



News From The Rock

July 2014

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Upcoming UMYF Events

- July 13: Meeting/Outing
- August: TinCaps game
- August 24: Meeting, 6:45-8:15 at the church
- September 7: Meeting, 6:45-8:15 at the church

United Methodist Women

Our speaker (program) at the June 5 U.M.W. meeting was Myrna Neff, who gave us an inspiring reminder of how we can and should fulfill our "Purpose of United Methodist Women" as "developing a creative, supportive fellowship." We did what she called a "word cloud." Here is the bunch of words we used to call our thoughts our "word cloud." Hope you all can use it some way!

Love, Sharing, Caring, Hugs, Blessings, Joys, Learning, Neighbor, Health, Home, Listening, Praying, Time, Food, Money, Medicine, Thanks, Construction

These elements can and do impact our community and around the world!

SOS

SOS has been really busy in the past month trying to make money for our "In God We Trust" retreat. Thank you for supporting all of our efforts! We have raised close to \$2,000.00 so far.

Our next rummage sale is July 5th at the old church again. If you have items that you want to donate, please call one of the gals and we will pick up. We will be at the church Thursday July 3rd from 5 - 7 p.m. if you would like to drop your items off. Thanks again for all your good stuff!

We will also have the opportunity to go to Giggabuggy and paint a pre-selected painting. This can be a time to paint but also a fun time to fellowship. The instructor is Dana Spahr. She will help you step by step until your painting is finished. Giggabuggy is downtown Huntington and the

session will start at 6 p.m. on the 28th of July. The cost is \$20.00 and SOS will receive \$10.00 of each painting. You will need to purchase a 12x16 canvas board. Call Tamara Spahr at 260-228-0390 by July 21st for your reservation. We hope you invite your friends, co workers, and family to come and relax and paint! Refreshments will be served through the session.

We are so blessed to have such a supportive Solid Rock family. Our retreat would not be possible without your support.

The August fundraiser is still a surprise (because we don't have a clue what to do)! Thanks again for all your help.

SOS Gals

Smith Family Update

The last few months have been very busy for Rick and Rhonda Brubaker, with two new babies, two graduating from college, and two moving.

On April 16, Ellyanna Mae was born to Kari and Josh Heim of Indianapolis, joining sister Adelyn Jane. Gabriel Lee was born May 3 to Krysta and Cory Fornal of Indianapolis.

In May, Cory graduated from University of Indianapolis with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree. He accepted a job at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Cory, Krysta, and Gabe have moved to the Warren area.

Kourtney Brubaker graduated from Anderson University with an English Education degree and has accepted a teaching job in Kwethluk, Alaska, for at least one year. The school has approximately 250 students. She will be teaching in the middle school. Bethel will be the closest town, which can be accessed only by river or plane. Kwethluk is three and a half hours from Anchorage. Kourtney will be leaving August 3. Please keep her in your prayers.

Kourtney and Lindsay McElhaney spent three weeks in Alaska in May 2013 teach-

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Just Leaning on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



Our scripture this month is Joshua 1:9, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

How could I remember the women of

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Solid Rock and not recognize the men of Solid Rock? I'm proud to say we have some very strong and courageous men in our midst, and it

would be remiss of me not to say "thank you" to them. I know this is well after Father's Day, but better late than never. I tip my hat to those men who serve the Lord in front of the congregation by serving as liturgist, singing/playing in the praise team, leading singing or serving as ushers. I appreciate those who serve behind the scenes by running sound and video, pray for their church and pastor, and of course teaching Sunday school or small groups.

I thank God for those men who fulfill their responsibilities to their families by being a Godly witness for their children and spouse to see. I guess what I really want to say is, even if I don't say it often enough, I appreciate all that our Solid Rock men do for our church and beyond. I hope your Father's Day was a wonderful celebration of your presence in God's Kingdom and I pray that this will serve to ENCOURAGE you to continue on your journey as a man after God's own heart!

Shalom,
Pastor Kathy

May Financial Update

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ing. They went with a group from Anderson University. This May Lindsay went with the same teacher and a group from Anderson University for ten days to Jamaica.

In between all of this, there were birthday parties and graduation parties in the family. Graduating was Carley, daughter of Jeana and Doug McElhane. Carley has been accepted at Anderson University to study athletic training. (Sister Lindsay is also attending Anderson.) Also graduating was Andrew, son of Jon and Kristy Smith. Andrew has been accepted to Purdue University to study animal science. (Sister Rebecca is also attending Purdue.)

Also joining the family in 2013 were two great-grandchildren. Mckayla Ann was born on July 2 to Leslie and Jeff Morris, joining brothers Isaac and Kaleb. Sullivan Otto was born on November 8 to Lee and Drew Smith, joining sister Lola and brother Finley. Joh and Candy Smith are the proud grandparents of these grandchildren. Proud grandparents and great-grandparents are Dale and Norma Smith.

We thank you, O Father, for your readiness to hear and to forgive; for your great love to us, in spite of our unworthiness; for the many blessings we enjoy above our deserving, hoping, or asking. You have been so good to us in our ingratitude, thoughtlessness, and forgetfulness of you. For your pity, long-suffering, gentleness and tenderness, we bow our heads in humble thankfulness of heart. We worship you who are infinite love, infinite compassion, infinite power. Accept our praise and gratitude; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.



- C.J.N. Child



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