



News From The Rock

October 2013

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Membership classes begin October 3

Pastor Kathy will be offering a membership class for any who are interested. They will meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 beginning October 3. Call the church office, 375-3873, for more information.

Youth Fellowship

The youth are walking in the Crop Walk on October 6th. They will be collecting donations up until the walk. They will also be raking leaves on October 26th. If you would like them to come and rake for you that day, please contact Marie Deweese, Michelle Woody, or any of the youth. The youth fall party will be at the church later in the evening.



They will also be sponsoring a lasagna supper on December 7th. The supper will include some entertainment and Christmas spirit! There will be a free-will donation going towards the purchase of a basketball goal for the church. Please send in your reservation and join us!

Notice: We have changed our meeting times to 6:45-8:15. Remember that UMYF is for all youth in grades 6-12. Please bring a friend and join the fun!

Upcoming Events

- September: Canoe Trip
- October 6: CROP Walk
- October 13: Pizza after church at East of Chicago
- October 26: Rake Leaves/Fall Party
- November 1-3: Bishop's Academy
- November 10: Pizza after church at East of Chicago
- November 17: Meeting, 6:45-8:15
- December 7: Lasagna Supper, 6:00 at the church
- December 22: Meeting, 6:45-8:15
- January 3-4: Lock-In at the church

Couple donates "Mission Bell" to Solid Rock

Solid Rock recently received the gift of a mission bell from John and Doris Paul, Dogwood Drive residents who have attended Solid Rock on several occasions. This bell was obtained by the Pauls in 1969 at an antique store in Upperville, Virginia.

John has researched the history of the bell and has been told it was cast in Spain. Many bell enthusiasts have seen the bell, but none have definitively identified its origin or use, and have commented on its rarity. It has been suggested that it was used at a small church, part of a larger mission in the Southwest.

The bell is suspended in a cast iron frame, 35 inches in height. The bell itself is 15 inches. The bell and frame together weigh 65 pounds. A few hammer marks on the interior attest to its use over a short time period.

John's letter notifying the church of this donation concludes: "Doris and I appreciate the prudent manner your church has gone about in planning and finalizing your building goals. The membership appears to be enthusiastic, engaged and caring. The number of young people attending is a very good sign for the long-term future. What better place to entrust this symbolic treasure for preservation and use? Therefore, we would be proud if you and your church advisors accept donation of this bell for any use you feel appropriate."

Thanks to the Pauls for this generous donation. Solid Rock trustees are currently considering an appropriate location for the bell.

August Financial Update

General Offerings.....	\$13,809
General Fund Expenses.....	\$12,197
Building Fund Contributions.....	\$6,846

Just Leaning
on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



A dear friend gave me a devotional recently that has encouraged her during a trying time in her life. I can't begin to tell you how very appreciative I am for this

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daily devotional. The name of it is "Jesus Calling" by Sarah Young. Not one day goes by that some piece or part of the day's devotion doesn't bless my heart.

I'd like to share a portion of the offering on September 22. "Keep bringing your mind back to the present moment. Among all My creatures, only humans can anticipate future events. This ability is a blessing, but it becomes a curse whenever it is misused. If you use your magnificent mind to worry about tomorrow, you cloak yourself in dark unbelief. However, when the hope of heaven fills your thoughts, the Light of My Presence envelops you. Though heaven is future, it is also present tense. As you walk in the Light with Me, you have one foot on earth and one foot in heaven." The Scripture reference is Hebrews 10:23, "We must hold tightly to the hope that we say is ours. After all, we can trust the one who made the agreement with us."

My encouragement for you this month is to heed the words of Hebrews and Sarah Young's interpretation. Hold tightly to the hope of heaven because the One who has promised it to us is trustworthy. The more we trust, the more we are allowed glimpses of His Kingdom here on earth. Live in service to God today and trust God with your tomorrow, come what may. May the Lord bless you today!

Shalom,
Pastor Kathy

Baby!

Charlie and Nicole Kriegbaum Shideler are the proud parents of a son. He was born on Aug. 30, 2013 at 7:03 a.m. He weighed 8-6 and was 20 inches long. He has been named Jack Myron-Marcus Shideler. He joins big sister Madeline, who is four. Grandparents are George and Teresa Kriegbaum. After three daughters and four grand-daughters we finally got our boy! Welcome to the family, Jack!

Thank you!

Again I would like to thank you for your generosity. I am beginning my second year at the University of Saint Francis in the nursing program. In addition to having a more difficult schedule this semester, I was required to purchase many nursing supplies along with textbooks. The scholarship

money you provided relieved a great financial stress for me. I am spending a lot more time studying this semester and much less time working. It is my goal to keep my CNA job at Heritage Pointe and my grade point average up! Your support and prayers are very much appreciated.

Mallory Preston

Scholarships

The Scholarship Team is pleased to announce that 9 scholarships were awarded for the 2013 -2014 school year. Those receiving scholarships are Elizabeth (Liz) Bolinger, Huntington University; Rachel Decker, University of Saint Francis; Erica Hensley, Ivy Tech; Colin McIntire, Ball State University; Kailey Neff, Indiana University; Mallory Preston, University of Saint Francis; Brandi Richardson, Ivy Tech; Spencer Sabinske, Ball State University; and Levi Sherman, Taylor University.



Due to the large number of both high school and college students and the depletion of the Scholarship Fund monies, new requirements and fund raisers are being considered by the Scholarship Team. Scholarship Guidelines and Application are available on Solid Rock UMC's website (www.solidrockumc.com).

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women of Solid Rock Church met Thursday morning, September 5, at 9:30 am. in the Calico Room of Heritage Pointe, with 10 members present. Barbara Hart, President, shared a devotional opening from our state newsletter resource entitled *Purple Cloth*. The writing was entitled "Living the Heart of God." As United Methodist Women we can make a difference. We can give hope to others—we can be the hands and feet of Jesus. Following these thoughts, we joined in the words of our Purpose.

The 2013 Prayer Calendar's mission focus for this month was shared by Barbara. It concerned the Methodist Church in Kenya. One of the workers in mission gave us a thought to remember: "God always walks ten steps ahead of us!"

Helen Campbell gave a very interesting

review of an article from *Response* magazine on "What Happens at Sager Brown Hits the Road." Sager Brown is a great Methodist services program, located in southern Louisiana, starting as a school and dating back to Civil War times. Thousands of volunteers come throughout the year to pack relief supplies for world-wide distribution.

Ann Brauchla, of the Social Action Committee, encouraged group discussion of the events in downtown Warren which have been so frightening in the recent past, with the fall of the old buildings on Wayne Street. We all agreed it was a miracle that no one was hurt. A discussion of the frequent occurrences in the Bible of love for others—possibly 900 times—reminded us to love our neighbor—sharing time and thoughts with others.

The intent of our group to help meet a need of children in early school years for socks and underclothing was resolved with a motion to work with Jo Keller to help with these needs at Andrews School. A motion was completed to supply \$100 at this time, with more if and when it is needed.

Next month's meeting will include election of officers for the 2014 year, and program given by Bernie Garrett. Come join



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News deadline for the November
newsletter: October 20

Kids Club



Every Wednesday
through November 20
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Grades K-5

A strong harvest

Seeds of strength are planted in the soils of weakness. Your most uplifting strength tomorrow may grow from your most debilitating weakness today.

—V. Gilbert Beers



Growing up!

You're growing each day in many different ways. A verse from 2 Peter tells what will help you grow!

Directions: Fill in the blanks below, using the height measurements as guides, to complete 2 Peter 3:18.

3 1/4 ft.	knowledge	Savior	3 1/8 ft.
3 1/16 ft.	him	grace	3 ft.
2 3/4 ft.	now	forever	2 1/2 ft.
2 1/4 ft.	Lord	grow	2 1/8 ft.
2 1/16 ft.	glory	Jesus Christ	1 1/4 ft.
2 ft.	Amen		
1 ft.	our		

"But _____ in the _____ and _____ of _____
 _____ and _____
 To _____ be _____ both _____ and _____ ! _____."

2 PETER 3:18, NIV

Answer: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."

Packed with purpose

In *Cure for the Common Life* (W Publishing Group), Max Lucado recounts grabbing the wrong suitcase at an airport, not realizing the mistake until he'd reached his hotel room. "No one wants to live out of someone else's bag," he writes, yet that's

what many people do with their career choices. An estimated 70 percent of people go to work without enthusiasm or passion because they've been urged to force themselves into roles that aren't the right fit. "You cannot be anything you want to be," Lucado writes, "but you can be everything

God wants you to be." By living out of the "bag" that God packed specially for you, you'll experience fulfillment and joy — in your work and in your life.

God's highly valued investment

Someone once asked IBM founder Thomas Watson if he would fire an employee who made a mistake that cost the company \$60,000. To the questioner's surprise, Watson replied, "Why would I fire someone in whom I've invested \$60,000 in training?" Neither will God "fire" or in any way dismiss us for our mistakes and failures. He has invested far too much — even his own Son's life! — in each of us for that. Don't hold back for fear of failure. Serve the Lord boldly. Try something new for the sake of the Gospel, and when you make a mistake, bring it honestly to God in prayer. Be open to the Holy Spirit, who provides "continuing education" — in Scripture, through other Christians and by connecting directly with your heart — to improve your skills and gifts every day.

The ultimate sacrifice

At www.IAmSecond.com, soldier-turned-pastor Chris Plekenpol shares a powerful experience from his service in Iraq. When a terrorist drove a bomb-carrying car into a tank, the detonator didn't work, but the car's gas tank exploded. As the would-be attacker tried to escape the flames, Plekenpol had a brief opportunity to save the man's life. But he realized he wasn't willing to die for an enemy. After the man was dead, Plekenpol considered how much he had in common with him. "I've been an enemy of God," he said. "Yet he didn't sit back and just watch me die. He decided to come from heaven to earth to take that blast for me." Because of Christ's heroic, selfless act, "I owe him everything," Plekenpol says. "For ... while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son ..." (Romans 5:10, NRSV).

When we tell ourselves "I can never change" or "That will never happen," we presume too much and believe too little. In Jesus Christ, God renders all of our final conclusions premature and all of our talk of determinism as simply bad faith. In Christ, God opens closed doors, brings resurrections, reveals possibilities, reclaims the lost, liberates the cursed and possessed, and changes the unchangeable. —Don Shelby

Solid Rock Bazaar

Saturday, October 19

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

485 Bennett Drive

- Food
- Crafts
- Baked Goods



Men's Fellowship Fundraiser

East of Chicago Pizza

October 15
5:00-8:30 p.m.



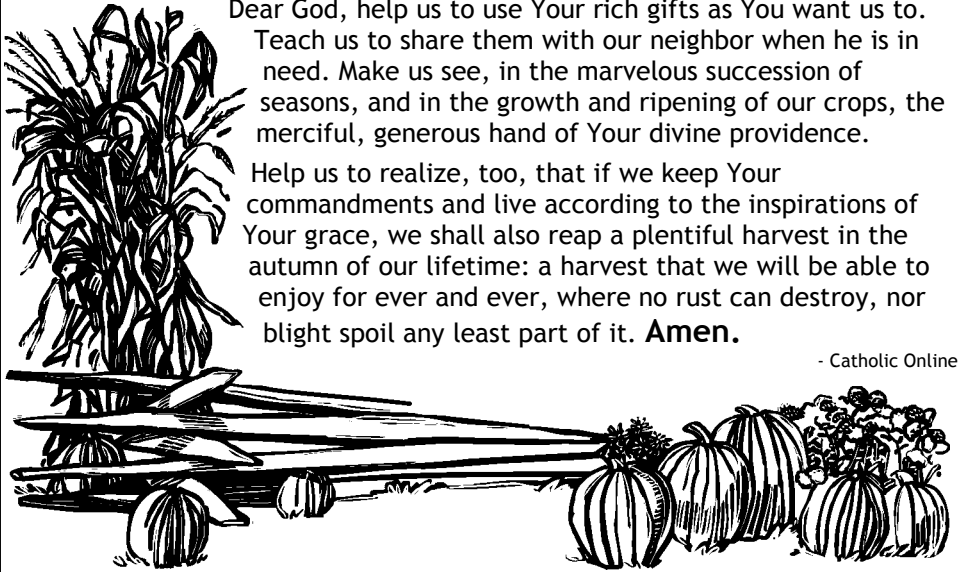
Good and generous Lord, You have once more brought the year full circle, through planting and growing and ripening to harvest time, and autumn.

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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