



News From The Rock

April 2017

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

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

Office Manager/Treasurer position available

Solid Rock is seeking applicants for the position of Office Manager/Treasurer. Responsibilities include day-to-day running of the church office. Applicants must have the ability to multi-task and greet guests, be proficient in Word, Excel, and Publisher, be knowledgeable with social media, and be able to update the church website. Applicants must also have accurate bookkeeping skills, be able to discreetly handle confidential and sensitive matters, and be willing to perform other duties and responsibilities as required. Candidates should have 2-3 years experience in this field or hold a comparable degree. Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mail resume by April 28, 2017 to:
Solid Rock UMC, Attention: Pastor Paul Burris, P.O. Box 322, Warren, IN 46792.

Email resume to:
pburris@hotmail.com.

Feasting on the Word

Covenant groups in the John Wesley tradition have been developed for the sake of forming Christians from baby steps of early belief to running the race for those more mature. This month our Bible studies will continue pointing toward Easter and then moving through the spread of the Good News! You are invited to either take your first steps or to intentionally choose to be a better disciple of our Lord and Savior Jesus. One Bible study group meets in the church kitchen on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. As noted on the schedule below, the leadership of the sessions vary. You are encouraged to bring your own Bible (if you do not have your own Bible, we will see that you have your own copy), bring an open heart to the leadership of God's Holy

Spirit, and enjoy the company of others seeking to hear what the Lord has for our daily living. The study schedule is as follows:

- April 3: Mark 11:1-19 (Leader, Joe Haney)
- April 10: Mark 16:1-8 (Leader, Jorita Banter)
- April 17: Luke 24:13-35 (Leader, Perry Spahr)
- April 24: 1 Peter 1:17-23 (Leader, Joe Haney)

Lenten and Easter Celebrations

The Lenten study series continues on April 2 and April 9 at 4:00 in the church kitchen.

The Holy Thursday service begins at 6:30 p.m. on April 13 with a carry-in meal at 6:30 p.m. and concludes with a short meditation and communion. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share.

The Warren Area Ministerial Association will conduct a Good Friday Service at the Church of Christ at 7:00 p.m. on April 14.

Easter Sunday celebrations begin with a Sunrise Service at 8:00 a.m., followed by an Easter breakfast at 8:45. The Easter worship service begins at 10:00 a.m. (There will be no Sunday school classes.)

Administrative Council

The Solid Rock Administrative Council met on March 21. Council learned that the mortgage balance is now \$77,696. It was reported that Associated Churches of Huntington County no longer provides Bibles for graduating seniors. Solid Rock monies

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from
Pastor Paul

This is a story I received via email and thought I'd share it with you.

Bibs or Aprons?

I recently visited a fast-growing church in Minnesota to learn from their staff. It was a privilege to witness their passion for doing high quality ministry in Jesus' name. I left with some new insights and renewed passion for the Gospel.

One of the phrases that I heard while I was there was, "We want our members to wear aprons, not bibs." Here's what they meant:

- Bibs are for people who only want to be fed.
- Bibs are for those who are not yet ready or willing to feed themselves.
- Bibs are for those who are more interested in being served than in serving.
- Bibs are for those who insist that the church exists for them and their needs.
- Bibs are for babes in the faith, those who haven't caught God's vision for the church, or those who are not yet of the faith.
- Aprons are for those who have a heart to serve others in Jesus' name.
- Aprons are for those who know that they are the church.
- Aprons are for those who don't mind getting their hands dirty.
- Aprons are for those who take the time daily to feed their spiritual hunger.

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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.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met on March 2, 2017, in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe. Barbara Hart, president, welcomed those present. A litany on the purpose of the United Methodist Women was recited by all.

The Mission Focus was the United Methodist Women Recreational Camp for Children with Disabilities and the Educational Center for Women. Joys and concerns were taken by Bernie Garrett who followed with prayer.

Mick McNany gave the mission moment. A thank you from Lucille Raines was read. Bernie presented "A Call to Prayer and Self Denial" for the program.

The next meeting will be April 6, 2017.



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News deadline for the May newsletter:
April 23

SOS

February

The February 2017 SOS meeting was held at Solid Rock UMC with Shannon and Tamara as hostesses and Cindy as co-hostess. Devotions were led by Shannon.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Mariah. The Treasurer's report was given by Jessica. The Corresponding Secretary's report was given by Lana.

Old Business: Our bank account is changed to Bippus State Bank.

New business: Women of Joy will be held on August 11-12 in Indianapolis.

Seasonal Committee set up an activity for the group on March 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Solid Rock Church.

The lesson was given by Shannon. She talked about R.C. Sproul's book *Does Prayer Change Things?* (Chapter 1) and what is involved in effective prayer.

Joys and concerns were shared. Shannon offered prayer. The love offering was tabled until next month. Prayer partners were designated. A benediction was sung and the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be March 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Susan's house.

March

The March 2017 SOS Meeting was held at Susan's home with Susan as hostess, Jessica as co-hostess, and Sherry giving the lesson. Devotions were led by Shannon.

Minutes from previous meetings were read by Mariah. Treasurer's report was given by Jessica. Corresponding Secretary's report was given by Lana.

Old Business: zoo pass, catering an anniversary party in May, and the pork was ordered for Salamonie Summer Festival. The group was reminded about the Seasonal Committee activity on March 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Solid Rock Church.

New Business: discussion about hours to work during SSF, bought a grill, and possibly building a float for SSF.

The lesson was given by Sherry. She talked about being "fine," more faith, strength, and courage to be "un-fine." You don't have to be strong all the time. God's power shows up and things will be better.

Joys and concerns were shared. Shannon offered prayer. Love offering was given, prayer partners were designated, benediction was sung, and meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be April 20 at 7:30 p.m. at Teresa's house.

Solid Rock Mission Giving

Solid Rock supports a number of local, national, and international missions projects. Over the next few issues, we will highlight these projects.

Bread of Life Food Pantry

The Bread of Life Food Pantry was established in the early 1990s. The Pantry is a nonprofit organization working under the 501(c)(3) of the Knight-Bergman Center. Phylis and Harold Harness were the directors for the first 18 years. Rose Broyles is the current director.

In 2011 a board of directors was formed, consisting of three ministers from the Warren Area Ministerial Association, the Knight-Bergman Center Treasurer, and two additional KBC board members.

The Pantry's mission is "Neighbors Helping Neighbors." The focus is meeting the needs of community children and their families.

The Pantry offers a variety of foods from which the family can choose. Coming to the Pantry for food and supplies enables families to extend their income to pay utilities, medications, and transportation expenses.

Each child receives a "kids bag" consisting of one box cereal, three entrees, canned fruit, pudding cups, a few snacks, and yogurt. The Pantry triples the amount in each kids bag when school is on vacation.

At Thanksgiving and at Easter, each household coming to the Pantry receives an extra box of food. The decorated box contains all the items to prepare a special meal.

The Warren Community Garden provides basic fresh vegetables for the Pantry and area seniors. The Pantry accepts donations from area residents' gardens as well.

The Pantry offers supplies for preserving food items for families inclined to freeze or can produce.

Six women's organizations support the Pantry with personal hygiene items, feminine products, and baby diapers. Eleven churches support the Pantry with food, hygiene products, and financial donations.

2016 Pantry Expenses by Category

Food	\$29,463.78 (77%)
Milk.....	\$4,569.41 (12%)
Household/Hygiene.....	\$3,318.28 (9%)
Garden.....	\$315.48 (1%)
Operating Expenses.....	\$515.09 (1%)
Total:.....	\$38,182.04

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- Aprons are for those who are growing in faith, and hunger to help others grow.

Church growth consultant Win Arn interviewed thousands of Christians in America several years ago and asked them what they thought the church existed for. Eighty-eight percent said, "The church exists to serve my needs and the needs of my family." In other words, 88% of Christians in America are still wearing bibs.

On the night when he was betrayed, just hours before he was crucified, the very Son of God took off his outer garments, wrapped a towel around his waist, and washed his disciples' feet. When he was done he said, "I have just given you an example to follow." In other words, Jesus called his disciples to wear aprons, not bibs.

In Matthew, Jesus is recorded as saying, "For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many." He also said, "If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give it up for me, you will find it.

Jesus calls us to wear aprons, not bibs. Which are you wearing?

Bringing It Home:

1. How would you answer the question, "Why does the church exist?" Does your answer reflect your bib or your apron?
2. How can you help others in your Christian community to trade their bib for an apron?
3. If you're not already serving in a ministry in your church, make a commitment to begin this month.

"For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:28

Prayer: "Lord Jesus, thank you for feeding me daily with your word. Fill me with your redeeming love. Open my eyes to clearly see the needs of those around me, and then open my hands to serve them. Each day, strengthen me with your Spirit, so that I might choose to wear an apron, not a bib. This I pray in your name. Amen."

—Author Unknown

See you Sunday,
Pastor Paul

(Administrative Council, continued from page 1) designated for that project will instead be given to the Weekday Religious Education program.

The parsonage kitchen committee has chosen a design for the kitchen. They hope to begin on the project in June. A cross has been ordered for the outdoor worship area.

The trustees have approved the use of the parking lot by Salamonie Festival Bikers on July 1. The event will start at finish at Solid Rock.

The church library has been cleaned out and several boxes of books will be donated to Henderson Settlement. Pastor Paul and Steve Holmes will be participating with the Grapevine Cluster in a missions trip to Henderson the week of March 26.

SOS reported that they have purchased another grill which will be stored at the church and available for church functions. Their food trailer will be open for many Salamonie Summer Festival events.

Bargain Basement

Volunteers are needed on April 10, starting at 9:00 a.m., to assist with the spring to summer changeover at Bargain Basement.

Thank you!

Thank you to Linda Walters and her "Few Good Men." First they filled Solid Rock up to the brim, then eight churches joined and shared their overwhelming love for Christ while entertaining the crowd with their musical and rip-roaring comedic talents! Thank you for a great evening!

Gina Canady & Donna Bolinger

February Financial Update

General Offerings	\$16,142
General Fund Expenses	\$19,125
Mortgage Balance	\$77,696

Food Pantry Needs

- Peanut Butter • Chicken Noodle Soup
- Popcorn • Snack Crackers
- Pudding Snacks • Cereal
- Juice Packs • Kleenex

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

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

2017 Mission Giving

The Solid Rock Mission Team has allocated mission giving for 2017. Last month we published United Methodist-related missions. Below are the 2017 Non-United Methodist Missions.

Nathan and Jade Metz

Missionaries to Uganda (World Gospel Mission).....\$2,000

Local Missions

Bread of Life Food Pantry	\$1,000
Warren Area Ministerial Association	\$500
"By the Book" Religious Education	\$300
Associated Churches of Huntington County	\$200
LOVE, INC.....	\$500
Indiana Dream Center (Huntington)	\$300

Total Non-UM Missions\$4,800

The Dignity Project

Solid Rock helps support Nathan and Jade Metz, missionaries to Uganda through World Gospel Missions, Marion, Indiana. Jade discovered that many women there struggle through embarrassing challenges during their monthly periods. Disposable sanitary pads are simply not affordable. This causes many young girls not to attend school and women are often forced to go into the bush during this time. These women have been stripped of their dignity.

Jade developed a pattern for reusable pads. As they are passed out in schools, churches and orphanages, Jade and her team discuss proper hygiene, share about their awesome Savior—The Supreme Dignity Restorer—and in some cases teach the ladies how to make the reusable pads.

After hearing Jade share her story in January, several from Solid Rock have donated to the project and a fund has been created to help her with the cost of materials. If you are interested in donating, please designate your giving as such. Rochelle DeHaven organized some ladies at Heritage Pointe to make pads. If you are interested in making these, please talk to Rochelle.

Youth Fellowship

Solid Rock UMYF met on March 12 to discuss chapter 2 of the book *Why?* by Adam Hamilton. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, April 9, at church after the young adult luncheon. We will be discussing chapter 3 from the book study. The WAY (Warren Area Youth) will also meet that evening at the Knight Civic Center.

UMYF is open to all youth and young adults from high school through college age. Contact Marie Dewese or Pastor Paul if you have any questions. Come join us and bring a friend!

Men's Fellowship Fundraiser

East of Chicago
Pizza

April 18
5:00-8:30 p.m.



God our Father,
by raising Christ your Son
you conquered the power of death
and opened for us the way to
eternal life.

Let our celebration today
raise us up and renew our lives
by the Spirit that is within us.
Grant this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
and Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.



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