



News From The Rock

March 2016

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Youth Fellowship

There are some exciting things going on for our youth this month! First, we will be having a Lenten study for two Sundays during Lent. We will be meeting after church for lunch, followed by a Lenten lesson from Pastor Paul. Come join us and prepare your hearts for the Easter message!

Second, the churches of the Warren community (WAMA) are starting a community youth group. It will be for youth in grades 6-12. They will be meeting once a month at 5:00 p.m. at the Knight-Bergman Center. The first meeting will be March 13. Listen for a phone tree message about this exciting chance for Christian fellowship and faith building! The youth gatherings will be led by ministers from the Warren churches, with Ben Renkenberger spearheading the project. Come join us!



Thanks to everyone for supporting our Super Bowl pizza making! We made about 96 pizzas. The profit from this helps to support our youth ministries and special events. Thanks again to all the adults who helped with this—and a big thank you to Tamara for all her help!

Finally, if there are any youth in grades 8-12 interested in attending church camp at Epworth Forest this summer, please see me as soon as possible. We'd like to get a number and get some plans in place for a week to attend!

Remember that Solid Rock UMYF is for all students from grade 7 through college age.

Upcoming Events

- March 6: Lunch/Meeting after worship
- March 13: Lunch with young adults after worship
- March 13: Community Youth Gathering (grades 6-12), 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Knight-Bergman Center
- March 20: Bowling after church
- April 17: Meeting, 6:30-8:00

Easter at Solid Rock



Maundy Thursday Service

March 24 at Solid Rock

Carry-in Meal at 6:30

Meat and drinks provided.

Please bring a covered dish.



Good Friday Community Service

March 25 at 7:00

at Plum Tree Church



Easter Sunday

Sonrise Service at 8:00

Breakfast at 8:30

Sunday School at 9:00

Worship at 10:00

Soup for the Soul

Great fellowship was enjoyed by 149 individuals on Tuesday, February 16, as everyone shared a bowl of soup, a peanut butter sandwich, ice cream and a cookie. A great time was enjoyed by all. We were more than happy to share this special evening with our neighbors, family and friends.

A special thank you to everyone who provided a food item for the evening meal, and to all those who helped to prepare and serve the meal. Also, a thank you to Gebhart's Floral Shop and to The Flower Pot who provided floral arrangements that made our tables look so inviting.



January Financial Update

General Offerings.....	\$14,989
General Fund Expenses.....	\$10,265
Mortgage Balance	\$206,992



from
Pastor Paul

In Mark 12:28-34 one of the teachers of the law came to Jesus and asked him, "Of all of the commandments, which is the most important?" Jesus answered, "The most important one is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son....

JOHN 3:16, NIV

Last month, as we do every year, we observed Valentine's Day. A day when people go out of their way to express to others how important

it is to have them in their lives. Cards, flowers and gifts were exchanged as an expression of our love for those we hold dear in our lives. Although our intentions are genuine and sincere, I wonder just how well we comprehend the love that God expects us to exhibit.

The Gospel is quite clear that we are called to love one another as Christ has loved us. This message comes into focus in John 3:16. God's love is not static or self centered; it reaches out and draws others in. Here, God sets a pattern of true love, the basis for all love relationships—when you love someone dearly, you are willing to give freely to the point of self-sacrifice. God paid dearly with the life of his Son, the highest price he could pay. Jesus accepted our punishment, paid the price for our sins, and then offered us the new life

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Love INC Unity Feast

Love In the Name of Christ, with sponsorship from several local churches, will be hosting the 7th Annual Love Unity Feast in Heritage Hall at Hier's Park on March 13, 2016 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Love Unity Feast is an opportunity for Christians all over Huntington to come together in unity to share a meal and raise funds for Love INC.

The meal options are Chicken and Noodles or Roast Pork Loin with all the fixings! Gluten free vegetarian lasagna will be available upon request. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults and \$4 for children. There will also be a bake sale. All proceeds go to help Love INC further their mission of mobilizing local churches to transform lives and communities In the Name of Christ.

Tickets may be purchased at Love INC at 715 Byron St. and will also be available at the door on the day of the event.

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News deadline for the April newsletter:
March 20

Food Pantry Needs

- Raisins
- Fruit (single serve)
- Oatmeal
- Canned Ravioli
- Brownie Mix
- Pears or Peaches (single serve)
- Applesauce (single serve)
- Popcorn



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

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

What is Love INC?

For many years, Solid Rock (and before that Jefferson Center and Warren UMCs) has supported the Huntington affiliate of Love INC. Here's the background story of this ministry as described on its website:

Love In the Name of Christ is a church-based ministry that began in 1977 in Holland, Michigan. Its founding vision was to become a tool to help Christian churches become more engaged with their neighbors who had needs. Love INC was designed to inspire more Christians to put their faith into action.

Love INC's founder, Dr. Virgil Gulker, was a social worker and outreach director. Deeply committed to helping people who found themselves lacking resources or a support network, he was certain God had called Christian churches to the same mission.

As he talked to church members and pastors, Dr. Gulker realized that Christians do indeed want to help their neighbors who are struggling, but they often do not know how to do so. Many times people attending church did not even recognize that they were gifted in ways that could have a positive, life-changing impact on someone else's life.

It was clear to Dr. Gulker that if churches were to better serve their communities, they needed leadership, organization, training, encouragement, and prayer. He developed the Love INC model to fill these critical roles.

Love INC helps churches help people.

It teaches churches how to assess their capabilities, connect with their neighbors, build new ministries and find fulfilled volunteers, and serve their community. It also unites a variety of congregations in a single purpose of serving so that, working together, all churches can more effectively offer real help to their neighbors.

Over the past decades, one man's idea for an integrated church ministry in his community inspired Christians in other regions. By the late 1980s, Love INC affiliates had opened in over a dozen states.

As the Love INC ministry grew, so did the need for national leadership and support – to assist communities in building a local Love INC ministry and to help operating Love INC ministries effectively serve. In 1988, Love INC National became an operating department of World Vision U.S., an international Christian relief and development organization, where it remained for the next fifteen years.

Under World Vision, Love INC continued to grow throughout the 1990s, and in 2001, Love INC separated from World Vision and again became its own national nonprofit organization.

In early 2011, Love INC completely restructured its U.S. operations, going to a "virtual" (on-line) office model, significantly reducing its operating costs while providing more timely and consistent resources while offering up-to-date networking among the operating affiliates.

Currently 135 Love INC affiliates in 30 states represent a network of more than 8,600 churches, 9,200 community-based organizations and 100,000 Christian church volunteers.

Warming Tree

We divided the items from the warming tree. We sent hats, gloves, and scarves to five schools with teachers in our church: Salamonie (Marie DeWeese), Southern Wells (Sydney Walter), Blackford (Jeff Walter), South Whitley (Michelle Woody), and Lincoln (Mindy Rider). Thanks again!



The Warming Tree Committee

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that he had bought for us.

When we share the Gospel with others, our love must be like Jesus'—willingly giving up our own comfort and security so that others might join us in receiving God's love. To "believe" is more than an intellectual agreement that Jesus is God. It means to put our trust and confidence in him, that he alone can save us. It means to put Christ in charge of our present plans and eternal destiny. Believing is both trusting his words as reliable and relying on him for the power of change.

As we approach Easter let us not forget the sacrifice that Christ made for us. Let us continue to make the effort to change our behavior and truly set out to make a difference in the world we live in. When we learn to trust in God, accept his love, and in turn take that to others, we will make a difference. If you have never trusted Christ, let his promise of everlasting life be yours...and believe. See you Sunday!

See You Sunday,
Pastor Paul

"Feasting on the Word" Bible Study

March madness is not just about Indiana basketball. It can also be a time of being enthusiastic about hearing God's coaching about how to win the game of life. Monday evenings, a group meets at 7:00 p.m. in the church kitchen to study God's word for us. As we move through the final weeks of Lent and into Easter, the following passages are given for your feasting.

- March 7: Exodus 34:1-8
- March 14: Matthew 21:1-11
- March 21: Mark 16:1-8
- March 28: John 20: 19-31

"Come, divine Interpreter, bring me eyes thy book to read, ears the mystic words to hear, words which did from thee proceed, words that endless bliss impart, kept in an obedient heart." Charles Wesley, 1762

SOS

Solid Rock SOS met on February 11, 2016, at the church. Meeting highlights:

- Devotion on who are you seeking was led by Susan.
- The lesson was given by Sherry

on different types of hearts. How we live our life reflects the type of heart we have. (Proverbs 4:23)

- Joys and Concerns were shared.
- A love offering was collected to be given to a church member.
- Old Business
 - \$5 dues
 - Committee was made for Liberty Center UMC Mother's Day entertainment. Those who agreed to be on it were: Cheryl, Lana, Tamara, and Linda Mc.
- New Business
 - Collection of feminine products will be at our March meeting.
- 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: 15 members and 2 guests
- Next meeting: March 10, 2016, with Teresa Kriegbaum as hostess and Cheryl DeWeese as co-hostess and LeAnn Buzzard giving the lesson.

Welcome!

Solid Rock welcomes new members John and Ann (Miles) McCammon.

The Easter message tells us that our enemies — sin, the curse and death — are beaten. Ultimately they can no longer start mischief. They still behave as though the game were not decided, the battle not fought; we must still reckon with them, but fundamentally we must cease to fear them anymore.

—Karl Barth, *Dogmatics in Outline*



"Senior Saints"

Tuesday, March 10
1:00 p.m.

Calico Room
at Heritage Pointe
Bring a friend!
Treats provided!

Solid Rock Pork Dinner



March 19

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Carry-Out Lunch

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Roast Pork
Barbecue Sauce
Cole Slaw
Dessert

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Sit-Down Dinner

4:30—7:00 p.m.

Roast Pork
Barbecue Sauce
Green Beans
Dinner Roll
Buttered Potatoes
Dessert
Drink

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Free-Will Offering

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday is March 6, 2016. When disaster strikes around the globe—Haiti's 2010 earthquake or Typhoon Haiyan in 2013—so many watching the drama unfold on our living room televisions feel entirely helpless. How could any one person make a difference in the wake of such widespread devastation? As responders around the globe scramble to help survivors, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, is prepared to act.

Since 1940, when UMCOR's forerunner was established to meet the needs of those suffering overseas at the onset of World War II, we've continued to respond to those in desperate need—today throughout more than eighty countries around the world. The response of UMCOR isn't something "they" do, it's something "we" do.

That's because your generous giving to

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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.

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One Great Hour of Sharing is what allows UMCOR to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church, moving toward the most vulnerable in their darkest days. Convinced that all people have God-given worth and dignity—without regard to race, religion or gender—together we are assisting those impacted by crisis or chronic need.

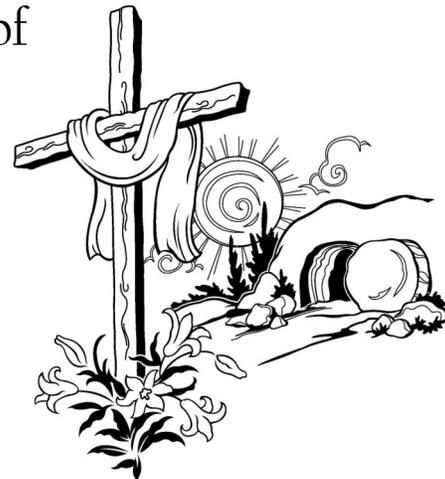
When the next mass crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond. UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because United Methodists give through One Great Hour of Sharing. In fact, it's your generous giving that allows us to respond when disaster strikes.

—www.umcgiving.org

Lord, the resurrection of
Your Son has given us
new life and renewed
hope.

Help us to live as new
people in pursuit of
the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to
know what we must do,
the will to want to do it,
the courage to undertake it,
the perseverance to continue to do it,
and the strength to complete it.



—New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book

