



News From The Rock

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Youth Fellowship

We are looking forward to a busy November and December with several events and youth meetings. We would like to start our youth mentor program in January. If you are interested in being a youth mentor, or would like more information, please let Marie or Michelle know. We are looking for a few adults who would be interested in leading a small group of two or three youth at an occasional UMYF meeting—leading a discussion session with them—and just touching base about their lives and their faith. Please let us know if you are interested.



We are sending three youth to the Bishop's Leadership Academy in Indianapolis on November 1 and 2. Please be praying for Walker, Tom, and Robby as they attend this event.

UMYF is for all youth in grades 6-12. Come and join us and bring a friend!

Upcoming Events:

- October 26: Rake Leaves/Fall Party, 4:00 at the church
- November 1-3: Bishop's Academy
- November 10: Pizza after church of East of Chicago
- November 17: Meeting, 6:45-8:15 at church
- December 1: Caroling with the church at Heritage Pointe
- December 7: Lasagna Supper, 6:00 p.m. at the church
- December 22: Meeting, 6:45-8:15
- January 3-4: Lock-In at the church

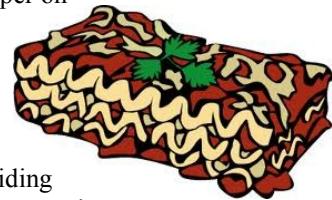
CROP Walk

Walkers braved the rain to participate in this year's CROP Walk on October 6. Twenty-four walkers represented four churches, Union, Salamonie Church of the

Brethren, Warren Church of Christ, and Solid Rock. Two churches made contributions totaling \$1,509.05. Walkers from Solid Rock included Walker Spahr, Rachel Anderson, Robby Bolinger, Thomas Bolinger, Mariah Pfister, Michelle Woody, Rochelle Dehaven, and participating via golf cart, Lamoine DeHaven and Dave Spahr.

UMYF Lasagna Supper

You are invited to join us for a relaxing evening of good food and entertainment. The UMYF will be hosting a Christmas Lasagna supper on Saturday, December 7, at 6:00 p.m. The youth will also be providing some dinner entertainment.



Please make your reservations by contacting Marie at 228-0070, or by calling the church office. You will need to make your reservation by November 30.

There will be a free-will donation that will go towards a basketball goal for the church.

Bazaar success

Our first bazaar in our new building was a great success, bringing in over \$2,950. The proceeds will be divided among the College Scholarship Fund, WAMA, the Food Pantry, Associated Churches (Bible Trailer), and the church storage building (yet to be built).

What a great turnout as we had very little left from the lunch counter. All the tables were full of people eating and enjoying the fellowship with one another.

Thank you to all who provided items for the lunch counter, bake sale, and for craft items; and a thank you to all who shopped and purchased craft or baked goods.

Surely the goodness of the Lord was with us on the day of the bazaar. See you all next year.

Just Leaning on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps. (Nehemiah 12:27)

This month not only holds a time of

"My personal thanksgiving to God is for all of you"

Thanksgiving as individual families, but we will also see the Thanksgiving Dedication service of our new church. Much

like they did in Nehemiah at the dedication of the wall, we too will have visiting dignitaries to our church family and to our fair town. This dedication will bring a representative for the Indiana Conference, the Reverend Doctor Cindy Reynolds, and a representative from the Northeast District of the Indiana Conference, the Reverend Doctor Dave Michel. I'm also hopeful we'll have singing and music with great gladness and thanksgiving as well. I hope you can join us on November 3 at 10:00.

The second opportunity for Thanksgiving has to do with the annual event of Thanksgiving. My personal thanksgiving to God is for all of you and pray your Thanksgiving will be bountiful and happy!

Shalom,
Pastor Kathy

Omission

Last month's article regarding the bell donated by John and Doris Paul neglected to note that the bell was cast in 1814. Thanks again to the Pauls for this gift.

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women of Solid Rock Church met October 3, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. in the Calico Room of Heritage Pointe with 11 members present. President Barbara Hart opened the meeting, sharing a devotional message from our state president, Carolyn Mahey, entitled "Empowerment through Gratitude"—gratitude for God's gift and hence our work, still meeting needs of women and children. Our ever-meaningful Purpose was repeated by all. Barbara called our attention to the 2013 Prayer Calendar Mission Focus for this month, which is our U.M.W. Women's leadership in Nigeria, and birthdays of two women missionaries who serve.

Joys and concerns in our local unit were shared. We missed Carolyn Winters' leadership and will be thankful when she can return. Joy was expressed that members are using our reading books.

Mission Moment was presented by Lucille Pinkerton, who read passages from a book entitled "A Cup of Comfort"—a story of the 45 years of friendship between two elderly women. We smiled, considering our own valued friendships.



United Methodist Women

you note received from Katie Davidson, Clinic Assistant of the school.

Election of next year's officers was held, with verbal approval of the following: President, Barbara Hart; Vice-President, Ann Brauchla; Secretary, Margaret Bell; Treasurer, Bernadine Garrett; Mission Coordinators as follows: Spiritual Growth, Carolyn Winters; Social Action, Ann Brauchla; Program Resources, Sue Beeks; Committee on Nominations, Ann Brauchla; and Appointed Committees: Cards, Margaret Bell; and Local Emergencies, officers.

A wonderful program and lesson was presented by Bernadine Garrett, who had been able in the 1990s to visit and do volunteer work with her husband and other volunteers from Indiana in the African state where Africa University is located. Two working visits were completed, and Bernie gave us many details about the mission work in this Zimbabwe area, and its people. The meeting was concluded by singing the hymn "Trust and Obey."

I'm closing when?

One idea I tried to instill in every single student I encountered throughout the years was that learning is a lifelong goal. "Learn something new each and every day and your brain will never grow old," was my mantra.

If that is accurate, my five days of residency in Imlay City have provided me with sufficient new information to last until April of 2018 without having to learn anything more. Under the category of "Buying an abandoned and foreclosed house in another state," there have been enough challenges to send me whimpering into a corner, assuming a fetal position and sucking

my thumb.

- July 2, 2013: Offer on house accepted; closing set for 7/26/13.
- July 5, 2013: Phone call: house not available due to being scheduled for auction.
- July 7, 2013: Retraction by bank; closing set for 7/29/2013.
- July 20, 2013: Title work (in Colorado) not ready, not forwarded to HUD; closing rescheduled to July 31, 2013.
- July 31, 2013: No paper work from HUD; extension for closing to 8/7/2013.
- Aug. 1, 2013: Phone call: closing set for 2:00 p.m. 8/5/2013 in Michigan.
- Aug. 5, 2013:
 - 2:00 p.m. No paperwork from Colorado because there were errors.
 - 4:00 p.m. Phone call: escrow closing scheduled for 4:30 p.m. (Escrow closing means I sign whatever is available, but get no title until paperwork comes through. Refused to sign.)
 - 4:30 p.m. Paperwork emailed with multiple "cross-outs" of errors. (Again, refused to sign.)
 - 5:00 p.m. Emailed paperwork, errors corrected; I signed.
- Aug. 8, 2013: Realtor appeared at front door and claimed Title Company made an error and money is still owed.

Lessons learned:

1. For students in Greentown Elementary School—India is the only country that has a Bill of Rights for cows;
2. For me—Instead of trying to buy a house when a really big bank (Oh, take one like Bank of America, for instance) and the Federal government are involved in the sale, run away as fast as you can.

Barbara Kleinhans

September Financial Update

General Offerings	\$12,953
General Fund Expenses	\$10,796
Building Fund Contributions	\$4,198

There is plenitude in God. That great fact must never be lost or obscured. We must not exchange this immense graciousness for a few scraps of human morality or a few shopworn proverbs. God is a vast reservoir of blessing who supplies us abundantly.

—Eugene H. Peterson, *Traveling Light*

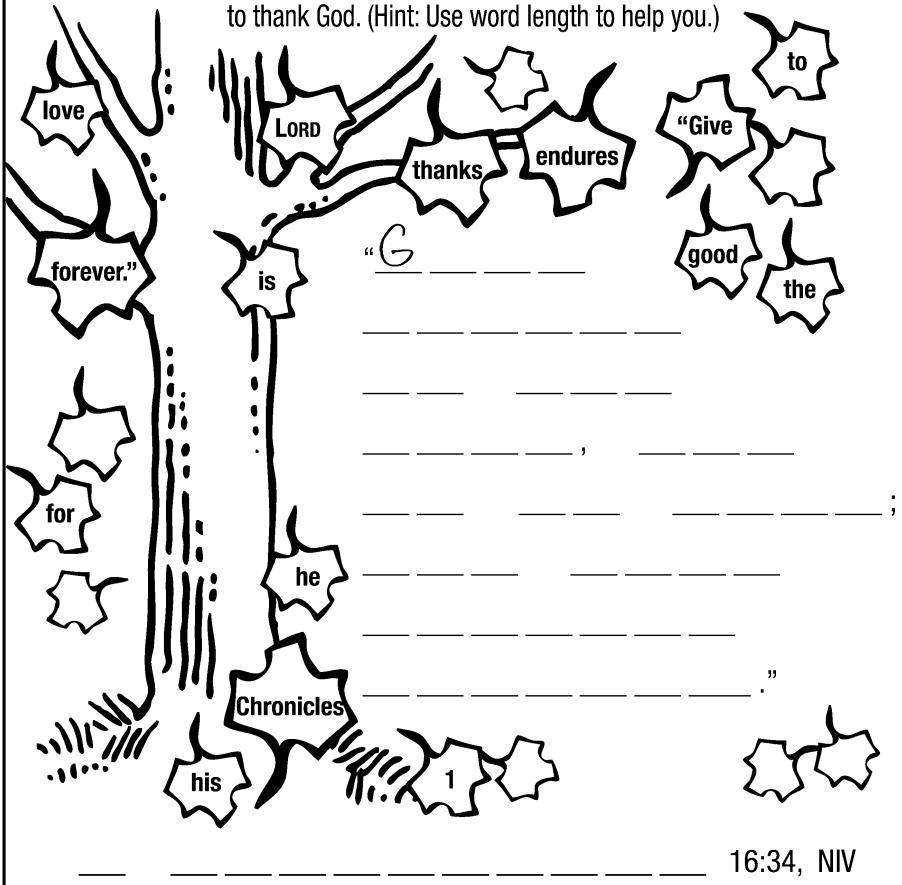
News deadline for the December newsletter: November 24

PUZZLE

Why we're thankful

Leaves falling from trees are a sign of autumn's arrival. Giving thanks to God is a sign of our gratitude for his many blessings.

Directions: Using the words in the leaves, discover why it's good for us to thank God. (Hint: Use word length to help you.)



Answers: "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever;" 1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV

Hundred-dollar word

During his lifetime, English poet and novelist Rudyard Kipling achieved both fame and fortune. One day a newspaper reporter approached him and said, "Mr. Kipling, somebody calculated that the



money you make from your writings amounts to more than \$100 a word."

The reporter pulled out a \$100 bill out of his pocket, gave it to Kipling and said, "Here, now give me one of your hundred-dollar words."

Kipling looked at the money, put it in his pocket and said, "Thanks!"

THANKSGIVING



Brighten your dinner table with these festive candle holders.

What you need:

- An adult's help
- Miniature pumpkins (palm size)
- Tea light candles
- Pencil
- Sharp knife
- Spoon



What you do:

1. Place a candle on top of each miniature pumpkin and trace around the candle's base.
2. Have an adult cut around the circle.
3. Scoop out the pulp and seeds.
4. Place a candle inside. Keep scooping, if necessary, so the candle sits inside the pumpkin nicely.
5. Decorate your dinner table with the pumpkins. Have an adult light the candles for you.



My thankful heart

Making the stuffing for Thanksgiving dinner helps restore my heart to gratefulness. First I cut bread into cubes to dry out. Has it really been a year since I thanked God for the simple things of life? Dear God, thank you for my daily bread. Next I boil giblets for the tasty broth. When did I last express thanks for my body — even the oft-forgotten parts? Thank you, God, for creating and sustaining me.

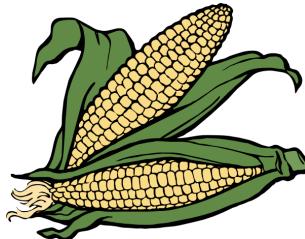


Then I dice onions and celery, adding them to the mixture. That reminds me to thank God for abundant harvests. Finally I measure raisins, nuts, sage and salt into the stuffing, as scents fill the air. Lord, help me not grow weary of the interesting "spices" that fill my life.

As the stuffing goes into the oven, warm air wafting into the kitchen, I remember to thank God for providing my home. Here relatives and friends gather, often an odd combination. Yet when we bow our heads in thankfulness, we're an unbeatable mix.

—MaryAnn Sundby

We thank You Lord for harvest time
For apples red and golden grain
For watermelon round and sweet
For sun to ripen after rain
And as we see Your fruitfulness
Your bounty rich for all to share
Help us to come with thankful hearts
And praise You for Your loving care



O Lord make us Your harvest here
That we may learn the way to live
In peace and love in hope and joy
That we may learn to care and give
Enable us with thankful heart
With soul that lives to sing Your praise
A harvest bountiful to bring
To You dear Lord for all our days



We thank You Lord for harvest time
When we can bring our autumn store
Our garden produce ripe and fresh
To give to those who need it more
Help us to see the whole year through
Where need exists and pain and shame
To give our goods our time our love
And do it in Your gracious name



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