



News From The Rock

November 2011

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Capital Campaign Update

Capital Campaign pledges total \$556,373. To date, \$449,100, or 81%, has been received. Total Building Fund receipts are \$684,454. Total building funds currently are in excess of \$815,000.

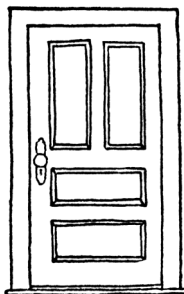
Building Update

The Solid Rock congregation, in a Church Conference on October 16, approved by a vote of 87 to 0 plans for the new church building. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for October 30 at the building site.

Plans for the new building may be viewed at a link on the church website: www.solidrockumc.com.

He opens a window

“Whenever God closes a door...” begins a maxim that could not be more applicable to the fact situation experienced recently by the congregation of Solid Rock. In the spring of 2009, the Building and Site committee was designated to hire an architectural design team to develop plans for a new church building. The expectation was the building would incorporate space to meet the needs and wants of the congregation in such a way as to bring glory to God.



Eventually, it became apparent that the direction of the efforts was not meeting that expectation, and the only option was to begin again. For the members of the committee, feelings of disappointment, futility and failure were paramount. The idea of beginning again was intimidating, but after the dissolution of the relationship with the original firm of architects, stepping out in faith was the only option. In September of this year, the committee

members sat down and attempted to discern the information salvaged from earlier meetings, and how best to utilize that information.

One of the committee members, in the most self-effacing manner imaginable, offered a tentative plan for consideration by the rest of the committee. However, unlike the earlier submission of a plan, this was put out with the understanding that it was tentative, that suggestions and revisions were expected and even welcomed. A bit of tweaking ensued, but the committee members were unanimous in their acceptance of the new design, and were so enthusiastic, they could not wait to bring it to the church body.

The unanimous approval of the entire congregation will be manifested in the groundbreaking ceremony on October 30, 2011. “..He opens a window.”



Barbara Kleinhans

Youth Fellowship

Hello Again!

These past few weeks working with UMYF have been an amazing experience! I've absolutely loved getting to know the youth of your church and many of the families and adults as well! I would personally like to thank your congregation for being so open! I feel truly welcomed.



Also, I would also like to thank you for the scholarship that you provided for my schooling this semester! It helped me to pay off almost all of my tuition for this semester, which I am super excited about!

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Just Leaning
on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



So what do we have to give thanks for? The economy is oppressive, the church is asking for more money in order to build a new building, cancer is everywhere and what about Social Security and Medicare. November is the month of Thanksgiving. That is, a time to give thanks. I'm acutely aware that

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things (worldly) don't look so great. Here, however, is something to be thankful for. When you die you get to go to heaven thanks to the grace of Jesus Christ. Now how can we not give thanks to God who sent His Son to sacrifice His life for our sins that we might have an eternal home in a place that the economy, new buildings, Social Security and cancer have no place! Now comes the difficult part. Since God has given us these riches of assurance we are to live as if we're just passing through this world. That means out of gratitude we give SACRIFICIALLY to those who have less. I understand you need a roof over your head and you need food on your table, but have you thought about those who have no home or those who have no food? Paul wrote these words in request for himself and fellow Gospel teachers: “Please help us by praying for us. Then many people will give thanks for the blessings we receive in answer to all these prayers.” (2Co 1:11)

Today I implore you to, at the very least, pray for those who are without. Pray that they might receive abundantly so that many people will give thanks for the blessings they receive in answer to all your prayers! However, if you feel compelled by the Holy Spirit to help the least of these, please yield!

Shalom,
Pastor Kathy

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women of Solid Rock met at 10:00 a.m. on October 6, in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe. President Myrna Neff welcomed members and guest, Marjorie Pearson, and opened the meeting with a devotional reading on Psalm 46, "God Is Our Might Fortress." The U.M.W. Purpose and entries for this date from the Prayer Calendar (calendar is published monthly for international usage) were read. Two women missionaries had October birthdays: Stacia Carwell in Beverly, KY, and Gayle Lesure in Clarksburg, WV. Overseas focus for the day was for UMC Lithuania's church camping program in Karinas, Lithuania.

Our local U.M.W. chapter members contributed both joys and prayer requests for both members and families of Solid Rock, plus friends and neighbors. President



United Methodist Women

Myrna Neff led the group in prayer. Correspondence was noted and read by Myrna. Thanks from the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon for the \$50 our unit sent them last month were expressed as follows: "Thank you for your caring and concern. Our Home provides a supportive treatment setting in which youth can be helped to overcome difficulties. Boys and girls come to the Home for many reasons. Some are struggling with learning difficulties. Some come due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. Others have experienced drug and/or alcohol abuse. Your interest and support helps those boys and girls toward a brighter future."

The Bashor Children's Home (in Goshen) thank-you letter stated: "Your support of the children here... is truly a blessing, as it is used to benefit the children, and their health and well-being. Many of our children will complete 4-H projects, participate in our annual Summer Olympics and attend the Bashor Summer Camp. Thank you for your gift and for showing the children we serve that the community truly cares about them."

Further action of our unit came about when Myrna read a report about the Indiana "White's Institute," which serves youth and has recently received a substantial gift to be used to match gifts from other church resources. Our unit voted to send a \$50 gift to White's, knowing that would be doubled! The unit also voted to send \$25 to the Indiana Lucille Raines Residence (a home for residents who need a supervised residence for a while). Gift funds there will be given for residents to use to buy Christmas gifts for their families.

After the holidays and as spring approaches, the unit will hopefully resupply our treasury by holding a jewelry and bake sale event, with Solid Rock Church assistance. The busy business meeting was followed by a book review by Margaret Bell entitled *Disfigured*, about the lowered status and even abuse, of women, by men in Saudi Arabia.

New members are always welcome in this busy United Methodist Women group!

Proceeds from the Fall Bazaar on October 22 totaled \$1,831.60. Thanks to all who supported the bazaar in any way!

Cornucopia

Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning "horn of plenty," has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.

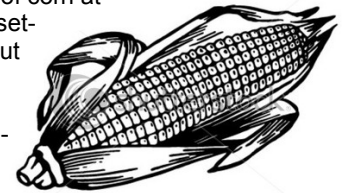


Five kernels

The Plymouth Pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving Day in fall 1621, but by the next May, their food supply was depleted. The harvest of 1622 was a failure, and the Pilgrims often lived for days on just a few kernels of corn.

Amid a drought in 1623, the people sought divine intervention. After praying for nine hours on a hot July day, they were blessed with a two-week rainfall. Edward Winslow wrote, "It was hard to say whether our withered corn or drooping affections were most quickened and revived." The Pilgrims never went hungry again.

Start a Thanksgiving tradition by placing five kernels of corn at each place setting. Point out a blessing that each kernel represents. For example:



1. God loves us.
2. God provides for all our needs.
3. God gives us friends, just as the Indians befriended the Pilgrims.
4. God hears and answers our prayers.
5. God is preparing a place for us in heaven.

Then have family members share five things for which they're grateful.

Shift your prayer life from "Please, God" to "Please God." Take the comma out of those two words when you pray, and transition your praying from asking God for things to asking God for the pleasure of God's pleasure.

—Homiletics

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Speaking of things I'm super pumped about, we have a lot in store for UMYF this year! I am learning a lot by working with Pastor Kathy, Marie, and Jeff, and we have a lot of cool things in progress. Right now we are doing our Bible studies through the book of James, and starting a new curriculum series called "Experiencing Christ Together." We are starting in on the second volume, "Connecting in Jesus." We are also starting the planning process for a few weekends away. One will be girls only, so all you junior and senior high girls, be on the lookout for upcoming announcements! The other will be open for both guys and gals!

Again, thank you all for your warm welcome! I'm excited for the things I see God doing in His church here at Solid Rock!

Blessings,
Paige

To my Solid Rock Church Family:

These past few months have been a journey in severe pain, surgery, therapy, injection and in healing. A huge thank you to all who brought that delicious food, visits, sent many cards of thoughtfulness, and phone calls, especially Rosalie who kept me in touch with the church news.

Most of all, most important was your prayers. Prayer is powerful and it works. It has kept me at peace during this storm. It brought my son, Cory Masters, through his open-heart surgery on October 11. He is doing very well.

I want so much to be back to worship as soon as possible. I do miss all of you.

Again, thank you for being Jesus' hands and feet to comfort me.

Carolyn Winters

Three kinds of giving

"There are three kinds of giving: grudge giving, duty giving and thanksgiving. Grudge giving says, 'I have to'; duty giving says, 'I ought to'; and thanksgiving says, 'I want to.' The latter comes from a full heart. Thanksgiving is an open gate into the love of God."

—Robert N. Rodenmayer



Henderson Settlement Work Camp Update

Evans House has been reserved for Solid Rock for the week of July 29 through August 4 for our house building/work camp experience. The house holds up to 14 people (12 beds), but does not have an occupancy limit, so air mattresses and sleeping bags are possibilities for a larger number.



There are six bedrooms and three baths and linens are provided as well as meals for the week (except Wednesday noon which is a "free" day). It is about one-half mile from the main campus, has shower, cooking and laundry facilities, TV (no cable) and DVD player. It is air-conditioned. The cost for the week is \$275. The inside track says that Evans is the best place to stay.

We will have a meeting for anyone planning to go on Tuesday, November 22, at 7:00 to discuss fund raising for our expenses and the money we are expected to raise for the costs of building the house. Please plan to attend. It seems a long time away—but plans need to be made.

If you are not able to go to Henderson, but would like to sponsor someone to go, donations are appreciated. Be in prayer about going or giving and watch for further information.

Harvest Sundays

Harvest Sundays during the month of November is a time to give the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Warren a boost in filling their shelves. They also need our help in preparing 50 Thanksgiving dinner boxes. Items especially needed are: instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, dry onion rings, mushroom soup, green beans, cake or brownie mix, and cranberry sauce. Food can be brought on any or every Sunday in November before Thanksgiving.

Blessing and Needs

Current Need: Working Refrigerator

Current Blessing: Twin size adjustable bed

Please contact Randy Hensley if you have Blessings or Needs.

Holiday Cheese Balls

The church will be offering cheese balls for the Thanksgiving Holiday this year. They will be ready to be picked up on Sunday, November 24.

Dried Beef	\$5.00
Hawaiian	\$7.00
Beef & Cheddar	\$7.00

Please ask your family, friends, and co-workers if they would be interested in purchasing one. Orders can be placed at the church or by calling the church office at 375-3873 or Linda Howell at 375-2909. We will also take orders for Christmas/New Years at this time or you can wait to place your Christmas order in December. All proceeds will go to the building fund. Thanks.

The Bible according to kids

Children say the funniest things about Scripture. Here are a few examples:

- "In the first book of the Bible, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off."
- "Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients."
- "The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterward, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments."
- "The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him."
- "When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta."

Time to step down

Americans enjoy an abundance of freedoms. From what we'll pursue to what we'll eat for lunch, we're constantly making decisions about what we want out of life. So it's hard to find peace when our plans go awry and we lose control of our circumstances.

A wise person suggested, "For peace of mind, resign as general manager of the universe." What if we stepped down and let God be God? He created the universe, after all. Shouldn't we trust him to run it?

Youth Fellowship Schedule

October 23: Bible Study after church

October 30: Meeting, wrap boxes, 4:00-5:45

November 6: Meeting, 4:00-5:45

November 9: Volunteer Night, 6-8 at the Food Pantry

November 13: Pizza after church

November 20: Meeting, 4:00-5:45

November 27: Bible Study after church

December 4: Meeting, 4:00-5:45

December 11: Pizza after church

December 21: Volunteer Night, 6-8 at the Food Pantry

"I have never understood why anyone would roast the turkey and shuck the clams and crisp the croutons and shell the peas and candy the sweet potatoes and compute the cranberries and bake the pies and clear the table and wash the dishes and fall into bed exhausted when they could just as easily sit back and enjoy a hamburger or a pork sandwich."

—The Turkey

We Give Thanks

Our Father in Heaven,

We give thanks for the pleasure
Of gathering together for this
occasion.

We give thanks for this food
Prepared by loving hands.

We give thanks for life,
The freedom to enjoy it all
And all other blessings.

As we partake of this food,
We pray for health and
strength

To carry on and try to live as You would have us.

This we ask in the name of Christ,

Our Heavenly Father.

- Harry Jewell



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