

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

### **Disaffiliation Update**

Solid Rock's transition from the United Methodist Church to the Global Methodist Church is nearly complete. Required documents were submitted to the Indiana Conference of the UMC by the May 11 deadline. Disaffiliation will be officially approved by the Annual Conference, meeting June 8-10, and will be effective July 1, 2023.

Notification was received on May 1 that Solid Rock's application to join the Global Methodist Church has been approved and will be in effect on July 1, 2023.

A committee reviewed Solid Rock's administrative structure and made recom-

mendations to the Administrative Council, which accepted them at their May meeting. Only minor changes have been made. The revised structure will guide the Nominations Committee



when they meet in late summer, and changes will be in effect for 2024.

Some signage around the church will be changing, as UMC designations are removed. For legal purposes, the name of the church will be Solid Rock Church of Warren, Inc. Incorporation under the new name took place on May 3.

Commonly we will refer to ourselves as Solid Rock Church. A rebranding effort is underway, including updated signage, a new website, and a renamed and refreshed newsletter. Newly branded shirts and other apparel are now available for purchase.

# New Solid Rock Apparel!

We are excited to offer new Solid Rock Church apparel! There are three ways to order the apparel, online using the link

found on the Solid Rock Facebook page, the link on the Solid Rock website, the link found in the email with the newsletter, or with the paper order form found at the back of the sanctuary. There



are many options and colors to pick from!

Ordering will be open until Sunday, June 11th so that we can have the apparel by June 25th. We hope to be "rocking" our new apparel on our first Sunday as Solid

Rock Church! Questions, see Jen Plummer, Teresa Kreigbaum, or Cindy Boxell.

You may also access the website at this address or scan the QR code.

tinyurl.com/2w3nk2dx

# Donate by check? Note this change

As part of Solid Rock's transition, the church has opened new accounts with the United Methodist Church designation removed. Going forward, checks should be payable to Solid Rock Church. Our bank will not accept deposits to the new account if your check contains UMC. Thank you for your attention to this change.



# Explanation of the Gifts

Two concepts are involved in spiritual gifts. First, a spiritual gift to an individual is God's enablement for personal spiritual service (1 Cor. 12:11). Second, a spiritual gift to the church is a person uniquely equipped for the church's edification and maturation (Eph. 4:11–13). It should also be noted what is not meant by spiritual gifts. It does not mean a place of service. Some may suggest "he has a real gift for working in the slums. This, of course, is a wrong concept of spiritual gifts. Nor is a spiritual gift an age group ministry. Or some might say that "he has a real gift for working with senior highs." A spiritual gift is not the same as a natural talent; there may be a relationship, but a natural talent is an ability that a person may have from birth and develop, whereas a spiritual gift is given supernaturally by God at the moment of conversion. Natural talents and gifts may be contrasted thus:

#### COMPARISON OF NATURAL AND SPIRITUAL ABILITIES

#### Source:

- Natural Talents: From God through parents
- Spiritual Gifts: From God independent of parents

### Possessed:

- Natural Talents: From birth
- Spiritual Gifts: Probably from conversion

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.



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# Global Methodist Church Logo

The Global Methodist Church's logo brings together in its three circles the one God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit - who alone we worship. The circles

intersect at the center of the cross of Jesus Christ. the symbol of our deliverance from our slavery to sin and fear of death. The outer circumference of the rings represents the globe. As a whole, the



logo communicates God's sending of the church into the world. The sky blue color reminds us that even though Global Methodists live all around the world, they are all united together in God's great creation.

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News deadline for the July newsletter: June 18

# Books from a friend

A friend of Solid Rock is downsizing as she moves and has offered books from her amazing library to the people of Solid Rock. The books will be available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Help yourself and happy reading!

Thank you, friend, and may God richly bless you as you move to your new home.

### April Financial Update

General Fund Receipts	
General Fund Expenses	\$11,841

# **Divine dance**

Using the fancy word perichoresis (from Greek for "around" and "contain") may win you admiring - or strange! - looks. But since the 7th century, people have used it as a beautiful image of the Persons of the Holy Trinity containing and permeating one another. A more familiar word, choreography, has led to recent understandings of perichoresis as the divine and eternal dance of love.

others will do next. They may touch lightly

but don't constrain or impede one another.

Even more profound: Jesus invites us

Though distinct individuals, they move so

fluidly together that they are, in a sense,

into the dance! "If you love me," he says,

"you will keep my commandments. And I

the Spirit of truth. ... I will come to you. ... I

you" (John 14:15-20, ESV). As the actions

am in my Father, and you in me, and I in

of Jesus, the Father and the Spirit inter-

our lives too be drawn into the loving

weave in Scripture and in the world, may

At the beginning of his ministry career,

Jerry Steen supplemented his income by

mixing animal feed. When his two young

boys greeted him at home, they laughed at his dusty appearance before he headed to

"I didn't think too much of this until I was

will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even

Picture three dancers' synchronized yet independent movements.

Weaving grace-

fully in and out,

each seems to

know what the

one entity.

dance.

the shower.

Just like Dad

washing my car and saw my older son doing something very strange," Steen recalls. "He was picking up the gravel and stones in our drive and rubbing them into his pants."



Curious, the father asked what the boy was doing. "I want to be dusty like you, Dad!" his son replied.

For Steen. that was an eveopener. "I realized that if a child would look up to his father for being dusty and

want to copy his father," he says, "a child could look up to his father and follow him for anything." What traits and qualities are you modeling and passing on — to your own kids and to anyone else who looks up to vou?

# Jokes for Dad

There was an old country church in a little village. The pastor of the church noticed the outside of the building was starting to look a little shabby and in bad need of a fresh coat of paint. He went and bought three gallons of paint and started to paint the church. The front looked great, but he still had three sides to go and had already used up one gallon of paint.

Being a thrifty person, he decided to thin down the other two gallons. When he finished and walked around to admire the church, it looked great. That night it rained very, very hard. In the morning he went out to see how the church looked. The front of the building still looked great, but the other three sides had washed off almost completely.

The pastor looked up to the sky in frustration and cried out, "Now what?"

From heaven came a voice, "Repaint, and thin no more!"

A minister was wondering whether there were any golf courses in heaven and started praying about it. One day he received an answer direct from heaven. The messenger told him, "Yes, there are many fine golf courses in heaven. The greens are in excellent condition and the weather is always perfect. Not only that, you get to play with the nicest people."

"Thank you, that is great news," replied the minister.

The messenger answered, "Yes, it is, and we have you down for a foursome next Saturday."

Teacher: Why didn't Noah do much fishing when he was on the ark? Student: He only had two worms!



(*Continued from page 1*) **Purpose**:

- Natural Talents: To benefit mankind on the natural level
- Spiritual Gifts: To benefit mankind on the spiritual level

#### Process:

- Natural Talents: Must be recognized, developed, exercised
- Spiritual Gifts: Must be recognized, developed exercised

### Function:

- Natural Talents: Ought to be dedicated by believers to God for His use and glory
- Spiritual Gifts: Ought to be used to God's glory
  - Source: Enns, P.P. (1989). *The Moody Handbook of Theology* (p. 270). Moody Press.

With the attendance of organized churches dwindling for various reasons, there also is a growing need for people to assist those who are seeking a church home to find what their needs require. The church is more than just a place to hear a sermon or to attend Sunday School; it's a gathering place for people to use their gifts and talents for the glory of God and to bless those in the church body and the community. So, what are gifts and talents and how do we develop them to empower us to be used by God? Does it mean we have to go to seminary or something else?

Look at the reference from *The Moody Handbook of Theology*. I chose this because it gives us good insight into gifts and talents. We have various gifts and talents granted to us by God. These gifts are to be utilized to draw others to God, to meet the needs of others, and to assist in helping others to develop and use their gifts. This is done by mentoring, discipleship, and relationships with God and others.

It seems to me a perplexing question I hear often from others is, "What are my gifts and where do I fit in with God's plan?" People question where they fit in with God's plan, where they use their gifts and talents, and they even question what gifts they might have. They question this because they see what their faults are and feel inadequate or unworthy to be used by God for something great. In both my pastoral ministry and mental health work, I have worked with countless individuals who struggle with God accepting them, healing them, forgiving them, and/or using them to help others. They only see themselves as broken or flawed. This hinders their ability to feel "good enough" to be used by God. They don't know where they might fit in without feeling the "judgment" of others when it's their own self-judgment

that prohibits their participation in serving God in a church setting. If we were able to work with these individuals, we could help them to see that we



ALL are broken and have failed numerous times, yet God continues to not only forgive us but also calls us to utilize the gifts and talents we have for the greater good.

The question I have for you, the readers and the church members, is Where do you want to fit in? People will try to "fit" you in places that might not be your area of passion. Passion is that drive that makes us feel that I need to do this because... If you're not passionate about what you believe your calling is, you might be hindered in developing a passion for serving. This doesn't include the testing of gifts and talents; this is for those that you have already discovered or know for a fact are the gifts and talents you have. Sometimes, we discover our gifts by accident: we are thrust into a situation and when we see our efforts work and we feel good about the outcome, we begin to believe that we can make a positive difference in the lives of others. This often becomes a passion for us and we actually find a place to fit in the circle of life as we know it.

What are my gifts and talents? Only you and God can define this. Yes, others can assist you in identifying them, but only God can empower you with these gifts. Your gifts may include the following (but are not limited to):

- Preaching and teaching
- Discernment
- Hospitality
- Servanthood
- Compassion
- Healing (various aspects that include physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual healing)
- Administration

And so much more. Please note that all of these can be inside or outside the church setting. Many can develop passions to serve outside the church setting. Coming to church allows us and others to know what is available to the body and where we can network the gifts we have to utilize them to bless others.

Where do you fit in? Wherever you want to fit in. It is my hope that God directs you to share your gifts and talents where you feel comfortable and called to be. If you are wondering how to fit in, feel free to contact me at pastoriohn@solidrockwarren.org

pastorjohn@solidrockwarren.org.

### Sharing the load

In 1969 the Hollies released "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother." Do you know the story behind that song title?

Fifty years earlier in Omaha, Nebraska, a boy with polio was abandoned at Father Flanagan's Home for Boys, predecessor to the Boys Town organization. Soon several

older residents started carrying young Howard with his heavy leg braces — especially up stairs. Father Flanagan once saw an older boy, Reuben, doing this and asked if it



was hard work. Reuben replied, "He ain't heavy, Father. He's my brother." Years later, these words and the image of one person carrying another became the Boys Town brand.

All of us have been "carried" at some point, and we've likely "carried" someone else. The Hollies' song declares: "His welfare is my concern." Jesus said it this way: "Love your neighbor as yourself." The load isn't too heavy to bear because Jesus himself is always carrying us.

### **Christian symbol**

OPEN BOOK — A

book symbolizes the Bible, the written Word of God. When shown open, a book represents truth or revelation. Apostles and



saints are often pictured holding an open book, understood as the New Testament writings of the early Christian church.



### **Prayer Requests**

Requests for prayer should be directed to Solid Rock Office at 375-3873 during office hours or Pastor John Boyanowski at (260) 580-8305 when office is closed

### Love aces the test

Author Adele Calhoun describes life as "our 'open-book' test on love." How can we ace it? In *Invitations From God*, she points out that daily decisions are the make-orbreak factors: "Day in and day out as we plan, work, produce, commute and relate, we make life-altering choices to either love or neglect others."

For another study guide, reflect on St. Augustine's timeless words: "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of [people]. That is what love looks like." Dear Father,

Today I thank you for my church. While some might think of doors and windows, I'm praising



you for spirits and hearts. The people whose lives you've intersected are remarkable through your grace. I can't praise you enough for the unique way You've blended the talents of individuals into beautiful masterpieces of joy. May

we love one another to the fullest and be evidence of your ultimate love to advance the work of your kingdom. Amen.

-Rachel Wojo





# June Events



Morning Bible Study.....



Bible study on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. and led by Marsha Boyanowski. Bring your Bible, everyone is welcome!

NOTE: There will be bible study every Monday in June.



# Card Ministry June Special

Birthday cards buy one get one free !!!





"LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL THINGS."

Please be reminded there are assorted stuffed animals In the Narthex for you to take for new born babies or anyone in need of comfort or security to know they are loved and thought of always.

# **Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Call the church during office hours if you need prayer requests or help with anything at 260-375-3873

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After hour needs or prayer request; call text or leave a message for Pastor John Boyanowski at 260-580-8305.



Concession Stand Sign Up....

If you want to have fun and meet the kids and adults in the community, sign up to work in the concession stand. You will not regret it. It's only a couple hours a week and great fellowship.

If you haven't done it, try it, you'll love it! The smiles are contagious!!

### Children's S. S. Teachers

- 4 Marie DeWeese
- 11 Brenda Conner
- 18 Marie DeWeese
- 25 LeAnn Buzzard

### Nursery 10 a.m.

- 4 Lana Myers
- 11 Lyvonne Nightenhelser
- 18 Martina Cocklin
- 25 Jane Hitzfield

### Liturgists

**June Helpers** 

- 4 Rosalie Walter
- 11 Mindy Rider
- 18 Debb Smitley
- 25 Marsha Boyanowski

### Snacks

- 4 Shirley-Charles Ternet & Dave-Wanda Spahr
- 11 John-Susan Mills & Marg Bentley
- 18 Ted-Sharon Williams & Jane Hitzfield
- 25 Bruce-Noreen Preston

### Greeter

- 4 Gordon-Martina Cocklin
- 11 Billie Horrell
- 18 Lana Myers
- 25 Dave-Jorita Banter





- 6-1 Jon Voght Camden "George" Conner
- 6-2 Jayne Barnes
- 6-4 Emily Bolinger
- 6-6 Marcel Lloyd
- 6-7 Kory Pfister
- 6-8 Kayleigh Richards
- 6-11 Jim Piqune Kerrigan Goodspeed
- 6-12 John Mills
- 6-16 Marie DeWeese
- 6-17 Pat Boxell Chris Rivir
- 6-18 Cole Preston
- 6-20 Olivia Bolinger
- 6-22 Michelle Rans
- Tiffany Booher
- 6-23 Betty Green
- 6-27 Agatha Miller
- Will Pennington 6-30 Pat Davis
- 6-30 Pat Davis

# ASK THE PASTOR

Any questions of faith, topics or just questions you may have, please leave a note in the jar in the Narthex or for those at home, send a brief note to the church. These will be read by the pastor only. If you would like to be contacted privately leave your name and number on the paper, otherwise it is not necessary. You can call Pastor John at any time with any thoughts or concerns.



- 6-5 Brandon-Miranda Bolinger
- 6-6 Jay & Deb Shaw
- 6-15 Gary-Rosalie Walter
- 6-19 Donnie-Jen Plummer
- 6-20 Scott-Gina Canady
- 6-21 Jack-Betty Green Jim-Ida Piqune
- 6-25 Joh-Candy Smith
  - Andy-Kodi Elliot
- 6-27 Travis-Becky Bolinger
- 6-30 James-Linda Howell



**Rock Solid Youth Group** 

4th to 12th grades

**INVITE A FRIEND** 

Sunday Evenings 6 - 7:30 p.m.

always check church calendar

# June



Canned Speghetti - Pop Tarts Breakfast Bars - Ice Pops Small Bags of Chips - Jello Snacks Chicken Noodle Soup - Snack Cookies

Monetary gifts through Solid Rock are always welcome.

RETURNING GIFTS TO GOD IS PART OF A SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM



# June 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Office Closed	3
4 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Communion Sunday Rock Solid Youth 6-7:30 p.m.	5 Bible Study 10 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	6 Trustee Mtg 7 p.m.	7	8 S.O.S 7:30 p.m. Hostess: Susan	9 Office Closed	10 Men's Fellowship at Son-Rise Bakery 8 a.m. Church reserved all day
 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Rock Solid Youth 6-7:30 p.m.	2 Bible Study 10 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	3 Widows Care and Share Group 2 p.m.	14	15	l 6 Office Closed Card Ministry 5:30 p.m.	17
18 <b>FATHER'S DAY!</b> Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m.	19 Pastor John on vacation Bible Study 10 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	20 Pastor John on vacation	21 Pastor John on vacation	22 Pastor John on vacation	23 Office Closed	24 Church reserved 2 - 4 p.m.
25 Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship Service 10 a.m. Rock Solid Youth 6-7:30 p.m.	26 Bible Study 10 a.m. Hallelujah Hands 6-7 p.m. Taekwondo 6-7 p.m.	27	28	29	30 Office Closed	

### SOLID ROCK UMC PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Pastor John Boyanowski

### Other

Abortion - Addiction - All Missions - Bargain Basement - Our Nation & Leaders - Missionaries - Local Churches - Solid Rock Ministries Bread of Life Food Pantry - WAMA - Healthcare Providers & First Responders - Schools and Educational Leaders - Our Service Men & Women

#### **Grapevine Cluster Churches and Pastors**

Boehmer/Pastor Steve Nevius - Liberty Center/Pastor Diane Samuels - Bluffton First/Pastor Sherrie Drake Uniondale/Pastor Karen Ottjes - Ossian/Pastor David Herr - Lancaster Chapel/Pastor Dewey Miller - Petroleum/Pastor Stephen Bard Bluffton Epworth/Pastor Marlene Ellis - Poneto/Pastor Roy Nevil - Solid Rock/Pastor John Boyanowski

#### Health and Healing

Jay Ballard **Rose Marie Beck Richard Blair Tiffany Booher** Levi Bordeaux Sandra Boxell Marsh Boyanowski **Betty Bradford** Rosalie Buyck Aimee Buzzard Matt Buzzard Sue Carpenter Jan Cormican **Dillon Coss** Brian Driscoll Amanda Elliot Loran Gifford Sr Cale Grey **Betty Green** Tammy Hanna William Harvey Herman Hassig Norm Heiser Patty Hensley **Rob Hensley** John Highland LaTishia Horrell Mary Ann James Dave Keller Jo Keller Joy Kennedy

Brenda Kinney Kate Lambert Scott Landrum Julius Longardner David Martin Jenny McComb **Becky Metzger** Agatha Miller Kory Miller Andrew Morris Kammen Odom Nikka Palmer Alan Penrod Madie Pitaels **Rev. Benny Powell Richard Preston** Samuel Rakozy **April Rogers** Tom Rupert Sue Shake Jay Shaw **Dave Smitley** Nancy Springer Jamie Straley **Charles Ternet** Eric Threlkel Alyce Tinkle Vonda Watson Kara Wheat **Diane Winkler** Tyler Woodman

#### Heritage Pointe

Bill Boxell Curly & Pat Boxell Karen Blinn Ann Brauchla Joe Haney Vi Heinen Mary Emma Holmes Ann Miles-McCammon Marguerite McNany Eva Mae Minnich Dee Pattison Martha Plummer John & Doris Souers Roberta St. John Carolyn Winters

Those Undergoing Treatment Mike Cloud Dale Irwin Casey Jarvis Tracy Lemier Eric Snively Courtney Woods

### Cancer

Carol Alyward Jay Ballard Steve Barnes Ricky Bell Griffin Brundige Amy Buzzard Brian Cathman Valerie Ditzler Connie Evans Tracy Geotz Rick Flag Ken Groves Denise Hanzz Diane Hull Wayne Hull Jon Jennings Steve Krachinski Amanda O'Brian Kathy Paul Martha Paxson Dave Pearson Mark Prout Sharon Purvis Teresa Rhodes Herb Rinearson Eric Snively Ann St. John Cynthia Smyth-Wartzok Mark Wilson

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

- Max Lucado

Please let the office know if someone listed above is doing better and can be removed or someone needs added for prayers of healing.

### **Bible Word Search:**

**PRAYER & FASTING** 

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PURPOSE SELF-EXAMINATION REVELATION PRAYER CRISIS DOMINION DELIVERANCE HEALING FASTING

Prayer & Fasting:

1-day fast - deliverance, self-examination (Ezra 8:23; Psalm 35:14) 3-day fast - crisis, healing (1 Samuel 30; Esther 4:16)

21-day fast - revelation (Daniel 10:2-3)

40-day fast - dominion (Luke 4)

Prayer - Ephesians 6:18; Psalm 34:17; John 15:7; Philippians 4:6

Fasting - Isaiah 58:6; Ezra 8:21-23; Nehemiah 1:4; Mark 9:29;

Acts 13:2; Joel 1:14

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# Solid Rock Daily Prayer Card for June 2023



Prayer is the greatest, simplest privilege of our lives as believers. Thank you for continuing to pray for Solid Rock. Following are some special requests:

- Father God, we ask for Your hand to hold us when we desire to stray away from Your grace. May we forever seek Your face each morning and rest in Your arms in the evening. And with the time in between, may we serve You as You call us to change the world around us through Your leading. Help us to be still and to hear Your voice. In Thy Name we pray, Amen.
- Sweet Jesus, we thank You for Your Lordship and the example of Your servanthood. May we learn from You how we should serve and bring hope to others. Grant us the ability to heal, grant forgiveness, bless, and encourage others in the same ways You have done for each of us. May other see You evidenced in our lives. In Your Name we pray, Amen!
- Holy Spirit, move amongst us and let Your Spirit empower us to be like the disciples in the Book of Acts; where You reach the masses with Your power. Help us to share that power with others so that they might know You and know the Father and Son. Thank You for Your leading. In the Names of the Father, Son, and Holy spirit, Amen.
- Holy Father, We praise Your Name. From You, all blessings flow. We praise Your holy Name and exalt You to the nations. Blessed be Your Name. You are our breath and our life. May we live for You and You alone. Praise be to You. Amen.