



# News From The Rock

November 2015

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

## Veterans' Homecoming Celebration

Please pray for the Homecoming Celebration for veterans on November 15! We are inviting all veterans and their families to our 10 a.m. church service and a complimentary dinner at 5:30 with entertainment to follow.

Please pray about sharing your talent on Sunday evening, by reading a favorite scripture, doing a comedy act or joke, playing an instrument, singing a song... talents that are shared to show your love and to honor our veterans during their



Homecoming Celebration will be appreciated!

Please contact Gina Canady to be scheduled for your talent at Church, via email, [gina@wssbps.com](mailto:gina@wssbps.com), or calling 375-2556. A banner will be placed out beside SR 5 to invite veterans and their family to this event!

Officially, Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11. Our goal is to show all Veterans our love and support on this Sunday, in order to help bring awareness to Wednesday the 11th!

Please stay tuned for more information in future church bulletins. Volunteers will be appreciated for cooking, serving, singing and entertaining! Desserts are needed for November 15 evening dinner! Please help us join in the appreciation of our veterans on Sunday, November 15th!

## Church Charge Conference

The annual Church Charge Conference will take place at Ossian UMC on November 1 at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Paul is encouraging anyone available to attend this Conference.

## Youth Fellowship

Our next meeting will be on November 1 at 6:45 at the church. We will also be helping to serve at the Veterans' dinner on November 15. Be listening for announcements about times.

Our youth team is extending the ages for our youth ministry. We are also including any college age students as part of the youth ministry. If you are a college age youth, please join us! We would love to have you join us for spiritual growth, fun, and fellowship! If you have any questions about the college level part of our youth ministry, please contact Tom Bolinger.



## Upcoming Events

- November 1: Meeting at 6:45
- November 15: Veterans' Dinner
- December 6: Meeting at 6:45
- December 24: Christmas Eve Service at 10:30 p.m.
- December 29-30: Lock-in from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. at the church

## Harvest Sundays

Harvest Sundays are November 1, 8, 15, and 22. Please bring food items on these dates. All donations will go to the Bread of Life Food Pantry.



## CROP Walk

The Warren CROP Walk took place on October 4, with 27 participants from Citizens' Telephone, Warren Church of Christ, and Solid Rock UMC. A total of \$1,729 was raised to relieve hunger, both locally and globally. Thanks to Jay and Deb Shaw for assisting with their golf cart.



**Driving around north central Indiana** this past week I have been somewhat hypnotized by the trees and the brilliant colors on display. It seems to me that they are more prominent than in years past. Maybe it's because I'm getting older and have learned to appreciate things more. I don't know. Whatever the reason, this has always been my favorite time of the year. However when I stop the car and get out I am reminded that the leaves are falling off the trees and that this particular beauty will be short lived. Winter is right around the corner. Winter is the time when I often reflect upon the changing seasons of life. It is a reminder that there is an end to everything and I begin to wonder what legacy I might leave behind when my time on earth is finished.

Have you ever thought about what you are going to leave behind when you die? Most people think in terms of possessions—property, money, stocks and bonds, and so forth. But let's think in terms of spiritual heritage, what kind of lifestyle, what kind of understanding of who God is and what the Scriptures say will be your legacy?

You may say, "Wait a minute. You can't give someone else your faith. That's something everyone has to experience on a personal basis. You can't really give your faith away." You cannot give away your experience, I admit, but you can hand down your faith. You can leave your sense of moral values, the understanding of the principles of Scripture, those principles of the Word of God that have guided you and led you as you made your decisions in life....

If you are a Godly parent, look at what you may have to give to your children. You may not be able to leave them even a

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## “Feasting on the Word”

Each Monday evening an increasing number of persons are meeting in the church kitchen to study the scripture for the coming Sunday. The “Feasting on the Word” group has the following scriptures to review as the month of November approaches.

- November 2: Acts 2:42-47 (Joe Haney)
- November 9: Matthew 13:44-46 (Aletta Heath)
- November 16: Colossians 1:3-14 (Mike Heath)
- November 23: Mark 1:1-8 (Joe Haney)
- November 30: Matthew 2:1-12 (Aletta Heath)

Watch for listing of dates and readings for the rest of November to be published in the Sunday worship bulletin.

There is always room for more persons to join in this study of God’s Word.

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News deadline for the December newsletter: November 20

## United Methodist Women

The women of Solid Rock United Methodist Church met Thursday, October 1, in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe. Barbara Hart, President, welcomed each one present and read a devotional entitled



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Congo, Zambia, Africa.

Joys and concerns were taken by Carolyn Winters, and she offered prayer for those named.

The Mission Moment was given by Martha Plummer.

Roll call was taken, with eight members and two guests present.

The secretary’s report was read and approved. Barbara Hart gave the treasurer’s report. Balance as of September 30 was \$452.44.

A motion was made and seconded that we keep the same officers as the previous year. The motion carried. The officers are as follows: President, Barbara Hart; Vice-President, Ann Brauchla; Secretary, Martha Plummer; and Treasurer, Barbara Hart. Mission Coordinators are: Spiritual Growth, Carolyn Winters; Social Action, Ann Brauchla; and Committee on Nominations, Ann Brauchla.

A motion was also made and seconded that we pledge \$200 to missions for 2016, and that our total asking be \$10 per member.

Bernie Garrett told the story of Sammy Morris. It was a very interesting and informative story.

The next meeting will be November 5. The lesson will be given by Barbara Hart and will include the pledge service, at which time a World Thank Offering will be taken. The Mission Moment will be given by Mick McNany.

The meeting closed with Barbara Hart offering prayer.

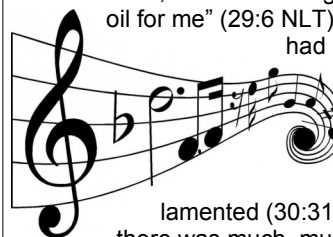
Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Plummer

## The Song of Our Lives

Everyone touched by a piece of music hears it differently. The composer hears it in the chamber of his imagination. The audience hears it with their senses and emotions. The members of the orchestra hear most clearly the sound of the instruments closest to them.

In a sense, we are the members of God’s orchestra. Often we hear only the music closest to us. Because we don’t hear a balanced work, we are like Job who cried as he suffered: “Now those young men mock me in song; I have become a byword among them” (Job 30:9).

Job recalled how princes and officials had respected him. His life was “awash in cream, and the rocks gushed olive oil for me” (29:6 NLT). But now, he had become the



target of mockers. “My harp plays sad music,” he

lamented (30:31 NLT). Yet there was much, much more to the symphony. Job simply couldn’t hear the whole song.

Maybe today you can hear only the sad notes of your own violin. Don’t lose heart. Every detail in your life is part of God’s composition. Or perhaps you are listening to a cheerful flute. Praise God for it and share your joy with someone else.

God’s masterpiece of redemption is the symphony we are playing, and ultimately everything will work together for His good purposes. God is the composer of our lives. His song is perfect, and we can trust Him.

*Lord, help me to trust You, especially when my life seems discordant and out of tune. I thank You because I’m part of Your symphony and Your song is perfect.*

**Faith in God’s goodness puts a song in the heart.**

- Keila Ochoa

## Methodist Mountain Mission

Solid Rock recently collected and loaded a truckload of donated items for the Methodist Mountain Mission. Thanks to those who helped load the truck: Dave Spahr, John Mills, Marg and Jack Bentley, and Rochelle DeHaven. Thanks also to George DeWeese for donated boxes and assistance in loading. Thank George when you see him!

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small amount of money, but if you have loved God and practiced the principles of Scripture, if you have loved your children and listened to them, you will leave them a faith to sustain them through every difficulty, every heartache, and every trial of life.

As the seasons of life come and go, our challenge as parents and as a church is to build strong Christian homes, to teach our children everything we know about God and life. By doing so we will in fact be leaving them the greatest treasure they will ever receive.

See you Sunday!  
Pastor Paul

## SOS

The Solid Rock SOS met on October 15. Highlights from this meeting:

- A devotion on helping someone be happy was given by Cindy Boxell. God has put you there to help them.
- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
- Joys and Concerns were shared.
- A lesson on "Letting God Fight Your Battles" (by Joyce Meyer) was given by Susan Mills. The devotion was based on 2 Chronicles 20 (Jehoshaphat Defeats Moab and Ammon). We are to:
  - Hear directly from God
  - Show God you are sincere
  - Talk to God about Himself
  - Now, Lord, behold our problems
  - Admit your dependence on God
  - Wait on the Lord
  - Wait for answers
  - Take your position
  - Believe and remain steadfast
  - Sing, praise and give thanks
  - The Lord brings deliverance
- A love offering was collected to be given to a community member in need.
- Old Business
  - Decided not to purchase fountain for the outdoor area, but to use the funds earmarked for the fountain in the future for another outdoor item potentially.
  - Remaining SSF thank-yous (lunch, breakfast) have been provided and were appreciated.
- New Business
  - Nominating committee set: Martina, Jessica, Lana, Kodi (Election at the

November meeting)

- Approved funds to be given to SSF to defray costs for Styrofoam cups and plates used at fish fry.
- Agreed to sing a special at Solid Rock in November.
- Pastor appreciation gift discussed.
- Will provide hot chocolate at Scarecrow Festival.
- Committee report: No report.
- Many cards were received and sent by the Corresponding Secretary.
- Prayer partners were assigned and the meeting was adjourned with prayer and a sung benediction.
- Attendance: 16

The next meeting will be on November 12, 2015, at Michelle Woody's house, with Marie DeWeese as co-hostess and Marie DeWeese giving the lesson.

## Fruitful Congregation Journey

Solid Rock participated in a "Why Vision?" workshop conducted by FCJ Coach Pastor Heather Olson-Bunnell on Sunday, October 18. Participants learned about the Church Life Cycle, the meaning of *vision*, and how a clear vision of God's desire for a church is necessary for successful ministry.

*Vision* is a clear, challenging picture of the future of the ministry, as you believe that it can and must be; the unique way your church will carry out the mission.

Vision is what God gives leaders in order to move our mission and meet particular needs for a particular time. *Vision does change*. Leaders come to understand what *can be* and then begin to take the steps necessary to *will be*.

The top 10 most receptive groups to a church's ministry are:

1. Second-time visitors (guests)
2. Friends of new believers
3. Divorced/single
4. First-time parents
5. Marriage problems
6. Parental challenges
7. Financial concerns
8. New residents
9. Illness
10. Recovery issues

A church's four mission fields include:

1. Those currently in your congregation

that don't have a personal relationship with Christ.

2. Those people outside church that ARE like you.
3. Those people outside church that ARE NOT like you.
4. Those in locations outside your community.

Vision weaves four things into our experience:

1. **Passion:** Vision evokes emotion.
2. **Motivation:** Vision provides motivation.
3. **Direction:** It serves as a road map and can simplify your decision making.
4. Vision translates into **purpose**.

Those in attendance at the workshop are participating in prayer walks in the community, asking God to reveal how He wants to use Solid Rock in this community (our mission field). Each prayer group will report back with a summary of what they heard God telling them. The next step will be to craft a vision statement to guide Solid Rock ministries going forward.

## Special Music

During the past three years Solid Rock has had the privilege of enjoying special music by these special people: Mixed Choir, Men's Choir, Ladies Choir, Praise Team, Perry and Tamara Spahr, John Mills, LeAnn Buzzard, Mindy Rider, Matt Walter, Dave Smitley, Tom Bolinger, Jonathan Bordeaux, Men's Quintet, S.O.S., Bill Couch, Liz Bolinger, Quartet (LeAnn, Tamara, Perry, Dave), Tom Bolinger and Kaylie Killian, Myrna Neff, Dave Smitley and Kim Cox, Bolinger Family, Tamara Spahr and Cheryl DeWeese, Candy Smith, Amelia Sabinski, Lissa Voss, Merisa Walter, Steve Smyth, Mike Tribolet's Quartet, Mary Sieberns, Rachel Tran, Caitlin Balsis, Randy Hensley, and V.B.S. Kids.

They have blessed us with their God-given talents. Marcia Jackson and Barbara Hart are thankful for their willingness to share and work with us.

In 2016 please contact the church office to schedule your family member, friend or yourself for special music during worship service.

### September Financial Update

General Offerings .....	\$14,507
General Fund Expenses .....	\$19,649
Mortgage Balance .....	\$234,338

## Experiencing God

Henry Blackaby's Reality #1:  
GOD IS ALWAYS  
AT WORK AROUND YOU.

- You never find God asking people to dream up what they want to do for Him.
- The pattern in the Scripture looks like this: you submit yourself to God, and you wait until He shows you what He is about to do.
- It is better to be still and do nothing *with* God than to be busy and do much *without* Him.
- For unless God allows you to see where He is working, you will not see it.
- You can involve yourself in doing good things, but you may miss the work that God intended you to do.
- The servant doesn't tell the Master what kind of assignment he needs.
- Instead he waits on his Master to give him the assignment.

## Thanksgiving Table Prayer

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.



- Mary Cronk Farrell

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