



News From The Rock

April 2010

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Easter at Solid Rock



8:00 - Easter Drama
8:45 - Breakfast
10:00 - Easter Worship

Administrative Council

The Solid Rock Administrative Council met on March 16. Jerry Walter, representing the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, reported that the church office has been relocated to 427 North Matilda.

The Building/Site Team will be meeting on March 23. Steve Holmes reported that capital funds commitments have been coming in ahead of schedule.

Marie DeWeese reported that the youth have developed a purpose statement. They are planning a lock-in in May and a team-building event in June. They are also initiating a mentor ministry.

Plans continue to take shape for the community summer Vacation Bible School, to be held June 7-11 at Solid Rock.

Solid Rock has been offered the opportunity to run the concession stand at Tower Park for the summer. After more information is gathered, Council will decide whether to proceed with this project.

Council will next meet on May 18.

Scholarship applications due April 15

Don't forget that scholarship applications are due to the committee by April 15. See Rosalie Walter for an application or to turn in your completed application.

Lakewood Work Day

Thirteen people have volunteered to go to Camp Lakewood on Saturday, May 15, to help prepare the grounds and cabins for the summer camping season. Camp administrators would like for us to be there from 9:00 - 4:00 and they will serve us lunch. If you are interested in going, but were not on the original list, it is not too late. Let Rosalie Walter know (375-3789).

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

The Solid Rock UMYF will have a bowling outing on Sunday, April 11. The youth and mentors will be leaving right after church and be returning around 2:30. UMYF members should bring \$5 for the bowling and pizza. Please let Marie or Jeff know by April 4 if you will be able to attend so we can reserve the lanes.

UMYF members and friends: Reserve the date for the "Magical Mystery Tour" traveling lock-in. It will start on Friday night, May 28 at the church and end on Saturday at 7 a.m. During the lock-in we will be visiting different places to experience the five purposes of our ministry: Inviting, Building, Caring, Worshiping, and Connecting. Look for more news about this coming up.

We will be starting our mentoring ministry in April. Thanks to all the adults who have volunteered to be a part of this ministry. We're looking forward to building our faith together!

February Offerings

February offerings totaled \$11,475. Receipts to the Building Fund were \$14,497.

Just Leaning on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



Hard to believe this is April already! Where does the time go? Easter is here and I'm not sure where Lent went. I was reminiscing the other day about my grandmother. She was a wonderful Christian woman who helped get me to the stout

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build (fat) today.

There wasn't anything this woman couldn't cook, bake, can or pickle.

Her favorite holiday was Easter and she always went all out.

She would have Easter baskets full of goodies, and of course we sat down as a family to a much too big meal where we all would overeat. What I remember most about Grandma and her Easter preparations were the purchasing of a new Easter dress with shoes that would go, possibly a spring purse to complement the outfit, and very early in my childhood I remember the Easter bonnets. As I remember, I realize that things have changed quite a bit in the span of my life. Some of these changes were for good and some the other way. The one real constant in all this change is what we celebrate at Easter, Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is this one constant that enables me to survive all the change, be it good or the other. Because of Christ's constant and unchanging presence in my life, along with His assurance that He has gone ahead to prepare a place for me, I can face all change. Alleluia and Happy Easter!

Shalom,
Pastor Kathy



“Soup for the Soul”

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Soup for the Soul supper a success. We warmed 175 souls and stomachs with fellowship and a bowl of soup. Even though the weather did not cooperate and the supper had to be delayed a week, all went well. All of your donations were very much appreciated and beneficial in making the soup. Your time in helping with the supper was also very much appreciated. May Christ pour a special blessing on all those who attended or helped in any way. We look forward to next year.

Marg Bentley

Card Ministry

The Card Ministry will meet on April 17, 9:30 a.m., at the church. Come and join in the fun and fellowship, and help get this new ministry off to a grand start!

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News deadline for the May newsletter:
April 18

An Open Letter

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

1. The woman on Amazon.com who was attempting to talk me through a snafu relating to a purchase I was trying to make:

She: “Your password is not being accepted. We have to change it. Give me a new password. It has to have six characters.”

Me: “O.K. Use laddie, all lower case letters. L-A-D as in dog, D as in dog, I-E.”

She: “Add a number to that. You need six characters.”

Me: “L-A-D as in dog, D as in dog, I-E.”

She: “You have to add something to that, either another letter or a number. You need six characters.”

Me: “L-A-D-D-I-E!”

She: “Oh, that will work.”

2. Sales associate at Meijer’s in Fort Wayne, overseeing the automatic checkout lane, who was attempting to talk me through a snafu relating to a purchase I was trying to make:

She: “You have to punch in the code.”

Me: “It’s already in there. See, the item is listed on the screen.”

She: “But you have to punch in the code.”

Me: “No, I’ve already punched in the code. You can see it on the screen.”

She: “Here, let me punch it in. That’s not working. Let me do it again. I don’t know why it’s not working. Let’s try this.”

Me: “No. Let’s just take it off. I don’t need it, and I’m tired of the hassle.”

3. All the drivers on Highway 22 heading west toward Kokomo at 5:50 a.m. who drive at fifty-five miles an hour:

Me: “What makes you think traveling at that speed is sufficient, when there is a car coming toward you in the other lane, but then causes you to speed up when someone, (O.K. maybe the someone is me), tries to pass you? NOBODY travels the exact speed limit? Even a state police officer who was at law school when I was there, said you are ‘given’ three or four miles in good weather.”

“Don’t you know I’m in a hurry?
Surely, you understand, IT’S ALL

ABOUT ME!”

Is there a lesson here? Certainly it is not to stay off-line, avoid Meijer’s or leave the car in the garage. Being patient in such situations seems to be beyond my capability. There is always the possibility of asking God to grant me patience, but I think the effect is mitigated when I add, “and do it now!”

Barbara Kleinhans

The first step to the cross

The most notorious road in the world is the Via Dolorosa, “the Way of Sorrows.” According to tradition, it is the route Jesus took from Pilate’s hall to Calvary. The path is marked by stations frequently used by



Christians for their devotions. One station marks the passing of Pilate’s verdict. Another, the appearance of Simon to carry the cross.

Three stations commemorate the stumbles of Christ, another the words of Christ. There are fourteen stations in all, each one a reminder of the events of Christ’s final journey.

Is the route accurate? Probably not. When Jerusalem was destroyed in A.D. 70 and again in A.D. 135, the streets of the city were destroyed. As a result, no one knows the exact route Christ followed that Friday.

But we do know where the path actually began.

The path began, not in the court of Pilate, but in the halls of heaven. Jesus began his journey when he left his home in search of us. Armed with nothing more than a passion to win your heart, he came looking. His desire was singular—to bring God’s children home. The Bible has a word for this quest: *reconciliation*.

“God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself” (2 Cor. 5:10 NKJV). The Greek word for *reconcile* means “to render something otherwise.” Reconciliation restitches the unraveled, reverses the rebellion, rekindles the cold passion.

Reconciliation touches the shoulder of the wayward and woos him homeward.

The path to the cross tells us exactly how far God will go to call us back.

- Max Lucado

in 3:16: *The Numbers of Hope*

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not it books alone but in every leaf in springtime.

- Martin Luther

Camp Sponsorships

Solid Rock had a "Tithing Your Time" Ministry Fair in August. At that time, a number people signed up to be camp support finance sponsors. We want to thank all of those who have helped in the past and those on this new list. Thanks also to our youth leaders.

The March newsletter had a very good article titled "Youth Ministry Starts with You." It stated that "the most important factor in effective ministry to youth in the local church is commitment to youth ministry by the entire congregation." I believe, with our Lord's help, we are trying to live up to this.

Youth, let your youth leaders know if you can go to church camp. Register by April 19 to get the lowest rate. On April 20, the rates go up \$20. Your youth leaders have the camp dates and costs. Our financial sponsors will try to help.

Pauline Adsit



Vacation Bible School

Solid Rock will be hosting Vacation Bible School for Warren area churches this summer. It will be held June 7-11, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:17 a.m. The theme is "SonQuest Rain Forest. VBS is for children ages 3 through grade 6. (Children enroll in their current school grade.)

Lost and Found

Have you misplaced any dishes? There is an assortment in the kitchen. Also, there are shirts left from exercise, as well as jackets and scarves. Check the coat racks. In two weeks, all remaining items will be taken to Love, INC.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thanks from the bottom of the yarn box to Mary Ann Holmes, Joenita Keller, Susan Mills, Millie Border, Susan Wechsler, and Wanda Spahr for the yarn dona-



tions. This will keep the knitting needles clicking and the crochet hooks hooking for awhile longer.

We are always needing yarn. When you clean house this spring, think of us if you have any skeins of yarn or bits and pieces. You'd be surprised at what those knitting needles and crochet hooks can do. Thanks for remembering the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Men's Fellowship

The Solid Rock Men's Fellowship met on March 13, 2010, in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe, with 15 men in attendance. Dale Smith opened the meeting with prayer. Breakfast was served by Kim's Katered Affair.

Marion Bell's devotional was a letter from a cousin of Margaret. This cousin accompanied a friend to Haiti in search of a boy whom he had supported but never met.

Knowing the boy's name and carrying a photograph, they located the boy within 26 hours. Later, the two assisted a Christian medical team before returning home. Marion's devotional was based on Luke 15. (Look it up!)

There will be an apple gleaning event on March 19. Twenty-four bushels of apples will be picked up in Denver, Indiana, to be delivered to Love INC and the Warren Bread of Life Food Pantry.

The spring pizza fundraiser will be April 27 at East of Chicago.

Closing prayer was offered by Bruce Preston. The next meeting will be April 10.

United Methodist Women

The Solid Rock UMW met on March 4, 2010, at Heritage Pointe. Myrna Neff opened the meeting with a devotion, "Are We Rich?" by Irma Bombeck. The Mission Moment, "Courageous Spirit," was given by Mick McNany. Carolyn Winters presented the lesson, "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial."

The next meeting will be April 1 at Heritage Pointe in the Calico



United
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Women

Room. Those present were: Helen Campbell, Freddie Couch, Martha Glass, Marian Hoffman, Barbara Hart, Mary Emma Holmes, Mick McNany, Myrna Neff, Naomi Oxley, Martha Plummer, June Shideler, Ann Brauchla-Slaughter, Carolyn Winters, and Audrey Garrett. Mabel Fields joined us for lunch.

"What's So Amazing About Grace?"

The "downstairs" adult Sunday school class will begin the study "What's So Amazing About Grace?" by Philip Yancey on April 11. "It's one thing to talk about grace; it's another to taste it's power. Through candid video interviews, Philip Yancey integrates true-life faces and experiences that will rock your preconceptions, get you thinking, and help you discover why grace is more amazing that you've ever dreamed."

If you've thought about joining a study group, this would be a great time to start! Sunday school begins at 9:00.

Craft Day

Due to a conflict earlier in the day, the April 10 Craft Day will be from 2-4 p.m. Mary Emma will be helping us make scratchers. We will have the door hanger painting class in May.

Amazing Grace

"We creatures, we jolly beggars, give glory to God by our dependence. Our wounds and defects are the very fissures through which grace might pass. It is our human destiny on earth to be imperfect, incomplete, weak, and mortal, and only by accepting that destiny can we escape the force of gravity and receive grace. Only then can we grow close to God.

Strangely, God is closer to sinners than to 'saints'. (By saints I mean those people renowned for their piety—true saints never lose sight of their sinfulness.) As one lecturer in spirituality explains it, 'God in heaven holds each person by a string. When you sin, you cut the string. Then God ties it up again, making a knot—and thereby bringing you a little closer to him. Again and again your sins cut the string—and with each further knot God keeps drawing you closer and closer.'

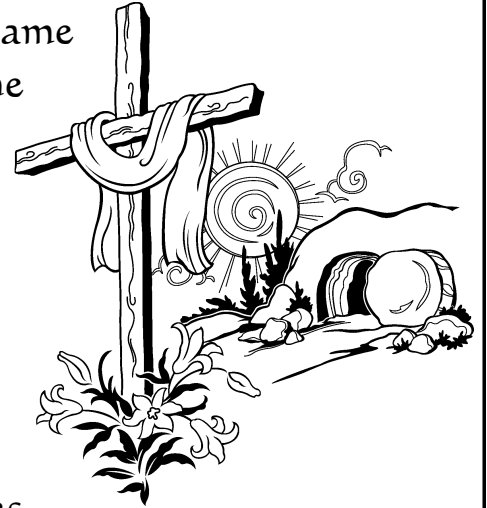
- Phillip Yancey
in *What's So Amazing About Grace?*



Community Vacation
Bible School
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June 7-11

Christ has not only spoken to us by his life
but has also spoken for us by his death.
- Soren Kierkegaard

He lives all glory to His name
He lives my Savior still the
same
What joy this blest
assurance gives
I know that my Redeemer
lives
My Redeemer lives
Christ the Lord now lives
Alleluia my Redeemer lives
I know that my Redeemer lives
What joy this blest assurance gives
He lives He lives who once was dead
He lives my ever-living head



- John C. Hatton



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