



News From The Rock

October 2010

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Administrative Council

The Solid Rock Administrative Council met on September 20. The Council approved a 2.5% salary increase for the pastor and all employees. A 2011 budget totaling \$170,144 proposed by the Finance Team was accepted. Funding this budget will require weekly offerings averaging \$3,272.

The Building/Site Team reported on meetings with the architect. The project is now in the design development phase.

Youth sponsors are exploring the feasibility of Solid Rock youth attending the Quadrennial Conference for United Methodist Youth at Purdue University in July. This is an international gathering of U.M. young people.

The Concession Stand Committee reported that they will be closing for the season after October 7.

Charge Conference for the Grapevine Cluster will be held at Solid Rock on November 8. Solid Rock's Praise Team will participate in the worship service.

CROP Walk

These individuals will be participating in the CROP Walk on October 3: Rosalie Walter, Gary Walter, Mariah Spahr, Walker Spahr, Ron Neff, Myrna Neff, Er-

ica Hanson, Zach Hensley, Pamela Hensley, and Rochelle DeHaven. Funds raised are used to end hunger at home and around the world.

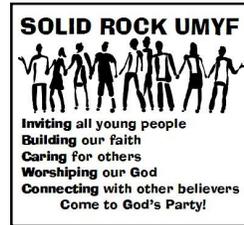
United Methodist Youth Fellowship

At their last meeting, the youth talked about Moses and the fact that God made him with his weaknesses, and that God wanted to still use him to do big things, but first we have to trust

God and He'll provide people to fill our weaknesses.

Upcoming events:

- October 3: Meeting, "Image of God," 4:00-5:30
- October 10: Pizza after church at East of Chicago (Cost: approximately \$5)
- October 17: Laser Tag at Ultrazone
- October 24: In-depth Bible Study, 11:30-12:30
- November 5: Fall Cookout at Walter Pond, 6-9 p.m.
- November 7: Meeting, "Church? Why?" 4:00-5:30
- November 14: Pizza after church at East of Chicago
- November 21: Meeting, "Friends," 4:00-5:30
- November 28: Thanksgiving Break



Just Leaning on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



Just the other day I had the opportunity to attend a freshman football game. While sitting there I listened to conversation concerning the game and the rules that guide the game. One mother was asking questions about calls and what they meant

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as well as why that rule would need to be in the rule book.

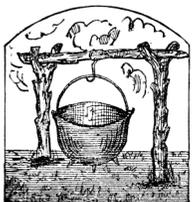
As I left the ballgame I pondered how happy God would

be if we pursued understanding Him as diligently as we do other things in our lives. Maybe all of you do devotions and/or pray every day, but I wonder how many of you would like to understand God better? We have two classes that will have started by the time this article comes out: Joe Haney offering a "Disciple" type study called "Jesus and the Gospels" and Gary Walter facilitating a book study on "The Shack."

I hope you will entertain getting involved with some small group as we have several to choose from. Ron and Myrna Neff host one every Monday evening, while John and Dottie Souers host one every Wednesday. We offer two classes on Sunday morning taught by different teachers. I know schedules are busy, but if you choose not to participate please continue to do your daily Bible reading as well as praying without ceasing.

Shalom,
Pastor Kathy

Bean Supper



Featuring Bob Rice's famous bean soup

October 2 ❖ 5:00 p.m.

- ❖ Bring a covered dish
- ❖ Drinks and table service will be provided

Fifth Sunday Sing

October 31

6:30 p.m. at Heritage Pointe

∞ Fellowship

∞ Songs

∞ Food



August Offerings

General Offerings	\$15,360
Building Fund Contributions	\$10,056

Youth update from Andy

Dear parents,

I was reading an article the other day from a parent's perspective on youth group. The author of the article was a former youth pastor and his daughter was now in youth group. He expressed his anxiety with not knowing what was going on during the youth meetings in reference to what his child was learning, what adults/volunteers were involved, and various others. So...that article motivated me to tell you a little bit about my philosophy of ministry.

First, I would like to stress that you are the first line in raising your children to

know the ways of the Lord. In Deuteronomy, Moses commands the parents to teach their children the Lord's ways and talk of them from when you wake until you lay down at night. Study after study shows that the parents are one of the most important factors for their children's spiritual lives. I'm here to come alongside you in encouraging them and maybe even challenge when the time calls for it.

If the students gain any insights from me during my time here I pray that it would be that they were made by a powerful, compassionate, loving God that loves each one of them and that we have a Savior that gave up His life so that we may experience an intimate relationship with Him. Though our Savior has given the free gift of grace, there is still a cost to count to be a Disciple of Jesus, but we have a family (immediate and church) that is there to help us figure out what that means.

We'll be discussing a wide range of topics from discovering who Jesus was and why His life and death were such a big deal. We'll talk about what it means to be made in the image of God, as well as, dating, friends, parents, church, sharing our faith, and worship, along with some others that the students will choose. All of the lessons I write will be reviewed by Marie and Jeff so that two other people will have seen them and had time to offer suggestions and keep me accountable.

Your Brother,
Andy

A prayer for pumpkin people

After Liz Curtis Higgs wrote the popular children's book *The Pumpkin Patch Parable*, people began using her analogies to say a prayer while carving their Halloween pumpkins. The pumpkin prayer, a Christian alternative to Halloween traditions, reminds people of all ages what God has done for us. Use it this fall when your family makes jack-o'-lanterns.

- While cutting off the top of the pumpkin, pray, "Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you." (See Proverbs 1:7.)
- While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, "Remove the things in my life that don't please you. Forgive the wrong things I do, and help me forgive others." (See Matthew 6:14-15.)

A request ...
If you carry cups or bottles into the sanctuary, please take them with you when you leave. Thanks for your assistance.



- While making eyes, pray, "Open my eyes to see the beauty you've made in the world around me." (See Psalm 104:24.)
- While making the nose, pray, "I'm sorry for the times I've turned up my nose at your many gifts." (See James 1:17.)
- While making the mouth, pray, "Let everything I say please you." (See Psalm 19:14.)
- While lighting the candle, pray, "Lord, help me show your light to others through the things I do." (See Matthew 5:16.)

After carving your pumpkins, display them as examples of how God's love transforms us into new creations. (See 2 Corinthians 5:17.)

Gossip

There is a story of a woman in England who came to her vicar with a troubled conscience. The vicar knew her to be an habitual gossip—she maligned nearly everyone in the village.

"How can I make amends?" she pleaded. The vicar said, "If you want to make peace with your conscience, take a bag of goose feathers and drop one on the porch of each one you have slandered."

When she had done so, she came back to the vicar and said, "Is that all?" "No," said the wise old minister, "you must go now and gather up every feather and bring them all back to me."

After a long time the woman returned without a single feather. "The wind has blown them all away," she said. "My good woman," said the vicar, "so it is with gossip. Unkind words are easily dropped, but we can never take them back again."

- Billy Graham

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News deadline for the November newsletter: October 24

United Methodist Women

The Solid Rock U.M.W. and guests met on September 7. In attendance were 13 members and 22 guests.

Regular devotional and business matters preceded the program. Everyone participated in the U.M.W. Purpose. President Myrna Neff gave devotions. Carolyn Winters led the group in prayer for joys and concerns.

Martha Glass shared a monthly Mission Moment, which told of a boy with A.D.D. who overcame his troubling problem to become an artist of fame as the creator of the Home Edition of "Extreme Home Make-over."

These officers were elected for 2011: Myrna Neff, President; Ann Brauchla-Slaughter, Vice-President; Margaret Bell, Secretary; and Barbara Hart, Treasurer. Also approved were: Mission Coordinator, Carolyn Winters; Spiritual Growth Education and Interpretation, Mary Emma Holmes; Membership Nurture and Outreach, Carolyn Winters; Social Action, Ann Brauchla-Slaughter; and Secretary of Program Resources, Naomi Oxley.

A wonderful program was enjoyed by all—presented by Bridget Schweikhardt, who is Ann Brauchla-Slaughter's daughter. Handicapped early by multiple sclerosis, Bridget became a victor through her faith and her loving husband's care. She came through a "one-million-in-one" chance to have a baby—a daughter, Emily, born in 1983. Bridget's faith and amazing good humor kept everyone enthralled to the end of her story of determination and trust in God.

A bountiful table of "goodies" served members and guests with refreshment to end a very enjoyable U.M.W. meeting.

Men's Fellowship

The Solid Rock Men's Fellowship met on September 11, 2010, in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe with 18 men in attendance. Bill Couch opened the meeting with prayer. Breakfast was served by Kim's Katered Affair.

A moment of silence in recognition of 9-11 was observed before Marion Bell pro-

vided devotions on the topic of "faith" based on Mark 1:16-17 and Hebrews 11:8-10.

Steve Holmes announced upcoming gleanings opportunities. He also reminded the group of the next East of Chicago Pizza fundraiser on October 19.

Closing prayer was offered by Randy Hensley. The next meeting will be on October 9.



You took my parking space at church!

One day, a man went to visit a church. He got here early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up nearby. The driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday school, found an empty seat and sat down.

A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday school, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still said nothing.

Later, as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place."

Life begins at 80

I have good news for you. The first 80 years are the hardest. The second 80 are a succession of birthday parties. Once you reach 80, everyone wants to carry your baggage and help you up the steps. If you forget your name or somebody else's name, or an appointment, or your own telephone number, or promise to be three places at the same time, or can't remember

how many grandchildren you have, you need only explain that you are 80.

Being 80 is a lot better than being 70. At 70 people are mad at you for everything. At 80 you have the perfect excuse no matter what you do. If you act foolishly, it's your second childhood. Everybody is looking for symptoms of softening of the brain.

Being 70 is no fun at all. At that age they expect you to retire to a house in Florida and complain about your arthritis (they used to call it lumbago), and you ask everybody to stop mumbling because you can't understand them. (Actually, your hearing is about 50 percent gone.)

If you survive until you are 80, everybody is surprised that you are still alive. They treat you with respect just for having lived so long. Actually they seem surprised that you can walk and talk sensibly.

So please, folks, try to make it to 80. It's the best time of life. People forgive you for anything. If you ask me, life begins at 80.

- Author Unknown

A man ahead of his time

The best known man in America during the early 1800s was Francis Asbury, an English pastor and friend of John Wesley who was clearly ahead of his time. A circuit

-riding Methodist preacher, he rode more than five thousand miles on horseback each year, stopping in so many small towns that his face was known throughout the country because most people had seen him preach. Asbury

came out against alcohol and slavery decades before they were prohibited by law, and he called for the colonies to be free from British domination before the Revolutionary War began. He has a seminary named after him on the East Coast.

- Jerry MacGrego and Marie Prys,
1001 Surprising Things You Should Know About Christianity



Prayer

- "Courage is fear that has said its prayers."
- "Prayer is the stop that keeps you going."
- "If your knees are knocking, kneel on them."
- "True prayer is a way of life, not just in case of emergency."
- "Give your troubles to God; he'll be up all night anyway."
- "A prayer in its simplest definition is really a wish turned Godward."

- Vernon McLellan, *Wacky Wit*

Solid Rock Bazaar

Saturday, October 23

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Knicht-Bergman Center

- Food
- Crafts
- Baked Goods



A Prayer in Autumn for Country Living

Good and generous Lord, You have once more brought the year full circle, through planting and growing and ripening to harvest time, and autumn.

We thank You for the sun and the wind, the rain and the dew, the minerals of the earth and all the plants that grow and all the beasts and birds of farm and field. We marvel at Your wonderful ways of bringing food from the earth for man's good.



Dear God, help us to use Your rich gifts as You want us to. Teach us to share them with our neighbor when he is in need. Make us see, in the marvelous succession of seasons, and in the growth and ripening of our crops, the merciful, generous hand of Your divine providence.

Help us to realize, too, that if we keep Your commandments and live according to the inspirations of Your grace, we shall also reap a plentiful harvest in the autumn of our lifetime: a harvest that we will be able to enjoy for ever and ever, where no rust can destroy, nor blight spoil any least part of it. Amen.

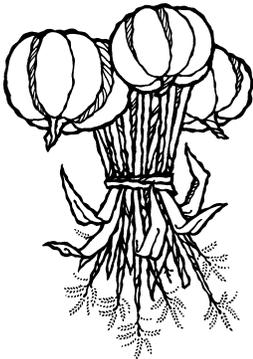
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