



# News From The Rock

February 2011

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

## Administrative Council

The Solid Rock Administrative Council met on January 18. Treasurer Myrna Neff reported that building funds currently total \$563,367. Council designated monthly birthday and anniversary offerings to missions. Their use will be determined by the Missions Committee.

The Building/Site Committee reported that they are in the process of interviewing general contractors. Refinement of the floor plan of the building continues. The committee noted that the architect has addressed concerns and suggestions from the congregation, within the constraints of projected funding. The congregation will be invited to a presentation of the current design configuration on February 20. If the plan presented at that time is received favorably, final planning will move forward, with the possibility of a construction start date later this year.

Council approved the purchase of a replacement computer for the church office and an external hard drive for data backup.

## Book Club winter session starts February 1

The Solid Rock Book Club will meet beginning February 1 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. Those wanting to participate may purchase a copy at most bookstores or borrow a copy at no charge from Gary Walter. No reservations are needed. If you cannot attend every session, come when you can.



### Schedule

February 1: Chapters 1-5  
February 8: Chapters 6-9  
February 15: No meeting  
February 22: Chapters 10-13  
March 1: Chapters 14-17  
March 8: Watch the movie!

Solid Rock United Methodist Church invites you to

# Soup for the Soul



a free soup supper

February 15 • 5:00 - 6:30  
or until the kettle is empty

**Knight-Bergman  
Center**

*Bring your family  
and friends!*

## Just Leaning on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



If ever there were a time to pray this would be it! As we move forward with this building project, our prayer can be found in Colossians 1:9, "We have not stopped

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praying for you since the first day we heard about you. In fact, we always pray that God will show you everything he wants you to do and that you may have all the wisdom and understanding that his Spirit gives."

Paul wrote this to assure the Colossians that their kindness had not been forgotten and that the apostles prayed often (without ceasing) for them to know the "will of God." This is my prayer for Solid Rock, not just now as we move closer to construction, but forever more.

May Solid Rock ALWAYS seek and find the "will of God" for their ministry to the Warren area! Won't you join me in praying this for your church? For your church leaders? For your pastor? For each individual that attends Solid Rock? You see, in Matthew 18:19 we are assured, "I promise that when any two of you on earth agree about something you are praying for, my Father in heaven will do it for you." Won't you join me in prayer?

Shalom,  
Pastor Kathy

## Somebody's praying for you

Have you ever heard the song "Somebody's Praying"? This is a song that brings tears to my eyes whenever I hear it. This past Wednesday I attended Prayer



Adventure here at Solid Rock. Our prayer warriors meet and make a list of prayers to be lifted up. Once the list is compiled,

we lift our voices in song praising our Lord and God. Each prayer is then raised individually. After we were done, I was speaking with one of our warriors and she said that if the group wrote down all of the answered prayers and miracles that have been witnessed that I would be amazed. I can tell you that somebody is praying for all of us.

## A request

Members of our congregation have severe airborne peanut allergies. Please do not bring any food containing peanuts or peanut butter into the building. Thank you for your consideration.



## Town council retirement

On Saturday, January 15, members of the Warren Town Council and more, honored Ron Neff with a retirement party as he retired from the Town Council. Ron had served on the council for 19 years. Ron was presented with some mementos that had some meaning for him and no one else. The party was held in Marion at the Ice House. Those attending were Bill and Faye Cartwright, Marilyn Morrison, Ted Bendall, Curt and Deb Day, Ron and Bonnie Boxell, Jack and Barb Trooper, Julia and Stephanie Glessner, Shirley Oyer, Randy Neff, Scott and Lori Neff, and Ron and Myrna Neff.

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## Malta House Benefit Dinner

On Friday, January 21, the Malta House held a benefit dinner and concert at Central Christian Church in Huntington. Pastor Kellie Herber of the Malta House opened up the evening by thanking the volunteers that made this event possible and blessing the meal.

The Malta House is a men's shelter located in Huntington at 505 South Jefferson Street. The Malta House Facebook page states "We are a non-denominational 24-hour men's emergency boarding shelter. We offer long and short term opportunities for homeless men."

Pamela and I enjoyed the wonderful meal, especially the desert. The entertainment for the evening was Judy Ruble, singing classic country songs. A group of local line dancers also performed.

Pastor Kellie spoke about the great work God is doing through this ministry. She explained that though the Malta House has 12 beds for men, they have had as many 16 residents at one time. Forty men have been served by Malta House since its beginning six short months ago. Kellie stated that since opening, many ideas that were thought to be sure fire successes failed while other ideas that didn't seem very promising have been successful. One of those programs is working on homes for donations. Volunteers work side by side with residents, teaching them good working skills like dry wall repair, painting, etc., that may help these men land a position in the future. Pastor Kellie said that she sincerely hoped to see all of those in attendance visit the Malta House and participate in being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Kellie then asked Pastor Chris Hayden from Central Christian to speak. Chris spoke on how the name was chosen for Malta House. He read from Acts 27 and 28, the shipwreck of Paul. As we know, all aboard the ship were saved and found safe refuge on the island of Malta. Chris was very clear in stating that any one of us could be impacted by the same circumstances that have brought the "shipwrecked sailors" to the Malta House. Malta House is a warm and safe refuge for the men from our area.

I would like to echo Pastor Kellie's invitation to all at Solid Rock to visit Malta House and see God's work in our community.

Randy Hensley

ORDER YOUR

## SUPER BOWL PIZZA



FROM THE SOLID  
ROCK YOUTH

Order by  
January 30

Pick up February 5

"WE MAKE IT ... YOU BAKE IT"

## Come see "Beauties and the Beast"!

Did you pick up a few extra pounds over the holidays that you would like to get rid of? Getting a slow start on the New Year's resolution to exercise more often? Well, have I got a deal for you! If you act now, 'cause you know we can't offer this all day long, you can exercise with some beauties and the beast. We meet Monday's and Wednesdays here in the fellowship hall. Don't be scared....all you need to be able to do is walk and talk at the same time. Times are on the big screen during announcements.

Sincerely,  
The Beast

## Youth Fellowship

Well, it's great to finally be back after I was gone for almost a month. From what I've heard, Christmas and meetings in the first part of January went well, especially with the sponsors being involved. I'm looking forward to making pizzas this month and getting back into the swing of everything.

Andy

### Upcoming Events

February 6: Making Super Bowl pizzas after church

February 13: East of Chicago pizza after church

February 20: Meeting, "Prayer," 4:00-5:30

February 27: Bible Study, 11:15-12:30

Thanks to everyone who has supplied snacks for our meetings, and a big thank you to Lana for organizing everything!

Don't forget to order your Super Bowl pizza from any UMYF member!

## Answered prayer

As many of you already know, my granddaughter, Jessica, has recently undergone spinal surgery. She, and the rest of our family, want to express our sincerest gratitude for your prayers and kind expressions of interest. Her doctors are amazed at how quickly and well her recovery is progressing. However, there is a "background story" I feel compelled to share with you.

Having to check into the hospital at 5:00 a.m. on Monday, Jessica and her husband, Marc, were on their way shortly after 4:30 a.m. The reality of going into surgery really hit Jessica then and she tearfully admitted she was frightened. She began to pray: "Dear Lord, please let Your will be done. I cannot ask for any more than that, Lord. Please let Your will be done. All I can ask, Dear Lord, please be with me in the operating room. I am so scared and I don't want to be alone in there. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Immediately* upon uttering "Amen" her phone "dinged" indicating a text message. It was a text from her boss, a woman known far and wide as *not* being a morning person. Jessica was shocked. Getting a message from her boss at that hour of the morning was beyond all expectations. She assumed it must have been written the previous evening and was delayed for some unexplained reason. (Don't ask me, I don't text.)

The text read "...thus saith the Lord...I have heard thy prayers, I have seen thy tears...behold, I will heal thee.... 2 Kings 20:5"

The day following her surgery, Jessica's boss revealed she had set the alarm to wake her during the time she knew they would be traveling to the hospital. Jessica later called me to relate the experience. She stated she knew God used her boss to be His messenger, and that we should all take from this an admonition to be ready and open to the call whenever God wants us to be messengers for Him.

Barbara Kleinhans

## Are you blessed?

The other day we were able to meet with the teachers of the Weekday Religious Education Program – By the Book. I was brought back to reality as the teachers began to talk and compare comments about their classes. It started by how many of the children did not know the word Bethlehem

or know anything connected with the word. So many had never heard the Christmas story. Upon seeing the manger scene, many commented that their grandparents had one in their house but not their own. One teacher said as she wanted to sing Away-in-the Manger no one knew the song and she had to sing it by herself. Dear people we are talking about third and fourth graders.

As the discussion advanced, one teacher began to tell how she was asked, "Where do you go when you die? Before she was able to answer the student asked, "If you kill your self do you go to Hell? As they began to share, they all have had to deal with that question. As I sat and listened, I'm thinking these students should not have to be dealing with these kinds of issues. What kind of homes are they living in?

The discussion then moved to a student who said to a teacher upon leaving the trailer, that they didn't have time to pray that day. The teacher pulled her out of line and asked if there was something special she wanted to pray about. The student began to tell that it was her birthday and she was excited to get to go see her mother – at the jail. Where else can these students ask for prayer? In the schools –NO, at home –NO, at church –NO, there is no church in their life.

Then a teacher began tell of a student that had brought an offering to the trailer and how she had begun to talk to the student that she should take it to her church. In a piece of paper, all folded and taped up real tight was 32 cents. The student said the Bible trailer was her church. The teacher took the money and gave it to our director. We were in her house and she went to the other room and brought it out to show us. She could not turn loose of it.

Are you blessed? If you know the CHRISTMAS story, if you have heard it from your parents or grandparents, if you are able to be in church regularly, if you have a place of prayer and have been taught to pray, if you have a relationship with God – YOU ARE BLESSED.

Jim and Linda Guhl

## Men's Fellowship

The Solid Rock Men's Fellowship met on January 8, 2011, at Heritage Pointe with 13 men in attendance. Gary Walter opened the meeting with prayer. Breakfast was served by Kim's Katered Affair.

Marion Bell provided devotions, based on Psalm 37:25-28 and Mark 1:16-18.

They were entitled "Thanks for the Memories" and "Ordinary People."

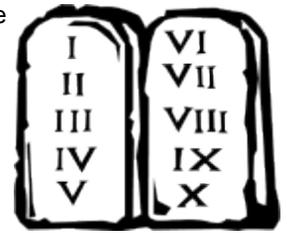
Closing prayer was offered by Dave Spahr. The next meeting will be February 12, 2011.

## Thanks!

Norma Smith wishes to thank the church for the Christmas monetary gift and the person who donated money for the new computer in the office.

## Southern Ten Commandments

Some people have trouble with all those "shall's" and "shall not's" in the Ten Commandments. Folks just aren't used to talking in those terms. So, in middle Tennessee they translated the King James into "Jackson County." language



1. Just one God
2. Put nothin' before God
3. Watch yer mouth
4. Git yourself to Sunday meetin'
5. Honor yer Ma & Pa
6. No killin'
7. No foolin' around with another fellow's gal.
8. Don't take what ain't yers
9. No tellin' tales or gossipin'
10. Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff

## The witness

Years ago, after folk-music trio Peter, Paul and Mary performed in Texas, a teenager approached Noel Paul Stookey backstage.

"I want to talk to you about the Lord," the boy said. "We ought to have a word of prayer."

After praying, the boy put the musician on the spot by telling God, "Noel wants to talk with you."

All Stookey could bring himself to pray was, "I'm sorry." Through those words, he admitted he'd failed to honor God with his life. He was repenting and soon became a Christian.

Stookey said that experience made him a new person. "You cannot change a man from the inside out and not have it affect everything in his life," he said.

Don't forget the  
**Solid Rock**  
**Card Ministry**



**December Offerings**

General Offerings ..... \$17,519  
 Building Fund Contributions ..... \$58,483

**Father**, thank you for making me your child and bringing me into a family of brothers and sisters the whole world over.



genuine affection for those who call you Father too.

May my prayers, words and actions for all God's people reflect my love for you.

As I affirm my love for you, help me to show that love in

Through Jesus my Lord. **Amen.**



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