



News From The Rock

October 2009

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Administrative Council

The Solid Rock Administrative Council met on September 15. The treasurer's report showed August offerings of \$16,900 and Building Fund contributions totaling \$9,848. Assets total \$380,646. Of this, approximately \$215,000 is designated for the building fund.

The trustees presented updated wedding policies, which were adopted by the Council. The trustees also recommended, and council approved, the purchase of a new refrigerator for the kitchen. The trustees reported that logos and lettering will be painted on the church bus in the near future.

The Council requested that the Finance Committee meet to provide clarification of procedures for the handling of designated gifts.

Mandy Bordeaux reported for the committee investigating locations for an off-site ministry. A number of promising sites have been identified, and the committee was encouraged to continue their work.

Council was presented proposed budgets and officers for 2010, and both were approved. The 2010 budget totals \$163,739, which will be funded by average weekly offerings of \$3,149.

Henderson Settlement Mission Trip

Join with other members of Solid Rock on a two-day mission trip to Southeastern Kentucky. We will leave on Wednesday, October 21, at approximately 4:00 p.m., arriving at Henderson Settlement at approximately 11:00 p.m.

All are welcome. Anyone with a skilled trade is appreciated. We will be providing service to others on Thursday and Friday, returning home Friday evening.

The cost will be approximately \$100 per person for two night's lodging and five meals, as well as the travel expense. If you are interested, contact Pamela Hensley by October 1.

One Rock, One Church, One Challenge

The leadership team of this fall's capital campaign has selected the theme, "One Rock, One Church, One Challenge," recognizing the foundation of our faith, Jesus Christ, the unification of our two congregations, and the challenge that lies before us to construct a new facility to house the ministries of Solid Rock.

The capital funds campaign leadership team includes: Steve Holmes, General Chair; Jeff Walter, Campaign Secretary; Jerry Walter and Dave Spahr, Advance Commitments; Tamara Spahr, Spiritual Emphasis; Gary Walter, Communications; Rochelle DeHaven and Linda (Mc)Howell, Presentations; Mary Ann Holmes, Arrangements; and Wands Spahr, Reminders. These individuals are all available to answer your questions concerning the capital campaign.



Some important upcoming events:

- October 25: Prayer Sunday
- October 27: Advance Commitments Challenge
- November 2: Creative Giving Seminar
- November 15: Challenge Sunday
- November 22: Commitment Sunday
- December 6: Celebration Sunday

Here are five key principles that will be emphasized during this campaign:

1. God created and owns everything.
2. We are stewards (managers) of our life, time, talents, and resources.
3. Being a Christian steward requires personal commitment, discipline and sacrifice.
4. Stewardship is our joyful response to God for what He has done for us.
5. God holds us accountable for all that has been entrusted to us.

The congregation of Solid Rock is called to prayer as we learn more about stewardship and seek to hear God's call.

Just Leaning
on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



Matthew 25:35-40 "When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you wel-

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comed me, and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear.

When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me." Then the ones who pleased the

Lord will ask, "When

did we give you something to eat or drink? When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear or visit you while you were sick or in jail?" The king will answer, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."

I receive email from nicmail. This is an acronym for Northern Indiana Conference Mail. There has been much conversation concerning the full-page ad in the Fort Wayne newspaper concerning healthcare reform. Much of the discussion has been simply because the General Board of the United Methodist Church did not endorse this ad but the logo and the closure indicated that they did.

We do have people in this country without healthcare and I can't imagine how difficult that might be. Where do we fit into the argument? What can I do? I think Jesus answers it best in Matthew 25. If we do it for the least of these then we do it to Jesus. I can hear you now, Pastor are you telling me that anything I do to someone else I have done to Jesus? Yes, my brothers and sisters, that's exactly what I'm telling you. The best way we can do it to the least of these is to advocate for those

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Help! It's an avalanche

In this day of the electronic media, one would think there would be a reduction in the usage of paper. Admittedly, I think there are some programs or positions of environmentalists whose causes are "off the wall," but the decimation of whole forests is unarguable.

I am being buried in an avalanche of paper, paper, paper, in the form of notices, impersonal letters from innumerable causes, programs, ads and bulletins. In the space of one week, my mailbox yielded the following:

1. an AARP bulletin and an AARP magazine, which should not have occurred since I cancelled a 22-year membership in protest a month ago
2. sales catalogs from:
 - a. Wassota Trader (Who or what is Wassota?)
 - b. Kohl's
 - c. Vantage World Travel
 - d. Harriet Carter
 - e. BookStone and
 - f. Carol Wright Gifts
3. bulletins selling:
 - a. Chlorella—Japanese health supplement,
 - b. consumer Cellular telephones
 - c. Compass Cruise Holidays (O.K.,

- my nephew works for this agency in St. Louis. Sorry, Bruce.)
 - d. Dental Insurance
 - e. Advanced Cholesterol Formula
 - f. Cure for Macular Degeneration and
 - g. Users Guide to Calcium and Magnesium.
4. Miscellaneous:
- a. notice from Publisher's Clearing House
 - b. political ad on Health Care from Dan Burton
 - c. Newsweek Magazine (I haven't yet determined if my "...baby is a racist," because I have been so busy opening everything else.)
 - d. bill for auto insurance and
 - e. calendars from Easter Seals and Guideposts.

Oh yes. There was also a card from Nicole, the three-year-old great-granddaughter who tickles my heart every time I think of her. In reality, that alone makes the trek to the mailbox worth the effort, so whining about having to sort through the hereinabove listed deluge doesn't seem to be such a big deal.

- Barbara Kleinhans

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

During our September 20 meeting, we talked about building good relationships. They made bridges and we had a test to see if their "relationship" bridges would hold the weight. They got money to "buy" materials for their bridge by answering trivia questions. Ask a UMYF member if you want to know the answers:

Which UMYF leader had a blue parakeet named Butchie Boy- that turned out to be a girl!

Which UMYF leader wanted to be a veterinarian when they were little?

Which UMYF leader loves Indiana Jones movies?

Which UMYF leader liked to tease their brother?

The UMYF will have a Fall Bash, hosted by Gary and Rosalie Walter at the farm pond of Jerry and Lois Walter, on October 17 beginning at 5:00. Bring warm clothes and old shoes as we plan to be outside.

Upcoming events:

- October 4, Meeting, "Anger"
- October 17, Fall Bash, 5:00
- October 18, Meeting, "Language/ Choices We Make"
- November 1, Meeting, "Fitting In"
- November 15, Meeting, "Money and Spending"
- December 6, Meeting, "Christmas: Keeping the Meaning"
- December 20, Meeting, "Spiritual Gifts"

Meetings are from 4:00-5:30 at the church. The Fall Bash will be at the farm of Jerry and Lois Walter (11190 S 300 W), beginning at 5:00.

Cares Ministry

As the seasons change and the days quickly pass, remember to lift your fellow precious stones up with prayer, cards, and words of encouragement. As the Capital Funds Campaign and the anticipation of a new building to worship and serve the Lord Jesus Christ are before us, let us remember the words of I Thessalonians 5:11 to encourage one another and build each other up. If you have misplaced your Cares Ministry paper with the names of your fellow jewels, please see your gem of a care coordinator or Rosalie. May God pour His richest blessings upon each of you.

Exercise group starting

A new exercise group, organized by Mariah Spahr, will be starting soon. It will meet in the fellowship hall. Watch the bulletin for details.

Prayer groups organized

"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

Prayer will be an essential part of the capital campaign. New prayer groups are being organized by Robert DeWeese (for men), Linda K. Howell (Heritage Pointe), Patty Hensley (mixed group), Oma Zent (townhouses/villas), and Jeff Walter (young adults). Watch for details. Prayer packets will also be distributed at the start of the campaign in mid-October.

Sue Wechsler is making arrangements for interested persons to walk the labyrinth at Victory Noll. The tentative date is October 11.

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less fortunate than ourselves. We are blessed to have a government where we can express our concerns. Yes, you too can write, call or email your representatives and express your concerns to them. I guarantee they will welcome your comments. How about it kids? Let's help our brothers and sisters by advocating for them.

United Methodist Women

The Solid Rock United Methodist Women met at Heritage Pointe on September 3. President Myrna Neff opened the meeting with devotions from William Barclay's book *Day by Day*, followed by the Prayer Calendar. Carolyn Winters led the group in joys and concerns, closing with prayer.

Fifteen members were in attendance. Correspondence was read from Lucille Rains Building in Indianapolis. The Eat to Heat is progressing but far from done. It was necessary to replace the entire heating system, radiators and all.

Mission Moments were given by June Shideler. She selected one of the Historic Warren articles from the Warren Weekly published in the 1980s, written by Roger Van Winkle about Otterbein Church, located at the corner of State Roads 218 and 221. She closed with inspirational poems and prayer.

The nominating committee of Ann Slaughter and Mick McNany announced the officers for 2010: President, Myrna Neff; Nominating Committee, Coordinator of Social Action, and Vice-President, Ann Brauchla Slaughter; Secretary and Coordinator for Education and Interpretation, Mary Emma Holmes; Treasurer, Barbara Hart; Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth and Membership Nurture and Outreach, Carolyn Winters; Program Resources, Treva Holt; Nominating Committee, Mick McNany.

The Fall Bazaar will be October 10.

In October, our unit will no longer be part of Huntington District but Northeast District, due to the reorganization of the conference.

Myrna's lesson was entitled, "The Potluck: Listen and Learn Around the Table." American Indians began what we call "potluck." They called it "pot latch." Myrna had a copy of "Walking Through Native History: European Contact Through Present Day," and shared shocking statistics.

She had borrowed a number of items from Becky Parker, such as woven rugs, an

earthen candle holder that looked like a vase, moccasins Becky had made for a baby, a cradle board the women used to carry babies on their backs, and a sketch of an Indian woman that looked like a photograph.

The group sang the hymn "Sois la Semilla" ("You Are the Seed"). We continue the nurturing as we need to grow.

Becky Parker acquired the items displayed while working at the Southwest Indian School. Solid Rock donates \$100 monthly to the school. You can also help by saving commemorative stamps and barcodes from Campbell's Soups. Mary Emma Holmes mails them. Flyers are in the lobby of the church for more information.

The next meeting will be October 1. Pastor Kathy Newton will present the program. Naomi Oxley will provide the Mission Moment.

Men's Fellowship

The Solid Rock Men's Fellowship met on September 9, 2009, in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe, with 14 men in attendance. Bruce Preston opened the meeting with prayer. Breakfast was served by Kim's Katered Affair.

Devotions were provided by Marion Bell. He presented two reflections, "Time on Your Hands," based on 2 Timothy 4:6-8, and "Six Ways of Knowing and Believing," using Proverbs 24:3-5. "What you believe to be true should be embraced with great care."

The Men's Fellowship will host an East of Chicago pizza fundraiser on October 20.

Officers were elected for 2010. Dale Smith will serve as president, Dave Spahr will be vice-president, and Gary Walter will be secretary.

Closing prayer was offered by Norm Wolfe. The next meeting will be on October 10.

UMYF Fall Bash
October 17 • 5:00 p.m.

At the farm of Jerry and Lois Walter
11190 S 300 W
(First house south of SR 218 on SR 5)



Wiener roast around the campfire at the pond!
Hayrides!

Solid Rock attendees participate in fair

Heritage Pointe held its third annual fair in the Exhibit Hall (Fults Recreation Room). All sorts of woodworking, chair caning, quilting, weaving, knitting, crewel embroidery, cross-stitch, baskets, jewelry, pottery, ceramics, and fine arts were displayed.

Solid Rock attendees participating included James and Lois Campbell, Bill and Freddie Couch, Peg Christner, Mildred Elam, Robert Glass, Roberta St. John, and Mary Emma Holmes. After the judging, this group won several first and second place ribbons and lots of honorable mentions.

Ministry Fair Follow-up

During the recent Ministry Fair, numerous areas of ministry were featured, and opportunities given for attendees to sign up for those in which they were interested.

We are thankful for the 72 individuals who expressed interest. All but nine ministries had at least one person sign up. Several of these were proposed new ministries. For a new ministry to succeed, both leaders and active participants are needed.

Some proposed ministries received a limited response. Before tabling these ministries, we would like provide one more opportunity for individuals to join or assist in organizing them:

1. "How is it with your soul?" (A time for people to get together, share, and build their relationships with the Lord.)
2. Men's Bible Study
3. Purpose Driven Life (A 40-day study by Rick Warren)
4. Welcome to Our Town (Check with the town hall for new people in Warren and provide basic information)
5. Solid Rock Facebook (Log on and witness to others)

One of the key elements of a successful church is fellowship. What a great way to serve our Lord, promote church growth, and have fun while doing it!

The Ministry Fair will become an annual event. This will provide an ongoing opportunity to become involved in various ministries.

New Nursery Service!

Parents: When you take your child to the nursery, please leave your cell phone number on the sign -in board. If you need to be contacted, your cell phone will be called. (Please leave your phone on vibrate during the service.)



Solid Rock Bazaar

Saturday, October 10
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Knight-Bergman Center

- Food
- Crafts
- Baked Goods



A Family Prayer for Autumn

God of all the colors of the rainbow, thank you for this amazing fall day when the leaves are bright with hues that will soon fade as winter comes near. You made these leaves for us to enjoy, to give us shade in summer and now to see in a whole new way as they begin to fall and die. Their dying now will make room for new life next spring, just as when we die to the selfishness inside we make more room for your new life in us. You made each one of us as different as each of these leaves, each very special to you. Help us to see your love in many ways all around us and to enjoy this colorful time of year.

Amen!



- Kathleen Finley



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