



# News From The Rock

October 2014

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

## Henderson Settlement Work Camp

Henderson Settlement was founded in 1925 by Reverend Hiram Frakes, a Methodist Minister. At this time there were elementary schools in the area, but the nearest high school was 30 miles away. With no land and no money Rev. Frakes shared his dream to provide a school for all children with whoever would listen. Scott Partin gave 16 acres, Bill Henderson gave all 68 acres of his land, and others gave small parcels of their land.

Rev. Frakes went to his bishop, Theodore Henderson, for financial help, and in 1927 the school was constructed. Shortly afterward dormitories were added for orphans and students who lived too far to walk to school. Dormitory students would do laundry, milk cows, and garden before and after school and through the summer to help pay for their school as well as to keep the Settlement going.

A church was established along with the school. In the 1930s a farm, a gristmill, and a sawmill became a part of the Settlement under the leadership of Rev. Frakes.

Some of the ministries today of Henderson Settlement are Community Services, Youth Ministry, Senior Center, New Mother Support, Thrift Stores, Craft Shop and Work Camps/Volunteers in Mission. The progress of Henderson Settlement was made possible by the support of the Methodist Board of Missions and churches around the country through salary support for staff and scholarships for children.

Henderson Settlement is located in Frakes, Kentucky, with a goal to meet the basic needs of the Appalachian people. In the past we have supported Henderson Settlement by giving "Covenant Money" to Gary and Vicki Stevenson. In June, 2013

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## Kids Club

Kids Club begins Wednesday, October 1. Our study this time is "Dr. Seuss and the Bible." It will run through November 19 but will be cancelled on October 15. There is a new time: Kids Club from 5:30-6:30. Dinner will be provided beforehand beginning at 5:00.

## Youth Fellowship

Thank you to everyone who supported our food pantry birthday bag drive. We are excited to deliver the items to the food pantry soon! Thank you also to everyone who donated for the CROP Walk. It is being held October 5th. Mark your calendars for December 13th. That is the date planned for the lasagna supper. We are looking forward to some great food and fellowship!

This month we talked in youth group about the question, Who is God? We talked about the trinity and attributes of God.

Youth can also find out information on our Facebook page. Information is also sent out via text messages. If you are a youth and would like to be on the text message list, please see Marie or Michelle.

Our basketball goal is up! Thank you to Perry for getting that project completed.

## Upcoming Events

- **September 24:** Food Pantry, 6:00-8:00
- **October 5:** CROP Walk, 2:00
- **October 12:** Pizza after church at East of Chicago
- **October 19:** Meeting, 6:45-8:15
- **November 1:** Fruitful Congregations Meeting
- **November 9:** Pizza after church at East of Chicago
- **November 16:** Meeting, 6:45-8:15
- **November 23:** Decorate church
- **November 30:** Meeting, 6:45-8:15
- **December 13:** Lasagna Supper

## Just Leaning on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



*Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him. (Rom 12:2)*

Paul wrote this letter to the Roman

***"This is an opportunity for us to not be like the world but to allow God to change us"***

church. The verse just previous to this he instructs the Christians of Rome to live sacrificing themselves for the Gospel. Here he reaffirms that things of this world should not influence them but to allow God to change them to God's way of thinking.

For the last 18 months a prayer team has been praying for our church as we go through the Fruitful Congregation Journey. October 31 through November 2 will be the climax of this endeavor. We will have leaders interviewed Friday, all day. Friday evening a group will meet with a team of specialists to discuss their views of Solid Rock. Saturday morning the Administrative Council will meet with this same team. Saturday will be an ALL church workshop to explain what our expectations should be. Then Saturday evening the team will meet and come up with a Ministry Action Plan for our church. This is NOT a one size fits all deal. This is custom fitted for Solid Rock.

Then Sunday morning we will have worship mostly as usual, however at one point the Ministry Action Plan will be presented to all of us present. In the following weeks we will have three Town Hall Meetings culminating in a Church Conference deciding whether to continue with the plans presented or not.

Please plan to participate as much as

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## SOS Meeting Highlights

The Solid Rock SOS met September 11, 2014.

- A devotion about the topic of harvest, highlighting that it is the responsibility for each Christian to be a witness for God, was given by Jessica Barry.
- Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
- Joys and Concerns were shared.
- A lesson on trust was given by Jessica Barry. We can trust God with our finances, family, work/livelihood, weakness, life decisions, and eternity.
- A love offering was collected and given to aid a community member dealing with illness in the family.
- Old Business
  - Cleaning at former church building and grills was discussed with the date set for 9/19/14.

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News deadline for the November newsletter: October 19

- Discussion was held on new SOS t-shirts. The shirt color and design were picked.
- SOS will help with a hay ride during the Scarecrow Festival and will be providing hot chocolate again.
- New Business
  - SOS will be providing food at Susan's Dad's estate auction.
  - SOS will be using the Pray31 prayer book in October so we can pray the same thing daily for our country.
- Many cards were received and sent by the Corresponding Secretary.
- Prayer partners were assigned and the meeting was adjourned with prayer and a sung benediction.
- Attendance: 16
- Next meeting: 10/9/14 meeting will not be held due to closeness to retreat. Currently members are planning on meeting Allison's son, Malcolm Carroll, on 10/9/14 instead. Details to be set later.

## "Veterans' Homecoming Celebration"

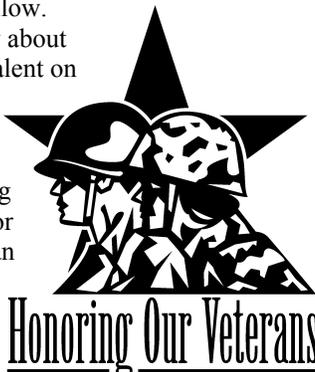
Please pray for the Homecoming Celebration for veterans on November 9! We are inviting all veterans and their families to our 10:00 a.m. church service and a complimentary dinner at 5:30 with entertainment to follow.

Please pray about sharing your talent on Sunday evening, by reading a favorite scripture, doing a comedy act or joke, playing an instrument, singing a song... talents that are

shared to show your love and to honor our veterans during their Homecoming Celebration will be appreciated!

This is a call-out to all the creative members of Solid Rock. Please contact Gina Canady to be scheduled for your talent at church, via email, [gina@wssbps.com](mailto:gina@wssbps.com), or by calling 375-2556. A banner will be placed out beside SR 5 to invite veterans and their family to this event!

Officially, Veterans Day is Tuesday, November 11. Our goal is to show all vet-



erans our love and support on the Sunday before, in order to help bring awareness to Tuesday the 11th!

Please stay tuned for more information in future church bulletins and November's newsletter. Volunteers will be appreciated for cooking, serving, singing and entertaining! Please help us join in the appreciation of our veterans on Sunday, November 9th!

## Thank you!

Al Pulley sends his thanks to all who helped celebrate his 90th birthday by sending greeting cards.

## August Financial Update

General Offerings.....\$15,780  
General Fund Expenses.....\$10,332

## Sweet Gratitude from Armenia

By Anahit Gasparyan

September 11, 2014—In Armenia, near the border with Turkey, is the dusty village of Aniavan. The land surrounding the village is very dry, and there is no irrigation system to support or even encourage crop growth.

In July and August, all the vegetation turns brown, and there is not even a trace of green. Only small garden plots adjacent to homes manage to survive, due to the hard work of diligent housewives, who try to improve family meals with a few herbs, cabbage, beans and cucumbers.

Because of these conditions the villagers are vulnerable to greater levels of food insecurity. That's why the Armenia country office of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) chose the village for its "Fighting Hunger through Sustainable Livelihoods Development" program this year, which UMCOR is implementing with funding support from Foods Resource Bank (FRB).

Ani and Armen Saghatlyan are typical of the village families participating in the program. Their small income is not enough to support them and their two school-age children. They often have had to borrow money to meet basic needs such as doctor visits and to buy wheat flour and cereals before the onset of the long winter months when these foods are scarce.

"It was in the beginning of January when we first learned about UMCOR, the Foods Resource Bank and the opportunity of improving food security in our community. Everyone was happy to learn about how

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possible on that weekend as well as at the Town Hall Meetings. This is an opportunity for us to not be like the world but to allow God to change us using the information we share and the team as they discern God's direction for Solid Rock.

Shalom,

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the Stevensons moved back to Fort Wayne. This year the Solid Rock Mission Team designated the "Covenant Money" be in support of Amy Sell who is working in Christian Education and in Community Outreach at Henderson.

We have an opportunity to be a part of the Grapevine Cluster Work Camp going to Henderson Settlement from March 8 through 14, 2015. There will be a group going from Solid Rock. Be a Volunteer in Mission and sign up to go. The cost is \$225 for accommodations and meals, plus gas. A deposit of \$50 is due October 15. Contact the church office for more details.

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the funds for the project were gathered," the Saghatelyans reported.

FRB's approach is based on "growing projects," through which U.S.-based individuals, congregations and communities raise funds to support food security programs around the world. These may involve agriculture, animal husbandry or other activities.

Growing projects often involve U.S. farmers who produce and sell a crop and then donate the proceeds to FRB for the food security programs, creating a farmer-to-farmer connection. The programs are implemented by any one of FRB's 15 member organizations and their partners, including UMCOR.

Thanks to FRB's partnership with UMCOR, 28 families in Aniavan received the support they needed—in training and materials—to establish bee, poultry or dairy farms. Eight of the families, including the Saghatelyans, received beehives, eight received chickens, and eight received sheep. Another four families will receive the offspring of the sheep.

With help from a beekeeping consultant, who regularly visited the village, Ani and Armen established successful bee colonies. They were attentive to every word of the consultant, who trained them in new skills and provided them with medicines to keep the beehives healthy and guarantee a successful harvest.

And the Saghatelyans were indeed successful. They harvested 40 pounds of



# A promise to the earth

After the flood in Genesis, God promised to "never again ... destroy all living creatures" (Genesis 8:21, NIV).

**Directions:** Using the picture clues below, write each small word in the blanks to complete God's promise in Genesis 8:22, NIV.

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GENESIS 8:22, NIV

Answer: As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." Genesis 8:22, NIV

honey this year. Through the program, they also received a centrifuge, which they are using to help the other beekeeping families harvest their honey.

"With the help of U.S.-based farmers and community groups, my family now has a small beehive farm. My wife and I have learned new skills in beekeeping, management of a farm and all the activities that are important to keeping healthy and productive

bee colonies," said Armen.

"My neighbors, who also are supported by this program, have received training and supplies that enable them to produce eggs, yogurt and cheese. They produce enough of these items for their families and to barter for other food items such as vegetables and fruits," he added.

# Kids Club

begins October 1!



## "Dr. Seuss and The Bible"

### A colorful lesson

We could learn a lot from crayons: Some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors ... but they all exist very nicely together in the same box.

—Robert Fulghum

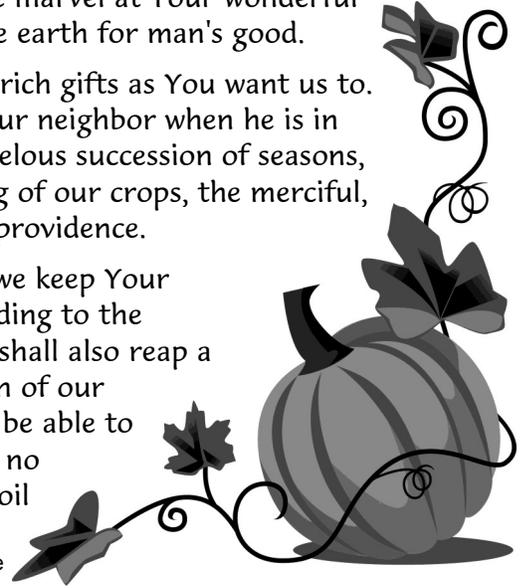
Good and generous Lord, You have once more brought the year full circle, through planting and growing and ripening to harvest time, and autumn.

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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