

News From The Rock

April 2022

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

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

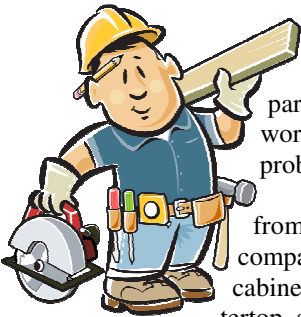
Parsonage kitchen remodel update

At long last, the parsonage kitchen committee has some exciting news to pass on! We have now committed to a contractor, a cabinet company, and have ordered

appliances for the kitchen remodel at the parsonage. The work will begin, probably, in July. The quote from the cabinet company includes all cabinets, quartz countertop, sink, faucets, cabinet hardware, soft close door hinges, dovetail drawer boxes, and some interior organizational features. The contractor's quote includes demo, installation of a water line for the refrigerator ice maker, wiring and installation of new can lights, under counter lighting, and outlets. Also new insulation and drywall where needed and installation of plumbing for the new sink and water lines for the dishwasher.

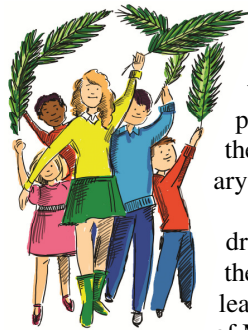
Appliances ordered are of a fingerprint resistant stainless steel. These include a new refrigerator, gas range, over the range microwave, dishwasher, and garbage disposal.

All of this progress has put us at just about the value of the kitchen remodel fund at present. You all have done a wonderful job of supplying funds for this much needed upgrade to our parsonage and the committee thanks you greatly! We will need a bit more money to finish the project, as we will need to buy flooring and have the kitchen repainted once the construction is all done. Please prayerfully consider helping us push this project over the finish line.



Children's Ministries

The kids will be carrying the Palm branches in for Palm Sunday. They will also be sharing their joy and praise through things they've been doing in Kid's Club. All kids are welcome to participate. Please meet in the back of the sanctuary prior to the service.



In the children's Sunday school, the kids have been learning about the life of Moses. They will also be doing a Holy Week activity and a special Easter message lesson on Easter. All children ages four through fourth grade are welcome to join us each Sunday at 9:00.

Be sure to come the third Thursday of every month from 6:00-7:30 for Kid's Club. Each night starts with supper served in the kitchen. There are also songs, crafts, lessons, and games. Come and bring a friend!

We are resuming children's messages during the worship service. Anyone willing to provide a children's message should contact Jane in the church office.

Recognition of high school and college graduates will take place on June 5.

Pre-worship fellowship time resuming

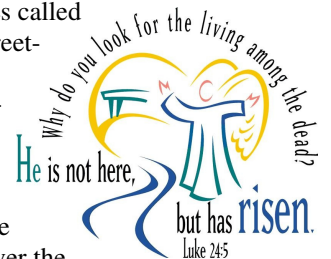
A time of sharing coffee, snacks, and fellowship prior to worship services will resume as soon as we have volunteers to provide the snacks. You can help make this happen by adding your name to the signup sheet!



Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!
This declaration is familiar in many churches. As a triumphant statement of Christ's victory over the grave, it is a bold message for all to hear on Easter morning. Gotquestions.org claims that this traditional Easter greeting in the Western church has sometimes been accompanied by the exchange of three kisses on alternate cheeks. Apparently a very old custom, it is sometimes called the Paschal greeting.

This greeting may have been derived from Luke 24:5. Here, the women discover the angels at the tomb on the third day. And what do the angels tell the frightened women? "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" The women do not give the current expected response. They instead flee away to tell the apostles. The apostles, when told of the experience, also do not give the current expected response. Instead of the joyous wonder of "He is risen indeed," they don't believe the women, saying their story is nonsense.

Next time you are asked to give the current standard greeting on Easter and it seems a bit stale, imagine yourself at the tomb on that bright, shining morning with the light of the angels overwhelming your senses and the presence of God gloriously filling the entrance to the tomb. Those who



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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.

Would you be willing to provide special music for a worship service? Please contact Jane in the church office at 375-3873.

Children's Sermons

We'd like to resume children's sermons, but we need volunteers! Please let Jane Hitzfield know if you would be willing to be added to a rotating list of providers. Her number is 375-3873.

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Worship Schedule

Sunday School at 9:00
Worship at 10:00
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Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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newsletter: April 24

SOS

SOS met on March 10 at the church with 18 in attendance with Tamara as hostess and Sherry as co-hostess. Sherry provided a wonderful lesson on Luke 15:8-10 about the lost coin. God longs for us, searches for us when lost and in pain, and we get new insight into God's love when we are found by him. Her lesson also included Mark 2:17, highlighting that God is seeking those who need help. We can help others by reaching out to them even if we are just providing a listening ear.

Due to the winter weather in February, we canceled our planned retreat at the Connxtion retreat center in Upland. The committee will look into retreat options for the future. The group has started planning for the Salamonie Summer Festival booth.

After the meeting, a wonderful fellowship time was held in combination with a wonderful chocolate cake dessert made by Sherry. The next meeting will be April 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the church with Shannon as hostess and lesson provider and Allison as co-hostess. Come join a fun group of gals!

Mysteries of the Messiah

Are you settling for half the story? Most people – even people of faith – do not understand how the Bible fits together. In *Mysteries of the Messiah*, Rabbi Jason Sobel reveals the many connections in Scripture hidden in plain sight.



Known for his emphatic declaration "but there is more!" he guides his listeners in seeing the passion and purpose of the Messiah.

The study uncovers connections between the Old and New Testaments and connects the dots with Jesus, the Torah, and biblical characters. Jason Sobel has the unique perspective of a rabbi with an evangelical theological degree.

Join us in the kitchen on Sunday mornings at 9:00. This study will begin April 24.

February Financial Update

General Fund Receipts	\$14,415
General Fund Expenses	\$17,520

By the Book

By the Book, commonly called the "Bible Trailer" offers weekly Bible-based instruction to third, fourth and fifth grade students in the Huntington County public schools.

Thirty-five minute classes are offered in the Bible trailer off of school property with



parental permission for students to attend. This program has been a part of Huntington County for 77 years and is a real blessing. Every third and fourth grader in the program received a Bible last fall and fifth graders received devotionals. This year there have been many questions from the students about heaven and lifestyle choices. The children are seeking, perhaps as never before. For some, this is their only "church."

A classroom teacher reported that one of her third grade students, who has had extreme anger problems, told her he did not want his anger to control him anymore. He went to his desk and began mumbling a prayer that God would help him. He later told the teacher that he had learned how to pray in By the Book!

By the Book depends on donations and fundraisers. The Solid Rock mission board has designated \$400 to send to them this year. If you would like to make a personal donation, that is always appreciated. It can be included in the offering plate with the designation of "By the Book."

**Card Ministry
Special
Free Easter Card
with any purchase!**

- "Christ did not come into the world that we might understand him, but that we might cling to him, that we might simply let ourselves be swept away by him into the immense event of the resurrection."
—Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- "Lent is spring training. Easter is opening day!"
—seen on a church sign

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were privileged to be there didn't know what we know and so didn't receive the message. But we who know the results of this wonder — the appearances of Jesus, the conversion of Paul, etc. — can go back in our imagination to that first day of the week and experience it. Let it be the first time. But this time with no fear and no doubt.

See you Sunday,
Paul

General Conference postponed until 2024

United Methodist General Conference organizers have announced that the meeting of the Church's top lawmaking assembly has been postponed a third time, due to long wait times for visas as a result of the pandemic. Approximately 44% of delegates come from outside the United States.

This Conference is expected to consider the Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation as well as other separation proposals. For more information, visit solidrockumc.com and click on the "UMC Separation Proposal Information" link near the bottom of the home page.

Solid Rock seeking Youth Director applicants

Solid Rock is seeking applicants for the permanent position of Youth Director. The position will be 20 hours per week. A job description is posted on the church website, solidrockumc.com. Applicants should submit a resume. It may be mailed to Solid Rock UMC, P.O. Box 322, Warren, IN 46792, or emailed to jane@solidrockumc.com. Call the church at 375-3873 for more information.

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April 19, 2022

5:00-8:00 p.m.

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Men's Fellowship

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



Bible Study

Our "Feasting on the Word" Monday evening Bible studies have been challenging as we travel with Jesus on his last weeks on earth. It has not been easy listening to his challenges to his disciples (us). Going through times of questioning, absolute fear, and



hanging on to hope that God will prevail through our trials. The month of April will

keep us with Jesus in the Gospel of John up to Easter on April 17. Since Pastor Paul will be out of the pulpit for two Sundays in April our Bible studies will follow the common lectionary readings for those Sundays. The schedule for our "Feasting" is as follows.

- April 4: John 17:1-26 (Make Jesus' Passion Your Passion); Jorita Banter, leader
- April 11: Mark 16:1-8 (Out of the Darkness); Joe Haney, leader
- April 18: John 20:19-31 (Receiving a Blessing); Jorita Banter, leader
- April 25: John 21:1-19 (An Invitation to Ministry); Joe Haney, leader

I know that summer ball games will soon be calling for your time. If you cannot make it to the 7:00 p.m. gatherings in the Solid Rock kitchen, at least read the scriptures in preparation for worship on the coming Sunday. May the Lord bless you in the hearing, reading, and following of God's Word in your life!

—Joe Haney, Coordinator

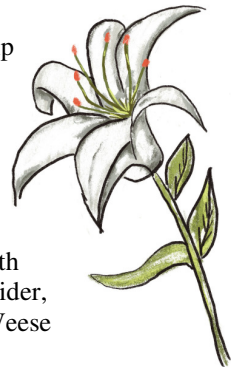
"Fish Eyes"

"Fish Eyes" tells the story of some of Jesus' most memorable moments as you have never seen them before through the eyes of Peter and Andrew. We see the very human reaction to this mysterious, life-changing teacher. This theatrical presentation blends biblical characterization with elements of comedy and storytelling of what life must have been like for Jesus' disciples.

The adult Sunday school class that meets in the kitchen on Sundays at 9:00 will view this unique presentation of Jesus' ministry on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Please join us!

2022 Easter Flowers

Marg Bentley - 1 Tulip
In memory of Clyde and Helen Hoover, George and Helen Bentley



Liz Bolinger
1 Tulip, 1 Hyacinth
In honor of Mindy Rider, Marie DeWeese

Mike and Rita Bolinger - 1 Tulip
In honor of Donna Bolinger

Cindy Boxell - 1 Hyacinth
In honor of Curly and Pat Boxell

Robert and Marie DeWeese
1 Tulip, 1 Lily
In memory of Elizabeth Bolinger, Joyce Sorg, Robert Prout

Joe Haney - 1 Tulip, 1 Daffodil
In honor of All Disciples

Steve and Mary Ann Holmes - 1 Daffodil

Billie Horrell - 1 Hyacinth, 1 Daffodil
In honor of Roger James Horrell, William and Frances Cramer

Jennifer Jackson - 1 Hyacinth
In memory of Larry and Joyce Keiffer

John and Susan Mills - 1 Lily
In memory of our beloved son Nathan
Our parents

Lana Myers - 1 Tulip
In honor of my family

Mindy Rider - 1 Tulip
In memory of all who have gone before us

Ann Spahr - 1 Hyacinth, 1 Daffodil
In memory of Keith Spahr

Dave and Wanda Spahr - 1 Daffodil
In honor of our family

Gary and Rosalie Walter - 1 Lily
In honor of Martha Plummer
In memory of Jerry and Lois Walter
Glenn Robinson

Ted and Sharon Williams
1 Hyacinth, 1 Daffodil
In honor of our family
In memory of Ben Williams

EASTER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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Palm Sunday Service

April 10 at 10:00

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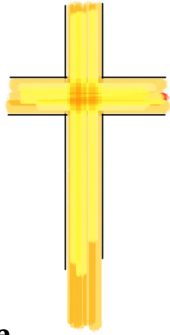
Good Friday Community Service

April 15 at 7:00 p.m.
at Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene

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Easter Worship Service

April 17 at 10:00



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

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The logo for Solid Rock, featuring the words "Solid Rock" in a stylized, bold font. The word "Solid" is in white with a black outline, and "Rock" is in black with a white outline. The text is set against a red and white background that resembles a cross or a stylized rock formation.