



# News From The Rock

**Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana**

November 2017

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

## Veterans' Homecoming Celebration



Please pray for the Homecoming Celebration for veterans on November 12! We are inviting all veterans, active duty military and their families and passed veterans' families to our 10:00 a.m. church service and a complimentary dinner at 5:30 p.m. with an "Armed Forces Tribute" to follow.

Please feel welcome to wear your military uniform! Pictures in military uniform along with the branch and years of service will be displayed during the events and may be dropped off at Bolinger's Propane at the stoplight in Warren by November 3rd (unless you turned yours in last year).

Please pray about sharing your talent on Sunday evening, November 12, by reading a favorite scripture, performing a skit, playing an instrument or singing a song. Volunteers are appreciated to help set-up, serve, bake, or clean-up ... all talents that are shared to support and honor our veterans during their Homecoming Celebration! Please contact Gina Canady if you are able to help, via email at [gina@wssbps.com](mailto:gina@wssbps.com), or call 375-2556 or 375-3010.

Officially, Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11. Our goal is to show all veterans our love and support on Sunday, November 12. Stay tuned for more information in future church bulletins.

In order to help prepare for this event, please RSVP to Solid Rock at 375-3873. Walk-ins are welcome. A banner will be placed on SR 5 to invite veterans and their families to this event. Solid Rock encourages the congregation to attend one or both services on November 12 to show your love and support. Thank you veterans and active duty military for ALL you do for our country. God bless you and America!

## Thanksgiving Cheese Balls

The church will again be offering cheese balls for the holiday season.

- Dried Beef, \$6.00
- Hawaiian, \$7.00
- Beef & Cheddar, \$7.00

The deadline for orders will be Sunday, November 12, for pick-up of Sunday, November 19. To place an order, call the church office (375-3873) or Linda McHowell (375-2909).

All proceeds go to church ministries.

## November feasting closes out parables

During the month of November our Monday evening Bible studies will take a look at two more parables, praise Psalm, and two passages pertaining to the arrival of Jesus into the world. Each of these studies is directed toward our growth in discipleship. Day by day we are challenged to answer the question: "How did God's grace change your heart, your life, and your relationships with week?" Come and join with this group of explorers into our covenant relationship with God. Listed below are our study texts.

- November 6: Luke 20:1-16 (Jorita Banter, leader)
- November 13: Psalm 100:1-5 (Joe Haney, leader)
- November 20: Matthew 25:31-46 (Perry Spahr, leader)
- November 27: Malachi 3:1-7; Luke 3:1-16 (Jorita Banter, leader)

Our sessions are held in the Solid Rock kitchen on Monday evenings, 7:00-8:00 p.m. If you do not have a Bible, one will be provided. Attire is casual; a humble, learning spirit is helpful.



from  
Pastor Paul

Although the following story from the Vietnam War era is frequently found among "urban legends," it, unlike most others, is essentially true.

November 14, 1965, Landing Zone X-Ray, Vietnam, 11 days until Thanksgiving. But Thanksgiving would come early that year for one 19-year-old kid, critically wounded and dying in the jungle of the Ia Drang Valley.

His infantry unit was outnumbered 8-1 and the enemy fire was so intense from 100 or 200 yards away, his own commander had ordered the landing zone closed. So there he lay, listening to the enemy machine guns, knowing he wasn't going to make it. His family was half way around the world, 12,000 miles away, and he would never see them again. As the world started to fade in and out, he knew this was "the day." Then, over the machine gun noise, he faintly heard the sound of a helicopter and looked up to see an unarmed Huey.

Ed Freeman was coming to get him. Ed wasn't a medevac pilot, so it wasn't his job. But the medevacs had refused to fly, so there he was, flying down into the machine gun fire, dropping his craft to the ground and sitting there in a hail of bullets while someone loaded up the young man and a couple of others. Then he flew up and out through the gunfire to the doctors and nurses who would save the young men's lives.

And, he kept coming back!! 13 more times!! ... until he had rescued about 30 men who would never have seen another

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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.*

## Bazaar Fun

If you haven't been involved in the bazaar, you are missing out. The day before the big day (on Friday) we spent preparing the soup and making pies. Approximately 26 (6", 8" and 10") pies were made and 25 4" pies. What fun and great fellowship we had as we shared stories of how our mothers made pies. In the process of baking all those pies we did not set off one smoke detector this year.

On Saturday (Bazaar Day) we started at 7:00 a.m. heating the soup, making sandwiches, cutting pies, making drinks, and getting that coffee to perk. The tables are set ready to receive guest with crackers, chips and veggies. The bake shop is filling up with all kinds of goodies from candies, cookies, cakes, noodles, breads, cinnamon rolls and pies. The vendors are putting the final touches on their wares anticipating the arrival of those coming to shop. At 9:00 a.m. the doors were opened and the shoppers came in ready to snatch up the bargains.

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News deadline for the December newsletter: November 19

What a great day we had, and hopefully those that came in the building enjoyed the day as well. Much fellowship was enjoyed as they shopped and as they sat down to enjoy their lunch.

We want to thank everyone who provided in any way to make the day a success. All bazaar proceeds will go to help local missions that will benefit individuals in the community.

### September Financial Update

General Offerings .....	\$14,137
General Fund Expenses .....	\$18,202
Mortgage Balance .....	\$63,864

## United Methodist Vocabulary Quiz

1. What is the person called who assists in a worship service, including the lighting of candles?  
 Server  
 Acolyte  
 Greeter  
 Usher
2. A way to partake of the elements in the Lord's Supper is:  
 Intinction  
 Carefully  
 Reaffirmation of faith
3. If you are outside the church and want to enter the sanctuary, what do you usually go through?  
 The front porch  
 The threshold  
 The upper room  
 The narthex
4. What is a station?  
 A military checkpoint  
 A cable television channel  
 A pastor's only church
5. When local churches send part of their offerings to their district and conference, it is called...  
 Offering  
 Apportionment  
 Investment
6. Before we have a relationship with God, he offers us what kind of grace?  
 Prevenient grace  
 Amazing grace  
 Justifying grace
7. What's the name of the four-year period after each General Conference?  
 Olympiad  
 Fortnight Quartet  
 Quadrennium

8. If you want to serve as a local pastor, deacon, or elder, you would apply for what?  
 Permit  
 Candidacy  
 Admission
9. What do we call the bread and wine used in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper?  
 Components  
 Elements  
 Delicious
10. If you want to know what United Methodists believe, you would start with what section of The Book of Discipline?  
 The index  
 Articles of Religion  
 List of bishops  
 Nicene Creed

Answers on page 3.

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## Thank you, veterans!

On Veterans Day, we honor men and women who've served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services.

On November 11, 1918, America and her allies signed a truce with German leaders, ending World War I. In 1919, President Wilson decided the United States should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor military members by marking Armistice Day, or "truce" day. In 1954, Congress changed the name to Veterans Day, honoring veterans of every era.

Veterans Day highlights our country's quest for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world. Followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, pray for unity among all nations and for the day when "nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore" (Isaiah 2:4, NIV).

## Decorating for Christmas

All are invited to stay after worship on November 26 to assist with decoration of the church for Christmas. A light lunch will be served.



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Thanksgiving without him.



(Story and pictures courtesy of Chris Schaefer at: <http://www.randolphcofc.org>)

Question. Do you think those GIs lying in the jungle were thankful for what Ed Freeman did that day? Those men have never forgotten. Under what condition could they ever forget the power of his actions that day? Our nation thanked him on behalf of those men and others by presenting him with the Medal of Honor.



President Bush awards Ed Freeman the Medal of Honor

Giving thanks is more than saying the words. The greatest thanksgiving comes in the telling and retelling the story. Ed Freeman is honored in the telling of the story to those who have never heard it.

We know the "Greatest Story Ever Told." It is impossible for us to be truly thankful for what our Lord accomplished on our behalf if we refuse to share it with those who have never heard it.

When Peter and John were imprisoned for telling the story of Christ and commanded to stop telling it, they said, "We cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard."

We should be unstoppable. The story of our rescue should be told over and over for the benefit of others and the praise of our Lord.

See You Sunday,  
Pastor Paul

## Quiz Answers

### 1. What is the person called who assists in a worship service, including the lighting of candles?

The correct answer is acolyte. Typically, the role of acolyte is filled by a young person, but adults are allowed to serve as acolytes, too. The local pastor can decide who serves and what duties are appropriate.

### 2. A way to partake of the elements in the Lord's Supper is:

The correct answer is intinction, the act of dipping the bread into a chalice filled with wine, then eating the moistened bread.

### 3. If you are outside the church and want to enter the sanctuary, what do you usually go through?

The correct answer is the narthex, the part of the church building that connects to the entrance door of the sanctuary.

### 4. What is a station?

The answer is a pastor's only church. A station is a pastoral assignment that is made of only one local church. This is in contrast to a circuit, which contains two or more churches.

### 5. When local churches send part of their offerings to their district and conference, it is called...

The correct answer is apportionment, a long-standing tradition in The United Methodist Church.

### 6. Before we have a relationship with God, he offers us what kind of grace?

The correct answer is prevenient grace, a presence that does not depend upon our actions or response.

### 7. What's the name of the four-year period after each General Conference?

The correct answer is quadrennium. The quadrennium is the four-year period after each General Conference during which the church carries out the policy and plans approved during that General Conference.

### 8. If you want to serve as a local pastor, deacon, or elder, you would apply for what?

The correct answer is candidacy, a discerning and preparatory period of time for the candidate. Those who want to serve as local pastors, deacons or elders use this time to explore their calling. During this time, the candidates also guided and evaluated by their annual conference.

### 9. What do we call the bread and wine used in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper?

The correct answer is elements, the bread

and wine used in the Lord's Supper.

**10. If you want to know what United Methodists believe, you would start with what section of The Book of Discipline?**  
In 1808, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church passed the first Restrictive Rule, ensuring that the Articles of Religion may not be changed. To this day, the articles are printed unchanged in each edition of The Book of Discipline.

## Food Pantry Needs

- Oatmeal
- Canned Ravioli
- Kleenex
- Cocoa Mix
- Snack Crackers
- Pop-Tarts
- Snack Bars
- Macaroni & Cheese



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

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

## United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe on October 5, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. President Barbara Hart welcomed everyone and gave an interesting devotional entitled "Opening Doors." The Purpose of the United Methodist Women was recited by the members.

The prayer calendar showed the mission focus to be the Wesley Community Center, Dayton, Ohio. The birthday of the month was Mandy Caruso-Yahne. Joys and concerns were taken by Bernie Garrett and she offered prayer for those mentioned.

An interesting and inspiring mission moment was given by Mick McNany. Roll call and secretary's report were voiced by secretary Martha Plummer and treasurer's report by Barbara Hart.

Officers for 2018 are Barbara Hart, president and treasurer; Mick McNany, vice-president; and Doris Souers, secretary. Doris Souers gave a very meaningful program, "A Learning Community: To Be More Like Lydia." Lydia, a dealer of purple cloth, became the first Christian in the area after giving her life to Christ through hearing Paul's message.

Barbara closed with prayer.

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 2.

## Exercising our gratitude muscles

Expressing gratitude isn't just a good thing to do; it also appears to be good for us! Indiana University researchers found that participants who performed gratitude-focused writing exercises felt uplifted, and were more likely to express gratefulness through generosity, even weeks later.

Furthermore, brain scans revealed increased gratitude-related activity even months down the road (*New York Magazine*).

Though the study was small, we seem to have a "gratitude muscle" that can be strengthened through exercise. If so, there may be more than we thought to the popularity of gratitude journals and Mom's insistence that we write thank-you notes. Not to mention the biblical call to "give thanks to the LORD, for he is good" (1 Chronicles 16:34, for example).

Might God have hardwired us for gratitude — not only at Thanksgiving but year round — because it's good for us as well as for those we thank? To that, we respond, "Thanks be to God!"

### Loving God,

We turn our hearts to you  
on this day for giving  
thanks, mindful of your  
many gifts.

For each one, we are  
grateful.

For each one, we are blessed.

For each one we are opened to the  
abundance of your love.

May this Thanksgiving Day offer a reminder to  
be generous with others, as you are with us.

We praise you.

We rejoice in you.

We give you thanks.

**Amen.**



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