



News From The Rock

August 2012

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Youth Fellowship

We have had a busy summer with UMYF. We went to Page's Crossing the end of June. Check out the church Facebook page to see a video of all the youth racing go-carts. We had our lock-in and first worship at the new church site the beginning of July. The youth also worked on a project at the site connected with the new building. We really enjoyed the worship time outdoors and are looking forward to many more! We also had our Girl's Day Away (along with ice cream at Ivanhoes), and have helped with the Warren Food Pantry.



In August we will be kicking off the new UMYF year with our annual trip to the Tincaps game. We will be going on Tuesday August 7. We plan on leaving from the church at 5:30. Tickets are paid for, but youth will need to bring money for food at the park. We also have a few extra tickets for mentors who would like to go with us. Please let Jeff or Marie know by Sunday, August 5, if you plan on going. Youth will also need to have a permission form signed and returned in order to go on the trip. This form will cover all UMYF events and meetings for the year. See Marie if you need to get a form.

A big thank you to: Rosalie for bringing breakfast during the Lock-In, Sydney for helping with the Lock-In, Jon and Mandy for helping with the outdoor worship, the Canady's for letting us have our Girl's Day at their house, and Pastor Kathy for helping with all the youth events! We really appreciate all the wonderful support from our church family! Be sure to check our schedule for August and September. We will be returning to more of a regular meeting, pizza, and Bible study time. We will be starting in our study of the 7 Checkpoints. Checkpoint 1 is "Authentic Faith." Notice

that the meeting time has changed slightly. We will be meeting from 2:00-3:30. Remember, UMYF is open for all youth in grades 5-12. Please come and bring a friend!

Parade Float

I wish to thank all who participated in the building and decorating of the float. Steve Holmes and Dave Spahr actually built the float. Not only did they build the float, but they assisted in making it beautiful. Mary Ann Holmes was invaluable. She had lots of great ideas and ways to carry them out. Marg and Jack built and placed "the rocket." Marg was also very helpful in the gathering of materials.

Donations of materials included the wagon, Joh and Candy Smith, the building to house the float, Stacy and Mike Haggerty, Scott and Gina Bolinger, and Bruce Preston. Thanks to Pauline and Howard Adsit for housing the float materials. Thank you to Norman Wolf and grandson Zack for pulling the float for the parade. A special "thank you" to Martina Cocklin and Wendell Brown for riding the float and representing those brave souls protecting our flag and the wonderful country it represents. Carrying the church banner were Tom and Rob Bolinger. Hurray!

If I have forgotten anyone I am truly sorry, as God provided through all these people to represent our very freedom to bow down and worship the Lord. Hopefully, our efforts made someone stop and think about the power of the Lord and all our freedoms. Again, thanks to all and may God continue to bless this Solid Rock UMC.

Linda K. Howell

Just Leaning on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



Then the Devil took him up and showed him in a second all the kingdoms of the world. "I will give you all this power and all this wealth," the Devil told him. "It

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has all been handed over to me, and I can give it to anyone I choose. All this will be yours, then, if you worship me." Jesus answered, "The

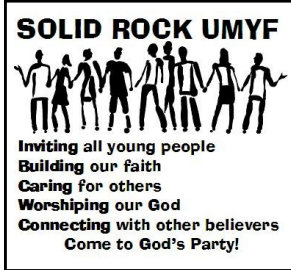
scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!' " (Luke 4:5-8)

Once again it's time to ask all of you to serve God in your local church. I just want to make clear that the world/Satan will convince you that you don't have the time, the money, the talent which then takes your desire away. Please know that this is the ploy of the enemy! Is there something you enjoy doing, then why not do it for your church family? Is there something you are good at, then why not share your talent with those who love and care about you? Don't let the world/Satan steal your joy! Why do I call it joy? When you yourself have served someone else, how did it make you feel? The words I would use are complete, useful, fulfilled which in turn allows me to feel joyful. Simply put I am/was created to serve others and when I answer that basic tenet I feel great joy! Please sign up to serve your church here in this newsletter and deposit your offering of service to God in the offering plate any Sunday in August. We are asking that you get them in by August 19. May you be blessed in your service to your church family and our Almighty King!!

Shalom,
Pastor Kathy

UMYF Schedule

- **August 7:** Tincaps Game, Meet at the church at 5:30
- **August 12:** Pizza after church and East of Chicago
- **August 19:** Meeting, 2:00-3:30
- **August 26:** Bible study after church
- **September 2:** No meeting
- **September 9:** Pizza after church at East of Chicago
- **September 16:** Meeting, 2:00-3:30
- **September 23:** Bible study after church
- **September 30:** Meeting, 2:00-3:30



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News deadline for the September newsletter: August 19

Thank you

Dear Solid Rock Scholarship Committee,
I just wanted to send a big thank you for the financial and social support you have provided me with as I continue my journey to Huntington University. I look forward to seeing how God uses my life, and I'm confident HU will help me to build my connection with Christ. I'm so thankful for each and every one of you and how you've blessed me throughout my life.

Thankful,
Liz Bolinger

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women of Solid Rock Church met Thursday, July 5, in the Heritage Pointe Calico Room at 9:30 a.m. with nine members present, and Sue Beek's guest, Jane Bryan. President Myrna Neff opened the meeting with devotional thoughts and readings about how we may think more and better about our giving. Active missionaries with birthdays on this date were noted: Yuko Boyle of Japan; Lernzo Koch of Spain; and Cynthia Plater. Mission focus was on the Methodist Church in Uruguay, which offers a youth cooperative for skills and economic development.

Rose Broyles, who is the director of Warren's Bread of Life Food Pantry, presented an exciting program on her work and the many valuable programs and services which are being offered through this local Christian services agency in our community. In May, 935 people were helped, with 750 served in ways possibly more than their stated need. In other words, people will present a stated and immediately present need, but upon skilled interview may be found to need help in more than the stated food need. For instance, personal health items specifically for women are being brought to the Food Pantry from Warren women's clubs. Bill Couch is helping start a G.E.D. program for applicants needing such training. Purdue will be offering a two-hour class on how to do better money management and budgeting.

Mrs. Broyles has moved to Warren as head of the newly established Love in the



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Name of Christ in Warren and Huntington County after two years with the Food Pantry. Love INC is all around the world, and excels in work with other community agencies, such as child protection services, thus, both services are available and a larger community reach is possible, and Mrs. Broyles has surely brought her knowledge and skills to benefit needy people in the Warren area. We were all given a new brochure about Love INC.

Customary U.M.W. business meetings goals were reached after the great speaker. We were reminded that the Disaster Response Fund of our church has been active through UMCOR in recent bad storms in southern Indiana. We were reminded to continue in prayer and giving in response to these different times. It was currently voted to give \$25 to our speaker at this meeting for her visit and her program of action on behalf of her services to needy people of our area.

Thank you

Another thank you to Solid Rock UMC for the lovely rose placed on the altar in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary. Also thank you for the cards and best wishes we received. I am very blessed to be a part of this the family of God.

Linda and Jim Howell

Our place in the universe

"When I look at the galaxies on a clear night, when I look at the incredible brilliance of creation, and think that this is what God is like, then instead of feeling intimidated and diminished by it, I am enlarged," said author Madeleine L'Engle. "I rejoice that I am a part of it."

How wonderful — and mysterious — that the Creator of the universe not only knows and loves us but wants us to know and love him! Incredibly, we are at once infinitesimally small and yet immeasurably significant because of whose we are.

"Imperfection is the prerequisite for grace. Light only gets in through the cracks."

—Philip Yancey

Thank you

I would like to thank the committee for providing me with a scholarship. It is very much appreciated and will be a great help with college expenses.

Mallory Preston

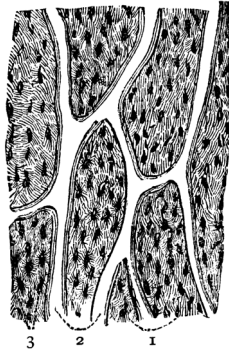
June Financial Update

General Offerings \$12,543
General Fund Expenses \$13,045
Building Fund Contributions \$6,309

Precision-crafted

God engineered the human body so our 206 bones, the heaviest part of us, make up only one-fifth of our weight. Yet bones are strong enough to protect and support every other cell, bearing the compression and tension we exert through ordinary activities such as walking and lifting heavy items.

By comparison, wood snaps at such impact. And steel, strong enough to bear such force, weighs three times what bone does and would hinder our movements. No other matter strikes such a perfect balance between strength and weight.



Furthermore, our bones are hollow — a big part of what reduces their weight — and the interior efficiently produces a trillion red blood cells each day.

With the psalmist, we can proclaim to God, "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14, NRSV).

A dark and stormy night

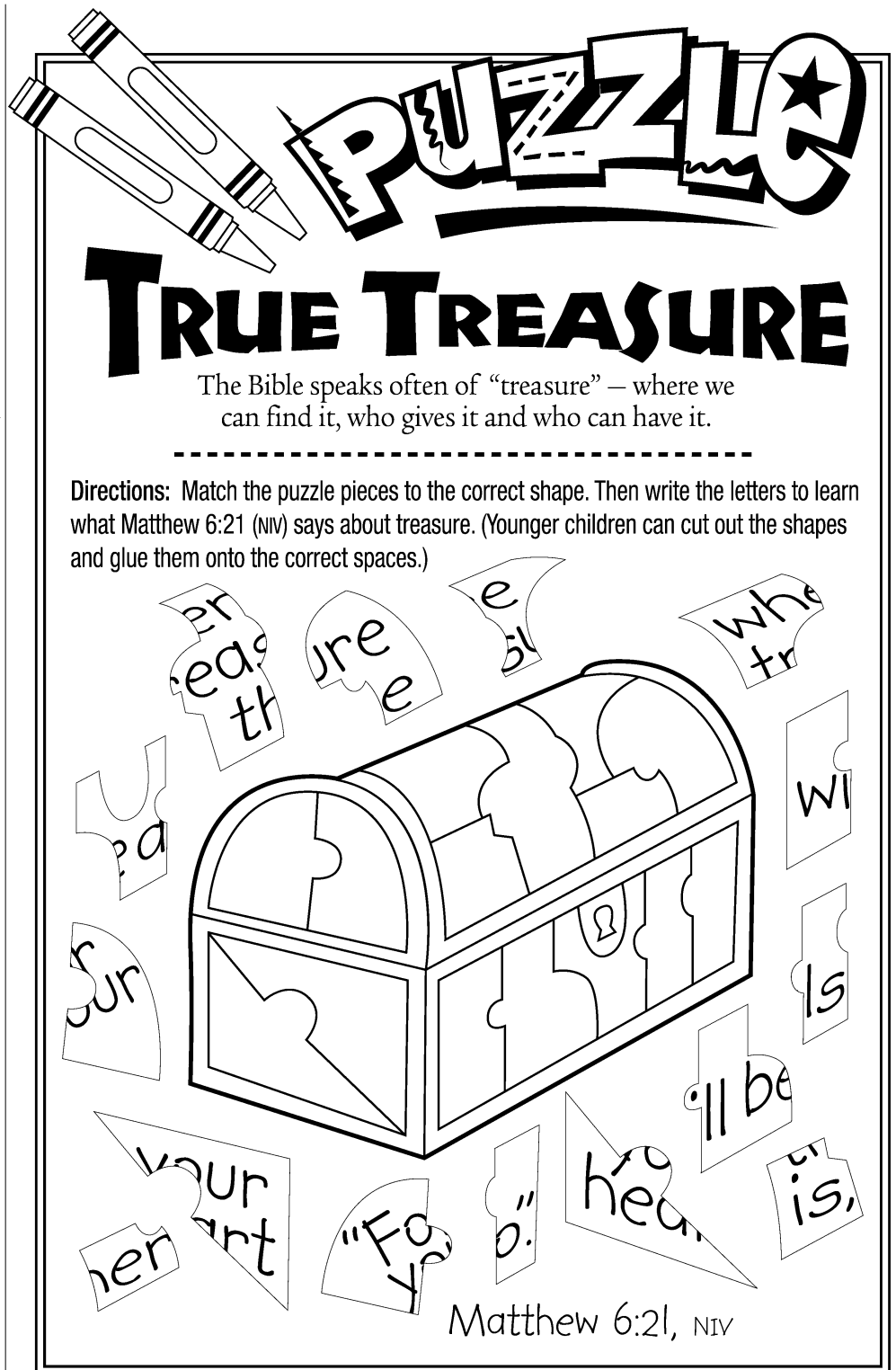
During a loud summer thunderstorm, a mother tucked her son into bed. As she turned off the light, he asked with a tremor, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?"

The mother smiled and gave her son a reassuring hug. "I can't, dear," she said. "I have to sleep in Daddy's room."

After a long silence, the boy replied, "The big sissy."

On sightseeing

Sinclair Lewis said, "He who has seen one cathedral 10 times has seen something; he who has seen 10 cathedrals once



PUZZLE

TRUE TREASURE

The Bible speaks often of "treasure" — where we can find it, who gives it and who can have it.

Directions: Match the puzzle pieces to the correct shape. Then write the letters to learn what Matthew 6:21 (NIV) says about treasure. (Younger children can cut out the shapes and glue them onto the correct spaces.)

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Matthew 6:21, NIV

Answer: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21, NIV)

has seen but little; and he who has spent half an hour in each of a hundred cathedrals has seen nothing at all."

That's good sightseeing advice, but it also prompts reflection on how we spend our time. Instead of trying to do and be as many things as possible, it's usually wiser to choose which commitments or activities are most important and focus on doing them well.

- "A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing and the lawn mower is broken."

—James Dent

- "Love is to the heart what the summer is to the farmer's year — it brings to harvest all the loveliest flowers of the soul."

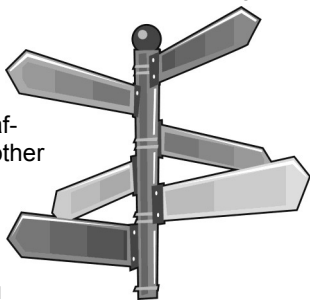
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Finding your way

Need directions? These days, online map services can tell you how to get to just about any destination. Yet even these sites make no guarantees. Disclaimers absolve them of responsibility if the directions run awry. "These directions are for planning purposes only,"

one site warns. "You may find that construction projects, traffic, weather or other events may cause conditions to differ from the map results, and you should plan your route accordingly."

Fortunately, the Bible has no such disclaimers. God's Word always gets us where we need to go. In fact, when the unexpected happens, that's when Scripture is at its best!



Those traveling the highway of humility won't be bothered by heavy traffic.

Father, we are here in church today to worship you and to celebrate your love. May the words we sing and say, and the joy with which we come, help all who gather here to celebrate worthily. As we come together, may those leading our worship help us to know that Jesus is here among us, blessing our gathering, heightening our joy, lifting us to new levels of worship and praise. Help us to see him more clearly and to

believe in him more surely, as he makes himself known to us through every part of this service. Amen.



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