



News From The Rock

June 2012

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

“The Bible Jesus Read”

Been thinking about joining a Sunday school class? On June 6, the “downstairs” adult Sunday school class will begin a new study, “The Bible Jesus Read,” by Philip Yancey. The publisher’s description:

Take a life-changing journey to the heart of the Scriptures that Jesus himself grew up on ... and that laid the foundation for everything he ever said or did.

The Old Testament is God’s biography, the story of his passionate encounters with people. It is also a prequel to the story of Jesus, who came to answer the questions that troubled the ancient writers and still trouble us today. For expressing our deepest longings and voicing the full range of our lives and emotions, the Old Testament has no equal.

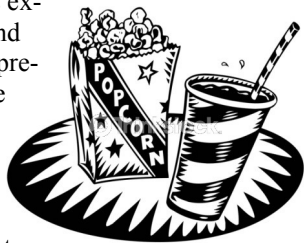
During eight riveting interactive sessions, you will come to know God more intimately, anticipate Jesus more fervently, and find a wonderful, wise companion for your faith journey.

Plan to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:00 in the first room at the bottom of the stairs!

Concession Stand Update

The Warren Baseball and Softball Leagues have started! The Solid Rock Concession Stand is excited to be up and running. We appreciate all of those who have volunteered to help us in May. It has been wonderful to have an entire week this year without any rainouts.

June is going to be a very busy month. We are still in need of volunteers to help man the concession stand. If you are interested in helping, see any Concession Stand Committee member: David and Jo Keller,



Steve Holmes, Tamara Spahr, Pam and Randy Hensley, or Brenda Conner to sign up, or you may call 375-3834 to schedule a evening to join in the fun!

Scholarship Recipients

The Scholarship Committee has approved scholarship money for nine Solid Rock young adults for use toward their undergraduate education.

- Elizabeth (Liz) Bolinger is majoring in Psychology at Huntington University.
- Rachel Decker is studying Art with a minor in English at Manchester University.
- Erica Hensley will be studying Nursing at Ivy Tech in the fall.
- Colin McIntire is continuing at Ball State University majoring in Computer Science.
- Kailey Neff will be returning for her third year at Indiana University with a major in Community Health.
- Mallory Preston will be beginning her college career at The University of Saint Francis majoring in Nursing.
- Brandi Richardson is also beginning her studies to become a nurse. She has chosen to study at Ivy Tech.
- Emma Sabinske continues on the “Fast Track” program at Manchester University majoring in Elementary Education. She will begin her senior year in the fall.
- Spencer Sabinske will be a freshman at Ball State. Though undecided, he is leaning toward a major in Criminal Justice.

Please pray for these students as they begin or continue their education. Many are also planning on taking classes during the summer.



Just Leaning on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



Christianity and World Religions— A Sermon Series

1 Corinthians 10:32-33: *“Live in such a way as to cause no trouble either to Jews or Gentiles or to the church of God. Just do as I do; I try to please everyone in all*

“We will explore these religions with sensitivity and respect, always seeking to discern God’s truth and grace for us”

that I do, not thinking of my own good, but of the good of all, so that they might be saved.” (GNB)

We live in a diverse and changing world. Around the globe and in our own neighborhoods, we live and work with people of other faiths. What do they believe? How, as Christians, should we respond to them? How can we learn about their faiths and share our own faith with respect, building bridges of mutual understanding?

Solid Rock will focus for six weeks on the subject of “Christianity and World Religions” in the hope that we will come to a better understanding of our world, a greater appreciation of the differences among religious people, and a stronger grasp of our own faith. This six-week sermon series will be held Sundays through July and the first Sunday of August.

The series resources include the Reverend Adam Hamilton, founding pastor of the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, author of a study called, “Christianity and World Religions: Wrestling With Questions People Ask”. We will also use the resources: *The Illustrated World Religions* by Huston Smith and *The Complete Idiot’s Guide to World Religions* by Brandon Toropov and Father Luke

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🔗 **Taya Decker** was recently named “Woman of the Year” by The Forks of the Wabash chapter of the American Business Women Association in recognition of her volunteer work for the ABWA, as well as other community organizations.

🔗 **Congratulations** to graduates

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*News deadline for the July newsletter:
June 17*

Mallory Preston, from Southern Wells, and **Spencer Sabinski**, from Huntington North.

🔗 **Justun C. Gifford** and **Sharon K. Purvis** were baptized during the worship service on May 13.

UMYF Outing

UMYF will be going to Page's Crossing on Monday, June 25. We will meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. Please bring money for food and snacks. Let Jeff or Marie know by June 17 if you will be going, so we can get enough drivers.

United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Notice the change in our summer schedule. We are planning some swimming times and maybe a few other events. There will also be a Girls' Day Away with swimming and boating sometime in June. Plans are still being made and weather forecasts are being checked! We will be calling soon!



Thanks again to those who have provided snacks for our meetings this year! And a special thank you to Lana for organizing everything!

UMYF is for all youth in grades 5-12. Please bring a friend and join us for fun and fellowship!

Upcoming Events

- June 3: Pizza after church at East of Chicago
- June 6: Food Pantry, 6:00-7:30
- June 25: Page's Crossing, 1:00-?
- July 5: Lock-in at church
- July 8: Pizza after church at East of Chicago
- July 18: Food Pantry, 6:00-7:30
- August 7: TinCaps Game

Men's Fellowship

The Solid Rock Men's Fellowship met on May 12, 2012, at Heritage Pointe with 12 men in attendance. President Dale Smith opened the meeting with prayer. Breakfast was served by Kim's Katered Affair.

Marion Bell shared devotions from a

book by Max Lucado, “The Tested Tunnel,” “The Movement That Was Doomed to Fail,” and “Communication is More Than Words.”

Steve Holmes reported on the East of Chicago fundraiser. A total of 86 were served, generating proceeds of \$392.



Men's Fellowship

All income from this fundraiser will benefit the summer Henderson Settlement mission project.

Closing prayer was offered by Randy Hensley. The next meeting will be June 9, 2012.

Thank you

Dear Solid Rock Scholarship Committee,

Thank you for your generosity in awarding me the Solid Rock Scholarship. The scholarship will be a tremendous help in furthering my education.

Thank you,
Colin McIntire

The winner

A father of five won a toy in a raffle. He gathered his young children to ask who should get the present.

“Who's the most obedient?” Dad asked. “Who never talks back to Mom? Who does everything she says?”

Five small voices answered in unison, “Okay, Dad, you get the toy.”

Are we there yet?

This age-old refrain of young travelers is followed by a second question: “How much longer?” How similar those queries are to the psalmist's oft-repeated cry, “How long, O LORD, how long?” (Psalm 6:3b, NIV).

Patience is an uncommon virtue these days. We're anxious to get where we're going or to get what we want. But think how much we miss while wishing we were elsewhere!

In our rush to reach a destination, we fail to grasp lessons that can be learned only along the way. What blessings might you be overlooking in the here-and-now and the right-where-you-are?



—Kari Myers

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Buckles.

This series will include Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. I hope you'll come with an open mind and your heart full of grace, hungry to learn more about other religious groups. We will explore these religions with sensitivity and respect, always seeking to discern God's truth and grace for us.

Our young people have started the conversation by asking to learn more about other religions. I pray we all learn something from God's grace to ALL of His children.

Shalom,
Pastor Kathy

Mission Notes

Our "Team Henderson" is gearing up for our mission trip to Henderson Settlement July 29 through August 4. We are one of six churches who are sending a team for one week each to build a 28 x 28 house for Brittany and Tyson Partin. Other projects around the Settlement may also be worked on. Our portion of the cost of materials is \$6,500. Thank you for your donations towards the lodging cost of our 16 team members.

The "By the Book" weekday religious education program is in need of financial backing. If you would like to make a donation through your church offering, please designate it as such on your memo line. For some third and fourth grade students in Huntington County, this is the only exposure they have to our great God and loving Savior.

Our designated giving to "The Right Future Campaign" (capital campaign for Epworth Forest) qualified us for a memorial brick around the fire circle, a place of worship for campers. The inscription on the brick will read: "CHRIST #1 Jefferson Center + Warren = Solid Rock"

Crystal Lucas has raised the needed money to return to Tanzania through Wycliffe Bible Translators. She will be teaching children of translators in The Musoma area. She writes:

Dear Amazing Prayer Partners, Thank you, thank you, thank you for your continued prayers on my behalf the past couple of months! Now that I'm officially cleared to go back on June 25, we have a lot to be praising the Lord for! Praise for: God's

provision! And clear direction of timing of going back. Praise too for people's generous hearts, willingness to be a part of what God is doing, and continuous love and encouragement on my behalf.

Pray for: PEACE. Continued good time in God's Word. Smooth transitions. Wisdom on housing and transportation, and packing. Quick visa and work permit going through. Good health.

Thank you for your donations for A Friend's House "Stock the Shelves." A recent graduate of the program shared her testimony.

My dad struggled with epilepsy and schizophrenia. He started to touch and kiss me in what he called "daddy-daughter games." My mom divorced him when I was 15. I tried more than 10 different counselors, but none of them helped me. I graduated high school a broken shell of a person, and my mother was placed in a nursing home after a series of heart attacks. I fell into depression, planned to take my life a few times, and the self-injury worsened. I was tired of living just to suffer. I found "A Friend's House" and made the 34-hour bus ride from Houston to Indiana. In a short time here, I was able to identify 60 negative lies I was telling myself every day. I learned that I am not a failure and it is okay to make mistakes, because it does not make me any less of the person God created me to be. Changing my thinking is hard, but A Friend's House taught me that my worth is based in Christ.

United Methodist Women

Thirteen members of United Methodist Women met April 5 to enjoy friendship and learning together as President Myrna Neff opened the meeting with devotional thoughts under a title of "Blow the House Down!" How is the house of our faith built? Is it strong? Is it built as our pioneers' houses were built—of rock? Myrna also had the lesson of the day, which was entitled "Peace as Action" and included Peace as Justice, as Hope and Wholeness, as More Than the Absence of Conflict. Members contributed thoughts and prayers throughout the study. We must pray for peace, evaluate our relationship with God, connect with someone who needs us, advocate on his or her behalf, especially women in need.

Regular meeting format included Carolyn Winters resuming her leadership in prayer for members and families and

friends, in their joys and concerns. Business meeting procedures were completed, including roll call, April's meeting minutes, and treasurer's report.

Myrna gave our "Mission Minute" which, this month, took us to southeastern Kentucky, through an article in our monthly literature entitled "In the Cleft of the Rock." This area experiences poverty approaching third-world levels. Great loss financially has occurred in the work in the coal mines.

In June we will welcome Doris Rapp, District President of Northeast District.

I am your church

I am your church. I am here because you built me. I am beautifully situated in your midst. In the center of your community I will be a cherished landmark to the thousands who come to my door over the years. You built me because you knew that your life would be incomplete and unfulfilled without me.

I am your church. I am here not simply to adorn, but to serve. Your children and youth come to me to learn the ways of honesty, industry, morality, and religion. Your brides and grooms come to my altar that their weddings may be hallowed and sweetened by divine blessings.

I am your church. I comfort your sick and sorrowing. I bury your dead and offer rest and solace to the weary. I bring pardon and peace to those who are burdened with sin. My message of mercy brings new life.

I am your church. My doors are open to all—rich or poor, bond or free. My pulpit rings out the message of good will to men, of peace and pardon, and of a Savior's love to all. I teach you the way of life and guide you on the road to heaven.

I am your church. Come and worship with me; support me; and I will serve you all your days on this earth and beyond.

Author unknown,
Submitted by Mick McNary



Out of order

A confirmation teacher asked students to list the Ten Commandments in any order. One girl wrote "3, 6, 1, 8, 4, 5, 9, 2, 10, 7."

April Financial Update

General Offerings..... \$15,939
General Fund Expenses..... \$13,033
Building Fund Contributions..... \$5,157

Our Card Ministry
has a great selection
of Father's Day and
Graduation cards!



Check
them out
in the
Fellowship
Hall!

- "When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry."
—Jewish Proverb
- "More marriages might survive if the partners realized that sometimes the better comes after the worse."
—Doug Larson

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the salt sea and the running water, for the everlasting hills and the never-resting winds, for trees and the common grass underfoot.



We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendor of the summer fields, and taste of the autumn fruits, and rejoice in the feel of the snow, and smell the breath of spring.

Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty; and save our souls from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thornbush is aflame with your glory, O God our creator, who lives and reigns **for ever and ever.**

- Walter Rauschenbusch (1861-1918)

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