



News From The Rock

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

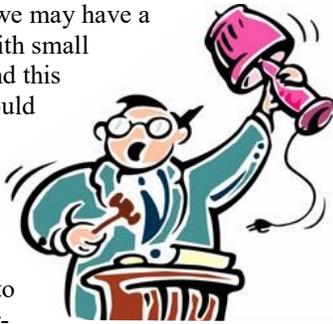
April 2018

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

Auction will raise funds for kitchen renovation

Join us in the fellowship area of Solid Rock on April 14 for a fun, fun, fun evening. At 6:30 that evening we will be holding an auction to help raise money for the remodel of the parsonage kitchen.

The kitchen is in dire need of a remodel and upgrade. It is small, not very functional, and the appliances are from the 1990s. We need to keep in mind that, someday, we may have a minister with small children and this kitchen would be hard to cook for a family in. Also, should we ever want to sell the parsonage for any reason, we all know that kitchens sell houses!



Donations for the auction are needed. "Things" and "stuff" are always welcome, but think outside the box also. Are you famous for a special cake or pie? Donate that, plus a lesson in making it. Or how about a block of time to babysit for some young parents? Guitar lessons? Dinner in your home? Handyman service for an afternoon? Clean out a closet for someone? Wash a car? Homework help? Be creative....the sky is the limit! See Susan Mills or call the office to donate.

This promises to be a fun evening with Dave Smitley as our auctioneer. Bring your sense of adventure and fun, and of course your wallet, and join us for a great time. If you get the munchies while watching all the excitement, we will have snacks available. See you at the auction!

"Feasting on the Word" Bible Study

"Feasting on the Word" in light of Jesus' resurrection will look at the following Bible texts. For each time that we hear the Lord speaking to us through his word, we experience anew the power of God at work in our life. You are invited to become one of the students of scripture at the Bible study meetings on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Solid Rock kitchen. Although you are encouraged to attend all the sessions of April, each session stands on its own. Just bring your Bible and an open spirit to God's leading in your life. Below is the April schedule.



- April 2: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (Joe Haney, leader)
- April 9: Mark 4:26-34 (Perry Spahr, leader)
- April 16: John 10:11-18 (Jorita Banter, leader)
- April 23: John 15:1-8 (Joe Haney, leader)
- April 30: 1 John 3:16-24 (Perry Spahr, leader)

Allow the power of the risen Christ to indwell you in your studies!



You've probably seen Santa Claus, but have you ever seen the Easter Bunny?

As a small child, I enjoyed visiting Santa at a local department store at Christmastime. My parents would take me downtown to the jolly bearded man in the red suit. I felt comfortable climbing into his lap, telling him my wish list, and receiving a gift along with his encouraging words. He was friendly, predictable and safe.

Imagine my excitement when one spring I learned that the Easter Bunny would be at the same department store. Neither my family nor I had ever seen the Easter Bunny. I had seen white rabbits. Those cute, cuddly little bunnies seemed so warm and innocent. I looked forward for some time to seeing the real Easter Bunny.



Finally, the big day came. My father took me to the store that afternoon. When we reached the Bunny's floor, I was shocked. Before me was a human-sized hare with big eyes and large, floppy ears. The creature walked on two legs like a human. He talked.

The more clearly I saw him as I approached him, the more slowly I walked. I would not get close to the furry beast. He wanted to give me a gift, but I was not cooperating. "Just throw it to me," I suggested. He tossed his present across the room, Frisbee-style.

Much as I was confused about the Easter Bunny, many folks are confused

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SOS

SOS met at home of Tamara Spahr on March 8, with Mariah Pfister as co-hostess. There were 12 in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President Kodi Elliot giving devotions.

The Treasurer's Report was given.

The lesson was given by Tamara Spahr on Hearing God's Voice.

Card report was given by Corresponding Secretary Teresa Kriegbaum.

Joys and concerns were given 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.

Prayer partners for the next month will be the fourth person to your left. Next meeting will be April 12 with Martina Cocklin as hostess, Jessica Berry as co-

hostess, and the lesson will be given by Susan Mills.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of our benediction.

February Financial Update

General Offerings	\$13,273
General Fund Expenses	\$13,942
Mortgage Balance	\$44,675

"The Story of Heaven"

The adult Sunday school class which meets in the church kitchen will begin a new study on April 8. "The Story of Heaven," a DVD study by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee, will look at the hope and promise of heaven. In these sessions, we will discover:

- The power of the words "Christ has risen" and the hope they provide
- How Jesus promises this same type of resurrection to those who follow him
- The promise of new bodies without sickness and without the struggles of the flesh
- A picture of what the book of Revelation says the kingdom of God will be like
- How we can participate in God's ultimate story
- How Jesus will return to earth and live with us in a new earth forever

Plan to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00!

The United Methodist Holy Week Quiz

1. What do palm branches symbolize on Palm Sunday?
 - They symbolized victory in the Roman Empire.
 - Palm is the Latin word for 'return.'
 - Hearts of palm were considered 'kingly food.'
 - All of the above.
2. What was Judas paid for identifying Jesus to the Roman soldier?
 - 20 pieces of gold
 - 20 pieces of silver
 - 30 pieces of gold
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3. The Upper Room Chapel in Nashville displays a carved wooden representation of...
 - The Nativity Scene
 - The Last Supper

- Christ's Crucifixion
- Christ's Resurrection

4. What was not said by Jesus the night before he died?
 - "All those who use the sword will die by the sword."
 - "The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak."
 - "Physician, heal thyself."
 - "Friend, do what you came to do."
5. What are the Stations of the Cross?
 - Place in Jerusalem where prisoners were sentenced
 - Moments in Jesus' journey from his trial to the tomb
 - Officially approved places for crosses in churches
6. What does a Tenebrae service consist of?
 - A drama about the last seven words of Jesus
 - A reenactment of the Last Supper
 - Extinguishing of candles
 - The receiving of ashes
7. What does INRI mean on a crucifix?
 - Pontius Pilate, Prefect of Rome
 - Nazareth, Kingdom of Jerusalem
 - Sign of the Cross
 - Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews
8. Why are eggs associated with Easter?
 - They symbolize new life.
 - They have a shell around the body inside, like the tomb of Jesus.
 - They can be dyed pretty colors to represent the joy of Easter.
 - All of the above.
9. Which of these Easter hymns did Charles Wesley write?
 - "Because He Lives"
 - "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"
 - "Lift High the Cross"
 - "Sing with All the Saints in Glory"
10. Why do some churches hold Easter sunrise services?
 - Easter prayer vigils often ended as the sun rose.
 - Three women visited the tomb early in the morning.
 - Jesus is often called the light of the world.
 - All of the above.

Answers on page 3.

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Between

We focus on Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday, but we forget to pause in the stillness of the days between. Find time today to be present in that place of waiting. There is treasure to be found in the sacred peace that comes as you breathe in that place of quiet surrender. Don't rush through the space called "Between."

— Katherine J. Walden

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9:00 a.m. - Noon

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about the meaning of Easter itself. For some, it means new clothes and a chance to show them off. Others focus on eggs, candy and special meals. Spring Break is a highlight of the season. The beach beckons, and relaxing on the sand or reveling at parties defines the holiday.

Easter is also billed as a time of renewal. It may be relatively easy to renew things outwardly — new clothes, a hairstyle, a fancy party. Renewal on the inside can be more difficult. Problems from the past can haunt one’s memory. Broken relationships undermine self-esteem. Guilt over missed opportunities, pain from rejection, loneliness, and anger from past hurts can sometimes create a swirling inner vortex, a psychological suction from which escape is difficult.

Where does one find inner renewal? Some look to friends or family. Counselors and self-help books provide coping skills. But maybe a look at the first Easter could also offer some clues.

Nearly two millennia ago, a young Jewish leader fell into disfavor with established authorities. He was executed, declared dead, wrapped up like a mummy, and placed in a tomb. A large stone was rolled against the tomb’s entrance and an elite unit of Roman soldiers guarded the tomb against grave robbers.

Two days later, the stone was rolled away and the tomb was empty, but the grave clothes were still in place. The man’s closest followers, most of whom had abandoned him during his trials, reported seeing him alive again. Many later died horrible deaths for telling people that their leader had risen from the dead.

They had been transformed from the inside and it affected every facet of their lives, giving them inner strength, freedom from guilt, love for their enemies, and boldness to stand for what they believed was right. “If anyone is in Christ,” wrote one early believer, “he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

Sometimes life’s challenges can seem as scary as that huge hare seemed to me when I was a child. We don’t want to get near them. Yet that first Easter still offers hope. Maybe if Jesus really did come back from the dead, then people today can find inner renewal by knowing him personally. As we enjoy eggs and rabbits this spring, might that be a message worth pondering?

See you Sunday,
Pastor Paul

Food Pantry Needs

- Cereal
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Snack Crackers
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Spaghetti
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pudding Snack Packs
- Ramen Noodles



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

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

United Methodist Women

Solid Rock United Methodist Women met on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at the Heritage Pointe Calico Room. President Barbara Hart welcomed all and opened with a devotional litany followed by all reciting the Purpose of United Methodist Women.

The Prayer Calendar: Mission focus was the Dallas Bethlehem Center (Dallas, Texas). Their programs work to see the transformation and success readiness for the whole family system. It involves supporting their service area with early childhood development, food security, and community empowerment tools to be



healthy leaders within their families and the local neighborhoods.

The birthday of the month was for Daniel Gabor, a missionary in the U.M. Church serving in aviation ministries in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He is a pilot and a mechanic.

Joys and concerns were voiced, and Bernie Garrett offered prayer for those and others.

Sue Beeks had the Mission Moment with the reading of Psalm 121 and several other readings. She then sang “God Will Take Care of You,” with members joining in the chorus.

Doris Souers took roll call and gave the secretary’s report. The treasurer’s report was given by Barbara Hart, followed with

business.

The program, “Call to Prayer and Self-Denial,” was presented by Bernie Garrett.

Barbara Hart closed the meeting with prayer.

Doris Souers,
Secretary

Answers to “Holy Week Quiz” (page 2)

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Why we need Easter

No one is exempt from tragedy or disappointment — even God was not exempt. Jesus offered no immunity, no way out of the unfairness, but rather a way *through* it to the other side. Just as Good Friday demolished the instinctive belief that this life is supposed to be fair, Easter Sunday followed with its startling clue to the riddle of the universe. Out of the darkness, a bright light shone. ...

The cross of Christ may have overcome evil, but it did not overcome unfairness. For that, Easter is required, a bright clue that someday God will restore all physical reality to its proper place.

—Philip Yancey,
Disappointment With God

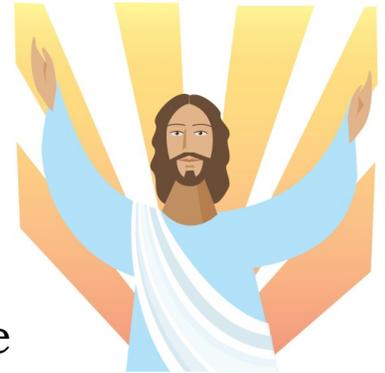
BREAKING NEWS! Auction Donations

See the auction story on page 1.

BREAKING NEWS! After only the first day of accepting donations for our auction, we have received some very interesting donations. If you are the winning bidder, you can take a ride in a 1967 Nova Super Sport, learn to play the drums, have your medications reviewed by a licensed pharmacist, or get up close and personal with a llama. How about a beautiful handmade small table, a piece of stained glass, some brand new gutter guard, or pretty pottery for your home? Hungry? We have a promise of banana bread, scotch-roos, pies, several different meals and a homemade cookie-of-the-month club. And this is just the beginning! This is shaping up to be a great auction and will be fun, fun, fun. You won't want to miss it!



In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this
solid Ground
Firm through the
fiercest drought and
storm
What heights of love
what depths of peace
When fears are stilled
when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand



—Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

