



News From The Rock

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

April 2019

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



HOLY WEEK AT SOLID ROCK



Holy Thursday Service

April 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Carry-in Meal

Meat & Drinks Provided

Please bring a covered dish to share

Short Meditation & Communion



Good Friday WAMA Service

April 19 at 7:00 p.m.

at Heritage Pointe Chapel



Easter Sunday

April 21

Sonrise Service at 8:00

Easter Breakfast at 8:45

(No Sunday School)

Easter Worship at 10:00

Feasting on the Word

Greetings, pilgrim! We are almost done with our journey to Jerusalem – the laments for our sin, the time with Jesus in the upper room, the hours in the garden of Gethsemane, the agony of the cross, and the amazement of the empty tomb. But let us not get ahead of Jesus; there is much more to be experienced. Come join us in Bible study as we walk with Jesus through sorrow and joy. The Monday evenings of

April allow us to feast on the riches of God's grace. Following are our study scriptures for April.

- April 1: John 12:1-8 (Joe Haney, leader)
- April 8: John 19:25-27 (Palm/Passion Sunday) (Perry Spahr, leader)
- April 15: Luke 24:1-12 (Easter) (Jorita Banter, leader)
- April 22: To be announced later (Joe Haney, leader)
- April 29: John 20:19-31 (Perry Spahr, leader)

You are urged to come and grow with us in our walk with our Lord and Savior.

Family Ministry Update

by John Pearson,
Family Ministry Coordinator

The deadline for the early summer camp registration is April 15th. If you need the registration code, please contact the church office. Please let me know the dates when kids will be attending camp so I can plan to visit them while they are there.

We had a great time learning about six different "Heroes of the Bible" during Kid's Club. We averaged 18 kids each night, with 6-7 kids that do not attend Solid Rock.



Thank you to all those that helped or donated food for Kid's Club. Keep an eye out as a schedule of events for the next few months will be posted on the bulletin board. We will also hand these out during the month of April during Children's Church.

Easter Sunday following the breakfast

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from
Pastor Paul

"Raised from the dead? Sure. Right. And I have a bridge I'd like to sell you."

That's how Thomas might have responded if he had lived

in our day. "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." He'd seen dead people before.

And Jesus was dead.

He sounds like sophisticated rationalists of the Twenty-first Century. "It isn't plausible," they would contend. "It didn't happen."

But what if it did happen?

Thomas was convinced when Jesus appeared to him, reached out his hands to Thomas, and said, "Put your finger here."

Thomas dropped to his knees. "My Lord and my God!"

It was self-hypnosis, you counter. The disciples wanted to believe that their Lord was not dead, so they just invented it out of whole cloth.

Really? Let's look at some of the evidence.

1. **Jesus' body was missing.** If the Jews could have found it, they could have stilled the preaching of Jesus' resurrection that filled Jerusalem. But they could not.

2. **The body wasn't stolen.** The Romans had no motive. The Jews had no mo-



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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.

Solid Rock Small Group Opportunities

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS (Sunday School)

Children's Classes

- PEBBLES (Nursery)
 - Ages 0-4
- LITTLE ROCKS/ROCK FOUNDATIONS
 - Preschool-Grade 4
- ROCK SOLID YOUTH
 - Grades 5-12

Adult Classes

- FIRM FOUNDATION
 - Currently studying "24 Hours that

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Worship at 10:00
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9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Changed the World," by Adam Hamilton

- FRIENDS IN FAITH
- REAL LIFE
 - Currently studying The Bible Project series.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

- FEASTING ON THE WORD
 - Meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 in the church kitchen

For more information on small groups, call the church office, 375-3873.

Thank you!

Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, cards, etc., for the recovery of John and Doris Souers' health issues. They were very much appreciated.

SOS

SOS met at the home of Lana Myers on March 14. Co-hostess was Sherry Gifford and the lesson was given by Linda Howell. There were 13 members in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President Kodi Elliott. The minutes for the February meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was given.

The lesson was given by Linda Howell on the meaning of Lent.

The card report of cards sent and received was given by Lana Myers.

Joys and concerns were spoken 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. The monies collected each month are given to a local resident or organization who is in need of funds.

Prayer partners for the next month will be the fourth person to your right. Next meeting will be April 11 at the church. Lana Myer will be hostess, the winter committee will be co-hostess, and Marie DeWeese will have the lesson.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of our benediction.

February Financial Update

General Offerings	\$13,138
General Fund Expenses.....	\$14,492
Mortgage Balance	\$10,045

SOS

The February 14, 2019, meeting of SOS was held at Solid Rock Church, hosted by Brenda Connor and Cindy Boxell. Those attending included Kodi Elliot, Teresa Kreigbaum, Brenda Connor, Cindy Boxell, Allison Voght, Lana Myers, Linda Howell, Tamara Spahr, Lisa Burris, Cheryl DeWeese, Mariah Pfister, and Martina Cocklin.

The meeting was opened by Kodi Elliot. The Secretary's report was read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given: \$5516.50. The Corresponding Secretary's report was read.

The lesson was given by Kodi Elliot. Joys and concerns were shared, with Kodi giving prayer for all joys and concerns.

Old Business: Donation to Place of Grace (tabled); SOS to assist with the Salamonie Summer Festival fundraiser at KBC on May 19, 2019.

New Business: Discussion on what to do with the pizza fundraiser money. Suggestions on what we should do with the funds were discussed.

Prayer partners: person on your left. Next meeting will be at Lana Myers' on March 14, 2019.

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East of Chicago Buffet FUNDRAISER

April 16, 2019

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by
Men's Fellowship

Proceeds, including
all tips, will be used
for local ministries



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tive. Ah-ha, you say, the disciples stole it. There is the matter of the Roman guards, and the disciples' initial disbelief when the women brought them the news early that Easter morning. This brings me to my third point.

3. **If the disciples had stolen the body, you wouldn't expect them to risk their lives.** People don't die for what they know is not true. But the disciples put their lives on the line, and nearly all were eventually martyred for their faith. They certainly believed it.
4. **The church mushroomed in size in Jerusalem,** the very place he was crucified. Followers of Jesus in the city of Jerusalem grew from a few dozen to thousands upon thousands soon after Jesus' resurrection. They believed it was true.
5. **Contemporary documents refer to the event.** Thallus the Samaritan, Suetonius, Tacitus, and Pliny contain references to Jesus. Jewish historian Josephus writes about Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. They knew something had happened.

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is actually more plausible than any other explanation. That's why we Christians make such a big deal about Easter. That's why we celebrate.

Jesus' resurrection means that death is not the end. That though my body may lie moldering in the ground, Jesus, whom the Father raised from the dead, gives me eternal life. Ultimately, we Christians believe, our bodies, too, will be raised from the dead.

And since Jesus is not dead, people can encounter him today. You can know him through a personal relationship. I could point to lots of people who can testify what Jesus has done in their lives to bring them from the brink of disaster to peace and meaning and joy. He changes people for good.

If you're not sure you can really say you've met this risen Jesus, this coming Easter Sunday why don't you slip into church to seek him. And perhaps in the midst of our celebration, you'll find him for yourself.

He's alive, you know. That's what Easter is all about!

See You Sunday,
Pastor Paul

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we will be doing a special event for the kids in the children's Sunday school room from 9:15-9:45 a.m.

Our summer VBS with WAMA will be July 7-11 at Warren First Baptist from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Our theme is "To Mars and Beyond."

Rock Solid Youth was able to finish up our series on "The Best Year Ever" on March 10th, and we started a new series titled "Choices" on March 17th. Keep an eye out as a schedule of events for the next few months will be posted on the bulletin board. We will also pass them out during youth group.

I have enjoyed meeting with several of the college students over the past couple months. We are looking into doing some type of small group while they are home on summer break. One student is even hoping to Skype in since they won't be home much this summer.

In a previous newsletter I announced we would be doing the Solid Rock apparel again. We have not yet been able to start the ordering process. We will let the congregation know when that begins.

United Methodist Women

Solid Rock United Methodist Women met in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe on Thursday, March 7. President Barbara Hart gave a welcome and an opening devotional entitled "Happy 150th Anniversary."

The Purpose of the United Methodist Women was recited by all. The March prayer calendar was the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign. The birthday of the month was Isabelle Thoburn, born March 28, 1840. She died September 1, 1901, in India at the age of 61.

Joys and concerns were requested by Bernie Garrett, and she offered prayer for those mentioned. The secretary's report was given by Martha Plummer. Roll call was taken by Martha Plummer, with 10 ladies present. We had one guest, Bonnie Meyer. The treasurer's report was given by Barbara Hart.

There will be a Spiritual Growth Retreat, April 5-6, at Don Hall's Guesthouse in Fort Wayne. April 13 is Spring Spiritual Enrichment Day at Covenant UMC in Fort Wayne.

There will be a 150th UMC Celebration in Boston. Barbara Hart gave a very interesting program about the 150th anniversary, when women organized for missions.

The meeting ended with prayer.

UMCOR Sunday

When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti's 2010 earthquake or Typhoon Haiyan in 2013—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

So don't be fooled by the word committee. Since 1940, when UMCOR's forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we've continued to respond to those in desperate need—today throughout more than eighty countries around the world.

The response of UMCOR isn't something "they" do, it's something "we" do. When you give you equip Christ's body to serve in His name. That's because your generous giving to UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

Because you give, the United Methodist Church's compassionate response to human suffering continues today:

- When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded.
- When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded.
- When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded.
- And when the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond.

UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through UMCOR Sunday. In fact, it's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes.

Not "they."

We.

Ensure the United Methodist Church can keep helping. Will you continue to give to UMCOR Sunday? Will you continue to meet the needs of the children, families and communities who've experienced devastation in the wake of disaster?

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If you would be interested in helping with the sanctuary and altar flowers, please contact Jane in the office or Tamara Spahr. Thank you!



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When we meet the needs of those who suffer we actually minister to Jesus, who said: "I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me." (Mt. 25:35-36, CEB)

As we respond, we recognize Jesus in those who are reeling in the wake of disaster.

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Lord God,
You loved this world so much,
That you gave your one and only Son,
That we might be called your children too.

Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace
Of Easter Sunday, every day.

Let us have hearts of thankfulness
For your sacrifice.

Let us have eyes that look upon
Your grace and rejoice in our salvation.

Help us to walk in that mighty grace
And tell your good news to the world.
All for your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.



- Rachel Marie Stone

