



News From The Rock

April 2014

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

United Methodist Women

President Barbara Hart called to order the March 6, 2014, meeting of the Solid Rock United Methodist Women at 9:30 a.m. after a winter "holiday" of two months. Carrying on their heritage, the group of 11 members repeated their Purpose and began their study of the day, focusing on the World Day of Prayer, with a mission focus on centers of service and study in our southern areas of mission. Some of those were the Wesley Community Center in Savannah, Georgia, and U.M. mission in Honduras. Bernice Garrett added to the mission moment with a recall of the wisdoms and learnings from the story of Noah's Ark.

Business of the local unit included reading and approval of minutes of our last meeting, December 5, 2013, and the treasury report for the past year. Total disbursements were \$1,391.72. The new budget reports a pledge to mission of \$400 plus special needs of our mission areas totaling \$182; thus at present a total of \$582 is pledged to Northeast District for the new year.

The lesson of the meeting was entitled "A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" and was presented by Carolyn Winters, who reminded us that the Lenten season should remind us of Jesus' sacrifice for us, and for all of the world's needs. In our southern states where there is much stress there are 98 centers devoted to services to needy women and children. Most of the work is carried by the deaconess program. Our personal offerings toward this work were taken today, or may be brought to the U.M.W. meeting next month.

SOS Meeting Highlights

March 13, 2014

- A devotion based upon Jeremiah 29:11 was given by Jessica Barry. Luck is nothing; God is everything!
- Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

- Joys and Concerns were shared.
- A lesson on the 12 gifts of birth was led by Linda (Mc)Howell. The 12 gifts are: strength, beauty, courage, compassion, hope, joy, talent, imagination, reverence, wisdom, love, and faith.
- Use your gifts well and you will discover others among them. See the gifts in others. The 12 gifts remind us to see dignity in ourselves and others.
- Love offering collected and given to the food pantry.
- Baby congrats, thinking of you, get well, and congratulation cards were sent to 12 people by the Corresponding Secretary.
- Old Business:
 - Washington DC retreat date is now set for 10/16-10/19/14. A deposit has been placed on lodging.
 - Movie night will be 3/21/14 at the church.
- New Business:
 - Marcia Jackson called Jessica to see if we would want to sing at church. Date of 5/18/14 selected. Cheryl to coordinate and Tamara to direct.
 - SOS decided to provide dessert for the pork supper: served 200 in 2013. Date: 3/29/14
- Prayer partners were assigned and the meeting was adjourned with prayer and a sung benediction.
- Attendance: 13
- Next meeting: 4/10/14 at Penny Bowers' house with Sherry Gifford as co-hostess and Cindy Boxell presenting the lesson.

Youth Fellowship

At our March UMYF meeting, we talked about setting goals based on the scripture verse Philippians 3:13-14: "I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

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Just Leaning on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.
(John 3:16 Common English Version)

How ironic that tax day should fall in the midst of Holy Week! We Christians

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come together this week to honor Jesus for the many things He did to protect us from ourselves. We start with Palm Sunday and His triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

By Thursday evening we are with Jesus and His disciples as they have their feet washed by Jesus, eat their last supper with Jesus, Judas betrays Jesus and Jesus is arrested. Friday we remember Jesus' crucifixion by stripping the sanctuary. Then we wait for what feels like an eternity.

Easter morning finally comes and we celebrate a Savior who has been victorious over sin and death. You see His victory was and is for our sin tax. So here's the irony, Internal Revenue Service expects us to pay taxes and we celebrate a God who sent His Son to pay ALL our sin taxes. All this contained in one week. Christ is Risen! Risen Indeed!!

Shalom,
Pastor Kathy

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We talked about goals we have for next week, next month, next year, and the next ten years. We determined that in order to accomplish our goals, we need to rely upon God's plan for our lives, and upon the fellow believers that He places in our lives. "Every day that we wake up, we should have a set of goals to improve ourselves and the people around us in the spirit of God."

In connection with the Fruitful Journeys program that Solid Rock is on, the kids talked about some goals that they have for our church. I wanted to share these goals with you: Grow to 200 regular people in worship, stay happy, focus on praising God, become a stronger church family, increase the size of our youth group, go on mission trips, be able to reach out to the community, and to get Pastor Kathy an iPad. These are great kids with great insight into some important goals for our church!

We are still looking for people who would like to be part of a mentor group for UMYF. Please let Marie or Michelle know

if you are interested. Remember that UMYF is for all youth in grades 6-12. Please bring a friend and join us!

February Financial Update

General Offerings..... \$14,691
General Fund Expenses..... \$13,669

Would we be counted among the doubters hiding in the shadow cast by that cruel cross?

Or, when challenged, like Peter openly deny you?


There are times, Lord, when doubts assail and the distance between us seems to increase.

There are times, Lord, when sin has its hold, like a barrier between us that will not move.

Who is there we can turn to when we feel so overwhelmed?

Who can roll away the stone and reveal the empty tomb?

No-one but you, Jesus, no-one but you!




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