



News From The Rock

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

October 2011

UMYF News

UMYF will be having a Fall Party on Friday, October 14. We will be going to Walter's pond for a cookout and outdoor games. Be sure to dress for the weather! We would also like to invite our mentors to attend this event. Youth and mentors, please RSVP to Marie by October 9 if you will be able to come! Also, the youth will be walking in the Crop Walk on October 2.

Remember that the regular UMYF schedule has started. We will have meetings on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of most months. We go to East of Chicago after church on the 2nd Sundays, and have Bible study right after church on the 4th Sundays. UMYF is for all youth in grades 5-12. Please come and join our Solid Rock youth!



We're excited to welcome Paige Wilson from Huntington University to our UMYF team!

Upcoming UMYF Events

- September 18: Meeting, 4:00-5:30
- September 25: Bible Study
- September 28: Volunteer Night, 6:00-8:00 at the Food Pantry
- October 2: CROP Walk, 1:30
- October 9: Pizza after church
- October 14: Fall Party
- October 16: Meeting, 4:00-5:30
- October 23: Bible Study
- October 30: Meeting, 4:00-5:30

Henderson Settlement Mission Trip

The week of July 29, 2012, is the date chosen for the Solid Rock mission trip to Henderson Settlement. Please give Rosalie your name if you plan on being used by God in His work in southeastern Kentucky, so that a place can be reserved for you.

An Introduction from Paige

Greetings!

My name is Paige Wilson, and I am the new Youth Director Intern for Solid Rock! I am a senior at Huntington University, pursuing my Bachelor's of Science in Youth Ministry. I have been serving in Ministry for about 6 years now, and I love every minute of it. God has given me such a passion, not only for Him, but for youth as well. I'm super excited to get to know these students, love on them, help them dive deeper in their relationship with Jesus, and serve alongside of them for His Kingdom. And trust, we will have a ton of fun through it all! Please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, or ways you want to get involved! I love meeting new people, so I look forward to meeting all of you over the next several weeks and getting involved with you and your youth! Thank you again for this amazing opportunity!

Paige Wilson
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Last call for directory photos

The Solid Rock directory is being updated. Anyone who has not yet submitted a photograph or information update should do so as soon as possible.

Just Leaning
on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



Are you interested in seeing the Holy Land? Our Bishop Mike Coyner is hosting a 10-day pilgrimage to Israel in February of 2013 and you're invited! You will experience the 'fifth gospel'—the land of our faith—as the biblical stories related to Jesus take on new meaning.

New to this trip will be a visit to Caesarea Philippi where Peter made his confession "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Highlights will include: a brief worship service on the Sea of Galilee, remembering our baptism at the River Jordan, walking the Way of the Cross in Old Jerusalem, and a communion service in the Garden Tomb site. Prices start at \$3,000 from Indianapolis and include airfare, hotels, daily breakfast and dinner buffets, entrance fees, most gratuities, and fuel surcharges at this time.

I would like very much for us to experience as a church family if this is of interest to you. I have talked to many colleagues who have made the pilgrimage and they all express how the Gospel comes alive as you walk where Jesus walked. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity.

Shalom,
Pastor Kathy

Kids Club



Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
until November 16

Have you noticed that things often seem to fall apart all at once? It could be a string of financial setbacks. First the refrigerator goes out, then the car won't start and then the roof starts leaking. Or maybe our relationships break down or our career unravels.

What can we do when hardships threaten to overwhelm us? Peanuts character Charlie Brown said, "I only dread one day at a time." But we can do better than that.

We can take a deep breath, cling to God's hand and keep walking, knowing that our heavenly Father is always with us.

The Reason Why

One month into another school year; a school year that has had one of the roughest beginnings in memory. It was the kind of beginning that caused me to question why I keep doing this to myself. Certainly, my family continued to remind me of my age, and the fact there is no reason to work. My typical response of "because it is still fun" did not seem to be working, when it was obvious to them I was not having fun.

The first two weeks were spent trying to fit too many students into too few hours and having to change the schedule for three buildings too many times. This was complicated by having to learn a new state-developed monitoring system promised to

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be infinitely better than the one we had to learn three years ago.

However, once the third week was under way, even though it was necessary to tweak the schedule every day, students immediately reminded me *the why* of my reluctance to walk away. Typically, speech therapy is conducted by pulling a small group of students out of their academic classroom for a short period of time, working with them and then sending them back. For the last three years, I have also gone into all of the K-3rd grades and presented language development lessons to all students. It's an extraordinary day when I can walk away from a classroom without having had to stifle my own laughter. Customarily, it is made so much more difficult for me because I have to watch the teachers and aides breaking up in the back of the room.

Example #1: In a kindergarten class, a little girl at the last table in the room, responded to a question so quietly I could not hear her. Apologizing for not being able to hear her, I asked her to repeat it. Before she could, a little boy at another table blurted out, "That's because you're too old."

Example #2: In a second grade class, I was explaining why everyone calls me "Mrs. K." (My name includes a blended stop-plosive and a liquid, two nasals and a sibilant. Some of these are the most frequent errors children make.) One little girl asked what my real name is. A student who has been on my caseload for two years (obviously not ready to be dismissed) volunteered the information that she knew my real name. Following is the exchange:

1st little girl, again: What is your real name?

Me: Mrs. K is what you can call me.

2nd little girl, again: I know her real name.

1st little girl, again: What is her real name?

2nd little girl: It's Mithith Twaimhanth.

Enough said.

Barbara Kleinhans

Second Annual Cornhole Tournament

October 9

See Randy Richardson
for information



Thank You!

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I have just begun my undergraduate career as a freshman at Manchester College. Fall classes started August 31st. My plans at this point in time are to major in Art (concentrating in digital media and animation) and minor in Spanish.

I wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude to the committee and to all of my Solid Rock UMC family for your generosity in funding this scholarship. I am truly grateful for the receipt of this scholarship, which was matched by Manchester, and used for assistance with tuition. Without your generosity, I would not have been able to cover the books and other supplies for this semester (some of the items came as a surprise after the term started!).

A part-time campus job is in the works, and I also plan to get involved in the theater, choir and other organizations on campus. I have enjoyed singing at church and participating in many church specials throughout the years, especially the youth Christmas Eve services.

Thank you so much for your support and prayers.

Blessings,
Rachel Decker

Anniversary Celebration

Robert and Martha Glass will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house on Saturday, October 22, 2011, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Fults Recreation Room at Heritage Pointe. All church members are invited to attend.

"I Believe"

I believe in sunshine;
but I cannot clasp its ray.
I cannot capture ocean tides;
just watch them day by day.
I believe in thinking;
yet no brick can think a thought.
I believe in loving;
though love can't be boxed or bought.
I believe in gifts from God ...
diverse, yet clear ... and thus:
I believe God's Love enfolds,
sustains, and blesses us!

—Peggy Ferrell, *Poems and Prayers*

United Methodist Women

The monthly meeting of the Solid Rock United Methodist Women was held September 1, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in the Calico Room of Heritage Pointe. President Myrna Neff opened the meeting with a brief devotional reading entitled "A Second Chance in Football and Life."

Mission efforts world-wide were recognized in Maryland; Nancy Faine, a deaconess in Clermont, Florida; Hak-Soon Chang, a staff person; and in recognizing the work of the Ecumenical Women's Network of Bogota, Colombia. Prayer focused on healing needs for member Carolyn Winters, recovering from surgery, and Francile McIntire, currently in health care. Unit members present (12) voted unanimously to purchase and send cards to members of our church family who are dealing with serious health problems.



United
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Women

Naomi Oxley presented a Mission Moment from *Guideposts*: recognition of the 400th year of the King James version of the bible. History notes that he sought to get all of his subjects into the same (English) version of the Bible; thus, the "King James" Bible.

The Unit voted unanimously to support our two children's homes in Indiana—Bashor Home in Goshen and the Home in Lebanon with a \$50 contribution to each.

It was voted unanimously to continue for the next year the same officers as presently are serving in the Solid Rock U.M.W. Unit. It was also decided, by unanimous vote, to change the current meeting time (9:30) to 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting, October 6, will be held at this new time. It will be a book review by Margaret Bell of one of the new U.M.W. reading books—*Disfigured*—the story of a Saudi Arabian woman who experienced the abuse of her husband and lack of understanding from other male figures in her family when she experienced success in a TV news career. Guests are invited to join this meeting's program.

Myrna Neff presented a very enjoyable and meaningful program at the September meeting. It was entitled "Reconciliation Journey of Jacob," and kept everyone fascinated to recall the Genesis account of Jacob's life in many areas, recognizing his longstanding "issues" with God and with his twin brother Esau.

The faith of Columbus, in his own words

"At a very early age I began to sail upon the ocean. For more than forty years, I have sailed everywhere that people go.

"I prayed to the most merciful Lord about my heart's great desire, and He gave me the spirit and the intelligence for the task: seafaring, astronomy, geometry, arithmetic, skill in drafting spherical maps and placing correctly the cities, rivers, mountains and ports. I also studied cosmology, history, chronology and philosophy.



"It was the Lord who put into my mind (I could feel His hand upon me) the fact that it would be possible to sail from here to the Indies. All who heard of my project rejected it with laughter, ridiculing me.

"There is no question that the inspiration was from the Holy Spirit, because he comforted me with rays of marvelous illumination from the Holy Scriptures, a strong and clear testimony from the 44 books of the Old Testament, from the four Gospels, and from the 23 Epistles of the blessed Apostles, encouraging me continually to press forward, and without ceasing for a moment they now encourage me to make haste.

"Our Lord Jesus desired to perform a very obvious miracle in the voyage to the Indies, to comfort me and the whole people of God. I spent seven years in the royal court, discussing the matter with many persons of great reputation and wisdom in all the arts; and in the end they concluded that it was all foolishness, so they gave it up.

"But since things generally came to pass that were predicted by our Savior Jesus Christ, we should also believe that this particular prophecy will come to pass. In support of this, I offer the gospel text, Matthew 24:25, in which Jesus said that all things would pass away, but not his marvelous Word. He affirmed that it was necessary that all things be fulfilled that were prophesied by himself and by the prophets.

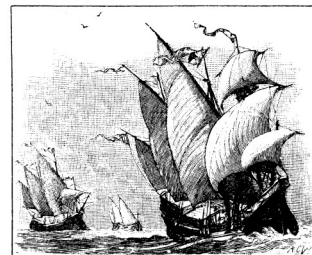
"I said that I would state my reasons: I hold alone to the sacred and Holy Scriptures, and to the interpretations of prophecy given by certain devout persons. It is possible that those who see this book will accuse me of being unlearned in literature, of being a layman and a sailor. I reply with the words of Matthew 11:25: "Lord, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hath revealed them unto

babes." The Holy Scripture testifies in the Old Testament by our Redeemer Jesus Christ, that the world must come to an end. The signs of when this must happen are given by Matthew, Mark and Luke. The prophets also predicted many things about it. Our Redeemer Jesus Christ said that before the end of the world, all things must come to pass that had been written by the prophets.

"The prophets wrote in various ways. Isaiah is the one most praised by Jerome, Augustine, and by the other theologians. They all say that Isaiah was not only a prophet, but an evangelist as well. Isaiah goes into great detail in describing future events and in calling all people to our holy catholic faith. Most of the prophecies of Holy Scripture have been fulfilled already... I am a most unworthy sinner, but I have cried out to the Lord for grace and mercy, and they have covered me completely. I have found the sweetest consolations since I made it my whole purpose to enjoy His marvelous presence.

"For the execution of the journey to the Indies I did not make use of intelligence, mathematics or maps. It is simply the fulfillment of what Isaiah had prophesied. All this is what I desire to write down for you in this book.

"No one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our Savior, if it is just



and if the intention is purely for His holy service. The working out of all things has been assigned to each

person by our Lord, but it all happens according to His sovereign will even though He gives advice. He lacks nothing that it is in the power of men to give him. Oh what a gracious Lord, who desires that people should perform for Him those things for which He holds Himself responsible! Day and night moment by moment, everyone should express to Him their most devoted gratitude. I said that some of the prophecies yet to be fulfilled. These are great and wonderful things for the earth, and the signs are that the Lord is hastening the end. The fact that the gospel must still be preached to so many lands in such a short time, this is what convinces me."

"God is in the business of taking old pieces of our lives, refinishing them and, at just the right time, surprising us with newfound beauty."

—Susan Duke

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Good and generous Lord, You have once more brought the year full circle, through planting and growing and ripening to harvest time, and autumn.

We thank You for the sun and the wind, the rain and the dew, the minerals of the earth and all the plants that grow and all the beasts and birds of farm and field. We marvel at Your wonderful ways of bringing food from the earth for man's good.

Dear God, help us to use Your rich gifts as You want us to. Teach us to share them with our neighbor when he is in need. Make us see, in the marvelous succession of seasons, and in the growth and ripening of our crops, the merciful, generous hand of Your divine providence.



Help us to realize, too, that if we keep Your commandments and live according to the inspirations of Your grace, we shall also reap a plentiful harvest in the autumn of our lifetime: a harvest that we will be able to enjoy for ever and ever, where

no rust can destroy,
nor blight spoil any
least part of it. **Amen.**

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