

# News From The Rock

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Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

## Solid Rock Cookbook

The blank recipe cards are now in for the new cookbook that Solid Rock will be putting together.



Please see Denise McIntire, Susan Mills, or Debbie Shaw if you would like your favorite recipes in our new cookbook. We would like to

have recipes turned in by May 9.

## Warren area VBS to be held at Solid Rock

The Warren Area Churches are hosting Vacation Bible School for all Warren community children, ages 3 through grade 6. The theme is "SonQuest Rain Forest," based on the parables.



Vacation Bible School will be held at the Solid Rock United Methodist Church, from June 7 through 11, from 9:00 to 11:26. Registration forms are available at Warren Baptist Church, Hillcrest Nazarene Church, Warren United Church of Christ, Warren Church of Christ, and Solid Rock United Methodist Church.

All children are welcome. For more information, call 375-3873 between 9:00 and noon any weekday. Still needed: teachers for kindergarten and grade 1, 6 adult helpers, and 7 or 8 teenagers for helpers. Contact Joenita Keller, VBS director.

## Solid Rock to sponsor park concessions

Solid Rock is excited to announce its newest ministry, the concession booth at Warren Tower Park. This thrilling ministry

will allow us to interact with youth and their families in the community.

It is not too late to become a part of this ministry as there are still openings to work in the booth. Don't worry about experience as training will be furnished by the committee members in charge. Working times are generally 5:30 to 9:30 PM. The only job description is preparing hot dogs and popcorn, and selling other prepackaged items, candy, and drinks. All clean up, except a little inside the concession booth and immediately around the booth, will be done by the park.



Currently the committee is planning on designating the profits for the church building fund. However, if another opportunity arises we could divert part of the profits to other projects.

We are planning on having a ministry wall as part of this new ministry. It would include information about upcoming Solid Rock and worthwhile community activities such as Bible school, Church on the Hill, and Festival community worship.

Look for the sign-up sheet at church and sign up as frequently as you feel you can devote time to this ministry. There will be separate sign-up sheets for each month, so keep watching throughout the summer and fall and devote a few evenings this summer to the youth.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please feel free to contact the following concession committee members: David and Jo Keller, Pam and Randy Hensley, Tamara and Walker Spahr, Steve Holmes, and Brenda Conner.

## Work day at Camp Lakewood

We have 14 Solid Rock workers signed up to spend Saturday, May 15 at the United Methodist children's Camp Lakewood.

## Just Leaning on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



The month of May not only brings spring flowers but it also brings the celebration of Mother's Day. The Wednesday morning Bible study just finished studying the women of the Bible. We studied everyone from Mary the mother of Jesus (the

**"God created each of you and has given each of you God's Spirit"**

most positive—personal opinion) to Jezebel (one of, if not the most evil—again personal opinion). We used different sources

for the study. Some were factual and others were more interpretive. The point is that God has always and always will make each of us individual from the other. What a wonderful God, to bring a variety of people into one family, the family of God! As we celebrate Mother's Day, remember, whether you are close with your mother or not, God created each of you and has given each of you God's Spirit. Celebrate each other and "honor" your mother by honoring your Creator this day, but especially this month.

Shalom,  
Pastor Kathy

## March Offerings

General offerings for March totaled \$14,003. Building Fund contributions were \$20,831.

Many wonderful memories and life decisions have been made there by the children of our congregation (Some of these children are young adults, even parents and grandparents now.) If you are interested in going and would like your name to be added to the list, please let Rosalie know immediately (375-3789). She and the on-site coordinator will be working out the details very soon.

## District Spring Spiritual Enrichment Day

The Northeast Indiana District Spring Spiritual Enrichment Day was held April 19 at Aldersgate UMC. Paula Gast's presentation was entitled "Transforming Our Lives." It was a very inspirational morning filled with God's rich blessings for Barbara Hart, Carolyn Winters, Tamara Spahr, Joenita Keller, Brenda Connor, Patty Hensley, Pamela Hensley, and their sister Eula and daughter Jerrica.

A delicious brunch was served by the United Methodist Women of the church.

## Youth and mentors enjoy bowling and pizza

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship kicked off their new mentoring program with an afternoon of bowling and pizza. Twenty youth, mentors, and sponsors enjoyed two hours together after

church at Bluffton Bowling Center on April 11. The youth also met with their mentors during their regular meeting on April 18.

## United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Here are upcoming youth group activities:

**May 2:** Meeting, 4:00-5:30 at the church

**May 15:** Work Day at Camp Lakewood

**May 16:** No youth meeting

**May 28-29:** Magical Mystery Tour Lock-in

**June 26:** Tentative date for Teams Building Course

The "Magical Mystery Tour" traveling lock-in will start on Friday night, May 28 at the church and end on Saturday at 7 a.m. During the lock-in we will be visiting different places to experience the five purposes of our ministry: Inviting, Building, Caring, Worshiping, and Connecting.

## United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women of Solid Rock met April 1 at Heritage Pointe with 16 members present. President Myrna Neff gave devotions, with the story of Charles Wesley's Easter hymn, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today."

Everyone affirmed their UMW promise: "to know God, to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

Joys and concerns in our membership were shared and offered to God in heartfelt prayer led by Carolyn Winters.

The duties of the secretary were transferred from Freddie Couch to Margaret Bell. Thank you correspondence from several Indiana agencies was recognized. Treasurer Barbara Hart's monthly report acknowledged the same Christian services which are helped by the members of our unit.

Mary Emma Holmes presented both the uplifting "Mission Moment" and the special Easter program. She shared her many lovely handmade items she gives to persons and places in need. Mary Emma's program stirred our thoughts and hearts remember-

ing the "Holy Days" of our faith through scripture readings and beautiful sacred music.

## Where have all the grandmas gone?

The school year is almost over and summer approaches. It is customarily a time for teachers and, oh, yes, students to sing and dance for joy. Well, maybe some of us won't actually be seen dancing, but surely we are allowed a discreet smile, or even a giggle or two!

However, this has been a particularly difficult year in school. It is evidenced by the sight, for the first time, of school staff seen in the hallways near day's end, pushing a large cart of "backpacks" filled with food for the week-end. There are a significant number of students whose Friday school lunch may be the last meal eaten before breakfast at school on Monday morning.

The classrooms' enrollments appear to be in a perpetual state of change, as families' moves in or out of the district are dictated by the loss of jobs. In one instance, we are the fourth move in this school year for a single parent family of four. Staying with relatives and/or friends is challenging for all concerned, and while intended as a temporary solution, it may extend longer than anyone could anticipate, to everyone's dismay.

One of the most heart-rending situations is the distress we see every day in children, who are far too young to understand what is happening, and who should not be trying to deal with the consequences. It is frequently evidenced by an obvious need for attention or attempt to make a connection. The very youngest children look for ways to make physical contact and appear to want to hold on to an adult. In the case of one first grade boy, he "needs" to pat my arm while we are sitting at a table.

Discussing this child, and others who are obviously hurting, confused and frightened, with another staff member, she commented about a program available in a former school where she had worked. In that community, there were senior citizens, often retired school personnel, who volunteered to come into the school for an hour or two a week to be a "grandparent" to such children. The adult's role was solely to read to, talk with or play checkers, etc., one-on-one with such a child on a regular

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# Getting acquainted

By Gina Canady

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



A



B



C



D



E

F—Not Pictured

## 1

They chose Solid Rock because we reach outside the “building” consistently, and love and support the community and country spiritually and physically. Being a witness for the Lord is what brought us to church.

His hobbies: antique tractors and cars. Hers are reading, sewing and volunteering.

He has lived in the area all of his life!

Their favorite sport or team is the “underdog team” in basketball and baseball.

They went to Alaska for three months in 1992 and want to go back to Maine and Vermont in the fall!

They have 5 children, 8 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren!

Their favorite hymns are “Because He Lives,” “Old Rugged Cross,” and “Amazing Grace.”

His childhood memory of church was going to the church cemetery at Lancaster and Browns Corner for services, and decorating graves on Memorial Day.

## 2

While traveling towards I-69 they were drawn to the little country church with soybean fields all around it, attended the wor-

ship service once, and felt “at home”!

Gardening, growing fruit trees and, surprise, cooking are some favorite hobbies, as well as hunting mushrooms in the woods and basically any outdoor activity.

They both attended Huntington Township school together for 12 years, graduated and went our separate ways (no, we did not date!). After 35 years and raising families we were reacquainted and married!

We like basketball, baseball—all sports. We follow IU, U. of Arizona, Gonzaga, Butler, Baylor and Huntington University! We appreciate Fox Sports Network in the winter and in the summer.

Our favorite destinations are Boise, Idaho, and Dallas, Texas. Really, we will go anywhere Southwest Airlines will take us! (Daughter Amy provides us with standby passes!)

All praise music we love! Actually all music from hymns to special music to choir performances are wonderful! John 3:16, Philippians 4:13, and Isaiah 46:4 are favored verses.

Hearing the congregation praise God in song is a favorite part of worship.

## 3

They were brought to the Methodist Church because both of their parents were United Methodists!

His hobbies are FISHING, FISHING, FISHING and her hobbies are reading and walking.

They have lived in this area for 54 years IU basketball is their favorite sport and team – \*Editor's Note: Watch out Purdue fans of the church—I think you are being outnumbered!

They have visited beautiful Charlotte, North Carolina, and the warm and sunny Keys of Florida!

They have 5 children and 7 grandchildren. Both have 4 brothers. He has 2 sisters and she has 3 sisters.

“How Great Thou Art” is the chosen hymn and John 3:16 is their favorite verse.

## 4

She attended Jefferson Center Church all her life and graduated from Jefferson High School. He grew up in the Roanoke area and graduated from Roanoke High School. His home church was Zion United Methodist.

Reading and fishing at the lake cottage are his hobbies, and hers are reading, crafts and music.

After he was out of the Air Force, we

started farming in Jefferson Township.

Purdue basketball is our team and sport of choice.

We enjoy going to the Amish communities, such as Holmes County in Ohio. Colorado was a favorite destination!

We have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren

“How Great Thou Art,” “He Lives,” John 3:16 and Philippians 4:8 are favored hymns and verses.

We are so thankful for the ministry of Solid Rock and the family atmosphere we share!

## 5

Warren Methodist Church and Solid Rock have been my family church forever!

I love doing anything outside. Working in the yard and reading are some of my favorite hobbies. Collecting old things is another favorite pastime.

I have lived in this area all of my life!

Purdue basketball, Indianapolis Colts and Cubs baseball are my favorite sports teams! I love to watch all of them.

I enjoy traveling anywhere in the United States, and the farthest place I have traveled to is Arizona and Florida. Ask about her eventful bus ride in Florida a couple of years ago!

I have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 3 sisters.

“Amazing Grace” and the “Spirit Song” are my favorite hymns, and John 3:16 is my verse of choice

I had so much fun as a youth in choir, MYF and church camp. In later years I have really enjoyed many events at the church, SOS, SOS trips, and adult choir,

## 6

A friend brought me to the church and I have been a member for 55 years!

Reading and traveling are hobbies of mine.

I have lived here all my life.

IU basketball and Indianapolis Colts are the teams of choice!

I have traveled all over this great USA, and if I haven't been there, I want to go!

I have 2 children, 2 grandchildren, 1 brother and 1 sister.

My favorite hymn is “Amazing Grace” and Psalm 23 is my favorite verse!

A very special part of this Warren Church of Solid Rock is that I was married in this church and both of my children were also married in the same church building!

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basis. The only stipulation was that the interaction was not to be tutorial in nature.

In the interest of not losing sight of a good idea, regardless of whose it is, we are going to try to implement it yet this school year. Although this is not intended to be a challenge, where do you think you can go with the concept?

Barbara Kleinhans

## A Friend's House

During the month of May, you are invited to help A Friend's House stock their shelves. Watch for the list of cleaning and office supplies that they can most use. A Friend's House is a residential facility in Bluffton, Indiana for young women overcoming abuse, addictions, abandonment, and other life issues.

### "Getting acquainted" answers:

1. F. Art & Rose Broyles
2. C. David & Susan Wechsler
3. E. Don & Marjorie Pearson
4. A. Jerry & Lois Walter
5. D. Lana Myers
6. B. Bonnie Zeller

**O Lord my God, I thank you that you have brought this day to a close; I thank you that you have given me peace in body and soul. Your hand has been over me and has protected and preserved me.**



**Forgive my puny faith, the ill that I this day have done, and help me to forgive all who have wronged me.**

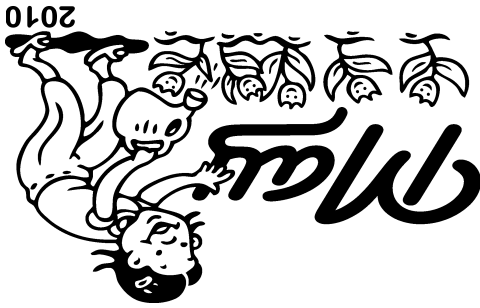
**Grant me a quiet night's sleep beneath your tender care. And**

**defend me from all the**

**temptations of darkness. Into your**

**hands I commend my loved ones and all who dwell in this house; I commend my body and soul. O God, your holy name be praised. Amen.**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, from prison



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