

# News From The Rock

November 2016

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

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

## Bear Ministry

The bears in the narthex are for you to take and pass along to comfort a friend or loved one (baby, teen, young adult, or senior) in their time of need, or to a newborn baby. Donations of bears are appreciated to replace the bears. Also, at Christmastime we donate bears to the Food Pantry so each parent may take a bear for each of their children.



## Solid Rock “Veterans’ Homecoming Celebration”

Please pray for the “Homecoming Celebration for Veterans” on November 13!



We are inviting all veterans and their families to our 10:00 a.m. church service and to a complimentary dinner at 5:30 p.m. with entertainment to follow.

Please pray about sharing your talent on Sunday evening, by reading a favorite scripture, performing a skit, playing an instrument, singing a song...talents that you may share to show your love and to honor our veterans during their Homecoming Celebration!

Please contact Gina Canady to be scheduled for your talent at 375-2556 or gina@wssbps.com. A banner will be placed on State Road 5 to invite veterans and their families to this event. Please share the invitation to all veterans and their families (active and retired) as well as families

of deceased veterans.

Officially, Veterans Day is Friday, November 11. Our goal is to show all veterans our love and support on Sunday, November 13, in order to bring awareness to Veterans Day!

Stay tuned for more information to follow in the church bulletin. Please let Gina know if you can volunteer to make a dessert, serve food and drinks, sing or entertain. The Solid Rock congregation is invited to attend the morning and evening services to show our appreciation to our veterans on November 13!

## S.O.S. Retreat

Fifteen ladies from the SOS group recently travelled to beautiful Brown County for a retreat. The group stayed at Rawhide Ranch, where they stayed in the top floor of a barn. Each day started with devotions focusing on the colors of fall and the meaning of FALL....Fellowshipping with Christ, Abiding in Christ, Leaning on Christ, and Living for Christ. Activities included holler-hoppin’ (zip-lining), horseback riding, hiking, and shopping in downtown Nashville, IN. The ladies would then regroup for dinner together and evening devotions. We were blessed with ideal weather, safe travel, and deepened friendships.



from  
Pastor Paul

I’ve heard a lot of droopy prayers in my life. Hey, I’ve prayed a lot of them, too.

Prayers of desperation—God, you’ve got to help me!

Prayers of self-pity—God, things are so awful!

Prayers of resignation—God, if you want to leave me unemployed, then I can’t stop you!

But I’m learning how to pray a different kind of prayer—prayer said with thanksgiving. I learned it from Paul who, writing from prison, taught me a most powerful lesson. He said, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”



Strange. Here he is suffering himself, yet he’s telling me to pray with thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is the seasoning that makes our prayers edible to God. After all, who wants to hear people whine all the time? I’ve learned that you can’t whine and give thanks in the same breath. Self-pity and thankfulness don’t mix any better than oil and water.

In fact, mixing thanks with prayer somehow changes it. When we remember what God has done for us in the past and think about who he is in the present—and express that in thankfulness—our prayers

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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.*

## Youth Fellowship

Come join us for discussion on Intentional Faith Development! This will take place during our "Lunch and Discussion" times. We will also be helping to decorate the church for Christmas, and also be presenting a Christmas Eve Service.



The community church program "The Way" will be on November 6.

Solid Rock UMYF is open to any youth from grade 6 through college. Come join us and bring a friend! If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Paul or Marie Deweese at 260-228-0070.

### Upcoming Events

- November 6: The WAY, 5:00-6:30 at the Knight-Bergman Center
- November 13: Lunch and Discussion,

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after church

- November 27: Decorate Church, after church
- December 18: Lunch and Discussion, after church
- December 24: Christmas Eve Service, 11:00 p.m.

## "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study

With the United States looking forward to the outcome of our electoral process, we might well look at the way God has chosen



us to be God's children and our choosing of God out of all the other options that are afforded to us.

One way to see and hear how God has chosen us is to study the scriptures. The Bible study classes on Monday evenings in the church kitchen are just one means of listening to God's call to us, preparing us for our gathered worship on Sunday morning. You are encouraged to reap the harvest of the seeds of faith as we come together for Bible study.

- November 7: Matthew 9:35-38 (Charles Ternet, leader)
- November 14: Romans 8:5-6, 12:1-2 (Joe Haney, leader)
- November 21: 1 Peter 3:15 (Mike Heath, leader)
- November 28: Jeremiah 29:4-14 (Charles Ternet, leader)

Bring your Bible and join us. There is always room for one more!

## Solid Rock Mission Giving

Solid Rock supports a number of local, national, and international missions projects. Over the next few issues, we will highlight these projects.

### Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Program

Water, sanitation, and hygiene are essential for good health and wellbeing. Water is used not only for drinking but also for bathing, cooking, cleaning, waste disposal, and agriculture. Yet, 668 million people around the world do not have reliable access to clean drinking water and even more people lack access to water for agriculture and other household tasks to meet their

everyday needs. What's more, 1.8 billion people around the world lack adequate sanitation solutions. The access to these



basic services and the education of healthy behaviors results in over 1,000 children a day dying from diseases. UMCOR-WASH implements projects through a network of partners in countries

that have the highest levels of childhood diseases and death and least access to basic WASH services.

### Feed My Starving Children

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian non-profit organization that was founded in 1987 after a Minnesota businessman, Richard Proudfit, was challenged by the poverty that he witnessed on a mission trip to Honduras. With the help of food scientists at Cargill, General Mills and Pillsbury, Proudfit developed a meal formula consisting of rice, soy, vegetables, a vegetarian-based chicken flavoring and 20 of the most essential vitamins and minerals. The new meal formula, known now as FMSC MannaPack Rice, contains all the nutrients needed for hungry children to reach their full potential. Today, hundreds of thousands of children in the developing world are given the opportunity to live and thrive through MannaPack Rice and FMSC's other meal formulas.

## Nutshell Philosophy

- Be fishers of men: You catch 'em, He'll clean 'em.
- A family altar can alter a family.
- A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.
- Don't put a question mark where God put a full stop.
- Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.
- Exercise daily. Walk with the Lord!
- Forbidden fruits create many jams.
- Give God what's right, not what's left!
- Give Satan an inch and he'll be a ruler.
- God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called.
- God grades on the cross, not on the curve.
- God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the Spirit" over "religious nuts."
- God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

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become more gentle, more trusting somehow.

Thankful prayers are offered with faith. And faith is an essential ingredient for prayers that God chooses to answer.

We remember the Pilgrims on Thanksgiving Day, not so much for their turkey dinner, but for the sheer faith that inspired them to give thanks in a year that saw nearly half their number die of sickness. Yet they prayed with thanksgiving.

When your annual day of feasting is over, you may bemoan your extra helpings of dressing, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie. But if you can hang on to the “thanks” part of Thanksgiving, you’ll be a different person. Because when you learn to talk to God about your needs—mixed with a healthy dose of heartfelt thanks—then you have crossed the divide from whining at God to real prayer.

Happy thanks-giving!  
Pastor Paul

## Love INC Gift Shop

Imagine being a parent on Christmas Day and needing to ask for assistance to provide Christmas gifts for your children. Imagine how you would feel if you had to watch another family drop-off your children’s Christmas gifts on Christmas Day. Love INC heard from some parents this process made them feel humiliated, undignified, powerless. Love INC feels that no parent should feel those feelings. With the wish of empowering parents on Christmas, Love INC provides Love INC Gift Shop!

Love INC Gift Shop will be located at St. Peter’s First Community Church in Huntington, and will be operational December 10th-12th. For a contribution of \$5.00 per child (capped at \$15.00), parents will have the opportunity to hand-pick approximately five toys (depending on donations) from Love INC Gift Shop. Parents may wrap the gifts at the gift shop or wrap at home. Most importantly, parents will place the toys that they picked out specifically for their children and wrapped under their Christmas trees on Christmas Eve.

In order to provide this opportunity for parents, Love INC needs your help. Love



Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

INC aims to serve 150 families this Christmas (that’s over 300 children!). Love INC is accepting toy and cash donations in our pursuit of our 1,500 gift goal.

We are asking that you donate to the Love INC Gift Shop. Your donation will contribute to the empowerment and implantation of hope in those who need it the most this season. The toys requested for donation can be located at [loveinchtown.org/donatetoys](http://loveinchtown.org/donatetoys).

We ask that you deliver all toys to Love INC, located at 715 Byron Street, Huntington, Indiana. Toys can be delivered between 9:30 AM and 4:00 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday, or Fridays. All cash donations can be delivered to Love INC, made online at [loveinchtown.org/giftshop](http://loveinchtown.org/giftshop), or collected by a Love INC associate through appointment by calling Kyle Metzger at 260-356-0933.

We are reaching out to the Huntington community this season with hopes that you all will help us give those in need a hand up. We are putting Christmas back in parents’ hands.

Will you support us as we push to empower parents this Christmas?

## United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met on October 6, 2016, in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe. Barbara Hart opened with prayer followed by a devotional entitled “Daring and Giving.” The UMW’s Purpose was recited.

The prayer calendar included the mission focus, Alex and Brenda Awad, missionaries, General Board of Global Ministries serving in Israel/Palestine and the birthday for the month, Gayle Lesure, Deaconess in the West Virginia Conference.

Joys and concerns were taken by Barbara, followed with prayer. The mission moment, given by Bernie Garrett, included three interesting articles entitled “When God Calls,” “Not Home Yet,” and “Broken, Scarred, but Useful.”

Roll call was taken, minutes of the previous meeting read, and the treasurer’s report given. It was voted to give \$300 to missions.

The following officers were elected for 2017: Barbara Hart, president/treasurer; Mick McNany, vice president; Martha



United Methodist Women

Plummer, secretary; Bernie Garrett, spiritual growth; and Doris Souers, nominations.

An interesting and inspiring program was given by Vi Heinen entitled “Welcoming People of All Abilities.” Following the program, she offered each member a beautiful shell cross.

Barbara led the closing litany. The next meeting will be held November 3 in the Calico room and the World Thank Offering will be received.

## Food Pantry Needs

- Cereal
- Canned Ravioli
- Snack Bars
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Kleenex
- Popcorn
- Peanut Butter
- Cocoa Mix



Also needed: plastic bags, books and magazines (6 months through adult)

Please leave your items in the wooden boxes in the narthex.

## September Financial Update

General Offerings .....	\$13,376
General Fund Expenses .....	\$17,569
Mortgage Balance.....	\$110,984

## Forgive and let go

Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was said to never hold grudges. One day someone reminded her of an offense that another person had committed against her. “Don’t you remember?” the friend pressed. “No,” Barton replied. “I distinctly remember forgetting that.”

Forgiving and forgetting are not precisely the same. While God declares that he’ll “remember [our] sin no more” (Jeremiah 31:34), it’s tough for humans to completely forget harm done to us, even when we want to forgive.

On the other hand, like Barton, we can consciously choose not to ruminate on an offense, as a cow does its cud. We can opt not to bring up past hurts during present disagreements, and we can intentionally not recount someone’s sin to a third party, hoping they’ll take our side. In the process of “choosing to forget” the wrong done to us, surely we’ll also find it easier to forgive.

## Always thankful

Martin Rinkart, a German Lutheran minister, wrote the hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" in 1636. At the time, the Thirty Years' War was ravaging central Europe, claiming millions of lives.

Rinkart served as pastor in Eilenburg, a walled town that became a crowded refuge for starving fugitives. Although Rinkart was struggling to provide for his own family, he opened his own home to people in need.

After the plague entered Eilenburg, Rinkart conducted up to 50 funerals a day — including services for his wife and the only other two pastors in town. Amid the despair, he wrote many hymns, including "Now Thank We All Our God." Originally intended as a table prayer, it's now sung at Thanksgiving to remember God's "countless gifts of love" — even during hardships.

*Let us come  
before him with  
thanksgiving.*

Psalm 95:2, NIV

Dear Lord,

Today we give thanks for our many blessings

As we pray for those in need.

We give thanks for our family and friends

As we pray for those who are lonely.

We give thanks for our freedoms

As we pray for those who are oppressed.

We give thanks for our good health

As we pray for those who are ill.

We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity

As we share our blessings with others.

On this day of Thanksgiving,

May the love of God enfold us,

The peace of God dwell within us

And the joy of God uplift us.

Amen.



—St. Vincent Meals On Wheels

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