

News From The Rock

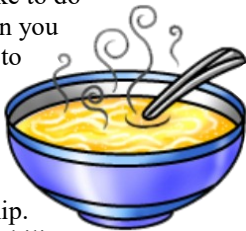
February 2017

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Free Soup Supper

Have you made plans for that special Valentine? Do you have a neighbor or a friend you would like to do something for? Then you need to invite them to Solid Rock UMC on February 14 for a warm bowl of soup and a great evening of fellowship. We will be serving chili, vegetable, and chicken & noodle soup from 5:00 to 6:30. Dessert will consist of cookies and ice cream.



Come and join us. Remember, it is all FREE, our way of saying thank you for your support throughout the year.

Administrative Council

The Solid Rock Administrative Council met on January 17. It was reported that money from the Warming Tree was given to Lancaster, Lincoln, Southern Wells, and Salamonie Schools to help with some of the children in need of warm clothing. Also, money was given for Rose Broyles to buy needed things for the children of the Food Pantry. We also had donations of gloves, hats and scarves for the schools in need of those items.

It was reported the church mortgage is down to \$84,796.

The Kitchen Committee has been to the parsonage and developed a drawing for the new kitchen. They will be getting bids soon for this project.

There will be a concession stand meeting to get input for a new concession stand building at Tower Park.

The church's free soup supper will be February 14, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. This is for the church and community. The church

will also be having a pulled pork carry-out lunch and sit-down supper on March 18. This is a free-will offering with proceeds going to The Way, a community youth group sponsored by the Warren Area Ministerial Association.

If the church should be cancelled for bad weather, the announcement will be aired on WBCL (90.3 FM). We will also look into putting it on a TV station.

The Grapevine Cluster, of which Solid Rock is a member, will be going on a mission trip to Henderson Settlement the week of March 26 through April 1. The cost will be between \$200 and \$250 per person. To help with the expenses, there will be a hot cakes breakfast on February 4 at the Liberty Center Church from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. If you would be interested in this mission trip, please let Pastor Paul or the church office know.

The church has decided to get a CVLI license so that movies can be shown at the church if any group would like to do this.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

Four households from Solid Rock who shopped at Kroger during the fourth quarter of 2016 contributed \$42.20 to Solid Rock through the Community Rewards Program. Money received goes to the Building Fund. Donors remain anonymous.



To enroll in this free program, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and follow the directions there. The church's account number is 10405. If you have participated in the past, you must renew your enrollment each year. A portion of every purchase you make goes to Solid Rock.

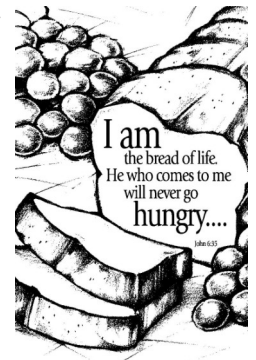


Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Matthew 5:6

What does it mean to hunger and thirst after righteousness? When I first heard this question I thought that they were pulling my leg, just testing me. The ones that asked were seasoned Christians, or so I thought. So I ask, what does it mean to hunger and thirst after food? Your answer might be at least three times a day my belly tells my head that I haven't eaten anything in a long time and it is time to eat. If I ignore it then the signal gets louder. After a while it gets so that either I eat or I get in pain.

That is the normal reaction from the physical body. When I eat something, even if it is not what I really want, the body becomes satisfied enough to stop the pain. I may still be hungry for something specific but I am not at the point of discomfort anymore.

What makes you to be hungry physically? It is not anything that you do. You are born with a hunger for food to sustain your physical body. I have seen very few babies that after a little while from being born they are not ready to eat. Most of the babies are ready to eat within a little while



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Our Vision: Sharing and experiencing the life-giving message of Jesus, to restore wholeness and build an intentional community of hope, relationship, and purpose for everyone.

Solid Rock Mission Giving

Solid Rock supports a number of local, national, and international missions projects. Over the next few issues, we will highlight these projects.

Operation Classroom

Operation Classroom in Liberia and Sierra Leone is an example of how an idea can become a reality. A simple idea to improve elementary and secondary education in these two West African countries has mushroomed into a much larger project with positive impact for all involved. Operation Classroom is a non-



profit organization that was created in 1987 by lay leaders John Shettle and Bob Bowman of the United Methodist Church (UMC) in Indiana. Today Operation Classroom is in partnership with over 20 schools, two hospitals, and continues to draw attention to the needs of West Africa.

Operation Classroom is dedicated to improving education for young Liberians. Each school has different priorities and needs that OC is helping to meet. Many of these schools are in need of equipment, such as computers, sewing machines, baking and cooking pans and utensils, drafting supplies, etc. OC also believes it is important to have school counselors to guide the students' moral and spiritual growth and to oversee the proper development and functions of the school. It has accordingly encouraged provisions for school counselors, both male and female, at each school. OC provides support and bi-annual training for these counselors. In the past few years funding has been provided for teachers in the vocational training program. Several schools presently have a pressing need for new primary classrooms and school furniture for these rooms.

Essential to its financial support for local schools in Liberia, OC provides every partner school with scholarships for 100 students. It sends out donated books, school supplies and medical equipment. OC has committed millions of dollars to its ministry in West Africa. But it does not only send money and objects to Liberia and Sierra Leone. OC has many men and women in Indiana who volunteer their time and talents for people in Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Africa University

Africa University is a private, international higher education institution located just outside of Mutare, Zimbabwe and founded in March 1992 by the United Methodist Church. The University welcomes students from all nations of Africa



without regard to race, class, ethnicity or political and religious affiliation. The University's annual enrollment is al-

most 1,400 students from 25 countries. United Methodists of Indiana have long been involved in missions on the continent of Africa. Several years ago, the former North and South Indiana Conferences each built and dedicated two dormitories on the campus of Africa University. These four buildings were a fine addition to the campus, but there is more to education than buildings.

Donations to Africa University are more than just money, but provide the opportunity for young leaders to be raised up and educated on the challenges that face Africa and the world abroad. Giving makes a real difference in the lives of students and has lasting effects in helping shape a brighter future for the continent of Africa.

December Financial Update

General Offerings	\$22,579
General Fund Expenses	\$17,131
Mortgage Balance.....	\$87,796

We cannot pray in love and live in hate and still think we are worshipping God.

— A.W. Tozer

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News deadline for the March newsletter: February 19

Free Soup Supper!

February 14 ♥ 5:00-6:30 p.m.



Solid Rock
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Chili ♥ Vegetable

Chicken Noodle

Cookies & Ice Cream

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after they are born. They do not want a steak, they want milk. They are not able to eat and digest steak or any solid food; they must have milk because that is all that their system can handle at this point.

So how do you get hungry and thirsty spiritually? When you gave your life to Jesus he put a clean new feeling inside of you and you had a desire to do things that pleased him. Along with that clean feeling you received a hunger to find out who Jesus is and what he wants from you. You received a desire to read the Bible. So you take your Bible and start reading at Genesis and get so very confused that you eventually quit reading instead of asking for help. When you quit reading and praying it is like going on a long fast physically, your spirit gets to where it doesn't matter anymore. On a long fast physically you eventually get to the point that food does not even appeal to you. Your body needs it but you have no desire for it. You will actually lose your hunger. The same thing happens spiritually, when you quit feeding your spirit you eventually lose your desire to eat spiritually. You lose your hunger for the word of God and everything that goes with it.

What must I do to get my hunger back? In order to get hungry again you must start eating again. Sometimes it is a very hard task to rebuild your hunger again. Like coming off a long fast you must force yourself to eat and deal with the pains and other things that come with starting to eat again. In the spiritual side of this, when you lose your hunger for the things of God you must go back to the altar and search yourself to find out why you lost your hunger. When the Lord tells you the answer to that, you must start force feeding your spirit. It is not an easy task. You must read the word of God even when you don't feel like it. You must pray even when you don't feel like it. You must read the word of God even when it puts you to sleep. You may have to read out loud in order to get more of your senses involved to keep yourself awake. When you go to sleep praying, pray out loud so that you can get your whole body involved and keep yourself awake. You will have spiritual pain in order to get through it, but if you want to keep your spirit alive you have to do it; if not your spirit will die.

Jesus said in John 6:35 "I am the bread of life: those that come to me shall never hunger; and those that believe in me shall never thirst."

So how do you keep from hungering and thirsting for righteousness?

All you have to do is come to him humbly. Read his word and study it. Not just when you feel like it but every day without fail. If you will make the effort to get to him he will make the effort to get to you. He will not fail to meet you when you try to get to him with our whole heart. He will take away your hunger, and as long as you believe in him you will never get spiritually thirsty. Over the next few months we will be studying the book of Mark from the pulpit. It is my prayer that through this study you will begin the process of feeding your spirit.

See You Sunday,
Pastor Paul

Food Pantry Needs

- Cereal
- Canned Ravioli
- Snack Pack Fruit
- Valentine Candy
- Snack Cakes
- Peanut Butter
- Juice Packs
- Kleenex



Also needed: plastic bags, books and magazines (6 months through adult)
Please leave your items in the wooden boxes in the narthex.

"Feasting on the Word" Bible Study

The Gospel according to Mark study began in the middle of last month and continues through February. Although selected passages will be used this month, you are encouraged to read all the chapters or verses between our studies. February as the "love month" is a good time to gather with others and experience how God has loved us. Come and join with us in the church kitchen each Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. The texts and leaders are listed below.

- February 6: Mark 3:7-35 (Joe Haney, leader)
- February 13: Mark 4:30-41 (Perry Spahr, leader)
- February 20: Mark 5:1-20 (Charles Ternet, leader)
- February 27: Mark 5:21-43 (Joe Haney, leader)

Bring your Bible; experience the presence and leading of the Lord!

Join Us For a Night of Love!

Love In the Name of Christ of Huntington County will be holding a "Night of Love" celebration on Tuesday, February 14th, 2017. This event will be held on the Victory Noll Campus in the Saint Anne's dining room.

Social time will begin at 6pm with a buffet dinner at 6:30pm. A short program will follow. Live jazz music will be provided throughout the night by the Jamie Simon quartet. Tickets are \$30 per person, and seats can be reserved by calling the Love INC office at 260-356-0933 or by emailing ccreceptionist@gmail.com.

Seating for this event is limited, so please RSVP by February 7th to reserve your seat!

Lenten Study

Solid Rock's annual Lenten study series will begin on Sunday evening, March 5, and continue weekly through April 9. We will be studying Adam Hamilton's "Creed: What Christians Believe and Why."

Hamilton, pastor of United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, believes that the Apostle's Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs, can help us discover and examine truths that give meaning and purpose to life.

Plan to join us beginning on March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Warming Tree

The Solid Rock Church family collected 25 pairs of gloves, four head bands, and 44 hats to be divided among the Warren Food Pantry, Salomonie School, Southern Wells School, Lincoln School, and Lancaster School.

SOS

The January 2017 SOS meeting was held at Solid Rock UMC with Kodi as hostess and Brenda as co-hostess and lesson presenter. Devotions were led by Shannon. Minutes from the previous meeting was read by Allison and approved. Treasurer's report was given by Jessica. Corresponding Secretary's report was given by Lana.

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Old Business: Bank account is going to be changed to Bippus State Bank. Money received from the sausage sales was given to Dignity Project. Twenty bags of food were given before Christmas to families in need.

New business: By-laws were discussed and revised. In May, SOS will be catering a meal for an anniversary party. SOS will be contributing and supporting the Praise and Worship Service and an activity for kids during the 4th of July Festival.

The lesson was given by Brenda. She talked about teen suicide awareness and gave five points on how to encourage someone/yourself when struggling. Joys and concerns were shared. Shannon offered prayer.

The April 13th meeting will be moved to April 20th due to Maundy Thursday Service. Love offering was given to one of Lisa B.'s coworkers. Prayer partners were designated. Benediction was sung and meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be February 9th at 7:30 p.m. at Debb's house.

*Lord, when I hear how others praise and pray to you, giving themselves to you without reserve, I am ashamed of my own misgivings and halfheartedness. Fill me with such love for you that I may long to give myself to you too. Let the lesser loves of everyday life take their proper place in my affections, leaving you first.
For Jesus' sake.*

