



News From The Rock

August 2013

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Heading North

TO: Members of Solid Rock UMC
FROM: Barbara Kleinhans
TIME: Three days in December of 2003
EVENTS:

Day 1—A visit from Norm Wolfe welcoming me to Warren and inviting me to worship at Jefferson Center Church

Day 2—A visit from Ron and Myrna Neff welcoming me to Warren and inviting me to worship at Jefferson Center

Church; and

Day 3—A visit from Carolyn Winters, on the day following Ron and Myrna's drop-in, inviting me to worship at Jefferson Center Church, beginning with attendance at the traditional New Years' Eve celebration the following evening.

The first encounter with the entire congregation was the New Years' Eve party, where I found myself imitating a duck waddling, with a partner who shall remain nameless, onto the deck of the Ark in a game of charades. To this day, family and friends refuse to believe I would have put myself in such a ridiculous position. However, I knew immediately this would be the church home and family I had been shopping for intermittently for over forty years.

Since that week, the warmth, acceptance and friendship from the people I have had the privilege to meet and know have made this one of the most rewarding and fulfilling experiences in my life. The support and trust have helped me to grow in ways I never anticipated or knew possible, and I am so grateful. I thank God every day for leading me here.

The thoughts of leaving are truly heart-breaking, even though I know this is the time and the right move for me. (You have probably noticed I am taking the "chicken" way out by writing this for you to read after I have gone. There is no way I could possibly stand up and get through it without blubbering. Additionally, I couldn't decide if I would be sharing it during "Joys" or "Concerns" ☺).

I sincerely thank you for your willingness to share your time, your lives and your church. May God bless all of you.

Barbara

Thank you!

Thank you for your prayers and support while I was enrolled at Manchester. I am excited to head down the path before me and see where God leads me. Thank you again for all you have done.

Emma Sabinski

Just Leaning on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



This, now, is what the Sovereign LORD says: "I am placing in Zion a foundation that is firm and strong. In it I am putting a solid cornerstone on which are written the words, 'Faith that is firm is also patient.'" (Isaiah 28:16)

I have found that my faith is firm but not so patient, so when I discovered this verse it spoke to my heart. As I said last month, I've set date after date for getting into the new building. Time and time again God has put the date off; however, we are nearing (finally) our entrance into the new facility.

There have been many long hours and lengthy (some heated) discussions to get to this point. Once again I want to thank those on the Building/Site Team for their efforts. I want to express my appreciation to all of you who have helped financially. Please accept my thanks to those who have worked during the work day, those who have helped with the audio/visual decisions, those who gave sound advice for the kitchen, and all those workers who have come and gone.

I pray God will take all the labor that has gone into this new facility and bless all who have labored. More importantly I pray God will use this facility to bring more people to Him. You see, the building means nothing if it's not serving God. By serving God I mean that non-Christians are coming to know Christ as their Savior, already Christians are growing in their walk, and that the church family that worships in this place are bound by a "cord that cannot be broken". Let us celebrate together this beautiful gift God has given us by honoring His intent!

Shalom,
Pastor Kathy

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Thanks!

Thank you so much for the scholarship for my Criminal Justice degree at Ball State.

Spencer Sabinski

Thank you for helping us go to camp. It was totally awesome.

Amelia, Lily, and Fletcher Sabinski

June Financial Update

General Offerings..... \$13,652
General Fund Expenses..... \$11,858
Building Fund Contributions \$8,235

Remember the Giver

God wants us to enjoy the good gifts that he gives to us, provided that we don't so focus on the gift that we forget the Giver. When the gift becomes more important than the Giver, you have idolatry; when the Giver is seen through the gift, you have worship.

—Warren Wiersbe

We are Your church and we are Your body
We are the light the light of the world
We are the ones that You have chosen
To be the salt of the earth
And we're sent to set the captives free

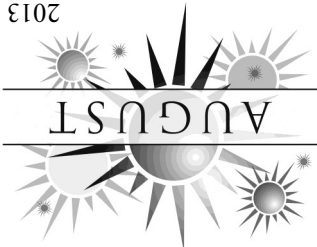
All we've received has come from
You
All that we have we give back
to You

Let our lives be a sacrifice
pleasing unto You
Let our lips speak Your
praises
Let us know Your will



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