



News From The Rock

May 2019

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

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

“Feasting on the Word” Bible Studies

With the arrival of Easter we enter a time of new life looking forward to the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The hope and newness of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus gives us the power to live a new life in the present. Join us as we look forward to telling and showing others the amazing grace of new life.

- May 6: John 21:1-12 (Jorita Banter, leader)
- May 13: Deuteronomy 6:1-12 (Joe Haney, leader)
- May 20: Psalm 96:1-6 (Perry Spahr, leader)
- May 27: Romans 8:1-11 (Jorita Banter, leader)

You are invited and urged to look afresh at the challenge and strength given by Jesus as we live in the new days of spring. Bring your Bible and an open spirit to what God is doing now. This group meets in the church kitchen on Monday evenings, 7:00 p.m., for approximately one hour. Spend some time with Jesus!

Family Ministry Update

by John Pearson,
Family Ministry Coordinator

The deadline for the early summer camp registration has been extended to May 15. If you need the registration code, contact the church office. Please let me know the dates when kids will be attending camp so I can plan to visit the students while at camp. I know of six students that are already reg-

istered and hope more will sign up.

I am working on a couple of ideas for some Kid’s Nights for this summer. I am hoping to have one special night each month for the kids to come do something special at the church. Our summer VBS with WAMA will be July 7-11 at Warren First Baptist from 6:00-8:00p.m. Our theme is “To Mars and Beyond.”

Rock Solid Youth will finish up our series on Choices on April 28, and we are starting a new series titled Purpose on May 19. The WAY will be May 5, hosted by the United Church of Christ. With Mother’s Day being on May 12th we will not have Rock Solid Youth that night so families can be together. Rock Solid Youth will be hosting a lock-in at the church on May 17, starting at 6:00 p.m. and going until May 18 at 8:00a.m. We would like to invite all 4th graders heading into 5th grade in August to come be part of the lock-in. Starting in June these 4th graders heading into 5th grade are welcome to join us for any The WAY or Rock Solid Youth meetings and events.



We have a family event scheduled for July 28. We have 110 tickets reserved for a TinCaps game. The game starts at 3:05 p.m., and tickets are \$11.50 per person. The deadline to sign up and pay for the tickets is July 7. Contact me or the church office to reserve your tickets for the game.

Please bring in or let me know of different schedules or events (baseball, dance, plays, etc.) that the children/youth may be taking part in this spring and summer.



from
Pastor Paul

One of my favorite Easter stories comes from the Gospel of John. It takes place a few days after Easter. Jesus has appeared to the disciples twice now. And one day Peter and a few other disciples decide to go fishing. It seems like a perfectly normal thing to do, after all they have spent the majority of their adult lives fishing. And so now that their time following Jesus around Galilee seems to have come to an end they return to fishing.

But they were not very successful. They fished all night and they did not catch a single fish. They are discouraged and frustrated, and then just after dawn they hear a man standing on the beach asking them if they have no fish.

When they honestly reply that they do not, he tells them to cast their nets on the other side of the boat because there they will find fish.

So, figuring it can’t hurt to try, they cast their nets to the other side. And they cannot even haul the nets into the boat because they were so full with fish. Immediately they recognize that this stranger on the beach is the risen Jesus and they quickly go to shore to meet him, build a fire, and feast on fish with him.

I love that the disciples, at a loss for what to do now that Christ has risen, return

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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 Small Group Opportunities

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS (Sunday School)

Children's Classes

- PEBBLES (Nursery)
 - Ages 0-4
- LITTLE ROCKS/ROCK FOUNDATIONS
 - Preschool-Grade 4
- ROCK SOLID YOUTH
 - Grades 5-12

Adult Classes

- FIRM FOUNDATION
 - Currently studying "24 Hours That

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Sunday School at 9:00

Worship at 10:00

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - Noon

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Changed the World," by Adam Hamilton. Study of "Follow" by Andy Stanley begins May 19.

- FRIENDS IN FAITH
- REAL LIFE
 - Currently studying The Bible Project series.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

- FEASTING ON THE WORD
 - Meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 in the church kitchen

For more information on small groups, call the church office, 375-3873.

Firm Foundation class begins new study

The Firm Foundation Sunday school class, which meets in the church kitchen, will begin the study of Andy Stanley's "Follow" on May 19.

"Lots of people think Christianity is all about doing what Jesus says. But what if doing what Jesus says isn't what Jesus says to do at all? His invitation is an invitation to relationship, and it begins with a simple request: follow me.

"Religion says 'Change and you can join us.' Jesus says, 'Join us and you will change.' There's a huge difference. Jesus doesn't expect people to be perfect. He just wants them to walk with him. Being a sinner doesn't disqualify anyone. In fact, those points of imperfection are the only places we can start."



SOS

SOS met at Solid Rock on April 11. Co-hostess was Winter. There were 16 members in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Tamara Spahr.

The minutes for the March meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given.

The lesson was given by Marie DeWeese.

The card report of cards sent and received was given by Lana Myers.

Joys and concerns were spoken by the

members and prayer was led by Tamara Spahr.

Old business was discussed and a few new items were introduced under New Business.

The love offering was collected. The monies collected each month are given to a local resident or organization who is in need of funds.

Prayer partners for the next month will be the third person to your left. Next meeting will be May 9 at the home of Teresa Kriegbaum, Martina Cocklin co-hostess, and Pamela Hensley will have the lesson.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of our benediction.

March Financial Update

General Offerings.....	\$15,874
General Fund Expenses.....	\$10,937
Mortgage Balance	\$8,644

Above and beyond

When 20-year-old Hunter Shamatt lost his wallet while traveling to a wedding last fall, he assumed its contents — including \$60 in cash — were gone forever. But not only did someone return the wallet and everything inside it; the good Samaritan also added money. "I rounded your cash up to an even \$100 so you can celebrate getting your wallet back," read a note signed with the initials TB.

Hunter's mom, who posted a photo of the note on Facebook, said her faith in humanity was restored. The world's "not as grim as it's being made out to be," Jeannie Shamatt wrote.

Like the good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37, "TB" — who turned out to be Todd Brown of Omaha — went above and beyond in expressing kindness to a stranger. May we do likewise, bandaging one another's wounds, providing comfort, sacrificing our resources and showing mercy, all in Jesus' name.

—Stephanie Martin



- "To the world you are a mother, but to your family you are the world."
—Adapted from Dr. Seuss
- "Any mother could perform the jobs of several air-traffic controllers with ease."
—Lisa Alther

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to something familiar. They return to what they know.

But they find that it does not quite work out for them anymore. And here comes this man with a ridiculous suggestion that the problem is simply that they are fishing from the wrong side of the boat! The man tells them to cast their nets to the right side of the boat. Like all fisherman at the time, the disciples were fishing from the left side of the boat. This is because the steering apparatus was located on the right side of the boat and thus fishing from that side risked tangling the net with the steering apparatus when a full net of fish was raised into the boat.

This meant fishing from the right side of the boat could result in damage to the boat or the net, something any fisherman would want to avoid. And yet the disciples find, when they allow the risen Jesus to change their old fishing habits they get an abundant catch.

We are so like those disciples returning to fishing. We celebrate this Easter season while going about our old habits, routines, and patterns of life. Like the disciples, we too return to what we know.

Jesus does not admonish the disciples for returning to their old way of fishing. Instead he offers them a small but significant transformation, a twist on the old way that has huge results.

The risen Jesus offers us a twist on the old way. We are called to respond to Resurrection with fearless love that transforms even our smallest habits, routines, and ways of life.

What would it look like for you to fish on the other side? What would it look like for you to go about everyday life responding to the call of the risen Christ?

Cast your nets to the other side. Allow familiar ways to be transformed by resurrection love.

See You Sunday,
Pastor Paul

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe on Thursday, April 4, 2019. President Barbara Hart gave a welcome and opened with a devotion and prayer. The Purpose of the United Methodist Women was recited by all.

The Prayer Calendar and Mission Focus was The Henderson Settlement. Birthday of the month was for Sonya Luna, April 4.

She is a missionary serving the Hispanic and Latino ministries in the Detroit Annual Conference.

Mission Moment was given by Martha Plummer.

Bernie Garrett asked for joys and concerns and offered prayer for those mentioned.

Roll call and secretary's report were given by Martha Plummer. Barbara Hart gave the treasurer's report.

April 13 is Spring Spiritual Enrichment at Covenant UMC in Fort Wayne.

The next meeting will be May 2. Vi Heinen will have the Mission Moment and Carolyn Winters will present the lesson.

The program was "Call to Prayer and Self Denial," given by Bernie Garrett.

The meeting was closed with prayer.



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The United Methodist Bible Quiz

- Who were Adam's children?
 - Cain and Abel
 - Cain, Abel, and Seth
 - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
 - Cain, Abel, Seth and other sons and daughters
- Which son of Abraham's name means "laughter"?
 - Ishmael
 - Isaac
 - Esau
 - Elmo
- Does The United Methodist Church have an official translation of the Bible?
 - Yes
 - No
- In a Protestant Bible, how many books are in the Old and New Testaments?
 - 66 books: 39 in the Old Testament, 27 in the New Testament
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 - 73 books: 46 in the Old Testament, 27 in the New Testament
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34 in the New Testament

- Which book of five poems was written in response to the capture and destruction of Judah?
 - Exodus
 - 1 Chronicles
 - 2 Chronicles
 - Lamentations
- Joseph was Jesus' earthly father. In Matthew's gospel, what was Joseph's father's name?
 - Zechariah
 - Joe Sr.
 - Jacob
 - Ezekiel
- Which of the following words is used to describe a heavenly being in the Bible?
 - Cherubim
 - Seraphim
 - Angel
 - All of the above
- Which angel visited Mary in Nazareth?
 - Clarence
 - Michael
 - Malachi
 - Gabriel
- Which of these miracles is recorded in all four gospels?
 - Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead
 - Jesus feeds the multitude bread and fish
 - Jesus walks on water
 - Jesus turns water into wine
- Which disciple said to Jesus, "No, you shall never wash my feet"?
 - Thomas
 - Judas
 - Peter
 - Ralph

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Joys of motherhood

- A hug for no reason.
- Belly laughs.
- The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" — and a sticky kiss.



—Unknown

Father, I thank you for blessing me with my family. I ask you to bring us into unity through You. I ask that anything that is hidden in darkness—to cause disunity—will be brought to light. I ask You to lead us into Your perfect truth and help us to be the family You intend us to be. Lord, help us to be a blessing to one another and to others. Reveal Yourself to us and let us come into agreement with You. Lead us in Your ways. Grant us compassionate hearts, fill us with Your love that does not keep records of wrong, and bring joy to our hearts when we think of one another. Bring Your perfect peace and unity into our family. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.



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