

News From The Rock

July 2013

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Concession Stand Update

We are quickly approaching the end of the kids' portion of our season. We appreciate all the help we have received so far. Do not forget that we still have a few openings in early July, including the night of the fireworks, that we could use more help with. Please do not hesitate to sign up for a good time.

The coed leagues will start at the end of July and we will need more help to cover them. Do not forget that all profits go to benefiting projects for both the church and the community.

We are looking forward to sharing an evening with you!



Youth Fellowship

Our kickoff for the new year of UMYF will be on August 3 with the annual Tincaps game. Look for more information as



we get closer to that time. Remember that UMYF is for all youth in grades 6-12.

Thanks to Mike and Rita for helping to chaperone our trip to

Spirit Song and King's Island. We are also excited to announce that Michelle Woody will be joining our youth team this August!

S.O.S.

The April SOS meeting was held at the home of Teresa Kreigbaum. Refreshments were served.

The meeting was opened by Tamara Spahr with a devotion called "Jesus Paid Our Sin Debt" and a prayer.

The lesson was given by Cindy Boxell titled "A Soldier's Prayer Book."

The Treasurer's report was presented. Minutes were read from the previous meet-

ing.

Old business discussed included:

- Performing skit at upcoming Mother's Day banquet.
- Thank you to all who helped with pork dinner fundraiser.

New business discussed:

- Possibility of fall retreat
- Festival float ideas
- Hogs ordered for festival and pop purchasing for festival discussed
- Greeting Card report given by Lana Myers
- Love offering taken
- Joys and concerns were voiced
- Prayer partners selected

Those present included Teresa K., Teresa B., Mariah, Linda Mc, Lana, Penny, Cheryl, Tamara, Brenda, Jessica, Jo, Pamela, and Cindy.

The meeting was closed by singing the benediction.

May SOS Meeting

Tamara opened meeting with a prayer and devotion titled "My Special Friend." Lana taught a lesson about God being a special friend.

The Treasurer's report was given. Lana read last month's minutes. Lana gave a greeting card report.

Old business:

- Entertainment for Mother's day program at Liberty Center church
- No info for retreat or float

No new business.

Joys and concerns were voiced and prayer partners selected.

Those present included Linda Mc, Lana, Marie, Kathy, Penny, Cheryl, Tamara, Brenda, Susan, Jessica, and Cindy, and guests Kai Bordeaux.

The meeting was closed by the singing of the benediction.

The June meeting was held at the home of Tamara Spahr. Tamara opened the meeting with a devotion titled "God Never Lets Go" and a prayer.

The lesson was given by Pamela titled

Just Leaning on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. (Proverbs 3:5)

Some would say I put the cart before the horse; others would say I was a great

"... just put your trust in the Lord and you'll never be disappointed."

optimist. However you choose to say it, the truth is the truth, and the truth is we will NOT be having our first service in the new church on June 30. To

those who have worked so diligently to try and make this happen, thank you! I will not be projecting the date of our first worship.

As you know our first date of completion was some time ago, December 16 to be exact. So we've missed that date. The next projection was January then May and now June 30. Each time I would gear myself up for the "BIG" move only to speed right past the date. So needless to say I'm disappointed but still hopeful it will be sometime this summer. The lesson I've learned is reflected in Proverbs 3:5. About the time you think you know what's going to happen it doesn't so just put your trust in the Lord and you'll never be disappointed.

Shalom,
Pastor Kathy

"The Lord's Prayer." Thank you cards were read from Spencer Sabinski, Brenda Connor, and Levi Sherman.

Joys and concerns were voiced. Minutes were read by Pamela and approved. The Treasurer's report was given by Martina.

Old business:

- Possible retreat locations presented by Linda Mc. Target date fall 2014.

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Getting Acquainted

by Gina Canady

Kodi Elliot

Family is what brought Kodi to Solid Rock Church. Basketball, softball and coaching are some of Kodi's hobbies

Kodi has lived in Warren her whole ENTIRE life, 27 years! (Love these Warrenites!)

Her favorite sport is basketball and her favorite football team is the Colts. She loves IU.

Kodi's farthest travels have been to Europe and Hawaii, and she enjoys traveling to other countries!

Kodi has two pets, cats Tabby and TJ



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(Tabby Junior).

"The Days of Elijah" is Kodi's favorite hymn and Philippians 4:13, "For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength," is her favorite scripture.

Kodi's youth group and RIM trips are very good memories of her youth at the church!

Robie and Patty Hensley

The Lord led Patty to Jefferson Center Church and they feel so blessed to be part of the Solid Rock Congregation.

Hobbies and interests are: Robie enjoys fishing, hunting and watching sports (that is ANY sport!).

Patty enjoys gardening and reading. They both love spending time with family. They love, love, love spending time with Elijah and Della!



Robie was born and raised in Huntington County. Patty is from Kentucky and they decided to make Indiana their home when they started their family back in 1983.

Kentucky Wildcats is their favorite team!

They travel to Kentucky as often as possible to visit both of their families there. Their favorite vacation is Myrtle Beach, so beautiful and relaxing!

They have two adult children, Brandi and Brandon. They are grateful they found their soul mates, Randy Richardson and Stephanie Jeffers Hensley. They are so blessed to have two beautiful grandchildren, Elijah and Della.

"Amazing Grace" is both Patty and Rob's favorite hymn. Patty also likes "How Great Thou Art," while Rob's other favorite is "I'll Fly Away." Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me," is Patty's favorite scripture.

Patty's special memory of church was her first visit to Jefferson Center Church. Pastor Kathy Jones felt led by God to change her message that morning. It was on baptism, and she did a baptism renewal. Patty did not want the water to be sprinkled on her until she was baptized. A blessed morning! Patty was baptized and her life changed. She had a new friend, JESUS!

Thank you

Dear Solid Rock UMC Scholarship Committee,

I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Solid Rock UMC Scholarships. Thanks to your generous support I will have some financial assistance to attend college.

I will begin my undergraduate career as a freshman at Taylor University. My plans at this stage are to complete a major in Computer Science and minor in Biology. Taylor University is one of the finest Christian colleges in the country and I consider myself fortunate to be able to attend.

I have enjoyed being a member of this church, when my schedule allows me to attend! I have always been surrounded by such a loving church family that I have no doubts about the levels of support and guidance that I am and will continue to receive. Knowing this will make the transition from high school to college a bit more bearable.

My educational pursuits would not be possible without generous support from scholarship sponsors like our church and other community organizations.

Thank you for enabling this opportunity to be awarded to me!

Sincerely,
Levi Sherman

Rachel Decker completed her sophomore year at Manchester University. She was honored on the Dean's list for the year for having a GPA greater than 3.5 of a 4.0 scale. She will be transferring to the University of St. Francis, School of Creative Arts, in Fort Wayne this Fall where she will continue to major in Studio Arts and English Literature.

Thank you

I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee as well as Solid Rock Church for the Scholarship. It will help with my continued studies at Ball State University.

Colin McIntire

May Financial Update

General Offerings.....	\$10,867
General Fund Expenses.....	\$12,564
Building Fund Contributions.....	\$5,714

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- Cheryl reported good feedback from Liberty Center on Mother's day skit.
- New business:
- Discussed several float ideas
 - Ordered pop for festival
 - Festival sign-up sheet presented
- Joys and concerns were voiced followed by a prayer by Tamara. Prayer partners were selected.

Those present included Linda Mc, Lana, Marie, Kathy, Penny, Cheryl, Tamara, Brenda, Jessica, Michelle, Sherry, LeAnn, Martina, Teresa K., Pamela, Jo, Mariah, Shannon, and Cindy.

The meeting was closed by the singing of the benediction.

Pamela Hensley, Secretary

Men's Fellowship

The Solid Rock Men's Fellowship met on June 8, 2013, at Heritage Pointe with 11 men in attendance.

Dale Smith opened the meeting with prayer.

Breakfast was served by

Kim's Katered Affair.

Wendell Bradford shared devotions. Closing prayer was offered by Bill Couch. The next meeting will be July 13, 2013. Reservations need to be made with Steve Holmes not later than July 11.



United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women of Solid Rock Church met June 6, 2013, in the Calico Room of Heritage Pointe. President

Barbara Hart opened with an article relating "One Unit's Passion," LaPorte, Indiana's UMW's effort to fight child abuse which has touched more than 700 people. The members then responded by reciting The Purpose of UMW.



The Prayer Calendar focus for the month included Grace Hospice in Mongolia, and our missionary in Marogoro, Tanzania, who is celebrating a

birthday. Carolyn Winters, Spiritual Growth Coordinator, lifted up former UMW President Myrna Neff and her husband Ron and the Annual Conference of the Indiana UMC which began today.

Mick McNany shared a reading from "If There is No God" for her Mission Moment. We were challenged to think about the many miracles that are in our every day life experience. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. Barbara reminded us there will be no meeting in July.

For the lesson Margaret Bell reviewed several of the widely varying books that are part of the Reading Program. Members are encouraged to read these books to increase their knowledge of our mission projects and for enjoyment.

Margaret Bell, Secretary

Methodists among church groups aiding in tornado recovery

In the wake of a tornado that may have left many residents of Rancho Brazos questioning God, mission teams rushed to restore their homes – and their faith.

Though they represent varying religious philosophies and denominations, they have shared one common goal: to show God's love by easing suffering.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is just one of the church-led groups of volunteers that have been working to clean up the devastation from the May 15 tornado that killed six in Hood County.

"We respond to disasters around the world. We stay, really, until the needs are gone," said Vince Gonzales, who is serving as the temporary coordinator for the Hood County relief effort.

The Methodist organization has a presence in more than 80 countries. Its humanitarian efforts are not just for those impacted by natural disasters, but also for those suffering in conflict and war-torn areas.

When donors give to a specific project, 100 percent of the money goes to that project. Administrative costs are covered through a once-a-year special offering taken by Methodist churches around the globe, said Gonzales, a trial consultant whose wife, Shelly, is associate pastor of First United Methodist Church in

Weatherford.

UMCOR's response to Granbury's tragedy was swift. The day after the tornado struck, the organization announced that it was sending emergency funds to the Central Texas Annual Conference to assist with immediate relief needs. The Granbury tornado had been among 18 that day in the North Texas region.

A posting to the Central Texas Conference's website a few days after tragedy struck in Granbury stated that 26 Early Response Team members were on the ground – or on roofs needing repair – in Rancho Brazos.

The Methodist organization has continued to focus funding, prayers and volunteer efforts on Hood County in the weeks since. Last week, at a meeting of the long-term recovery committee, Gonzales spoke about issues that he feared might "re-traumatize" Rancho Brazos residents, if proper care was not taken by well-meaning volunteers. "These people have been in shock, and some of them still are in shock," Gonzales told the Hood County News on Monday. He said that any time victims of such a tragedy return to their property to find possessions in trash cans or repair work done improperly, "it rips open a scab and just delays their healing."

Gonzales promised that UMCOR will stay until Rancho Brazos has been restored. "We're going to get this (neighborhood) back to what it was – and maybe better," he said.

- Hood County News

Dwell in unity

Considering the staggering height of redwood trees, we assume they must need incredibly deep roots. But these giants have extremely shallow roots, growing only 4 to 6 feet deep.

Instead of heading downward, the roots extend outward — spreading out as far as 125 feet. Stability occurs because the roots intertwine with those of neighboring trees. This network allows redwoods to stand tall despite strong winds and storms.

In a similar way, such interconnectedness keeps the body of Christ standing strong. Psalm 133:1 urges believers to "dwell in unity" (ESV). In order to inhabit one another's lives, we must share our stories, offer forgiveness and provide encouragement. Through those actions, our roots spread wide as we support our brothers and sisters in Christ.



What's missing?

While teaching a Bible college class, Donald Miller conducted an interesting experiment. He told students he was going to leave out one important truth and that they should try to detect it. Miller then talked about people's sinfulness and our need to



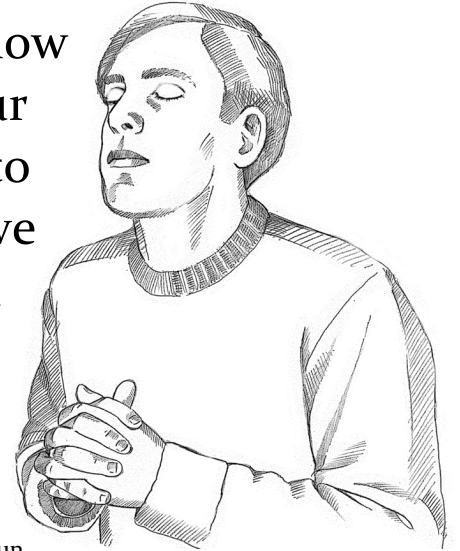
repent; he read Scripture and stories; he discussed the reward awaiting us in heaven.

Not one of the 45 students realized their professor had left out Jesus. "I had said nothing

about his love, his life and incarnation, his death or his resurrection," Miller says. "I had said nothing about our need to ... have his righteousness cover us."

Miller, author of *Blue Like Jazz*, says he could probably conduct the same experiment from Christian church pulpits, and few people would notice or be upset. Faith should be a relationship, not a formula, he argues, and it's hard to have a relationship when you leave out Jesus.

Make us as ready to listen as we are to talk, ready to listen to your voice in the quietness of our hearts and ready to listen to other people who need a sympathetic ear. Show us when to open our mouths and when to hold our peace that we may glorify you both in speech and in silence through Jesus Christ our Lord.



- Frank Colquhoun

