



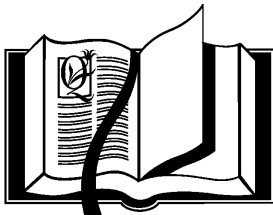
News From The Rock

July 2016

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

“Feasting on the Word” Bible Study

Bible study readings for the month of July invite us into a life of discipleship. With July 4 falling on a Monday evening, we will not be gathering that evening. For the other Monday evenings of the month, you are invited to join with other travelers walking with the Lord. Our fellowship begins at 7:00 p.m., running about one hour. Currently we are meeting in the church kitchen.



- July 4: No Bible study
- July 11: Luke 10:38-42 (Joe Haney, leader)
- July 18: Romans 6:1-11 (Mike Heath, leader)
- July 25: 2 Timothy 3:14-16 (Charles Ternet, leader)

You are encouraged to use these Bible studies as a preparation for the following Sunday message. The Lord bless and keep you!

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met on June 2, 2016, in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe. Barbara Hart, President, welcomed everyone present and shared regarding the Memorial Day Honor Flight.



The prayer calendar mission focus was on the Neighborhood Center of Camden, New Jersey. The United Methodist Women’s pledge was recited by all present. Joys and concerns were shared

and prayer given.

The mission moment was given by Martha Plummer. Roll call was taken and the treasurer’s report give. Barbara then gave a very interesting lesson on the history of the United Methodist Women.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer. The next meeting will be held July 7.

SSF Praise and Worship

Please join us on Saturday evening, July 2, at 7:00 p.m. at the corner of First and Main Streets (east of the post office) for an evening filled with praise and worship music led by praise teams from Solid Rock United Methodist Church and Warren Church of Christ, as well as patriotic music sung by “A Few Good Men,” a group of 25 area men. Bring your lawn chairs and singing voices, and let’s lift up the name of the Lord together! (In case of rain, this event will be held at Solid Rock UMC.)



Thank you!

Thank you for the prayers, cards, gifts and for supporting me at my graduation party! My Church Family has been one of my biggest supporters in this past year and I couldn’t be more thankful. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. I’m so blessed to be a part of Warren’s Solid Rock Church Family!

Madison Canady

May Financial Update

General Offerings.....	\$16,838
General Fund Expenses.....	\$10,035
Mortgage Balance	\$199,339



from Pastor Paul

Every once in a while something will be said that we don’t quite agree with or something will be done that we don’t think should be done at the time and it may get under our skin. It comes down to how the person sets his priorities. Every day we set priorities on everything we do, whether it is reading our Bible or praying. If we get woke up before it is time to get up and there is something important to do, do we stop and take time with God first or do we just go ahead and do what we must do first? Which has priority?



The definition of Priority is something given meriting attention before completing alternatives. Everyone has their own opinion as to where to set their priority and it is based on what they have been taught. Who is right? Everyone will answer to God as to how we set our priorities, right or wrong.

Let’s look at how some people set their priorities. Jesus said in Matthew 6:33, “but seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things will be added unto you.” If you set your priorities with God being first, he will take care of everything else you need. Jesus set his priorities with the will of God being above all things. In Luke 2:49 Jesus was 12 years old and was not found in the caravan as they were going home. When Mary and Joseph found him they questioned him but he answered, “Why were you searching for me? Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”

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SOS

Solid Rock SOS met on June 9, 2016, at Tamara Spahr's house. Meeting highlights:

- Devotion on wisdom comes by digging deeper in His word was led by Susan. Galatians 1:8
- The lesson was given by Shannon from the book *Cure for the Common Life*.
- Joys and Concerns were shared.
- A love offering was collected for the General Conference Band-Aid collection. We also collected money for feminine products for the food pantry.

Old Business

- Thank you for pies at the auction benefiting Logan Campbell.

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News deadline for the August newsletter: July 24

New Business

- Looking for sponsor for praise band at SSF. SOS will sponsor.
- Entry form for parade is due. Lana has idea of porch swing and all the different things Warren has to offer. We will be working on the float soon.
- Planning a retreat at Rawhide Ranch in Brown County just to relax, October 10-12. Let Susan know ASAP if you can come. Sign-up sheet was passed around at the meeting.
- Sign-up for festival was passed around at the meeting. Please get with Tamara if you would like to sign up to work.
- Many cards were received and sent by the Corresponding Secretary.
- Prayer partners were assigned and the meeting was adjourned with prayer and a sung benediction.
- Attendance: 14 members and 2 guests
- Next meeting: July 14 at Jessica's. Shannon is co-hostess and Shannon is presenting the lesson.

Scholarships

College scholarship recipients: When available, please turn a copy of your fall schedule in to the church office so that checks can be issued and matching gifts can be mailed.

Running blind

Years ago, I worked at a summer Bible camp with my cousin Erik. As an evening staff meeting concluded, a sprinkle suddenly became a downpour. Counselors sprinted off toward cabins, while Erik and I, who didn't supervise youngsters, debated whether to wait out the storm.

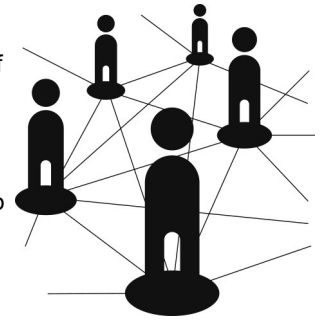
We opted to run for it, but being visually impaired, I soon realized the sheets of rain, added to the dark, hindered my view. "I can't see!" I yelled through the wind to Erik. Immediately, he grabbed my hand, pulling me along. "It's okay!" he shouted back. "I can!"

The sensation of running blindly yet feeling so secure became a metaphor for me about what I can handle and accomplish through faith. When I let God grab my hand and guide me, even when I'm running through dark, stormy times, I experience peace. For though I cannot see what lies ahead, I know God can.

—Heidi Mann

Family web

Genealogy research turns up some intriguing relations; for example, Barack Obama and Sarah Palin are 10th cousins, and Britney Spears and Prince Albert of Monaco are 17th half-cousins. In the Bible, Jesus is linked to Rahab and Ruth, members of nations that were enemies of Israel.



Searches for family connections quickly reveal not only roots but also a web. Only a few generations up in the branches of each family tree are so many people that trees intersect. Scientists speculate that most people living today are related through a recent common ancestor. So there's a "web-like tapestry" rather than a "tree that fans out exponentially," according to writer Carl Zimmer.

Realizing we're all connected should affect how we treat others. After all, we're related to people with diverse backgrounds and opinions. In terms of genealogy, as well as living as Jesus' disciples, we belong to one another.

Unshakable faith

No one wishes for crises, but Christians who've endured them often speak of the faith benefits that result. Here are two examples:

Author and Bible teacher Nancy Guthrie, who lost two babies to a rare genetic disorder, writes: "Trusting God when the miracle does not come, when the urgent prayer gets no answer, when there is only darkness ... this is the kind of faith that cannot be shaken because it is the result of having been shaken" (*Holding On to Hope*, Tyndale).

Christian musician Danny Gokey, whose first wife died from congenital heart disease, writes: "Sometimes we don't discover our purpose until the darkest moments strip us of everything and all we are left with is brokenness and heartache. It is in these moments, ironically, when hope becomes our strength and carries us" (*Hope in Front of Me*, NavPress).

"To pray is to grasp heaven in one's arms, to embrace the Deity within one's soul and to feel one's body made a temple of the Holy Spirit."

—Charles H. Spurgeon

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At 12 years old Jesus had already set his priorities to do the will of the Father. How did he know what he was supposed to do every day? As you study the Gospels you find that Jesus withdrew himself and prayed. As you study deeper he would be alone each morning before daylight and talk with the Father. God would give him instructions and guide him by the Holy Spirit. Then there will be no question as to what the priorities are.

Let's look at the person named the second most in the Gospels, Peter. Some say he was always messing up and sticking his foot in his mouth. I disagree. He wanted to know everything he could know about Jesus Christ the Messiah. He would ask questions when no one else would. He would do things that no one else would do because he wanted to know. He had set his priorities to know Christ and to become as close to him as he could. He didn't care what it looked like.

What about Paul? He persecuted the Christians with zeal. When Christ got hold of him on the road to Damascus, he changed his perspectives and his priorities and his priorities became to spread the word of God no matter what it cost him. He was beaten and stoned and shipwrecked but he kept his priorities with God first.

Where are your priorities? I don't want your answer; that is between you and God, who by the way already has the answer. So if you tell yourself anything less than the full truth you are only lying to yourself. Are we any better than Christ himself, who being filled with the Holy Ghost needed to talk to God? It boggles my mind that we can go through the day, the week, the month or the year without talking with God. I imagine that some people believe that they don't need to spend time with God to figure out where their priorities should be. The rest of us need that daily time with God. Just think about it. What has priority in your life?

See you Sunday,
Pastor Paul

Our Mission:

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

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.

Food Pantry Needs

- Cereal
- Single Serve Juice
- Snack Pack Crackers
- Popsicle Freezes
- Peanut Butter
- Pudding Snack Packs
- Canned Ravioli



Also needed: plastic bags, books and magazines (6 months through adult)

Please leave your items in the wooden boxes in the narthex.

2016 General Conference

The 2016 General Conference of the United Methodist Church wrapped up on Friday, May 20, in Portland, Oregon. General Conference, the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church, convenes once every four years. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs.



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The UMC has raised \$78 million dollars for Imagine No Malaria.

General Conference commissioned 29 missionaries and celebrated our ecumenical relationships with our worldwide Methodist brothers and sisters.

The delegates supported the Global AIDS Fund, celebrated the 30th anniversary of Disciple Bible Study, the 60th anniversary of the ordination of women, celebrated vital congregations, heard the African University choir, celebrated the 150th anniversary of UMW, and more.

Delegates approved petitions that:

- Enable us to move forward on the creation of a General Book of Discipline and an updated version of our Social Principles;
- Elected new members to the Judicial Council, University Senate and other general boards and agencies;
- Approved a new hymnal including cloud base technology which will allow

new flexibility for contextual music;

- Continues to expand and support the growth of our church in Africa;
- Approved many of the items in the Study of Ministry report that clarifies and deepens our theology of ordination, extends the role of deacons, expands the educational possibilities for local church pastors, and more.

On the issue of human sexuality Delegates supported a plan from the Council of Bishops that defers action on all existing petitions regarding human sexuality and creates a special commission to examine the issues and form a recommendation on how to move forward. The Council of Bishops may convene a special General Conference session prior to GC 2020 to review the commission's recommendations.

The current language of the Book of Discipline remains the same and the Bishops reminded and invited delegates to uphold the discipline.

The Bishops invited delegates to seek God's will for the future and to strengthen the unity of the church.

Earthy prayers

In English translation, the Psalms often sound smooth and polished, sonorous with Elizabethan rhythms and diction. As literature, they are beyond compare. But as *prayer*, as the utterances of men and women passionate for God in moments of anger and praise and lament, these translations miss something. ... As *prayers* they are not quite right.

The Psalms in Hebrew are earthy and rough. They are not genteel. They are not the prayers of nice people, couched in cultured language. ... Only as we develop raw honesty and detailed thoroughness in our praying do we become whole, truly human in Jesus Christ, who also prayed the Psalms.

—Eugene H. Peterson's introduction to Psalms, in *The Message*

My prayer to God is that you see his presence when you look at me. His steadfast love has set me free, and his reflection I can be when God is shining bright in me.



—MaryAnn Sundby

New Study

The adult Sunday school class which meets in the church kitchen will begin a new study on July 10. In "Christian: It's Not What You Think," Andy Stanley explains that the words used to describe Christians today often are quite different from what Jesus wanted his followers to be known for. In this study, participants will learn what one word should be descriptive of every Christian, how Jesus' followers should treat those outside the faith, and why people love Jesus but can't stand his followers. Plan to join us for this study!



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O God, give me strength and wisdom to live this day as I ought.

Give me

- ↪ Wisdom to know when to speak, and when to keep silent;
- ↪ Wisdom to know when to act, and when to refrain from action;
- ↪ Wisdom to know when to speak my mind, and when to hold my peace.



Through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

—William Barclay

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