



News From The Rock

October 2018

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

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

Annual bazaar set for October 20

Solid Rock's Annual Fall Bazaar will be Saturday, October 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The bazaar will host a number of local vendors featuring a variety of hand-made crafts and one-of-a-kind items, including silk floral arrangements, bath bombs, Color Street Nail Art, knitted hats, gloves and scarves, Baby Snuggles, home décor, paint-ings, Tupperware, woodworking items, stained glass suncatchers and candle holders, fall and Christmas items, and more.



A free-will donation lunch, featuring a variety of soups and desserts, will be served beginning at 10:00. Homemade goodies, including pies, candies, cookies, noodles, breads, and soups will be available for purchase.

Solid Rock is located at 485 Bennett Drive, Warren. Proceeds are used to fund various church and community ministries.

Family Ministry Update by John Pearson, Family Ministry Coordinator

Since joining the staff here at Solid Rock, I felt the different children and youth areas need their own identity. With that being said, our nursery will be called "Pebbles," pre-school age will be "Little Rocks," elementary will be "Rock Foundations," and the youth (5th-12th)



"Rock Solid Youth."

We will not be releasing children in the nursery or children's church until a parent or guardian comes to pick up their child. The nursery will be offered prior to the start of service. Whoever is in the nursery for service needs to arrive 5-10 minutes prior to the start of service to relieve the person in the nursery from the Sunday School hour. We will be getting a dry erase board posted in the nursery, and whoever is in the nursery will write down the child's name, parent/guardian name,



and phone number. It will be up to the parent's discretion when they bring their child into the nursery, whether it is at the beginning of service or after the children's sermon.

We will be doing one Sunday school class for preschool- 4th grade and one Sunday school class for 5th-12th grades.

We have been averaging 14 kids and having a lot of fun learning about Esther at Kids Club. We had 9 kids come out for the Back-2-School Bash, in which we played several "Minute-to-Win-It" games instead of the kickball game due to the weather, but still had a water balloon fight.

"Rock Solid Youth" is on Sundays from 6:30-8:00 p.m., we have been averaging five each night so far. We have an upcoming youth outing on November 9 called "Big Church Night Out." We will be meeting at the church at 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$13 plus food money, and the deadline to sign up is October 7.



from
Pastor Paul

I'd like to share with you a story I found on the internet recently. It's meant to illustrate how ridiculous it is to claim to follow Christ, but know little about him or his teachings

I'd like to begin by telling you a little story about something that happened to me this week. I took the minivan in for an oil change at the Chrysler dealer. I was sitting in the waiting room, which was empty except for me and one other man. I was a little bored, so I struck up a conversation.

And after a while, the topic of President's Day came up. He thought it was a shame that instead of celebrating Lincoln's birthday and Washington's birthday like we used to, we now just have one generic holiday for all the Presidents. He went on to say that he considered Lincoln to be a great man, one of the greatest men in American history; perhaps even the greatest man in history, period. In fact, he even said that he tried to live his life according to the teachings and example of Abraham Lincoln.

Well, now, this piqued my curiosity. I'd heard of Confucians, and Buddhists. But I'd never met a "Linconian," a disciple of Abraham Lincoln. I didn't even know there was such a thing. So I inquired a little further:

"Are there others like you?" I asked.

"Oh yes, there's a group of about 40 here on the West Side; we meet once a week on Friday evening (that's the day

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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.

SOS

SOS met at the church with Martina Cocklin as hostess on September 13. Co-hostess was Pamela Hensley and the lesson was given by Cindy Boxell. There were 17 members and two guests in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President Kodi Elliot. The minutes for the August meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was given.

The lesson was given by Cindy and was entitled "Choose Your Joy."

Joys and concerns were spoken by the members and prayer was led by Kodi.

Old business was discussed and a few new items were introduced under New Business.

The love offering was collected. The

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Sunday School at 9:00
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monies collected each month are given to a local resident or organization who is in need of funds.

Prayer partners for the next month will be the second person to your right. Next meeting will be October 11 at the home of the hostess, Debb Smitley. Susan Mills will act as co-hostess; Lana Myers will present the lesson.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of our benediction.

Monday Evening Bible Study

With the arrival of the fall season comes the harvest from "Feasting on the Word."

In fact, we have five Monday evenings to gather in the Solid Rock kitchen to

prepare for our Sunday worship services. This small group adventure will be looking at several gospel lessons plus one coming from the first epistle of John. Each scripture reading comes to us as a challenge in our discipleship of self-growth and bringing other people to know Jesus as Lord. If your schedule is tight, we strive to keep to our one hour commitment. Try something new this fall!

- October 1: Matthew 5:14-16 (Joe Haney, leader)
- October 8: Mark 12:41-44 (Perry Spahr, leader)
- October 15: 1 John 3:16-24 (Jorita Banter, leader)
- October 22: Luke 12:13-21 (Joe Haney, leader)
- October 29: Mark 9: 33-37, 10:13-16 (Perry Spahr, leader)

We are looking forward to your presence!

Bible Study time change

The Wednesday Bible study at Heritage Pointe will meet at 10:00 a.m. now instead of 9:30.

August Financial Update

General Offerings	\$14,747
General Fund Expenses	\$17,908
Mortgage Balance	\$28,076

Children/Youth Changes

NAMES

Nursery: Pebbles
Preschool: Little Rocks
Elementary: Rock Foundations
5th-12th: Rock Solid Youth

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starting in October, there will be one class for preschool through 4th grade, and one class for 5th through 12th grade.

NURSERY/CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children will stay in the designated rooms until parents come to pick them up. Starting in October, nursery will be available before the start of the worship service.

The Remnant House

This is a new home starting up by Jessica Ralston-Brooks. It will be a home for women to end drug addiction. If you have questions, contact Gina Canady.

Needs List for The Remnant Ministries

Needs include: \$1,000 for lumber and hardware for bunk beds, twin mattresses, twin sheets, comforters, pillows, dressers, large dining room table and chairs, TV, paint allowance, living room furniture, feminine hygiene, toilet paper, paper towels, trash bags, bath, hand and dish towels, hangers, laundry soap, laundry baskets, women's clothing, shoes all sizes, storage containers, Bibles and Bible tabs, notebooks, pens, pencils and highlighters, folders.

Other needs are: blender, coffee pot, vehicle that seats 8-12 passengers, weed eater, cleaning supplies, mops, brooms, vacuum cleaner, iron and ironing board, snow shovels, extension cords, power strips, kitchen (butcher) knives, cooking utensils, can opener, Tupperware, electric mixer, drinking glasses, coffee cups, measuring cups and spoons, baking utensils, silverware, plates, bowls, pots and pans, lawn mower.

- "Change always comes bearing gifts."
—Price Pritchett
- "The more we pray, the more we come to the heartbeat of God." —Richard J. Foster
- "A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty." —Ziad Abdelnour

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Lincoln was shot). Our leader is a man with a Master's degree in American History. Every week, he reads a selection from Lincoln's writings, and then he gives a talk explaining what it means, and suggesting ways we can apply it to our lives. And of course, February 12th, Lincoln's birthday, is a big holiday for us. We have parties, and exchange gifts, and sing Civil War songs. Sometimes, one of us dresses up like Lincoln in a beard and top hat, and he gives out presents to the kids. It's a lot of fun."

"That's fascinating! So you must study Lincoln's life and writings?"

"Well, not exactly. I do own a leather bound copy of Lincoln's complete works — his speeches, his writings, his letters. It's beautiful. I have it displayed on a table by our front door, so when anyone comes in the house, they can see that I'm a follower of Abraham Lincoln. I also own several biographies of Lincoln. One of these days I really do plan to read them. I just haven't had the time yet."

"But how can you be a disciple of Lincoln if you don't read what he wrote?"

"Well, it's mostly common-sense stuff, really. 'Do unto others,' the golden rule, be nice to people, free the slaves, that kind of thing. And besides, I listen to a half-hour speech on Lincoln every Friday."

"I see. So how does being a follower of Lincoln affect your life?"

"Well, like I said, I go to a meeting every Friday. I celebrate Lincoln's birthday once a year. I own a leather-bound edition of his writings and speeches. Oh, and most of my friends are also Lincolnians."

"So when you get together with your friends, you talk about Lincoln's life and how to live out his teachings?"

"Oh, no. That stuff's for Fridays, when we go to the meetings. No, we just talk about sports, politics, our families. The same things everybody else talks about."

See You Sunday,
Pastor Paul

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe on Thursday, September 6, 2018. President Barbara Hart welcomed everyone and opened by reading a letter from District President Margy Schimmel. We should be proud to be part of this awesome community of providing our faith, hope, and love in action for women, children and youth

around the world.

All attending recited the Purpose of the United Methodist Women.

The September prayer calendar mission focus was for UMCOR Sager Brown. The birthday of the month was for Adam Shaw of Global Ministries for the church. His birthday is September 9.

Bernie Garrett asked for joys and concerns and offered prayer for those mentioned.

Mission Moment was given by Martha Plummer about different churches and their ministries.

Roll call and the secretary's report were given by Doris Souers. The treasurer's report was given by Barbara Hart.

The Fall District meeting will be September 22 at First Wayne Street UMC in Fort Wayne. Mini-Missions and Officers Enrichment Day will be November 10 at Aldersgate UMC in Fort Wayne.

The program was given by Mick McNany on "Women of Legacy/ Inheritance: How Do You Want to Be Remembered?"

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 4, at 9:30 a.m. in the Calico Room. Mission Moment will be given by Carolyn Winters, and the lesson will be by Doris Souers.

Doris Souers,
Secretary



Veterans Homecoming Celebration

Please pray for the Homecoming Celebration for veterans on November 4. We are inviting all veterans and their families to our 10:00 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, or calling 375-2556. A banner will be placed out beside SR 5 to invite veterans and their families to this event.

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

Please stay tuned for more information in future church bulletins and November's newsletter. Volunteers will be appreciated for cooking, serving, singing and entertaining. Please help us join in the appreciation of our veterans on Sunday, November 4.

CROP Hunger Walk

Solid Rock will once again be hosting a CROP Hunger Walk, on Sunday, October 7. Participants should arrive at the church at 1:30 p.m., with the Walk beginning at 2:00.

For nearly half a century, CROP Hunger Walks have ensured that more people worldwide have access to nutritious, sustainable food sources. From combating droughts in Nicaragua to providing agricultural training in Indonesia to stocking shelves in hundreds of food pantries across the United States, CROP Hunger Walks help end hunger by raising funds to support local food programs and the international anti-hunger work of Church World Service.



The log in your eye

This humorous illustration of how not to get along at college also demonstrates Jesus' teaching in Matthew 7:3-5.

A young man from Scotland went to study at an English university. A month into the school year, his mother visited and asked how he liked living in the dorm. "It's awful!" he exclaimed. "The fellow in the room next door bangs his head on the wall constantly, and the one on the other side screams all day."

"How do you stand it?" his mother asked in amazement.

"Oh, I ignore them," her son replied. "I just sit here quietly, playing my bagpipes."



A Way Forward

The Commission on a Way Forward was proposed by the Council of Bishops and approved by the 2016 General Conference to do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church. The 32-member Commission concluded its ninth and final meeting in Nashville on May 16.

The Commission reviewed a wide variety of petitions presented as legislation to previous General Conferences regarding human sexuality and examined how other faith communities and denominations are responding or have responded to the question of inclusion of LGBTQ persons.

The report of the Commission on a Way Forward will be received and acted upon by a special session of General Conference to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, February 23-26, 2019. This worldwide gathering of United Methodists will only act on items around our deep divide over homosexuality.

The Council of Bishops considered three plans developed by the Commission on a Way Forward. The Council of Bishops has indicated its majority recommendation for the One Church Plan, which could allow for different approaches in different places. Their report to the special called 2019 General Conference will also include information about the other two plans.

One Church Plan (recommended)

The one-church model would allow different United Methodists in different places to make different decisions regarding ministry with or by LGBTQ persons rather than maintaining a single standard that operates everywhere throughout the worldwide church. This plan would remove restrictive language from the Book of Discipline and give conferences, churches and pastors the flexibility to "uniquely reach their missional context in relation to human sexuality without changing the connective nature of The United Methodist Church."

United Methodists in central conferences in Africa, Asia and Europe would retain the authority to adapt the Book of Discipline and could continue to include their traditional language and values. This plan would also protect the rights of United Methodists whose theological con-

victions will not allow them to perform same-sex weddings or ordain LGBTQ people.

Traditionalist Plan

This plan would affirm the current language about homosexuality in the Book of Discipline and seek to strengthen enforcement for violations of church law.

Connectional-Conference Plan

This plan would create three connectional conferences based on theology or perspective, each having clearly defined values (accountability, contextualization and justice). The three connectional conferences would function throughout the worldwide church and the five existing U.S. jurisdictions would be abolished.

Adaptations to the Book of Discipline would be allowed by each connectional conference. Annual conferences would determine their affiliation with a connectional conference. Local churches who choose a branch other than the one chosen by their annual conference could vote to join another conference. This plan would require multiple amendments to the denomination's constitution.

More information is available at umc.org/wayforward. Links to several online resources may be found at the bottom of Solid Rock's homepage: solidrockumc.com.

Indiana Conference Delegates to General Conference 2019

Lay Delegates: Tyler Best, Allison Curtis, Ed Fenstermacher, John Lomperis, Amy Land, Leanna Zimmerman, Doris Clark, Jim Ottjes.

Clergy Delegates: Kimberly Reisman, Tony Alstott, Dave Neckers, Lisa Schubert Nowling, Russ Abel, Mitch Norwood, Beth Ann Cook, Cindy Reynolds.

To contact the delegation, email the group at 2019delegation@inumc.org.

United Methodist Hurricane Response

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) and our partners are responding to Hurricane Florence in the United States and Super Typhoon Mangkhut (Ompong) in the Philippines. Please join us in prayer for the areas affected and consider a gift to

UMCOR Disaster Response.

When disasters happen, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding—that disaster response is local—forms the foundation for UMCOR's U.S. disaster training and response.

When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR works with the conference disaster response ministries to provide the following:

- Financial Assistance. Emergency grants may be sent when a bishop of the affected conference contacts UMCOR.
- Expertise. UMCOR's disaster-response experience and knowledge are made available to those in need.
- Networking. Connections with NGOs, volunteers, experts, local government, and other organizations can help communities recover from disaster.

You may make a gift to UMCOR by writing a check to Solid Rock UMC and designating it for "Disaster Response."



Sunday school's origins

Sunday school began in England as early as 1751. Better known is Robert Raikes' work in Gloucester 30 years later. Concerned about poor children who worked in factories six days a week and often turned to crime, he offered classes on the only day kids were free.



Soon various organizations offered a loose network of such Sunday schools, which taught basic reading and writing, using the Bible as a text.

Ten years later, Samuel Slater started the first U.S. Sunday school in his Rhode Island textile mills. By the mid-1800s, Sunday school attendance was an almost-universal childhood experience. As society became more secular and public education was mandated by the 1870s, Sunday schools focused on spiritual practices: prayers, hymns, catechism knowledge and Scripture memorization.

Well into the 20th century, Sunday school served as the church's main outreach tool. Many adults fondly remember their teachers and lessons, and Sunday school continues to play a significant part in faith development.

Solid Rock Small Group Opportunities

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS (Sunday School)

Children's Classes

PEBBLES (Nursery)

This is where children 0-4 are welcome to come and enjoy a time of playing while parents attend their Sunday School class.

LITTLE ROCKS/ROCK FOUNDATIONS (Preschool-Grade 4)

This is where children from preschool through 4th grade come together to learn about a "Bible account" story and have some kind activity or craft. The "Bible account" stories will start off with a series called Held Captive. The topic will continue into Children's Church with how it relates to us in real life.

ROCK SOLID YOUTH (Grades 5-12)

This is for 5th through 12th graders to come learn more about the Bible and Bible stories. We will first be looking into the book of Genesis, reading and discussing a couple chapters at a time.

Adult Classes

FAITHFUL FAMILIES

The goal of this group is to provide enough time, study, multi-tasking, and the overall support to live out God's hope and love for our marriages, for raising children, and for giving to God's work in our community. (This group pairs with a seasonal small group of the same name.) Meeting site alternates between junior church room and fellowship area.

FIRM FOUNDATION

"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 3:11

Beginning October 7, this class will be exploring "Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today." Using a video presentation, well-known and well-respected minister Adam Hamilton opens up the Bible's humanity and its wisdom for living. In six weeks, we will discuss: making sense of the Old Testament; making sense of the New Testament; questions about the nature of Scripture; the Bible and science; violence, suffering and other troubling issues; and wrestling with issues of sexuality and relationships. Meeting site: church kitchen.

FRIENDS IN FAITH

This group meets in either the fellowship area or the nearby junior church room.

REAL LIFE

This group meets in the lounge area adjacent to the sanctuary. They are currently studying the minor prophets.

WEEKLY SMALL GROUPS FEASTING ON THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

This Bible study group meets each Monday evening at 7:00 in the church kitchen. The focus of study is the pastor's scripture passage for the coming Sunday.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This study meets every Wednesday morning, from 9:30-11:00, in the Party Room at Heritage Pointe.

SEASONAL SMALL GROUPS

Intentional Faith Development groups are formed each fall and winter, meeting for approximately 10 sessions each season.

It is the goal of each group to provide an environment in which participants can experience authentic community and spiritual growth in an open, non-threatening setting.



Fall 2018 Groups

BIBLE STUDY

Facilitator: Mike Heath
Daytime Meeting

EVERYBODY, ALWAYS (Online Group)

Facilitator: Gary Walter
Begins the week of September 16 (10 weeks)

TOO BUSY NOT TO PRAY

Facilitators: Lisa Sabinske, Paul Burris
Meeting Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 at Solid Rock, beginning September 20 (10 weeks)

FAITHFUL FAMILIES

Facilitators: Kelly and Steven Bangs
Meeting Fridays until October 12, then Thursdays, October 18-November 15, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Solid Rock (Childcare provided.)

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

Levi and Bre Update from Sherry Gifford

Levi and Bre have been really busy these last few months and we wanted to share all of that joy with our church family. We are beyond proud of our son and new daughter-in-law in all their accomplishments thus far. Please feel free to express your joy with them as well. I am sure they would really appreciate the support and encouragement.

May 19, 2018 - Levi graduated from Taylor University with a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science. He is currently employed at Heartland Restoration Service in Fort Wayne.

June 8, 2018 - Levi and Bre got married! They had a small ceremony at Oubache State Park by the lake. Their grandparents stood up with them as witnesses.

August 21, 2018 - Levi and Bre purchased their first home together in Bluffton. Their new address is 55 Hi-Lo Drive, Bluffton, IN 46714. They have adapted well and are enjoying their new home.

UPCOMING

Bre will be graduating from the University of Saint Francis before the end of 2018 with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing degree. She already has been offered a position at Parkview in the Medical ICU.

Chili Cook-off

Solid Rock Church is hosting the Scarecrow Festival Chili Cook-off. Volunteers are requested to help Pastor Paul at the Chili Cook-off sales table. The task consists of selling bowls and cups to the public. Please call the church office, 375-3873, if you are willing to help.



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Volunteer Opportunity!

The Worship Committee is looking for someone willing to organize special music for Sunday mornings by making contacts and scheduling. If you are interested or have questions about what this would involve, please contact the church office at 375-3873.

East of Chicago Buffet FUNDRAISER

October 16, 2018

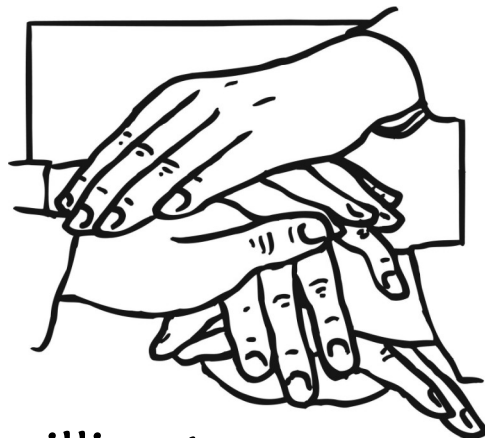
5:00-8:00 p.m.

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Men's Fellowship

Proceeds, including
all tips, will be used for
local ministries



Lord of the loving heart,
may mine be loving too,
Lord of the
gentle hands,
may mine be
gentle too.
Lord of the
willing feet,
may mine be willing too,
So may I grow more like thee
In all I say and do.



—Author Unknown

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