



News From The Rock

August 2009

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Ministry Fair to feature service opportunities

Solid Rock will host a ministry fair on August 16, highlighting opportunities for church attendees to “tithe their time.” The fair will take place in the fellowship hall immediately following the morning worship service. More than 30 existing and proposed ministries will be featured. Interest expressed in new ministry ideas will help determine future programming.



An organizational meeting will be held on August 6 at 7:00 p.m. Anyone who has ideas for new ministries should plan to attend this planning session.

Banner created for Pastor Kathy’s ordination

Several individuals helped design and construct a banner. God gave the idea to Marie DeWeese of a journey or path. God led Barb Preston in the direction of the design, which she sketched out. Carol Gordon of Huntington gave suggestions to Mary Ann Holmes and Barb on the assembly. And with their God-given talents, Mary Ann and Linda K. Howell brought His vision to life.

Pastor Kathy had been asked for her favorite scripture which was, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11) A commentary on this passage says, “We are all encouraged by a leader who stirs us to move ahead, someone who believes we can do the task he has given and who will be with us all the way. God is that kind of leader. He knows the future, and his plans for us are good and full of hope. As long as God, who knows

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Youth get “ready to rock”!

Come join us for the 2009-2010 UMYF Kick-Off at Solid Rock Church. All youth going in to grades 5-12 are invited to attend and get the year rockin’!



For our kickoff, we will be going out for pizza and then to a Ft. Wayne Tincaps game on Saturday, August 1. Meet at the church at 4:30. We will be getting back late—after the game.

Reserve your spot for the kick-off by returning a permission slip with \$5. This will cover the tickets, pizza, and transportation. This needs to be paid by Sunday, July 26. You can give this to Barb or Marie or turn it in at church on Sunday.

Remember to mark August 1 on your calendars. Let’s Rock at the Rock!

UMYF News

On June 19, the UMYF traveled to the Children’s Zoo in Ft. Wayne. Everyone packed a sack lunch for the day. Before starting the trip, the little white bus was christened with a bottle of water for it’s maiden journey. UMYF members enjoying the day were: Liz Bolinger, Olivia Bolinger, Tom Bolinger, Madi Canady, Walker Spahr and Elijah Vance. Guests were Carson Bolinger, Rob Bolinger, Delaney Huff, and Will and Evan Pennington. Leaders for the day were Randy Neff, Mariah Spahr and Barb Preston. We offer a special thank you to Mariah for helping. The bus ride was very entertaining. Everyone had a wonderful day enjoying each other’s company; watching the wonderful creatures that God created; riding the African Journey sky lift, the log ride, and the train ride; and shopping at the gift shop. And after a prayer, the bus made it back home, even



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Just Leaning on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



Gal 5:22 God’s Spirit makes us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and self-controlled. There is no law against behaving in any of these ways.

“The only thing that really matters in life are your relationships to other people”

I recently read an article on the Harvard University study of Adult Development. This study has followed the lives of 268 males in a longitudinal study (over a span of time). The study has been tracking things like physical exercise, cholesterol levels, marital status, the use of alcohol, smoking, education levels and so on. It has also studied more subjective psychological factors as well. Things like what these men individually have used as defense mechanisms to deal with challenges of life. Over the 72 years that this study has been conducted there have been many directors, but the most recent and longest running is George Vaillant. He has directed this study for 42 years. He was once asked what he had learned about human health and happiness. His reply was straightforward and not complex at all. He replied, “The only thing that really matters in life are your relationships to other people.” Whether Dr. Vaillant is or is not a Christian I cannot say, but his response is the Gospel in a nutshell.

Shalom,
Pastor Kathy

Fun! Football! Fellowship!

Purdue vs. Northern Illinois
September 19, 2009



For more information, contact Wendell Jackson (375-2901) or Dale Smith (375-3482)



☞ **June offerings** totaled \$10,824.59. Contributions to the Building Fund were \$1,041.00.

☞ **John and Doris Souers** and Jim and Audrey Boylan recently spent three days on a “mystery trip.” They went to the Quad Cities: Moline, Davenport, Bettendorf, and Rock Island, Iowa. They spent time at the John Deere Commons and Isabelle Bloom factory. They took an evening dinner cruise on the Mississippi and saw a Broadway production of *Peter Pan*. They also toured the beautiful botanical gardens. They had a wonderful time with 37 fellow travelers. God blessed us with beautiful weather.

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☞ **Thank you** to our church family for your prayers, comfort, and cards during the loss of my mom.

S.O.S. ladies, thank you for the food and making things easier for the family.

Special thanks to the A.M. Bible study group for all your heartfelt comfort and prayers. You ladies are special!

Thanks for your prayers and comfort at the loss of my brother, Russell E. Hunnicutt.

Mary Ann and Wayne Jackson
and family

No diamond earrings

Family gatherings on holidays are always very special, and as more generations become involved they are even more joyful. As all of you may know, and if you don't know, you have not been paying close attention, I am obviously a totally biased, great-grandmother blessed by the birth of thirty-three-month-old, Nicole. On the 4th of July this child recognized I was the only woman in the group without pierced ears. She asserted, “Grandma Cheri, if you learn to go poopy in the potty, you could get diamond earrings”. Obviously, earrings were the prize she had recently earned for accomplishing the task.

Those of you who have experienced grandchildren recognize how uniquely different the feeling is when compared with parenting your own children. Typically, you are less intimately involved with grandchildren, but are more relaxed and more able to experience the wonder of them than you were when your children were young. With the birth of a great-grandchild the feelings are even more intense, because there is an element of sadness that cannot be ignored. My concern is I may not be around long enough to share all the family history I want Nicole to know or I may not remember even if I am here.

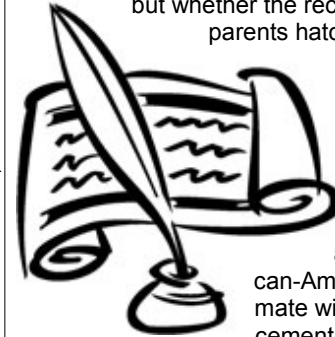
Following is the letter I am writing to her to forestall that situation:

Dear Nicole,

Because there is a gap of 7 decades between us, I feel a need to share with you some of the small moments you may never hear from anyone else in the family. You must know many of your ancestors lived to 90+ years of age, and then became victims of some form of senility. Although in the case of Uncle Vito, he exhibited some pretty bizarre behaviors throughout his lifetime.

Family stories are handed down from one generation to the next, usually embellished or revised to some extent depending upon the teller's agenda. I want to assure you every incident or conversation included here is as factual as I am able to recall. With very few exceptions, I personally participated in or witnessed each event.

Attempting to follow some kind of chronological order is probably important, but whether the recount of my parents hatching chicks



in an incubator in an upstairs bedroom came before or after my coating a small African-American playmate with the dry cement from head to

toe, is not all that critical. However, I do remember that the incident of my dad, because of his fear of the neighbor's borrowed horses trying to plow for the first time using his Terraplane, came before my keeping Bobby Kimball, a one-room, country schoolhouse classmate, imprisoned in the boy's outhouse at school for several recesses.

So, dear Nicole, I hope you will sit back with cookies and a glass of milk while I introduce you to some of your kin.

God bless you,
Grandma Cheri

- Barbara Kleinhans

Love INC to hold benefit dinner at Knight-Bergman

A benefit dinner to help families in need will be sponsored by Love INC at the Knight-Bergman Center in Warren on Sunday, September 13. Homemade beef and noodles, baked chicken, green beans, salads, drinks, and desserts will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost for adults is \$7.00, and the charge for children under 10 is \$3.50.

Love INC is in need of donated desserts and volunteers to help serve and clean tables. Contact Love INC at 356-0933 if you can help or have questions.



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the future, provides our agenda and goes with us as we fulfill his mission, we can have boundless hope. This does not mean that we will be spared pain, suffering, or hardship, but that God will see us through to a glorious conclusion."

We believe that Pastor Kathy was sent by God to guide us through this process for she too encourages us, stirs us, believes in us, is full of hope for us, and will be with us all the way. Thanks be to God!

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with a trail of smoke noticed by all the other drivers on the road.

During the year, the UMYF were asked what service projects they would be interested in providing. One of their choices was to help with animals. The local Riverside Veterinary Clinic was contacted to see if there was any service UMYF could provide for them. They were happy to have our group come. On Thursday afternoon, June 25, the UMYF gathered for their service project. The youth gave baths to three dogs, stuffed gift bags for the July 4th holiday and played with some abandoned kittens. The staff took time to answer questions and inform us of the proper care of animals. Everyone pitched right in, got a little wet, enjoyed caring for God's animals and was very much appreciated by Dr. Deardorff and his staff. Those attending were Grant and Madi Canady, Liz and Tom Bolinger, Olivia Bolinger, Kaylie Dunn, Walker Spahr, Elijah Vance and Barb Preston. Guests were Will and Evan Pennington.

On Sunday, July 12 the UMYF had planned an outing to Salamonie Reservoir, but due to last minute changes remained in Warren. They gathered at Tower Park for their sack lunch picnic. Following the picnic they went to Robert and Marie Bolinger's for swimming and water games. Those present were Liz Bolinger, Olivia Bolinger, Rob Bolinger, Tom Bolinger, Kaylie Dunn, Delaney Huff, Pastor Kathy Newton, Robert and Marie Bolinger, Randy Neff and Barb Preston. Rumor has it that Randy might as well have gone swimming because by the time he left he was pretty much drenched. Everyone had a great time.

The "Little White Bus"

The UMYF purchased items that will remain on the bus and available for anyone when needed. The items purchased were:

bug repellent, kleenex, hand wipes, flashlight and batteries, air freshener, sun screen, anti-itch cream, triple antibiotic cream, band-aids, tweezers, tape, trash bags, a few bottles of water, note paper, fly swatter, paper towels, toilet paper, gel hand sanitizer, scissors and a permanent marker. On the bus already were a fire extinguisher and a first aid kit of gauze pads only. If you can think of anything else that should be included please contact Barb Preston at 375-2650. (I wondered about jumper cables, oil and duct tape.)

With the help of Tamara Spahr, we came up with a few bus and trip rules to be posted in the bus. If you think others should be added, please contact Barb Preston.

- Stay seated when bus is moving
- Nothing blocking exit doors
- Face forward
- Use seat belts
- Keep hands to self
- No hands or objects outside of windows
- Windows only half way down
- Be respectful of others
- Never go anywhere by yourself
- Don't disturb the driver
- Don't leave valuables on the bus
- Please observe time schedules
- Pick up trash
- Check to be sure you have personal items when you leave
- Be safe and have fun!!
- Remember God loves you and so do we.

Men's Fellowship

The Solid Rock Men's Fellowship met on July 11, 2009, in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe, with 13 men in attendance. Dale Smith opened the meeting with prayer. Breakfast was served by Kim's Katered Affair.



Devotions were provided by Marion Bell. He used Proverbs 16, which begins, "We humans make plans, but the Lord has the final word."

It was reported that the Men's Fellowship provided \$100 to assist a family in the community with rent.

Wendell Jackson presented information regarding the September 19 football game at Purdue University. The game will be

followed by a program sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Anyone interested in attending should contact Wendell.

Closing prayer was offered by David Spahr. The next meeting will be August 8.

A church garden

First, plant five rows of peas:

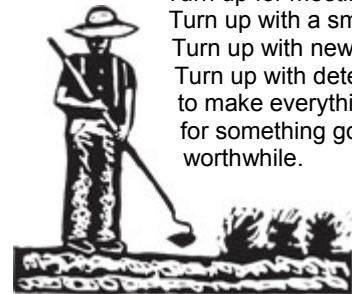
- Presence
- Promptness
- Preparation
- Purity
- Perseverance.

Next to these, plant three rows of squash:

- Squash gossip.
- Squash criticism.
- Squash indifference.

No garden is complete without turnips:

- Turn up for meetings.
- Turn up with a smile.
- Turn up with new ideas.
- Turn up with determination to make everything count for something good and worthwhile.



God is awake

A mother and her 4-year-old daughter were preparing for bed one night. The child was afraid of the dark, and on this occasion the mother, alone with the child, felt fearful herself.

When the light was turned off, the child caught a glimpse of the moon outside the window. "Is the moon God's light?" she asked her mom.

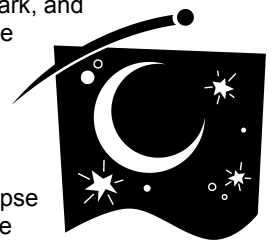
"Yes," replied the mother.

"Will God put out his light and go to sleep?" asked the girl.

"No, dear. God never goes to sleep."

Then, out of the simplicity of a child's faith, the girl said something that reassured the fearful mother. "Well, as long as God is awake, there's no sense in all of us staying awake."

The pair slept well that night — and for the many nights that followed.



The average pencil is seven inches long, with just a half-inch eraser. Remember that, in case you thought optimism was dead.

- Robert Brault

"Tithe Your Time"

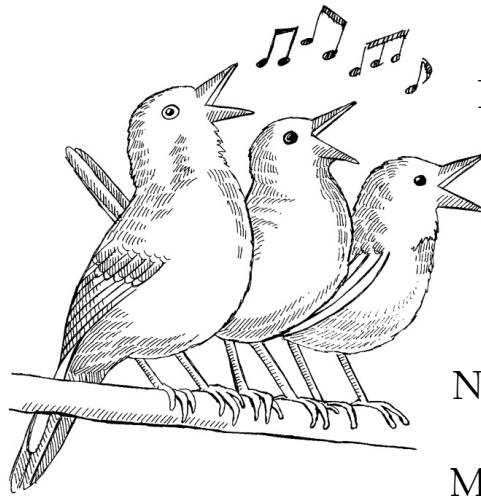


August 16 following the
worship service in the
fellowship hall

UMYF Schedule

- August 1, Kick-Off, Ballgame, 4:30-?
- August 16, Meeting, "Friends," 4:00-5:30
- September 6, Meeting, 4:00-5:30
- September 20, Meeting, 4:00-5:30
- October 4, Meeting, 4:00-5:30
- October 18, Meeting, 4:00-5:30

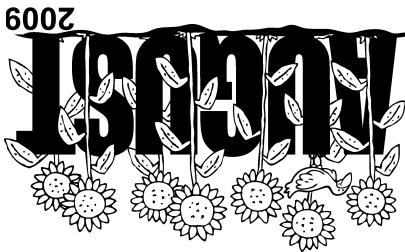
Let all the world in every corner sing,
"My God and King!"



The heavens are not too
high,
His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may
grow,
The church with psalms
must shout,
No door can keep them out:
But, above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
"My God and King!"

George Herbert (1593-1633)



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