

News From The Rock

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

November 2012

Capital Campaign Update

Of the original capital campaign commitments of \$556,373, as of September 30 a total of \$517,447, or 93%, has been received. Over and above campaign commitments, an additional \$361,944 has been given, for a total of \$849,421. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness! Some borrowing will still be required to fund this project, and the Capital Campaign Committee encourages those who can to continue giving as they are able beyond their original commitment to reduce this debt as quickly as possible.

Construction progress continues at a steady pace. The parking lot has been paved, and those who wish to view the construction can do so from the parking area.

Holiday Cheese Balls

It is once again time to order your cheese balls for the holidays. We will be offering the same kinds as in previous years: beef and cheddar, \$7.00; Hawaiian, \$7.00; and dried beef, \$6.00.



The deadline for Thanksgiving orders is November 11, and they will be ready for pickup on Sunday, November 18. The deadline for Christmas/New Year's will be December 16, with pickup on Sunday, December 23. Early pickup dates may be available upon request.

Please ask family and friends to place orders. Orders may be turned in to the church office or to Linda McD Howell.

CROP Walk

For the second year, the Warren community hosted its own CROP Walk on October 7. A total of 25 sponsored walkers, including 22 from Solid Rock, collected

\$1,170.75 in the effort. Of the money raised in this event, 25% will stay in Huntington County. CROP Hunger Walks are sponsored by Church World Service to provide funds to end hunger.

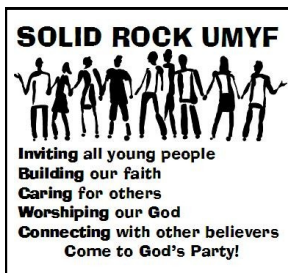


Youth Fellowship

We are now studying the second checkpoint, which is spiritual discipline. Our key passage is Romans 12:2. We will focus on these things: making our time with God a priority, developing a true relationship with God, spending time in scripture, prayer, and journaling. We challenge everyone to join the youth as they commit to making these things a priority in their lives!

Our fall party will be held on Friday, November 2, from 5:30-8:00 at the Walters' pond. Thanks to the Walters for hosting our party! Also a big thank you to all who have provided snacks for youth meetings and to Lana Myers for organizing it for us!

If any youth have not turned in their permission forms, or gotten their T-shirt, please see Jeff or Marie on Sundays. Solid Rock UMYF is open to all youth in grades 5-12. Please come join us and bring a friend!



Upcoming Events

- **October 28:** Bible Study after church
- **November 4:** Meeting, 2:00-3:30
- **November 11:** Pizza after church
- **November 18:** Meeting, 2:00-3:30
- **November 25:** Bible Study after church
- **December 2:** Meeting, 2:00-3:30
- **December 9:** Pizza after church

Just Leaning
on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



"Everything comes from the Lord. All things were made because of him and will return to him. Praise the Lord forever! Amen." (Rom 11:36)

"And when your people meet, I will praise you and thank you, Lord, in front of them all." (Psa 35:18)

"I will lift Your name on high and give You all thanks so they may know that ALL that each of us has is because of You."

If all things come from God and all things were made because of God, then isn't it common sense to give God all the praise? Here we are late in the year of 2012. It's almost

Thanksgiving, so I would like for us to ponder on the MANY blessings we have in our lives. We have a wonderful church family and most of us have good biological families as well, but we have the promise of an eternal family in heaven. We may or may not have great health but we have the honor of knowing the "Great Physician".

We may or may not have wealth but we know the "One" who paid the price, a price far greater than we can even imagine. We may or may not have spiritual maturity but we have within us "the Spirit" that intercedes and guides us. We may or may not have an abundance of food on our table but we know the "Provider" that even looks after the sparrow.

We have much to be thankful for, and so as Psalm 35:18 says, and I paraphrase: and so when my family comes together, I will lift Your name on high and give You all thanks so they may know that ALL that each of us has is because of You. Happy Thanksgiving and may God continue to bless you!

Shalom,
Pastor Kathy

Getting Acquainted

by Gina Canady

Linda & Charlie Howell

Both of their parents were members of the Methodist Church, therefore they grew up in the church and are still here! Charlie's hobbies are gardening and Linda loves to travel, and enjoys the card ministry and gardening.



Charlie and Linda have lived in Warren their entire lives, except for college and the Air Force years.

When asked about their favorite sports teams, quote, "Are there sport teams?"

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They don't watch enough TV to know who is playing!

They truly love to travel. The standing joke at their home is "If I haven't been there yet, that's where I want to go." They have been to all 50 states. Linda has been to 34 countries and Charlie has been to 29. Russia in 1978 was the most interesting before the end of the cold war and China!

They have three children. Jessica is a dentist and lives in Montpelier, Mack lives in Zionsville and works in finance, and Alex lives in Fort Wayne and works in finance. They are blessed with a total of 6 grandchildren, ages 1 to 6, with one to be born in February!

Charlie's favorite songs are "Amazing Grace" and "How Great Thou Art." Linda's favorite songs are "Lord of the Dance" and "Here I am Lord." Their Bible verse is Mark 9:23 and 1 Corinthians 13.

Linda's favorite memories of church include the swing-in. Under the guidance of John Dicken, all the youth in the community got together every weekend in the fellowship hall to play ping-pong, dance and play music. Charlie had a club house at the church! When the church was being remodeled, Charlie, Ted Winters, Phil and Bruce Bennett, and Pastor Bachert's son, Tex, had a secret club house in the tunnels under the church. He remembers using candles from the kitchen, and when they couldn't find any, they used the altar candles!

Joh & Candy Smith

Joh was raised coming to the Jefferson Center Church and Candy started coming

with her family when she was in junior high school. Joh enjoys sports and farming and Candy loves spending time with family and grandchildren, making crafts, and sewing.



Joh and Candy have lived in the Warren area their entire lives.

Joh's favorite sport is football and his team is ... THE COLTS!!

They have traveled to Arizona and Candy enjoys going to Shipshewana!

Candy and Joh have 2 children and 4 grandchildren, whom they love spending time with!

Their favorite scripture is John 3:16 and "Shout to the Lord" is their favorite praise

song!

Jim & Agatha Miller

They were attending Jefferson Center Church. When the churches merged, they joined too!

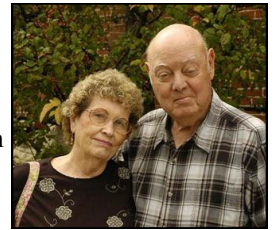
Agatha enjoys reading, sewing, and baking, and Jim enjoys watching sports on TV.

Jim and Agatha have lived here their whole lives, 77 and 78 years!

Their favorite team is IU basketball and they love watching pro basketball.

Jim and Agatha have 3 children (one has passed) and are blessed with 6 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren!

Their favorite song is "Amazing Grace."



Gary & Rosalie Walter

Gary had attended the Jefferson Center Church all his life and Rosalie joined when they married.

Rosalie has many interests including grandchildren, reading, gardening, cross-stitch, traveling, Sudoku, crossword puzzles, and genealogy. Gary enjoys photography, reading, grandchildren and technology.

Rosalie moved here in 1977 and Gary has lived here all his life. The teams they cheer on are their grandchildren's teams!

Gary and Rosalie enjoy traveling to historical sites, scenic sites, and especially the Great Smoky Mountains.

They are blessed with 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

Rosalie's favorite hymn is "Hymn of Promise" and her favorite scriptures are Jeremiah 29:11 and Isaiah 41:10. Gary's favorite hymn is "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and Philippians 4:4-7 is his favorite scripture.

A very memorable moment of church was the baptism of their children with water brought back from the Holy Land by Gladys Pope.



United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women of Solid Rock Church met at 9:30 a.m., October 4, 2012, for their regular meeting. President Myrna Neff presiding. Her opening thoughts were from the book of Mark, chapter 11, verse 25. They dealt with our problems of forgiveness as part of our prayer life, which may include both our giving unintended wounds and receiving unexpected hurts. Compassion and forgiveness with others, perhaps even a sense of humor, may be needed.

Mission Moment reflections were shared by Naomi Oxley, who led us to think about “traveling the path of Jesus.” How can we pray like Jesus? He chose to be alone, perhaps in a deserted place. How can we do this? Sometimes it is hard to focus. We can pray silently, we can close our eyes. What shall we pray for? It is best, perhaps, kept short and simple. We can know that often we must wait and answers seem slow. What to pray for? Jesus taught us how to pray in our Lord’s Prayer.

Pastor Kathy Newton presented our program today, entitled “Radical Hospitality.” Related scripture was the Bible’s account of the story of the rival relationships of Sarah and Hagar and their sons as told in the book of Genesis. October opens the fall season, which many experience as a time of good family gatherings. Are there any elements of anger, mistrust or struggle? How can we celebrate the “other” in our lives? Who will we make space for at our holiday tables? Radical hospitality is drastically different from “the usual.” How can we offer the gracious hospitality of Jesus to others? We must be open to listening to them.

Business meeting time included regular reports from secretary and treasurer and an announcement from Myrna that she bought two new books at a recent district meeting she attended. Margaret Bell offered to make up a history of U.M.W. books which are available to members from years 2007 to 2013, with short descriptions of contents. A member now needs to read five books to file for recognition; she may also read just for personal pleasure and learning. Future U.M.W. events were discussed, and next month’s unit meeting was specially discussed, with encouragement for attendance



United
Methodist
Women

at this annual World Thank Offering meeting and lesson presented by Barbara Hart: “Sowing Faith, Hope, and Love.”

Thank you

Thank you once again for the scholarship money for college. It is hard to believe I am already a junior! As always, I can assure you that the money will be put to good use. All of the prayers and cards are greatly appreciated.

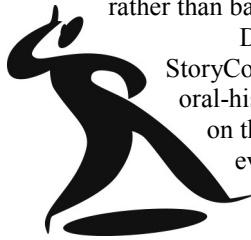
Kailey Neff

September Financial Update

General Offerings	\$13,358
General Fund Expenses	\$12,192
Building Fund Contributions	\$7,525

Listen up!

Since 2008, the Friday after Thanksgiving has been dubbed the National Day of Listening. The nonprofit group StoryCorps encourages people to spend an hour recording an interview with a loved one, rather than battle mall crowds.



Dave Isay began StoryCorps in 2003 as an oral-history project, based on the simple idea that everyone has an authentic story worth hearing. “This is about nothing but

the generosity of listening,” Isay says. “When you’re listening to [the stories] of everyday people — with their acts of kindness and courage that we don’t take the time to honor — you’re walking on holy ground.”

As you gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, remember to keep your ears open!

A simple act

Traditional thank-you notes are rare in this age of texting and social networking. But California lawyer John Kralik set out to change that. On January 1, 2008, at a low point in his life, Kralik vowed to send one note of appreciation to a different person every day for one year.

Although it took him a bit longer to reach the 365-note mark, Kralik’s intentional focus on gratitude changed his life.

“I saw how much I had been blessed by so many people in different ways,” he says, “and acknowledging their blessings seemed to make them multiply.”

After Kralik documented his experiences in *A Simple Act of Gratitude* (Hyperion), people wrote to share how the effects of gratitude rippled out. By the beginning of 2012, having written his 860th thank-you note, Kralik said he’d learned that “gratitude is a path to the peace we all seek.”

A formula for kingdom success

IBM founder Thomas Watson said the formula to success is to double one’s failure rate because failure is the best teacher.

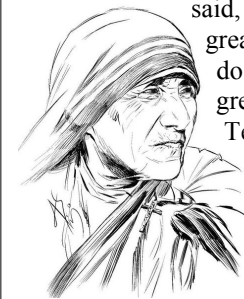
Jesus tells of a businessman who entrusted his money with servants. One servant hid the funds, fearing that investment might bring loss rather than gain. On learning this, the businessman grew angry.

God calls us to take risks for his sake. Yet we often keep silent about the gospel, fearing that others won’t believe us. We stick with familiar congregational fellowship instead of venturing into the uncertainty of community service.

When taking risks for God appears to result in failure, two things are surely at play: We have the opportunity to learn from our experience, discovering new ways to witness and grow stronger in faith. Second, we can trust God to tend the seeds we’ve planted; they’ll sprout in due time, whether or not we see it.

Imperfect faith

Who said, “There is such terrible darkness within me, as if everything was dead”? Amazingly, the same person who said, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love” — Mother Teresa!



Yes, the devout nun who worked many years among India’s poor experienced doubt as well as faith, darkness as well as light. Why would we expect otherwise? She was an inspiring model of discipleship, yes, but human, after all.

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“I believe!” cried the desperate father, longing for Jesus to heal his son. “Help my unbelief!” (Mark 9:24, NRSV). Both sentiments were true.

When doubts and darkness overwhelm you, know that you’re in good company — with the man in the gospel and the woman in Calcutta. The Holy Spirit will help your unbelief and stir up new faith within you.

To tell the truth

To prepare for a sermon on honesty, a pastor asked church members to read Joshua 25. The next week, he asked, “How many of you read it?” Half the hands in the church went up.

“Great,” the pastor said. “You’re the ones I want to talk to...because Joshua has only 24 chapters.”

—From *The Tale of the Tardy Oxcart*, Charles Swindoll

“Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.”

—Elizabeth Bibesco

A Thanksgiving Hymn

Lord on this Thanksgiving Day
We Thy people meet to pray
Thanking Thee for Christ who
died Who for us was crucified For
Salvation full and free Thanks O
God be unto Thee

For our burdens and our fears
And the blessings of our tears
For our strength and weakness
too When we know not what to
do Whatsoe'er our lot may be
Thanks O God be unto Thee

For the homes in
which we live
And the
blessings
Thou doest
give For
our work
from day
to day
And Thy
presence
all the way For this land of liberty
Thanks O God be unto Thee



For our many friends
so dear And the
prayers that Thou
dost hear For Thy love
so rich so free
And the joys that
come from Thee We
Thy people meet to
pray Lord on this
Thanksgiving day Amen

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