



# News From The Rock

June 2017

**Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana**

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

## United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met on May 4, 2017, in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe. Barbara Hart, president, welcomed everyone and shared an opening devotional entitled "If We Listen."

The Purpose of the United Methodist Women was recited by all.

The Mission Focus was Costa Rica Women's Economic Network: Equipping Women for Sustainable Economic Enterprise.

Joys and concerns were taken by Bernie Garrett. Bernie followed with prayer.

Doris Souers shared an interesting article about clutter.

Roll call and the secretary's report were given by the secretary. The treasurer's report was given by Barbara Hart.

Report from officers: Lucille Raines Residence 40th anniversary is May 16-18, 2017. Evelyn Shaffer, Executive Director of LLR for 19 years, died March 9, 2017, at the age of 92.

The program entitled "A Time to Hope" was given by Martha Plummer.

The next meeting will be June 1, 2017.

Martha Plummer,  
Secretary



## Basket Weaving

Several of us made 18 baskets that will be for sale at the Fall Bazaar. Those who were involved were Jorita Banter, Tara Korporal, Shari Blinn, Tamara Spahr, Jenny Plummer, Jasmine Plummer,



## Graduation Open Houses

You are invited to the following open houses in honor of these graduating seniors. All are at Solid Rock UMC, 485 Bennett Drive, Warren.



Robert Bolinger  
Saturday, June 3  
12-4 p.m.

Lily Sabinske  
Saturday, June 10  
1-4 p.m.

Betty Osmun  
Saturday, June 17  
1-5 p.m.  
RSVP at 260-358-7833

A father is tender and kind to his children. In the same way, the Lord is tender and kind to those who have respect for him.

Psalm 103:13

(NIRV)



Lana Myers, Brenda Conner, Linda Howell and Marg Bentley. Much fun and great fellowship was shared while weaving reeds into a basket. It is not too soon to be thinking if you have a craft you want to make for the bazaar. Thank you to everyone that was involved.



from  
Pastor Paul

It was the first day of basketball practice at Wingate High School in Brooklyn, N.Y. The Coach handed a ball to each player.

"Boys," he said, "I want you to practice shooting from the spots you might expect to be in during the game."

One of the boys (who was pretty much there as a substitute for the star players—in fact he was substitute #12) immediately sat down on the bench and began shoot the ball toward the basket from there.

You might say that boy didn't expect to get to play much. And I suppose he was just trying to get a laugh out of his teammates. But, there are some people who sit the bench, because that's where they've gotten used to being. They never strive to much more than that—because they don't believe in themselves enough to put in the extra effort and practice to change their status. And because of that, they're always going to sit the bench.

It's as if we've made Christianity into a spectator sport. We just sit back in church and listen to the music and the sermons, and never really get involved in the game. We need some Christians today to get off the sidelines and get on the front lines. There is a special position that God has for all those who are in Christ, but we will never discover it as long as we watch safely from the sideline. We need to put action to our faith and get involved in the spiritual battle that is taking place all around us.

See You Sunday,  
Pastor Paul

*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.

### Love in the Name of Christ of Huntington County



Love In the Name of Christ is a Jesus centered organization that exists to empower the local church to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ. Through our Community Clearinghouse, anybody who is in need in Huntington County can connect to services all over our county that can help them meet their need. Here are a few of the services we provide:

- Community Clearinghouse
- Huntington Community Food Pantry

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News deadline for the July newsletter:  
June 25

- Covered With Love (gently used clothing store)
- Diaper Depot
- Supply Closet
- Loving Neighbors

### Our Beginnings

In October, 1985, Sister Paula Fortier, Dr. DeWitt Baker, Rev. Ray Scribner, Bob Whitesell and others started Love INC of Huntington County. With a staff of just two, 63 individuals were served in the remaining months of that first year. Twenty-nine years later Love INC is still seeking to connect the local church to our friends and neighbors who are in need, serving over 4,500 people annually!

### Growing Through Change

As our community's needs have changed so has our approach to ministry. Over the years we've developed many ministries to meet the changing needs. Some of these ministries have fallen away, and some are stronger than ever. In 2000 Love INC helped five local churches consolidate their food pantries and created the Huntington Community Food Pantry in the Love INC building. In the spring of 2011 Love INC opened their used clothing store Covered With Love, which has been a great blessing to our community offering gently used clothing at very low prices. We even give out seasonal coupons so people who are in need can receive seasonal appropriate clothing for free. Other ministries that have developed along the way are the Diaper Depot and the Supply Closet. In June of 2013 we suspended our rent and utility assistance program and replaced it with a new program called Loving Neighbors, which seeks to put relationships in the forefront of our assistance programs.

Each year we also host a Back-to-School program that equips school aged children and youth with three new outfits and a backpack filled with school supplies so they can start the year off on the right foot. Around Christmas time we open our Christmas Shop where pre-registered families can shop for Christmas gifts for their children by giving a \$5 contribution per child. It is our goal to help local churches respond to unmet needs in our community by sharing Love In the Name of Christ!

### April Financial Update

General Offerings.....	\$22,336
General Fund Expenses.....	\$14,442
Mortgage Balance .....	\$73,248

## Back-to-School Shopping

The school year is not quite over, but Love INC is already gearing up for our Back-to-School Shopping event! This event allows pre-registered families the opportunity to bring their school aged children (K-12) to our store, Covered With Love, to pick out three outfits to help them start next school year off on the right foot! This event relies heavily on donations from churches, businesses, and individuals. If you'd like to help out, give us a call at 260-356-0933.



Our current needs are children's clothing (all sizes) and adult male jeans. We are also accepting donations of backpacks. Monetary donations are also accepted! Families interested in participating must register in person at our office (715 Byron St.).

Registration Dates: June 5th - July 14th

Shopping Dates: July 27th & 28th

Let's help students start the school year with dignity!

## First holy, then happy

Having been married 16 years, I'm aware that marriage isn't all flowers and sunshine. Oh, I was realistic enough, even early on, to know that miscommunication and disagreements would intrude on romance, fondness and the glad sharing of chores and childcare. Even so, the subtitle of Gary Thomas' book *Sacred Marriage* (Zondervan) grabbed my attention: "What if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy?"

I pondered that for days, reminding myself I'm to focus on my holiness, not my husband's. What if marriage is to teach me selflessness rather than to meet all my needs? What if the holiness of love means being patient and kind, not irritable or rude? What if instead of keeping score of kitchen duty I simply did my husband's (without counting)? What if I offered empathy, not criticism; respect, not resentment? And what if walking in holiness leads to greater happiness?

To such a change in perspective, I say, "I do!"



—Heidi Mann

## Indiana United Methodist Outdoor Ministries: Impact 2818

Impact 2818 is a Local-Church-Centered-Ministry. People of all ages are seeking community and real relationships. Spending time together at camp can turn a group of acquaintances into a fellowship that will love, support and hold one another accountable. If that group continues to meet together, the community continues. The local church is the primary vehicle for fostering relationships and making disciples. Impact 2818 fosters development of relationships and groups by offering programs and facilities to church groups that keep communities together throughout the experience and beyond.

- We will serve the local church and be an extension of their ministries
- We will share God's love with every guest at all Impact 2818 Camp Sites
- We will create a safe, comfortable environment, where people experience Christian community
- We will provide high quality facilities and services for all guests
- We will provide relevant, age appropriate programming for all campers

A lot of people ask about the name Impact 2818; what it means and why we chose it. In short, it represents our goal and purpose. Matthew 28:18-20 is the Great Commission where as Christ followers, we are being sent into the world on Jesus' authority to make God's transforming love known. Our desire is to leave a legacy with each generation we get to encounter and that they would go forth impacting this world for the sake of Christ.

### Camp Facilities & Locations

- Camp Adventure – Pierceton, IN (40 minutes from Ft. Wayne and South Bend) Rustic sleeping accommodations, adventure activities great for middle school ages through adults
- Epworth Forest Conference Center – North Webster, IN (40 minutes from Ft. Wayne and South Bend) Modern facilities including private rooms, and meet-



ing spaces for up to 700

- Camp Indicoso – Springville, IN (20 minutes south of Bloomington) Private rooms, rustic cabins and adventure activities great for all ages
- Camp Lakewood – Wolcottville, IN (one hour north of Ft. Wayne) Rustic cabins with activities designed around all ages of elementary campers
- Camp Moneto – Nashville, IN (30 minutes east of Bloomington, IN) Currently transitioning for the future
  - Pine Creek Camp – Pine Village, IN (30 minutes west of Lafayette, IN) Rustic ranch camp with activities for all ages
  - Camp Rivervale –

Mitchell, IN (one hour south of Bloomington, IN) Private rooms and community space lodges with activities designed around all ages of elementary campers

### The Impact

- Impact 2818's camps serve 3,000 students each summer at the 6 camp locations
- More than 1,000 volunteers join the 200+ staff that make each event an amazing, safe and spiritually meaningful experience.
- Over 350 churches sent at least one student in 2014.
- In 2015, 420 students made a first time decision for Jesus Christ as the Lord of their life.
- In 2015, 303 students responded to a call to ministry.



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## Food Pantry Needs

- Cereal
- Canned Ravioli
- Canned Peaches
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Snack Bars
- Snack-size Jello
- Peanut Butter
- Ramen Noodles



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

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

## The Best Eating Spot in Town

Gather in the kitchen of Solid Rock UMC at 7:00 p.m. each Monday evening for the greatest feast going! God has provided the table and the food as was done in the Upper Room by Jesus.



With the celebration of God's gift of the Holy Spirit, we hear again the words of God giving us instruction and encouragement for our daily faith journey. Our Bible studies will be in anticipation of the following Sunday morning sermon. For the Mondays of June we will have the following scriptures:

- **June 5:** Luke 9: 23-25 (Joe Haney, leader)
- **June 12:** 2 Corinthians 8: 1-15 (Jorita Banter, leader)
- **June 19:** Matthew 10: 24-39 (Perry Spahr, leader)
- **June 26:** Genesis 22: 1-14 (Joe Haney, leader)

Bring your Bible, an appetite for feeding on God's Word, and a desire to grow in Christian community. See you Monday night!

- "Your children will become what you are, so be what you want them to be."  
—David Bly

- "Do not be afraid of tomorrow, for God is already there."  
—Unknown



# Senior Saints

June 1  
1:00 p.m.  
at Heritage  
Pointe

## Agnus Dei

This image is known as the Agnus Dei, Latin for "Lamb of God." When pictured standing and with a banner, it represents the risen Christ, victorious over death. John the Baptist, seeing Jesus approach, famously declared, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29, NIV). In Revelation, too, Jesus is portrayed as a lamb who was slain but now reigns triumphant.



Lord, you understand me, you know my every thought, my brain is not a mystery to you. Enter into my mind, Lord, guide and direct my thoughts. Be before me when I speak, be beside me when I act, be within me when I listen, that I might possess the wisdom born of love, for you are love, the love which understands everything.

—Frank Topping

