

News From The Rock

November 2019

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Worship committee announces upcoming events

Planning for the upcoming holidays took place during the October 17 meeting of the Solid Rock Worship Committee. Take note of these events and services.

- All Saints Day will be observed on November 3.
- Items for the Food Pantry will be collected on November 10, 17, and 24. Watch the bulletin for details.
- Veterans will be honored at the Veterans' Homecoming Celebration on November 10.
- Christmas flowers will once again be displayed in the sanctuary. Ordering information will be in the bulletin.
- The church will be decorated for Christmas on November 24. Volunteer assistance needed!
- The children of the church will present a Christmas program on December 22.
- Two Christmas Eve services will be held, at 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.



Veterans' Homecoming Celebration

Please pray for the Homecoming Celebration for Veterans that we honor them for everything they have done and sacrificed for the good of our country! Please invite all veterans, active duty military and their families and passed veterans' families to our 10:00 a.m. church service and a com-

plimentary dinner at 5:00 p.m. with Club Saxophone playing during dinner and an "Armed Forces Tribute" to follow.

Please feel welcome to wear your military uniform. Pictures in military uniform along with the branch and years of service will be displayed during the event and may be dropped off at Bolinger's Propane at the stoplight in Warren by November 1. Original photos are kept on the video and new photos are added each year featuring over 100 Veterans with more coming daily!



The veterans and families enjoy your desserts. Please let the church office know what dessert you can bring. Volunteers are appreciated to help set up, serve, bake, or clean up...all talents that are shared to support and honor our veterans during their Homecoming Celebration. Please contact Gina Canady if you are able to help, via email (gina@wssbps.com), or call 375-2556 or 375-3010.

Officially, Veterans Day is Monday, November 11. Our goal is to show all veterans our love and support on Sunday, November 10.

In order to help prepare for this event, please RSVP to Solid Rock at 375-3873. Walk-ins are welcome. A banner will be placed on SR 5 to invite veterans and their family to this event. Solid Rock encourages the congregation to attend one or both services on November 10 to show your love and support. Thank you veterans and active duty military for ALL you do for our country. God bless you and America!

September Financial Update

General Offerings.....	\$16,838
General Fund Expenses.....	\$21,045
Mortgage Balance	\$0



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

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Our Vision: Sharing and experiencing the life-giving message of Jesus, to restore wholeness and build an intentional community of hope, relationship, and purpose for everyone.

Solid Rock Small Group Opportunities

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS (Sunday School)

Children's Classes

- PEBBLES (Nursery)
 - Ages 0-4
- LITTLE ROCKS/ROCK FOUNDATIONS
 - Preschool-Grade 4
- ROCK SOLID YOUTH
 - Grades 5-12

Adult Classes

- FIRM FOUNDATION
 - Currently studying "I Give Up," by

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Worship Schedule

Sunday School at 9:00

Worship at 10:00

at 485 Bennett Drive, Warren

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - Noon

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Laura Story

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- REAL LIFE

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

- FEASTING ON THE WORD
 - Meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 in the church kitchen

SEASONAL SMALL GROUPS Fall 2019 Groups

- 9 COMMON LIES CHRISTIANS BELIEVE
 - Online Group
- LAUGH YOUR WAY TO A BETTER MARRIAGE
 - Meets Mondays, 6:30-7:45 at Solid Rock
- ATTITUDE IS YOUR PAINTBRUSH
 - Meets Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 at Solid Rock
- SHORT STORIES BY JESUS
 - Meets Thursdays, 9:30-11:00 at Heritage Pointe

For more information on small groups, call the church office, 375-3873.

"Feasting on the Word" Bible Study

Several centuries ago Isaac Watts wrote the words, "Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known." In like fashion



you also are invited to "march to Zion" during the month of November as we look into God's Word, anticipating the coming of Jesus. Join with a group of like disciples who gather in the Solid Rock kitchen on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. For one hour let your life be transformed by the power of God's Word. Bring your Bible and an open heart as we look together at the following passages.

- November 4: Luke 19:1-10 (Joe Haney, leader)
- November 11: Haggai 2:1-9 (Perry Spahr, leader)
- November 18: Luke 1:67-79 (Jorita Banter, leader)
- November 25: Romans 13:8-14 (Joe Haney, leader)

As the children of Israel were fed in the wilderness, so may we be fed in our journey of faith. Journey with us!

Firm Foundation Class begins new study

The Firm Foundation adult Sunday school class, which meets in the church kitchen, is beginning a study by Laura Story entitled "I Give Up: The Secret Joy of a Surrendered Life."

In this five-session video Bible study, recording artist and best-selling author Laura Story demonstrates the ironic joy found when we surrender everything to God and simply give up. Surrendering expectations and power is not a step-by-step process, but a willful, daily decision worth every single ounce of effort.

Plan to join us Sunday mornings at 9:00!



Present tense

After "turkey day" came and went last year, a pastor challenged church members to ask one another not "How was your Thanksgiving?" but "How is your Thanksgiving?" After all, giving thanks should be an ongoing act.

That doesn't always need to be profoundly deep, either. A.J. Jacobs, author of *Thanks a Thousand*, once asked a philosophy-professor friend what he was grateful for. The shockingly simple reply? "Sometimes I'm just grateful I have arms." That odd but spot-on answer shows the importance, Jacobs says, of being "thankful for things so omnipresent that they can escape our notice."

So ... how is your Thanksgiving?



The sacred in the everyday

All of the places of our lives are sanctuaries; some of them just happen to have steeples. And all of the people in our lives are saints; it is just that some of them have day jobs and most will never have feast days named for them.

—Robert Benson,
Between the Dreaming and the Coming True

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

United Methodist Women

Solid Rock United Methodist Women met on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe. Barbara Hart, president, welcomed all and gave an opening devotion about the 150 years that United Methodist Women members have been turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.

The Purpose of United Methodist Women was recited by all. The mission focus was for Vashti Center in

Thomasville, Georgia, a mission of U.M. Women working with children and youth since 1903. The birthday for the month of October was Brian Vincent, October 2, who was born in Indiana and serves as the coordinator of church planting in the Lusaka District of Zambia.

Joys and concerns were voiced and Bernie Garrett offered prayer.

The Mission Moment was given by Bernie Garrett on “That Just Is Not Fair!”

Secretary’s report and roll call were given by Doris Souers. Barbara Hart gave the treasurer’s report.

The next meeting will be November 7.



The Mission Moment will be given by Martha Plummer and the program will be “World Thank Offering” by Barbara Hart.

Today’s program was “Women Who Reached Out to Global Missions” by Martha Plummer. The meeting closed by reciting a closing litany.

Doris Souers, Secretary

Family Ministry Update

By John Pearson,
Family Ministry Coordinator

We enjoyed an average of 19 kids during our fall Kid’s Club session. On our final night this year, we invited parents to join us for supper and a review of the previous lessons. We had a total of 38 kids and parents present for that. We learned how to Be Trustworthy, Be Generous, Show Restraint, and Speak Kindly. Our activity for the evening was for the kids to get into the cars with their parents and go out into the community and do/demonstrate as many of these as they could accomplish in 15 minutes. We will be having a special themed Kid’s Night on the 3rd Thursday of the month for November, December, and January.

Rock Solid Youth did a service project on October 26th with a special hangout/bonfire at the Walter’s property. We have 13 kids and 3 adults from Solid Rock signed up to go to the CrazyPins outing with the WAY on November 2nd. We are also looking forward to helping serve during the Veteran’s Supper on November 10th. During youth group we have been doing a series titled “Glow” where we are looking into what it means to be a light for God.

There were around 30 people in attendance for the special outdoor s’more wor-



ship on October 13th. The married/couples small group has 7 couples taking part in the group and we are having a blast looking into what makes the opposite gender think the way they do. On Sunday, November 17, we will have a special activity for fami-

lies to do together sometime that afternoon. I will explain more once we get closer to the day.

Self-care for the sake of others

In light of Matthew 22:39, where Jesus says we should love our neighbors as ourselves, Rozella Haydée White writes: “I believe that we are called to love ourselves so that we can love our neighbor. I believe that loving God leads to loving self. When we love self, we practice how we are called to love others. Then when we love others, we love the incarnate God. And this cycle continues, leading us deeper into love with the One who is love.”



Unfortunately, many Christians have been taught that loving oneself is, well, selfish. But White understands self-care not as being self-serving but as recognizing oneself as a holy, beloved dwelling place for God.

She asks, “What if God has been inviting you not just to rest but to remember that you are first called to love God and love yourself? What if living out the commandments in that order gives you boundless energy to love others?”

Learning to give thanks

Last December I had my second knee replacement. Expecting this recovery to mimic the first, I went home to heal quickly. Instead, 10 days later one normal step led to the vertical splitting of my femur, an ambulance ride and surgery to insert screws and a long metal plate. I spent Christmas in the hospital and New Year’s in a rehab unit, feeling anything but thankful. Nearly a year later, the slow recovery continues.

Yet I see much to be thankful for: my caregiver cousin, who lengthened her stay considerably; my family; church friends who provided meals, prayers and love; and doctors and therapists, who put me back together and continue to encourage me.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I continue to work on patience but am learning — with God’s help — to “give thanks in all circumstances” (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

—Sandy Hyland





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A guide for giving

I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc. is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditures exclude them.

—C.S. Lewis

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the salt sea and the running water, for the everlasting hills and the never-resting winds, for trees and the common grass underfoot. We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendor of the summer fields, and taste of the autumn fruits, and rejoice in the feel of the snow, and smell the breath of the spring. Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty; and save our souls from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thornbush is aflame with your glory, O God our creator, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.



— Walter Rauschenbusch

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