

# News From The Rock

October 2012

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

## Youth Fellowship

We are continuing in our discovery of the 7 checkpoints, focusing in October on Authentic Faith. We will be talking about Biblical Faith, and Saving Faith. Youth: T-shirts are in, so please see Marie to get your shirt. Also, be sure to turn in permission/information forms as soon as possible. Remember to check our Facebook page for updates, scripture readings and other messages. All youth in grades 5-12 are welcome to join us and bring a friend!



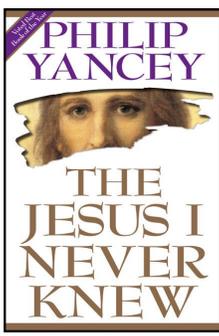
### Upcoming Events

- October 7:** CROP Walk, 1:30 at the church
- October 14:** Pizza after church at East of Chicago
- October 20:** Help at bazaar, 10:00-2:00 at the Civic Center
- October 21:** Meeting, 2:00-3:30
- October 28:** Bible Study after church

## “The Jesus I Never Knew”

The downstairs adult Sunday school class will begin a study of Philip Yancey’s “The Jesus I Never Knew” on October 7. In this six-session study, Yancey shows us film depictions of Jesus, his life and his ministry from numerous movies. Some are funny, some are profound, and some may be disturbing.

Each week, after viewing the clips, we will turn to Gospel accounts of the same scenes and compare them to the filmmakers’ interpretations. Yancey will challenge us to think about this man as the Bible presents him, and in the process discover that some of our long-held



stereotypes may be inaccurate. Please consider joining us as we together seek to deepen our understanding of who Jesus is.

## Getting Acquainted

*Editor’s Note: With this issue of News from the Rock, Gina Canady resumes her column, “Getting Acquainted,” featuring biographies of Solid Rock members. In tribute to her dad, the subjects of her first article are Jim and Donna Bolinger, which she had written previously but had not been published.*

### Jim & Donna Bolinger

He went to the Warren Methodist Church because his parents attended and were members. She started coming here when she married him.



Their hobbies are church, family, lake time with family, bees, gardening, remodeling and cleaning.

They have lived here for over 60 years. His favorite sport is golf and they both love to cheer on their grandkids’ school sports teams – Spiece and Vikings!

They enjoy traveling to anywhere in the United States and have been to Alaska,

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## Kids Club



Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

## Just Leaning on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



“You may say that there are still four months until harvest time. But I tell you to look, and you will see that the fields are ripe and ready to harvest. Even now the

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harvest workers are receiving their reward by gathering a harvest that brings eternal life. Then everyone who planted the seed and everyone who harvests the crop will celebrate together.

So the saying proves true, ‘Some plant the seed, and others harvest the crop.’ I am sending you to harvest crops in fields where others have done all the hard work.” (John 4:35-38)

How exciting to plant seeds and watch them grow to the point of production! Our farmers are experiencing that right now as they go to their fields and harvest their crops. Did you know Jesus felt the same enjoyment for his work? He gave credit to the prophets for planting the seeds and appointed his Disciples to harvest the crop. In Jesus’ day the Jewish folk had a six-fold division of their agricultural year consisting of two months each. They are seed-time, winter, spring, harvest, summer and season of extreme heat. Jesus reminds them that they have a proverb, “If you sow the seed, you must wait at least four months before you can hope to begin to reap the harvest.”

In this passage Jesus is in Sychar where He has just encountered the woman at the well. The folks in this area are gentiles. You will remember that Jesus saw this woman for who and what she was and she was convinced of His divinity. She went

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## Men's Fellowship

The Solid Rock Men's Fellowship met on September 8, 2012, at Heritage Pointe with 12 men in attendance. Randy Hensley opened the meeting with prayer. Breakfast was served by Kim's

Katered Affair.

Marion Bell

shared devotions from a Max Lucado Book: "I'll Do It My Way" and "The Prison of Want."

The next East of Chicago fundraiser will be October 16.

Closing prayer was offered by Dale Smith. The next meeting will be October 13, 2012. Reservations need to be made with Steve Holmes not later than October 11.



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Hawaii, Ireland, Australia and Machu Picchu, Peru.

They have three children, four grandchildren and 3 granddaughters.

"Amazing Grace" is their favorite song! Philippians 1:3 and John 5:24 are their favorite Bible verses.

Some special memories of church was when he went to Haiti one year on a mission trip and she and the girls were snowed in with freezing temperatures at home and helped birth baby lambs and lost three of those babies. They also went on a Family mission trip to Hugo, Oklahoma with the Curly Boxell and George Dye families.

#### Howard & Pauline Adsit

They have lived on the same farm in Jefferson Township for over 65 years and they were very active members in the Jefferson Center U.M. Church for years and joined in on the Solid Rock merge.

At this stage of life, their interests are taking care of each other and our surroundings. She enjoys Bible study and he likes yard work and home repair.

Their travels have taken them to many places. He was in Japan with the army during World War II. Together they have taken a Caribbean cruise and toured the Hawaiian Islands twice. They have traveled to most of the United States either on their own or with tour groups. They were in Colorado on September 11, 2001 when all the flights in the nation were cancelled.

They have a son, a podiatry doctor, and one grand-daughter, a site-supervisor at Hass Group.

His favorite song is "Jesus is All the World To Me" and she likes "Great is Thy Faithfulness." Both of them like Hebrews 13:5.

One of their fun memories from church is traveling with their Sunday school class on trips. They went to Canada in two vans with 16 people and luggage and by the grace of God they came home and remained good friends!

#### Curly & Pat Boxell

He has been a member of the Warren Methodist Church his whole life and she joined the church when she married him.

His favorite hobbies are sports of all kinds, although the most favorite are base-

ball and basketball. Her hobbies are knitting, crocheting and Sudoku puzzles.

We have lived here our whole life!

The Yankees are our favorite team!

We love Florida and Hawaii and have traveled also to the Bahamas and California!

We have three children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Our favorite scriptures are Philippians 4:13 and Psalm 23.

Going to Hugo, Oklahoma on a mission trip with local church families was one of our greatest memories of church activities and going on a second mission trip too!

#### Art & Rose Broyles

We picked this church because this church reaches outside the "building" consistently to love and support the community and country, spiritually and physically. We want to be witnesses to the Lord.

He enjoys antique tractors and cars, and she enjoys reading, sewing and volunteering. He has lived here all his life.

They cheer on the "underdog team" of baseball and basketball games.

In 1992, they traveled to Alaska for a three-month trip and they want to travel back to Maine and Vermont!

They have five children, eight grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

Favorite hymns of theirs are "Because He Lives," "Amazing Grace," and "The Old Rugged Cross."

As a young child, one of his favorite church memories is going to the Lancaster Church Cemetery and Browns Corner cemetery for services and decorating graves for Memorial Day.

### "October's Party"

October gave a party;  
The leaves by hundreds came—  
The Chestnuts, Oaks and Maples,  
And leaves of every name.  
The sunshine spread a carpet,  
And everything was grand,  
Miss Weather led the dancing,  
Professor Wind the band.

—George Cooper



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back to the village and announced His presence and out of the village came folks in white robes. It is believed that this is what Jesus was referring to when He said, "But I tell you to look, and you will see that the fields are ripe and ready to harvest." You see the goal then, as it should be today, was to have the planters and the reapers bumping into each other. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have conversions and transformations happen at the speaking of the Word of God?! How truly exciting!!

Shalom,  
Pastor Kathy

## United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women of Solid Rock Church met September 6, 2012, in the Calico Room of Heritage Pointe with 11 members present, and one guest, Eva Mae Minnich. President Myrna Neff brightened our gathering with a devotion, using John 8:12 from the devotional study, "Seasons of Salt: I Am the Light of the World."

Birthdays were honored for two deaconesses, Barbara Blevins of Asheville, NC, and Felipe Castillo, who is an audio-visual technician. Mission focus on assistance to earthquake victims in Haiti was recognized, as it is given by AMIED (Association de Mujeres de las Iglesias Evangelicas Dominicana). Work of our U.M.W. is world-wide! We were alerted by this devotional to recognize that spiritual darkness comes and goes, and that we must keep our batteries charged—pray and live in hope, and be ready for crises.

Further recognition of this fact came through Freddie Couch's Mission Moment, remembering a time when her granddaughter had participated in a special mission study in Monterey, Mexico, and developed a very meaningful relationship with a little girl. This was a life-changing learning experience.

The lesson of the day was a time of remembering, as Ann Brauchla-Slaughter introduced us to the thoughts of our lives as "Testimonies" by sharing her own life experiences. Not only was this enjoyable to hear from Ann, but it reminded us to regard



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our own life experiences as valuable to remember and relate to others.

In the absence of Carolyn Winters, Myrna led the regular period of recognizing members' needs for prayer in both the joys and concerns of our lives.

Regular business followed. Roll was called and our guest, Eva Mae Minnich, was especially invited to return as a member. Minutes were read and corrected as needed. Barbara Hart's Treasurer's report was presented; a balance of \$570.52 on August 31, 2012 was reported.

Ann Brauchla-Slaughter reported, as Social Action chair, that there may be a follow-up to the Salamonie Day festivities due to the bad weather. A hog roast is being considered. Unfilled program responsibilities were filled for our calendar for 2012 as follows: October, Barbara Hart, Thank Offering; Mission Moments: November, Mick McNany; December, Myrna Neff. Officers for 2012 were established as follows: President, Barbara Hart; Vice-President, Ann Brauchla-Slaughter; Secretary, Margaret Bell; Treasurer, Myrna Neff. Ann will remain for resource person regarding Social Action.

## August Financial Update

General Offerings.....\$11,695  
General Fund Expenses.....\$13,310  
Building Fund Contributions.....\$6,716

## Back into action

Four major spinal surgeries left Dr. Rob Traultoff permanently disabled, in pain and bedridden. He thought his medical career was over.

To combat discouragement, Traultoff watched services at Saddleback Church via computer. Pastor Rick Warren's messages made Traultoff want to serve, so he asked God to use him. But he prayed, "You're gonna have to bring it to me 'cause I can't move."

First, Traultoff hosted a small group online. Then, as part of Saddleback's P.E.A.C.E. Initiative, he began providing real-time virtual advice to doctors in Rwanda. Thanks to technology, Traultoff and other physicians offer immediate medical consultations about complicated cases.

"God's given me a wonderful second chance to be able to share my faith and to help care for patients literally around the world," Traultoff says. "He's taken me off the shelf, dusted me off and put me right back into action."

## "God's Changeless Word"

Feelings come and feelings go,  
And feelings are deceiving;  
My warrant is the Word of God —  
Naught else is worth believing.

Though all my heart should feel condemned  
For want of some sweet token,  
There is One greater than my heart  
Whose Word cannot be broken.

I'll trust in God's unchanging Word  
Till soul and body sever,  
For though all things shall pass away,  
His Word shall stand forever!

—Martin Luther

## Living into faith

Tony Campolo tells of two young men who wanted to participate in Urban Promise, his inner-city ministry. Yet they had a concern: "We don't believe in God. Can we still serve?"

After pausing, Campolo answered: "Yes, you can serve with us, but you'll have to pretend you believe. You'll have to pray and worship with the group, go to Bible study, teach the kids about Jesus, go through the motions all summer long. If you'll do that, you may help."

By summer's end, these young men were no longer pretending; they'd come to truly believe in Jesus. Furthermore, both went on to become priests in the Church of England.

We often speak of "living out" our faith, but what about "living into" it? Sometimes belief leads to profound experiences; other times, what we experience leads to profound belief.

## True joy

There is something sad in anyone's running from church to church trying to get an injection of "the joy of the Lord." Joy is not found in singing a particular kind of music or getting with the right kind of group or even in exercising the charismatic gifts of the Spirit, good as all those may be.

Joy is found in obedience. When the power that is in Jesus reaches into our work and play and redeems them, there will be joy where once there was mourning. To overlook that is to miss the meaning of the incarnation.

—Richard J. Foster,  
*Celebration of Discipline*

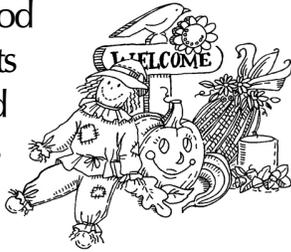
## Solid Rock Bazaar

Saturday, October 20

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Knicht-Bergman Center

- Food
- Crafts
- Baked Goods



## Men's Fellowship Fundraiser

East of Chicago  
Pizza

October 16  
5:00-8:30 p.m.



## A Harvest Prayer

**God we thank you for your harvest which feeds us so many times each day**

We are nourished with your forgiveness and hope  
We are sustained with your strength and patience

We are filled with your grace and compassion

**God we thank you for feeding us with a harvest of plenty**

We are restored through your generosity and healing

We are replenished with your abundance and joy

We are reminded of your selfless abandon

**God we thank you for feeding us with the bread of heaven**

Your gift of Christ sustains our lives

His presence restores the promise of your love

His life fills our hearts with your everlasting light

**God we thank you too for filling us with the water of life**

May we drink deeply that our thirst may be quenched

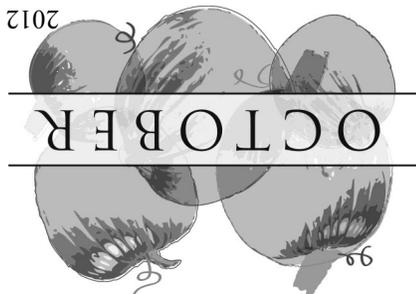
May your river continue to flow

Over us, in us, through us

And out into the world you love.

- Christine Sine

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