When the light turned yellow, she honked, made an obscene gesture and cursed. Hearing the commotion, the man looked up and accelerated through the intersection just as the light turned red. The woman ranted at missing her chance to get through.

Suddenly, she heard a tap on her window and looked up to see a policeman. He told her to get out and place her hands on her car. The bewildered woman was hustled into the patrol car, booked at the station and placed in a cell.

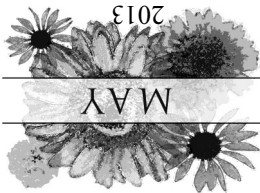
Eventually, the original officer returned and apologized for the mistake. "I noticed your behavior," he said. "Then I saw the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker and the Christian fish emblem. Naturally, I assumed the car was stolen."



Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, but always to the glory and the welfare of thy people, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



- William Temple (1883-1944)



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