



News From The Rock

June 2010

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Operation Lakewood 2010

Fifteen Solid Rock members spent Saturday, May 15, helping prepare Camp Lakewood for summer campers. Tasks for the day included landscaping, clearing trails, weeding, spreading mulch, preparing the waterfront, and cleaning lodges. Volunteers included Liz Bolinger, Robert DeWeese, Marge Blair, Darrell Blair, Penny Bowers, Mike Bolinger, John Mills, Brenda Conner, Mariah Spahr, Tamara Spahr, Robby Bolinger, Cindy Boxell, Jeff Walter, Rosalie Walter, and Gary Walter. Camp Lakewood is an elementary camp, one of seven Indiana Conference Outdoor Ministries sites.

Administrative Council

The Solid Rock Administrative Council met May 18. The Finance Team reported that they have moved \$100,000 of Building Fund monies to a certificate of deposit with Grabill Bank. This was necessary as funds on deposit at Markle Bank were approaching the insured limit of \$250,000.

The Building/Site Team has recently visited five churches. They have also met with District Superintendent David Michel, who provided information and direction. They will meet with the architect in the near future.

The trustees requested, and Council approved, the expenditure of \$1500 to repair a leak in the structure which covers the stairway.

Pastor Kathy presented proposed Internet and computer policies, and an anti-harassment policy. Council members are to review these documents for discussion and possible action at the next meeting.

Scholarships granted

The Kriegbaum/Solid Rock Scholarship Committee has granted the following students scholarships for the 2010-2011

school year.

Emma Sabinske, Huntington North Co-Salutatorian, will be attending Manchester College and majoring in Elementary Education.

Kailey Neff will be attending Indiana University and wants to become a pediatrician.

Erica Hanson will continue to attend Ivy Tech studying to become a Physical Therapist Assistant.

Congratulations to these ladies for their accomplishments. Pray for their continued success and guidance as they continue their educations.

Attention young adults!

All young adults (out of high school): You are invited to Cindy Boxell's house (she had many of you in youth group) for lunch, fellowship, and games on Sunday, June 13, after church. Food and drinks will be provided, but bring lawn chairs. You can park by the water tower on 11th Street. Please RSVP to Mariah Spahr or Cindy.

Kroger Cards

Do you have one? Do you know what they are? You can get a Kroger card for \$5.00 from Robert DeWeese or at the church office. There is a \$5.00 balance on the card when you get it. You take this card to Kroger, Owens, Scotts, or any store on the back of the card, and put any amount of money on the card. This can then be used as a gift card or like a debit card to buy your groceries or gas at these stores. This card can be used in any state that has these stores.

Each time someone puts money on their Kroger card, it is added to the Solid Rock total by the Kroger company. The church gets 3% back from Kroger. The money Solid Rock gets from Kroger goes into the Building Fund. As of May 23, we have received a total of \$411.20.

If you have questions, please see Robert DeWeese or call the church office.

Just Leaning
on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



Many of us as children attended Vacation Bible School. While I don't remember particular Bible stories, I do remember my sister, and of course snack. Let's start with my sister. Now our VBS (short for Vacation Bible School) usually, like most of

"You see, the teacher had left the ten to find the one lost child"

that day, would start in the morning and end just before lunch. Like most young people, my sister and I enjoyed not having to

get up early when summer finally arrived. Many times our VBS started a week, but no more than two weeks, after school got out. My sister is 3 1/2 years my junior. I recall there were not a lot of children her age in our church. I share all this to say she did not enjoy VBS one little bit. My mother, however, determined to educate us in the ways of the church, loaded us in the car under much protest and away we went.

On arrival at the church my sister would pronounce vehemently that she was not staying, and my mother equally as committed ordered her out of the car. Mom took my sister into her classroom kicking and screaming. The teacher told Mom, "Dawn is fine once you're gone." So she would make a hasty exit.

On one of these days I remember overhearing one of the volunteers say, "I don't know where she is." But when I moved closer to them they quit talking. Later I found out my sister had somehow escaped her classroom undetected and the teachers were frantically searching for her. There was much concern as our church sat on a very busy state highway. We (all the VBSers) took snack at the same time. I remember sitting there with my friends and looking toward my sister's class. I didn't see her so I began to wonder. Pretty soon

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UM Youth Fellowship

Here is our summer schedule:

- June 27: Putt Putt or Lazer Tag
- July 18: Swim Party
- August 7: Fall Kickoff — Tin Caps game (Drivers will be needed.)
- August 15: Meet with mentors

Thank you!

After giving my thanks and gratitude to everyone on the 16th, I want to again extend my thanks to everyone. This week will be my last chemo and injection. So to all the Solid Rock Church Family—for all the drivers to Lutheran, the cards, visits, flowers, phone calls, food, books, and prayers—you have touched not only me but have been a witness to those who heard Solid Rock UMC members were such a loving, outreaching people. “Unto the least of these...” (“God must have known there’d be days on our own. We would lose our

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will to go on. That's why He sent friends like you along.” From Gaither's song, “Old Friends”)

Love you all,
Oma Zent

Craft Day

The next Craft Day will be June 26. We need painters! Door hangers will be painted under the direction of Linda K. Howell. She is planning for this to be very simple. Anyone can do it and everyone is welcome! We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the basement. (Mini 4-H will be in the fellowship hall at the same time.) We will need about 15 painters (men or women) to be able to finish in one day. If you have questions, call Tamara (375-2859) or Linda K. (375-3048).

Love INC

Are you having a spring garage sale or just cleaning out your closets? Love in the Name of Christ is gearing up for our annual back-to-school fair on July 31. We need lots of new or gently used school clothes, sizes preschool 3T through teen/young adult, especially jeans.

We are also collecting garage sale items for our rummage sale, in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club, on June 26. All donations can be dropped off at the Love INC office, 715 Byron Street, Huntington. Call Love INC at 356-0933 for more information.

New Ministry!

Sunday, April 25, marked the kick-off of the Card Ministry card sale. There are a variety of cards for almost any occasion from which to choose. You can choose from new, recycled, or stamped cards. The price of the cards will be: \$1.00 each; two for \$1.50; three for \$2.00; and four for \$2.50. The proceeds from the sales will go toward church ministries. The card racks are located in the Fellowship Lounge. Check them out! What a wonderful way to support the church, and the recycling helps the environment, too! There is a box located between the card racks for your used cards.

“Thanks” to all those who have helped with the stamping and recycling efforts. A special “Thank You” to Barb Preston who

had the dream of this ministry, and a thank you, in advance, to all of you for making the dream a reality.

Linda (Mc) Howell

So, whose job is it?

“It’s not my job!” We have all heard that retort many times, in a wide variety of circumstances and from people of all ages. It is typically said defensively and often in a confrontational tone. The consensus is that the expectation someone should step forward to deal with a problem situation, regardless of whether or not he or she is responsible for creating it, is unreasonable, unfair or foolish.

Whether the declaration comes from a child who may have created some mess or disorder and then is reluctant to clean it up, from a family member who is opposing some reminder to complete a particular chore, from a co-worker who is “working to the contract,” or from a member of a work project who considers certain aspects of the task too menial, the refusal to take responsibility is universal.

When Jesus’ disciples were arguing over which of them was more worthy of sitting in closer proximity to him, their vanity was distracting them from their missions as his representatives. They wanted to be able to boast of a higher status or of having more importance than any of the others. Jesus’ willingness to tackle a humble servant’s role of washing the feet of the diners was another way he concretely demonstrated we are all expected to personally step up and help to the fullest extent of our abilities whenever or wherever we see a need. No one is exempt from that duty. Failure to act diminishes us.

Having said that, I sit here with a guilty heart knowing I had such an opportunity this past week after having left my doctor’s office. The rationalization of not feeling well came all too easily and I quickly left the area, pretending not notice what was happening. In the 72 hours since it occurred, I have not been able to let go of the idea that I do not like the person who turned her back and walked away.

Barbara Kleinhans

Father’s Day was first observed in America in 1910. In 1923 the third Sunday of June was set as the official day, and in 1924 President Coolidge recommended its national observance. Today it has a fixed place in the calendar of special days in our country.

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her teacher appeared with her in tow. The teacher sweetly said, "Now Dawn don't you want a snack?" You see, the teacher had left the ten to find the one lost child.

I share this story only to encourage you to come join us for VBS. Child, volunteer, youth or adult, just come: June 7 through the 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Hope to see you there!

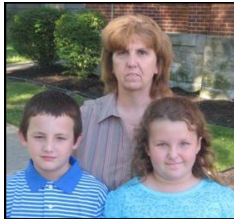
Shalom,
Pastor Kathy

Getting acquainted By Gina Canady

Can you identify these Solid Rock members? Answers on page 4.



A



B



C



D

1

She has attended Warren Methodist her whole life! She loves to spend time with grandkids and enjoys reading and golfing. She has lived in this area forever! The Colts and the Reds are the favorite teams. We really like to travel and go to Florida. The farthest place we have traveled is St. Kitts, and we have been out of the USA five times!

We have two children, two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. "The Old Rugged Cross" is the most spiritual hymn to me! Going on RIM trips and church camp are great memories of church family times!

2

She was always raised in a Methodist Church, so when they moved here, they joined.

Hobbies include reading, computer, cooking, and crossword puzzles. We have lived in Warren 17 years. The

Colts and the Cubs are our teams!

She has traveled to Germany in high school, went to school in England, and traveled most of Europe. She would love to see Egypt!

We have 7 children and no grandchildren—not for many years!

Micah 6:8 is our favorite scripture.

3

Her church as a child was the Warren Methodist Church. We both love to read a lot! She likes to sew and cook, and he is a woodworker and a stained-glass worker.

We were born in this area. In 1980, we moved to Florida for 27 years, so we have been back for 2 ½ years.

We watch golf and put together jigsaw puzzles. Israel, Hawaii and England are where we have ventured to.

We have three children and four grandchildren.

"How Great Thou Art" is our favorite hymn. One of our funniest memories of church is when we were attending a church in Florida of over 1200 members. After a downpour hit, there were only about 8 people there. They had a short service anyway!

4

We had always gone to a Methodist Church, and when we moved to Warren the same pastor that had been at Mt. Etna was here at the Warren Methodist Church, so we felt very comfortable.

His hobby is golf and hers is scrapbooking. We both love to spend time with family.

We have lived in this area for 27 years. Our favorite sport is golf (his, not hers).

His farthest travel venture was Saudi Arabia, and they both travel to Florida to see their son.

We have 2 children and 1 grandchild. Her favorite hymn is "In the Garden," and the 23rd Psalm is his favorite scripture.

When one of our sons was little, he was in a program at church and he must have been nervous because the whole time he was up in front of the church he played with his ears. It was so difficult for us to concentrate on what he was saying!

April offerings

April offerings totaled \$15,022.18. Contributions to the Building Fund were \$12,641.

Men's Fellowship

The Solid Rock Men's Fellowship met on May 8, 2010, in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe, with 16 men in attendance. Marion Bell's devotional, "Lord, God, and Quantum Physics," was based on Genesis 1:1-5. He was assisted by Robert Glass.

A total of 76 meals were served at the East of Chicago fundraiser on April 27, with a profit of \$322.

Members of the group recently delivered 1,000 pounds of potatoes to Love, INC, and another 1,000 pounds to a food pantry in Wells County. Six pallets of food products were picked up from Marsh in Indianapolis and taken to Love, INC.

United Methodist Women

The Solid Rock UMW met May 6 in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe. Our oldest member, Mary Neff, age 101, was present for everyone's warm greeting. President Myrna Neff shared, as devotions, the story of the hymn "Jesus Loves the Little Children." Based on Luke 18:16, this song appeared before 1895 and was a Civil War ballad even earlier. Carolyn Winters received members' joys and concerns and led us all in prayer of petition and thanks, including our nation's Day of Prayer as part of our prayers for our homeland.

After roll call and our repeated UMW Purpose, June Shideler shared a Mission Moment with all, from writings entitled "Good Old Days." This fit well with the program which followed the business of the meeting: secretary and treasurer reports, coordinators' reports concerning social action and the reading program, and old business. The latter focused on final planning for our UMW's responsibilities in hosting the May 7 meeting of the Church Women United at Solid Rock Church.

Naomi Oxley completed our meeting with a thoroughly delightful account of her "Life as a Preacher's Kid." All through her years the fact of her being a P.K. was apparent; she was well-loved by parents and church friends, but she also had to "hold her own" with other children of the churches her father served. Her mother's love and care also provided Naomi with excellent exemplification, as she pursued her own education and eventual marriage, family, and teaching experiences of many years.

S.O.S.

S.O.S. met May 13 at the home of Gina Canady. The “get to know each other” question was, “What was your most frightening moment?”

Joys and concerns were spoken. President Tamara Spahr thanked everyone for helping at the Jefferson and Warren Alumni banquets. She also thanked everyone for providing lunch for the volunteers at Habitat for Humanity.

A discussion was held about having a float for the festival, celebrating S.O.S.’s twenty-fifth anniversary. A love offering was taken and the benediction was sung.

There were 17 members and four guests present.

“Getting acquainted” answers:

1. B. Brenda & Mark Conner
2. A. The Sabinskes
3. D. Bob & Martha Glass
4. C. Lynn & Vicki Bonewitz

“Reach up as far as you can, and God will reach down all the rest of the way.”

—John Vincent

With grateful hearts

O God, we come before you to praise you for your overwhelming kindness toward us all. How loving and generous you are! How merciful and supportive day by day you are to us.

What a beautiful and bountiful earth-home you have provided for us. Sometimes the beauty and majesty of what we see before us is breathtaking. Dear Lord, we need not understand the brilliance we see in your creation; we only need to know that you are mindful of us, that you care for us, that your love for us is unfathomable and everlasting.



We gladly affirm that you are our loving Lord who has provided for all our needs. For all your gracious and loving acts — and especially for our hope of salvation through Christ our Lord — we express our profound and everlasting thankfulness. **Amen.**

