



News From The Rock

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

October 2019

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

Fall Bazaar

Solid Rock's annual Fall Bazaar will be Saturday, October 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be served starting at 10:00. Local artisans will display a variety of hand-crafted items for sale. Baked goods will also be available for purchase.



Finance Committee Update

We are pleased to report that our mortgage has been paid off! Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting our building project. We know that there will be upcoming projects to meet needs for more classrooms, storage, etc. You are encouraged, as you are able, to continue making contributions to the building fund in anticipation of future needs.



**Thanks
for Your
Support!**

We have seen a decline in general fund offerings. Current giving is beginning to fall behind budgeted needs. While not a critical concern at this time, we request that you consider a small increase in your giving. For example, if your current giving is \$20 a week, an increase to \$22 a week, or if you are giving \$100, an increase to \$110, would provide sufficient funds to meet our present needs.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support of Solid Rock!

Bible Study

Now that the fall season is upon us, we can turn our attention to harvesting and an awareness of all the gifts God had given to God's children. Therefore, our "Feasting on the Word" Monday evening study group will be looking at a variety of subjects in God's word, two from the Old Testament and two from the New Testament. You are encouraged to attend with Bible in hand and openness of heart as we journey together in our faith. These studies last approximately one hour, beginning at 7:00 p.m., meeting in the Solid Rock kitchen. If you have some commitments that prohibit attendance at all sessions, come when you can. Listed below are the scripture lessons and the leader for the evening. Do come!



- October 7: Joshua 2:1-24 (Jorita Banter, leader)
- October 14: 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 (Joe Haney, leader)
- October 21: 2 Timothy 4:6-8 (Perry Spahr, leader)
- October 28: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Jorita Banter, leader)

"Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life." (John 6:47-48) Feast on him with thanksgiving.

August Financial Update

General Offerings.....	\$12,408
General Fund Expenses.....	\$17,576
Mortgage Balance	\$0



from
Pastor Paul

Hard things. What makes them bearable? Doable? Where do you find the inner strength that you need to endure them?

I decided recently that I can put up with almost anything, endure tough things, stretch my comfort zone, and deal with hurts and disappointments. If they are for the Lord. I mean if my attitude ultimately impacts someone for the Lord, then it's worth it. If I sacrifice something for the Lord, it's worth it. If I'm hurting but I know that ultimately that hurt will be worth it because I'm giving it over to the Lord and He will use that situation or hurt for His greater good, then it's so worth it. But things just don't seem very bearable or doable without being able to lean on the Lord or knowing that He will use them.

I think that is where hope is so valuable. In my life, I have hope because I know I can turn to God and He can bring good from what I am going through or use it in a mighty way. If I couldn't turn to Him, things would just feel so very lonely, hopeless and empty.

Hard things come into our lives all of the time. It's hard to forgive someone who has hurt us deeply. It's hard to sacrifice our desires, dreams, and wishes, especially if other people benefit who may not deserve them. It's hard to feel like we are forgotten or "shafted," not noticed. It's hard to do the right thing when the wrong thing feels so good at the moment! It's hard to swallow our pride, let go of our bitterness, or squelch our anger. It's hard.

Doing something hard is worth it though. It's worth it if you do it for the

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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.

Solid Rock Small Group Opportunities

SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS (Sunday School)

Children's Classes

- PEBBLES (Nursery)
 - Ages 0-4
- LITTLE ROCKS/ROCK FOUNDATIONS
 - Preschool-Grade 4
- ROCK SOLID YOUTH
 - Grades 5-12

Adult Classes

- FIRM FOUNDATION
 - Currently studying "The Bible Jesus

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Worship Schedule

Sunday School at 9:00

Worship at 10:00

at 485 Bennett Drive, Warren

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Church Office

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - Noon

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- FRIENDS IN FAITH
- REAL LIFE

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

- FEASTING ON THE WORD
 - Meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 in the church kitchen

SEASONAL SMALL GROUPS Fall 2019 Groups

- 9 COMMON LIES CHRISTIANS BELIEVE
 - Online Group
- LAUGH YOUR WAY TO A BETTER MARRIAGE
 - Meets Mondays, 6:30-7:45 at Solid Rock
- ATTITUDE IS YOUR PAINTBRUSH
 - Meets Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 at Solid Rock
- SHORT STORIES BY JESUS
 - Meets Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00 at Heritage Pointe

For more information on small groups, call the church office, 375-3873.

Solid Rock's "Veterans' Homecoming Celebration"

Please pray for the Homecoming Celebration for Veterans on November 10th! 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 5:00 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 1 (unless you submitted one in prior years).

Please pray about sharing your talent on Sunday evening, November 10, 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 (gina@wssbps.com), or call 375-2556 or 375-3010.

Officially, Veterans Day is Monday, November 11th. Our goal is to show all veterans our love and support on Sunday, November 10. Stay tuned for more information in future church bulletins and newsletters.

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 family to this event.

Solid Rock encourages the congregation to attend one or both services on November 10 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!

A look at beauty

Remember kaleidoscopes — those tubes you hold up to your eye and point toward the light to see colorful shapes? When the far end of the optical instrument is turned, fragments of material inside an "object cell" shift and mirrors set at angles reflect light through the pieces, forming ever-changing patterns. A multi-hued flower might become sunlight through a round stained-glass window or fireworks on a clear night.

Various materials can be placed in the cell — tiny figures, twisted bits of metal, lace, viscous liquid — but often broken bits of glass are used, to beautiful effect! In fact, David Brewster, inventor of the kaleidoscope in 1817, named it after the Greek word kalos, for "beauty."

Everyone feels broken, twisted or shattered at times. But when God's perfect light shines in and through us, reflecting among the fragments of our imperfect lives, we, too, become beautiful. Out of our sinfulness and brokenness shines the beauty of compassion, kindness, perseverance, hope, love — delightful patterns to brighten this hurting world.



"When someone is going through a storm, your silent presence is more powerful than a million empty words."

—Thema Davis

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right reasons. Do it for the Lord and not yourself. If you do it for yourself, that only keeps the focus on yourself and you don't really benefit in the long run. But if you do it for the Lord, then you have a greater cause and something that motivates you to be better, stronger, wiser.

Yes, doing something hard is worth it if it's for the Lord. I know that I can do anything if it's for my God. You can too. Find the inner strength you seek by giving those hard things over to Him today.

See you Sunday,
Pastor Paul

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met at Heritage Pointe in the Calico Room on September 5, 2019. Barbara Hart, President, gave the welcome and a devotional, "God is Still God Tomorrow."

The Purpose of the United Methodist Women was recited by all. The prayer calendar was for Toberman Neighborhood Center, San Pedro, California. Birthday of the month is Patricia Marks. She serves as a deacon and is Executive Director of Cecil County Men's Shelter in Elkon, Maryland.

Joys and concerns were asked for by Bernie Garrett, who then offered prayers.

Doris Souers gave the Mission Moment, "Honoring Our Foremothers' Legacy" and "Our Impact" as we celebrate 150 years of changing the lives of women, children and youth.

Roll call and the secretary's report were given. Barbara Hart gave the treasurer's report.

September 28 will be a 150th Celebration at Good Shepherd U.M. Church in Fort Wayne. The next meeting will be October 3. The Mission Moment will be by Bernie Garrett and the program by Martha Plummer.

Today's program was by Vi Hinen on "Persistence in Prayer."

Doris Souers, Secretary



"I beseech Christ ... that he will enable me to endure all things courageously, and that he break me as a potter's vessel or make me strong, as it pleases him."

—Ulrich Zwingli

What is The United Methodist Church's view of Halloween?

The word "Halloween" (or "Hallowe'en") means "the evening of Hallows."

"Hallows" is simply an older English way of saying "saints" — so, the Evening of Saints.

But why "the evening?" The ancient Jews understood the day as beginning with sunset rather than sunrise, just as we see in Genesis 1: "And it was evening, and it was morning, day one." (Genesis 1:5). And because the day begins with sunset, the first worship service of a given day would be the evening service.

Put it all together and Halloween refers to the first service of worship for All Saints Day (Nov. 1 in the Western Christian tradition), held on the evening of Oct. 31.

So where or how did this observance get connected to jack-o-lanterns, ghosts, things that go bump in the night, and trick or treating? That connection comes from popular festivals already happening in many cultures around the midpoints between a solstice and an equinox, sometimes referred to as "cross-quarter days." Some cultures understood these as transition times where the lines between realms may become the thinnest.

The Celtic festival of Samhain fell at the cross-quarter day between autumn and winter, between warmth and cold, between harvest and dormancy for the earth, and so, metaphorically, between life and death.

Christian missionaries and bishops, particularly in England and parts of Western Europe, had concerns that some of these practices and beliefs ran counter to the Christian understanding of the resurrection of the dead. The church, beginning in the eighth century,

added prayers to Christian masses remembering the dead and anticipating their resurrection. These were some of the first prayers connected to celebrations later known as All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

All Saints and All Souls was a distinction between prayers for those the church had specifically designated as saints because of their particularly holy lives pointing dramatically to Christ at work in them (All Saints) and prayers for all within the church who had died within the past year (All Souls).



For All the Saints



As United Methodists observe All Saints today, since we have no "official saints," we combine All Saints and All Souls into a single observance. This celebration in the church accents our understanding of holiness in this life and our hope for resurrection in the age to come.

Cultural Halloween celebrations in the communities in which many of us live have continued to evolve alongside the church celebrations. Many local churches offer safe alternatives to traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating. Others focus more on giving than receiving. Collecting for UNICEF or giving Fair Trade chocolate are ideas for using the occasion to "treat" or give to others.

These activities need not define or limit our witness to what makes for holiness (becoming one of the "hallows") in this life, and our hope for the resurrection of the dead and the fullness of life in the new creation in the age to come.

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Free indeed

In his autobiography *Set Free*, Roy Peterson describes how God's Word transformed his life. After making some reckless decisions at age 19, Peterson landed in a Mexican jail. One day, two "long-haired American hippies" visited and gave him an English Bible.

As Peterson read the words of imprisoned men and gained wisdom he wished he'd had earlier, hope emerged: "I observed grace, kindness and the value of humanity during a time when I felt so ashamed and unworthy."

Now, as president of the American Bible Society, Peterson works to provide Bibles to every person in their own language. Having been rescued from sin and death, he wants others to know that Jesus is "the truth [who] will set you free" (John 8:32, NIV).



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Fall Bazaar

Solid Rock UMC

October 19

9:00-2:00

Crafts

Baked Goods

Lunch Served



East of Chicago Buffet

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October 15, 2019

5:00-8:00 p.m.

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Proceeds, including all
tips, will be used for
local ministries



We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves,
shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow.

We sense its passing in rain that dampens,
winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show.

Creator God, who brings forth
both green shoot and hoar frost,

sunrise and sunset,
we bring our thanks
for seeds that have grown,

harvests gathered,
storehouses filled,
mouths fed.

And, as your good earth rests
through winter's cold embrace,

we look forward to its re-awakening
when kissed by Spring's first touch.



- Author Unknown

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