

News From The Rock

September 2016

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

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

Directory to be updated

The Solid Rock family is growing! Our directory is in need of updates. If any of your directory information has changed, or if you would like a new photo, please contact the church office. If you are new to Solid



Rock, we want your picture and family information! Contact the office (375-3871) if you have questions.

“Half-Truths”

The “kitchen” adult Sunday school class will begin a new study on September 4, “Half Truths” with Adam Hamilton. Hamilton is pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Res-

urrection, which has been cited as one of the most influential mainline churches in America.

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you’d find in the Bible. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Join us as we search for the whole truth by comparing some common Christian sayings with the wisdom found in Scripture.

There’s always room around our table and we would love for you to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00.



“Feasting on the Word” Bible study

Welcome to “Night School”! Yes, Solid Rock has a weekly Bible study class on Monday evenings, in the church kitchen. Our course of study goes along with Pastor Paul’s Sunday morning sermon. Below are listed the session assignments. Advance preparation is helpful but not necessary. Your Bible is the text for the course of discipleship.

- September 5: Romans 12:9-21 (Charles Ternet, leader)
- September 12: Psalm 105:4; Colossians 2:6 (Joe Haney, leader)
- September 19: Matthew 22:34-36 (Mike Heath, leader)
- September 26: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (Charles Ternet, leader)

Since the Word of the Lord endures forever, study to show yourself approved by God.

Three Simple Rules

The first three Sundays in September, Pastor Paul’s messages will be centered around a book called *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living* by Rueben P. Job. This is a wonderful little hardcover volume which, if implemented, will revolutionize your life. John Wesley espoused three simple rules: Do No Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God. Though these rules sound amazingly simple—and they are—yet to actually practice them may indeed be the hardest thing you’ve ever done. This small book shows how difficult the instructions of Jesus (and Wesley) can be in real life, and yet how rewarding they can also be both in this life and in the life to come, if we simply take them to heart.



from
Pastor Paul

Do you have a dream and a goal for your life? Do you envision something is changing in your circumstances? Did you make a commitment to change some bad habits in your life? Do you feel that God wants you to step out in faith and start a new ministry or a business? Do you know deep down in your heart that God wants your life to go in a totally different direction?

The Bible says in Philippians 2:13 that “God is working in you, giving you both, the desire and the power to do what pleases him.”

Another translation puts it this way: “For it is God who works in you, both to will and to accomplish, according to his good will.”

You see, so many times we have an idea or a desire. We are so sure that it comes from God. We get all excited over it. And then, all of a sudden, the excitement is taken over by doubt, fear, uncertainty and disbelief.

But I want to encourage you to go for it and stick with it. If you feel that God is up to something in your life, please realize that God did not only put the idea, the dream and the will into your heart, but that he also has already equipped you with the power to accomplish his plan that he has for your life.

And it is a wonderful plan that God has for your life! He has put a dream and an idea in your heart and mind and he has given you the power to fulfill that dream. It gives God great pleasure to watch you accomplish his plans for your life.

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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.

Newsletter reporters needed

Solid Rock is looking for one or more persons to assist in preparing the monthly newsletter in the role of reporter. Reporters would seek out news about current and



upcoming events, programs, and ministries. They would contact persons involved in these activities, gather information, and prepare stories to give them fuller coverage.

No previous writing experience is necessary. Reporters would *not* be responsible for editing, producing, assembling or distributing the newsletter.

If you would like to volunteer as a newsletter reporter, or have questions about what this would involve, please contact Gary Walter (375-3789) or the church office (375-3871).

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News deadline for the October newsletter: September 18

Youth Fellowship

Upcoming Events

- September 11: Lunch and Discussion after church
- September 18: The WAY (Warren Area Youth Service), 5:00-6:30, Knight-Bergman Center
- October 9: Lunch and Discussion after church
- November 13: Lunch and Discussion after church

UMCOR Responds to Louisiana Floods

By Linda Unger

Days of torrential rain inundated the state of Louisiana, beginning August 11. Flooding has impacted at least 40,000 homes, and about 30,000 people and 1,000 pets have been rescued from high water in homes and cars. At least 11 people are known to have died in the disaster.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) issued an emergency grant to the Louisiana Annual Conference, releasing 2,950 cleanup buckets to United Methodist churches in LaFayette and Baton Rouge, areas severely affected by the floods, for distribution to affected households.

UMCOR stands ready to release another 2,000 cleanup buckets to go to the most vulnerable places as identified by the Louisiana Conference, as more cleanup buckets are being assembled to meet more needs. The state of Mississippi also was affected by flooding, and UMCOR has readied relief supplies to go there, when the water recedes.

From 'massive' to 'catastrophic' flooding

Greg Forrester, UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response executive, called the disaster "catastrophic," and recalled that it follows on the heels of "massive" spring floods in Louisiana. He said UMCOR had just approved a long-term disaster-response grant to aid the Louisiana Conference in its response, when floodwaters again impacted the state, affecting some of the same areas as the previous event.

Several United Methodist churches have been converted to shelters for those who have been displaced. Four Louisiana parishes — East Baton Rouge, Livingston, St. Helena, and Tangipahoa — received a Fed-

eral disaster declaration, so FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, was mobilized. Some 50,000 families already have registered with FEMA for assistance, and many more are expected to do so.

UMCOR is collaborating with FEMA and other national disaster response organizations, including the American Red Cross, Lutheran Disaster Response, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, and the umbrella group, National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (NVOAD).

"The Red Cross national office reached out to us, and we have connected them with the Louisiana Annual Conference leadership, as well as with UMCOR Sager Brown for warehouse space, cleanup buckets, distribution assistance, and shelter for evacuees," Forrester stated.

The best ways to help

Forrester urged all people of goodwill who want to help in Louisiana and Mississippi, "Do not self-deploy. You mean to help, but at this stage your presence could unintentionally become an obstacle," he

said. He also urged people not to send unsolicited aid, such as clothing.



"The best ways to help are to assemble and send cleanup buckets and to support the UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response Advance, #901670, with your donations," he stated. "This will allow us to assist the most vulnerable communities in need because of this and other disasters."

Forrester reminded readers that, in mid-August, the U.S. is approaching the height of the Atlantic hurricane season, and he said the current supply of cleanup buckets will be exhausted by this event. "We need your prayers and cleanup buckets, cleanup buckets, cleanup buckets!" he said.

Your gift to UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response will help UMCOR respond to this and other disasters across the United States. Simply write your check to Solid Rock UMC and designate it for U.S. Disaster Response. The office will see that your gift is properly forwarded.

July Financial Update

General Offerings	\$18,499
General Fund Expenses	\$11,671
Mortgage Balance	\$113,220

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Here is a lesson that you can learn from a postal stamp. When you mail a letter, the stamp stays on the envelope until it reaches the final destination. Many people have great and noble plans but they give up too soon. As soon as some problems come along the way they quit. Some quit because some good Christian friends just 'can't see it being from God.' Others work hard towards accomplishing their dream but then they give up just steps away from the finish line.

Let me encourage you to:

1. Set yourself a goal that is reachable and has value for yourself and others.
2. Start today to take at least one step every day toward that goal.
3. Never lose sight of your goal. (Think and dream about it all the time.)
4. Don't listen to people that have no interest in your accomplishments.
5. Stick to it until you reach your destination. Just like a stamp!

Let your dreams, goals and desires come alive in your heart and mind again. They must fill you with a burning desire. Be convinced that you will reach your God-given goal because with God NOTHING is impossible!

And never give up! Tell yourself every morning: It is too early to give up!

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met on August 4, 2016 in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe. Barbara Hart, president, opened with a devotional entitled "Our Purpose." The prayer calendar included a mission focus on Sue Wilhelm, violence prevention specialist from Epworth Children and Family Service of St. Louis, Missouri. The birthday for the month was Tara Miller of Seattle, Washington.

The United Methodist Women's pledge was recited by all present. Joys and Concerns were taken by Carolyn Winters who followed with prayer. Mick McNany gave a very interesting mission moment. Roll call was taken and minutes of the previous meeting read by Secretary Martha Plummer. Barbara Hart gave the treasurer's report. It was voted to send a donation to the Indiana United Methodist Children's



Home.

Guest Rosalie Walter gave a lesson on UMW's history of working for racial justice. She gave each one a copy of the organization's "Charter for Racial Justice." The meeting was adjourned with prayer given by Barbara.

The next meeting will be held September 1, 2016.

Food Pantry Needs

- Chicken & Noodle Soup
- Pudding Snack Packs
- Cereal
- Canned Spaghetti
- Fruit Juice (Single Serve)
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Brownie Mix



Also needed: plastic bags, books and magazines (6 months through adult)

Please leave your items in the wooden boxes in the narthex.

Administrative Council

The Solid Rock Administrative Council met on August 16, 2016.

Janitor and kitchen supplies have been ordered in bulk and delivered to the church.

The church has received a large donation from a trust fund. This has been approved to go to the mortgage fund.

The trustees reported that the steps for the outdoor worship area are to be in soon. Miller's Construction will be doing the work on the roof and windows at the parsonage soon.

Rita Bolinger and Jenifer Myers have taken over the Sunday school as leader and co-leader.

Becky Parker reported a missionary would like to come and speak to the church.

SOS reported that they had good sales at the Salamonie Summer Festival. Some profit went to the parsonage kitchen fund and some back to the festival. They are working on a ladies retreat in October.

Pastor Paul reported on the FCJ Intentional Faith Development Workshop on September 18. There will be a carry-in meal right after the worship service. The workshop will start after lunch. Everyone is

encouraged to attend this workshop. This will be our last workshop.

The directory will be updated soon. If you want a different picture taken, let Wanda know or we will use the one that is already in the directory. We have a lot of changes since the last one.

The church is helping with the cleaning of the Bargain Basement on August 29 starting at 9:00 a.m.

Walgreen will be coming to the church on October 11 from 5-7 for flu shots. More information later.

Upcoming Community Events

Please consider supporting these upcoming events.

Scarecrow Festival

Host a booth, make a scarecrow for the scarecrow judging, or enter the chili cook-off (on behalf of Solid Rock). SOS hosts a booth to hand out hot chocolate for Solid Rock.

Veterans Program

Solid Rock honors veterans each November. We need your ideas for entertainment and other help in preparing for the event.

For more information, or to volunteer to help with these events, contact Gina Canny.

Heavenly vision

Known as the "queen of gospel song writers," Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) wrote more than 9,000 Christian hymns, including "Blessed Assurance" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." Blind from a young age, she developed a love for poetry and Scripture, memorizing about five chapters of the Bible each week. Crosby was the first woman to speak in the U.S. Senate, lobbying to support education for the blind. She also was an abolitionist who made friends with several presidents.

A well-meaning pastor once told Crosby, "It is a great pity that the Master did not give you sight when he showered so many other gifts upon you."

She responded that her blindness was a blessing she wouldn't wish away. "When I get to heaven," Crosby said, "the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior."

Senior Saints

September 8
1:00 p.m.



*Calico Room
at Heritage Pointe*

"I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least."

—Dorothy Day



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If my lips could sing as many songs
as there are waves in the sea:
if my tongue could sing as
many hymns
as there are ocean billows:
if my mouth filled the whole
firmament with praise:
if my face
shone like the sun and
moon together:
if my hands
were to hover in the sky like powerful eagles
and my feet
ran across mountains as swiftly as the deer;
all that would not be enough
to pay you fitting tribute,
O Lord my God.



—Jewish Prayer

