



News From The Rock

March 2012

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Youth Update

Happy March! I want to thank you all so much for your continuous support and encouragement for us as we have started off the new year! With April coming around the corner, we are finally tying up the loose ends for our girls retreat and possibly a lock-in. We have finished up our curriculum and are off into our next series, Growing in Jesus. I'm really excited about this transition because we will be taking our focus more towards discipleship, and we will be learning about what it means to be a disciple. Please be praying for our students and leaders as we make this exciting transition that the Lord would grow in us and use us to expand His kingdom!

Paige



Upcoming UMYF Events

- **March 4:** UMYF Meeting, 4:00-5:30 at the church
- **March 11:** Pizza after church at East of Chicago
- **March 18:** UMYF Meeting, 4:00-5:30 at the church
- **March 25:** Bible study after church
- **April 1:** UMYF Meeting, 4:00-5:30 at the church
- **April 15:** UMYF Meeting, 4:00-5:30 at the church

Bible study resumes

Wednesday evening Bible Study at the home of John and Doris Souers will be starting again March 7 at 6:30 pm. Anyone is welcome to come join us. For more information contact the Souers by phone at 356-8482 or e-mail at dmsouers@att.net.



Kid's Club

Kid's Club is going to be February 29 through April 25 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The theme is "Kamp Kaboom!" In addition to learning about Creation, we will have several science labs, crafts, and games to reinforce the lessons. It will be a BLAST!



UMW presents award

The president of United Methodist Women called Rose Broyles to the front of the sanctuary to "learn a few things" about her on Sunday, February 12. It seems sometimes we don't know very much about our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We learned that Rose and Art have been married 44 years this year. They have five children, three sons and two daughters, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Rose had worked at Richard's Restaurant for thirty years. She quoted her husband as saying that if she would get a job now, he would see more of her. She is still helping at Love, In The Name Of Christ. Also, she is in charge of the Warren Food Pantry serving thirty to forty families.

Rose knew that this questioning only led to something but she didn't know what. She was presented the Solid Rock United Methodist Women's Special Mission Recognition Award. The unit sent a contribution to missions in her honor.

Past recipients are as follows: Barbara Hart, Norma Smith, Pastor Kathie Jones, Rosalie Walter, Carolyn Winters, Treva Holt, Mary Emma Holmes (2004), Jackie Sunderman (2005), David and Susan Wechsler (2006), Patty Hensley (2007), Pastor Kathy Newton (2008), Mabel Fields (2009), and Gary Walter (2010).

Just Leaning on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



Can worry make you live longer? Why worry about clothes? Look how the wild flowers grow. They don't work hard to make their clothes. But I tell you that Solomon with all his wealth wasn't as well

"Only people who don't know God are always worrying."

clothed as one of them. God gives such beauty to everything that grows in the fields, even though it is here today and

thrown into a fire tomorrow. He will surely do even more for you! Why do you have such little faith? Don't worry and ask yourselves, "Will we have anything to eat? Will we have anything to drink? Will we have any clothes to wear?" Only people who don't know God are always worrying about such things. Your Father in heaven knows that you need all of these. But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well. Don't worry about tomorrow. It will take care of itself. You have enough to worry about today. (Matthew 6:27-34)

Just last week I was leaving the parsonage by the front door (this does not happen very often) when I noticed the daffodils under my bedroom window were up about six inches. My first thought was, they sure are up early. My second thought was, we're bound to have more cold weather, I wonder if they will survive. I think I even mentioned this to some of you folks. I remember one said you better go out and cover them and another said not to worry because they are a hearty flower. I chose to heed the latter. Sure enough they are doing just fine and I anticipate beautiful blooms.

How silly of me to worry about flow-

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Bulletin Prayer Requests

There are now prayer request cards in the pews. If you wish to have a prayer request printed in the bulletin, please fill out one of these cards and place it in the offering plate. (These cards may also be used to remove a prayer request that is no longer needed.) The purpose of these new cards is to ensure that requests are recorded accurately.



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Thank you

My Solid Rock Church Family:

Thank you so much for the second semester scholarship! It was truly a blessing—without it I would not have been able to afford my books and art supplies for this semester! I am so thankful that God has given me the opportunity to study art here at Manchester College so that I may continue to improve my skills as an artist and share the wonderful gift that He has given me with the world.

Blessings!
Rachel Decker

Men's Fellowship

The Solid Rock Men's Fellowship met on February 11, 2012, at Heritage Pointe with 15 men in attendance. Dave Spahr opened the meeting with prayer. Breakfast was served by Kim's Katered Affair.

Marion Bell shared devotions, "A Different Kind of Water," (John 4:13-14, 24) and "The Soul Is Life Itself, Don't Lose It" (Matthew 16:24-26).

Closing prayer was offered by Dale Smith. The next meeting will be March 10,

January Financial Update

General Offerings.....\$13,181
General Fund Expenses.....\$20,290
Building Fund Contributions.....\$64,703

Spring fever

Four high school students afflicted with spring fever skipped their morning classes. After lunch, the boys told their teacher they'd had a flat tire.

Much to the boys' relief, the teacher smiled and said, "Well, you missed a test, so take seats apart from one another and take out a piece of paper."

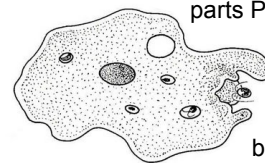
Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down. Then she said, "First question: Which tire was flat?"

What's your cell type?

The microscopic amoeba is a self-sufficient, one-celled organism. White blood cells look much like amoebae yet serve the larger organism of which they're a part. While the amoeba flees danger, white blood cells hasten toward it, working together to defend the body from disease.

Individuals, the smallest units of the

body of Christ, are like cells. They can either live for themselves or work together to serve the whole church. Although the body



parts Paul mentions in 1 Corinthians 12 (ear, eye, foot, hand) can't live apart from the body, cells have that potential.

Do you focus only on your needs, deriving benefits from the body of Christ but not helping it? Or are you a team member, giving of yourself to benefit the whole church? Paul calls such people *ministers* and *deacons* (see Romans 12:6-7; 16:1).

Part of the deal?

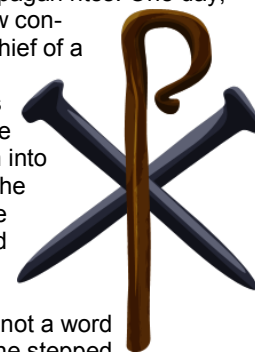
Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, spread Christianity in the fifth century, helping people abandon pagan rites. One day, he was baptizing new converts, including the chief of a fierce warrior tribe.

Patrick leaned on his staff for support as he lowered each person into the rushing river. As he baptized the chief, he inadvertently pressed his staff firmly down on the chief's foot.

The chief uttered not a word of complaint, but as he stepped back onto the bank, people noticed he was limping. Patrick apologized, asking, "Why did you not cry out when I struck your foot?"

The chief replied, "I remember you telling us about the nails in the cross. I thought pain was part of my baptism."

—Homiletics



Not 'OK' but 'forgiven'

Since Thomas Harris' popular self-help book *I'm OK, You're OK* was first published in 1967, the title has become a cliché, thanks to knock-offs and parodies. One is titled *I'm OK, You're Not So Hot*. Indeed, it's often in our nature to be more accepting of our own behavior than of others'.

Yet at other times we're too quick to dismiss a wrong done against us. When a wise Christian apologized to me for something she'd done, I immediately replied, "It's OK." But she responded, "No, it's *not* OK, but you can tell me I'm forgiven."

Lent reminds us that none of us is perfectly "OK" in our relationships with God and one another. But thanks to God's unconditional love, demonstrated through Jesus' willingness to suffer even death for us, we're indeed forgiven.

—Heidi Mann

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ers, especially early blooming flowers! I guess I just can't help myself. Matthew tells us, "Only people who don't know God are always worrying." I sure need to work on not worrying. I'm asking all of you to hold me accountable and I will endeavor to do the same for you. Don't worry if God cares for the flowers that are here today and burned tomorrow, how much more will he care for us? We thank You Father for caring about us. May your spring be Happy and Worry Free!

Shalom,
Pastor Kathy

The saga continues

SETTING: Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 82 degrees and sunshine, indulging in as many great-grandma activities with the world's most delightful great-granddaughter as can be crammed into a five-day weekend.

For a time it appeared this journey was never going to reach a happy conclusion. In phase #1, the drama began when a "woman of a certain age" haphazardly parked her car in my granddaughter's living room on the precise spot where her husband and daughter had been sitting five minutes earlier, forcing a postponement of my flight to Florida.

This delay resulted in phase #2, which was a forty-seven minute conversation with two airline representatives, both of whom could have been actors in the TV commercial, "Hello. My name is Shirley". Unable to resolve the issue single-handedly, daughter #2 interceded and was successful in re-scheduling.

Finally, believing the problems were behind me, Friday, I set my sights on the airport in Indianapolis, early enough to have lunch there before the flight's departure for Florida. Speeding past my exit on I-69 did not appear to be too big a mistake, until realizing I was in a section of the city that did not appear really welcoming. Stopped, asked for directions and ultimately arrived at the airport. While pulling into a parking space in the long-term parking lot, I noticed the airport shuttle approaching the nearest bus shelter. Hurriedly grabbing my carry-on luggage and locking the car, I raced there just as the driver was pulling away. He saw me in his mirror, stopped and I clambered aboard. Arriving at the terminal, I realized my BOARDING PASS was in my purse sitting on the car's front seat.

Back into the parking lot for another round trip shuttle ride.

The flight itself was uneventful, if you ignored the screeching baby who must have been having a problem with the air pressure in the cabin, and the three women who were seated directly behind me. The content of their conversation must have included national security secrets which they protected by speaking in a non-English tongue for the entire time. I have no problem with that but for the fact that ALL of them spoke very loudly, in UNISON, the entire time, drowning out the flight attendants' and pilot's comments. Very disconcerting to worry about missing the preparatory instructions for use of the life jackets or flotation devices in the event of a non-traditional landing. Obviously, my guardian angel was keeping watch and the plane used the runway as it was meant to be used. Too early to think about the return to Indiana.

Barbara Kleinhans



Christ....E.T.C.

Solid Rock sponsored a Women's Retreat on January 20 and 21 at the Lake Placid Retreat Center in Hartford City. Paula Gast was the guest speaker. Paula has that unique gift of delivering a wonderful message that is both rewarding and delightfully entertaining. Through Scripture, we were encouraged to identify the thing or things that create stumbling blocks in our relationship with God. With teaching and prayer, we discovered what God wants us to do and formulated a plan to help us achieve our goal. Even when we lose faith, we are assured of the love of God. We can try again, trusting Him—going boldly out with the confidence of Christ.

The Retreat Center offered a beautiful setting with great accommodations, including double rooms with separate baths, a huge kitchen facility, and a meeting hall complete with a fireplace! The women were invited to bring a snack so there was plenty of food and fun after the evening session. Some of us laughed so hard our jaws hurt the next morning. It is fun and fellowship that help nurture old and new friendships.

The retreat renewed our spirits and better equipped us to handle the demands of our everyday lives.

When we find practical ways to put CHRIST first, then "ETC" falls into place.

Jeremy Lin gives God glory for success

"Linsanity" is sweeping the nation and even President Barack Obama is tracking this story. What is this phenomenon? The Harvard product has recorded over 25 points per game since he was on the brink of being waived and competing for a backup spot.

After New York squandered a lead on Feb. 3 against the Boston Celtics, coach Mike D'Antoni offered Lin a chance to play the next night against the New Jersey Nets.

Lin went on to prove he was worthy

by collecting 25 points in the game and averaging 20 points with seven assists. He even passed Shaquille O'Neal's record for the most points scored as a starter in his first five games.



The Knicks are 5-0 with the 23 year old playing. Good for him and good for New Yorkers who have ached for a surge like this in years.

"Sometimes you come up against a mountain and you end up making the mountain seem bigger than God," he told the *Mercury News*.

Lin, who was waived by the Golden State Warriors and the Houston Rockets, does not want to talk about his performance to reporters, unless it is about his spiritual life. It was reported that David Letterman was turned down. It's all about God.

Before "Linsanity" there were bouts of anxiety about his future. He also told the newspaper that he would calm fears by repeating Romans 8:28 to himself.

"There is so much temptation to hold on to my career even more now," Lin said.

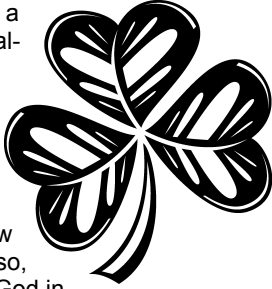
The devout Christian is learning to trust God more during the media frenzy.

"To try to micromanage and dictate every little aspect. But that's not how I want to do things anymore. I'm thinking about how can. I trust God more. How can I surrender more? How can I bring him more glory?"

- Corine Gatti on beliefnet.com

Shamrock

St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the God-head. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, "Is this one leaf, or three?" Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons — the Holy Trinity.



St. Patrick's Prayer



May the Strength of God pilot us.
 May the Power of God preserve us.
 May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
 May the Hand of God protect us.
 May the Way of God direct us.
 May the Shield of God defend us.
 May the Host of God guard us.
 Against the snares of the evil ones.
 Against temptations of the world

May Christ be with us!
 May Christ be before us!
 May Christ be in us,
 Christ be over all!
 May Thy Salvation, Lord,
 Always be ours,
 This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.



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