

News From The Rock

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

September 2010



Administrative Council

The Solid Rock Administrative Council met August 17. On the recommendation of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, Council approved the hiring of a part-time youth minister. Andy Hayward, a senior at Taylor University, will work with the Solid Rock youth ministry 30 hours a month.

The Family Ministries Team has planned a church outing to a Tin Caps game on August 27.

The S.O.S. will take part in a retreat in Muskegon, Michigan, October 13-17.

The Concession Stand Committee reported that the \$3,000 advanced to the committee for startup costs has been repaid, and an additional \$2,000 has been submitted to the Building Fund.

Council approved a new Flower and Gift Policy.

The next Council meeting will be September 21.

Introducing Andy Hayward

Greetings, Solid Rock UMC!

My name is Andy Hayward and I have been hired as the part-time youth pastor! Jeff Walter is the one who recommended me for the job. I met Jeff while working at Camp Lakewood a couple summers ago. I'll be starting September 1st and will be with you through the middle part of May. I am so very thankful for this opportunity to serve the Lord through working with your youth program, as well as having a chance to get to know the whole Solid Rock community.

I am currently going into my senior year at Taylor University where upon graduation I will receive a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Educational Ministries with a double minor in Biblical Literature as well as Psychology.

I grew up just North of Warren (about

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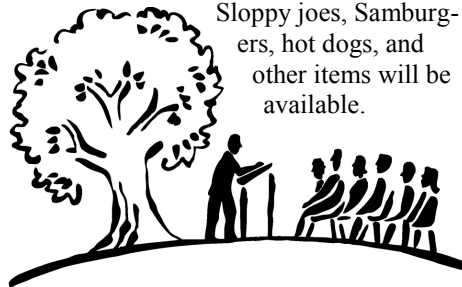
Labor Day weekend events

Solid Rock will once again host the concession stand during the Labor Day weekend tractor pull at the Knight-Bergman Center. All are invited to a free breakfast on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. (You can drive to the bottom of the hill and park near the tent.)

Worship on the Hill will begin at 10:00 a.m. next to the Knight-Bergman parking lot. Bring lawn chairs for the worship service.

After the worship service, lunch will be served at the concession stand.

Sloppy joes, Samburgers, hot dogs, and other items will be available.



Kids Club is coming!

Calling all Kids from K-5th grade: Join us for games, crafts, stories, and fun. Kids



Club will start September 29th and will meet Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 through November 17th. If you are interested in helping, please contact Julie Schwartz at 260-228-1313.

Young Adults

Young Adults will meet at Cindy Boxell's house Sunday, September 12, after church. Come and enjoy lunch and volleyball.

Just Leaning
on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



September, the ninth month of the year: hard to believe school has started back, fall is right around the corner and then that dreaded winter weather on its

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heels. Whenever I meditate on September I think of Charge Conference, Thanksgiving and Christmas, but the one thing that comes to my mind this

September is September 11, 2001. I remember exactly where I was and how terribly devastated I was when the reality finally sunk in.

Now there is discussion of building a mosque in the very location of this tragedy. I don't know how you feel, but I am feeling the pain of loss all over again. To me it feels like the government has NO compassion for those who lost loved ones in this attack. Not only is this a slap in the face to those folks but to those who have lost their lives in the fight against terrorism these past nine years.

I know Jesus tells us to forgive “70 times 7,” but I wonder how He would advise us in this situation. I believe His heart broke that day when so many lives were lost. I know mine was and I would think that out of compassion Jesus would ask the Muslims if they couldn't find a different location to build their mosque.

Won't you join me in prayer for those folks who lost loved ones and for the government as they make decisions that speak volumes? Pray too that the mosque might find a more suitable home.

Shalom,
Pastor Kathy

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an hour and a half) outside the small town of LaGrange. I have five siblings, two older and three younger. Two came from my dad remarrying two years ago. I grew up on small farm where my dad taught me the responsibilities of raising 4-H animals as well as pleasure horses. I grew up in a family where Christian values were mostly practiced, but my family never really belonged to a church. We attended on the major holidays and I would sometimes have my grandparents pick me up as they drove by on their way to church. I grew up not knowing what it meant to have a personal relationship with Jesus, and I didn't know what that could include until I came to Taylor. I received my calling into the ministry the summer between my sophomore and junior year in high school at Epworth Forest church camp. I was on fire for God the rest of the summer until I went

back to high school and started hanging out with all my old football friends again. I slowly faded away from my faith and the only thing that kept me at church was my participation in the praise band.

I transferred out of Manchester College to Taylor the second semester of my freshman year. I had gone to Manchester for elementary education because my faith wasn't strong enough to trust that God would provide financially if I went into full time ministry. Needless to say, God had other plans for my life and I applied to Taylor and was accepted and my life hasn't been the same since. I know this may sound like an ad for Taylor, but the University has been the vessel God worked through to start to move me. It was more the community that I was a part of that pushed me to desire to know God more. I started getting involved in Bible studies and I have spent the last two and a half school years volunteering for John Bundick's high school ministry at Grace United Methodist in Hartford City.

I'm greatly looking forward to meeting you all, and serving along side you to advance God's kingdom anyway we can!

Your Brother,
Andy

Thank you!

- Thank you Solid Rock for your "pass the pail" offering for LOVE, INC on August 8. \$290 was collected.
- The family of Mary Neff wishes to thank the church for the recent gift to the Memorial Fund.
- To all those who were secret sponsors or financial sponsors that made it possible for us to have a great week at camp, we say Thank You!
Lily, Fletcher and Amelia Sabinske

Recent special music

- July 18, Stacia Dupre', musical interpretation of "Breathe on Me"
- July 25, Matt and Lois Walter, trumpet and keyboard, variations on "Amazing Grace"
- August 8, The congregation singing "Amazing Grace"
- August 15, Perry and Tamara Spahr, Twila Paris' "The Lamb of God"

July Offerings

General Offerings.....\$13,115
Building Fund Contributions.....\$8,536

United Methodist Women

The Solid Rock United Methodist Women met August 5 at Heritage Pointe with 14 members in attendance. President Myrna Neff opened with a devotional study.

The group repeated the U.M.W. Purpose, reminding ourselves to keep a trust of purpose for the best in our lives and our mission goals. Myrna shared from the U.M.W. Prayer Calendar.

Carolyn Winters offered prayer for joys and needs in our world-wide fellowship and in our local families.

The Mission Moment meditation was presented by Helen Campbell. We learned about Micah's Place in Fernandina Beach, Florida, a mission to children and youth, helping them change violent, hurtful behaviors through training and education.

The business meeting recognized a "Gift in Memory" of \$100 in honor of Mary Neff from the Doris Souers family. A gift of \$10 was voted for the memory of Mary Neff from the local treasury. The group also authorized next year's pledge to mission of \$400, plus \$10 from each member for Indiana mission programs.

Next month's meeting will be "special guest meeting," an opportunity for interested persons to visit the unit. The program will be presented by Bridget Schweikhardt, daughter of Ann Brauchla Slaughter. Election of officers for 2011 will also be held.

The lesson, presented by Martha Plummer, was "For the Love of God: John's Letters." Songs and readings by Martha and unit members brightened our learning and spirits.



United
Methodist
Women

Something beautiful

"Spread love everywhere you go; to show love for God and our neighbor we need not do great things. It is how much love we put in doing that makes our offering something beautiful to God."

—Mother Teresa

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News deadline for the October newsletter: September 19

Covenant missionaries express thanks

A letter of thanks for our covenant support was received by Vicki Stephenson. Summer volunteers renovated 110 homes in the community. Families have new or repaired roofs, siding, room additions, handicap ramps, windows and doors. One work team offered Vacation Bible School in July. She states that the Appalachian people are very appreciative of sacrifices made on their behalf.

Vans purchased through the collection of Campbell soup labels transported children and youth to enable them to participate in the Summer Recreation program. Those participating receive breakfast and lunch four days a week, have devotions, and participate in games, sports, crafts, reading, and play in the park.

Thanks for your support!

Dear Faithful Friends at Solid Rock United Methodist Church,

I recently received a wonderful contribution from you of \$200.00 towards my time of teaching missionary kids in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. I wish I could fully communicate how much of a blessing this gift has been to me. The funds have gone both towards my daily living needs here in Dar and towards opportunities to travel to different language projects that Wycliffe Bible Translators are directly involved with around Tanzania.



It is amazing to realize that there are over 500 translations of God's Word in the English language; yet many languages in Tanzania and around the world don't even have an alphabet, let alone a word of Scripture! Even though I am not the one doing the translating, I am honored to be able to support this important work through teaching the children of missionaries God has called to this region of the world. I am so thankful for your contribution and for your prayer support while I am here. Not only have I been reminded that I am not alone—that I am part of the Body of Christ, working together with you for a common purpose—but I am also rewarded as I recognize your heart for what God is doing around the world. I appreciate your gener-

osity in contributing to this important work of spreading the Gospel in a way that speaks directly into people's hearts.

I look forward to meeting with you in person when I return from my time here. I appreciate your prayers, and would love to be praying for you specifically as well. Please feel free to contact me with questions or ways that I can better support and pray for you at cas.crystal@gmail.com. Also, you can check my blog at www.crystallucas.blogspot.com for a perspective of daily life in Tanzania through stories and pictures.

In His love,
Crystal Lucas

Men's Fellowship

The Solid Rock Men's Fellowship met on August 14, 2010, in the Calico Room at Heritage Pointe, with 12 men and two guests, Pastors Kathy Newton and Gerald Moreland, in attendance. Bill Couch opened the meeting with prayer. Breakfast was served by Kim's Katered Affair.



Marion Bell provided devotions, "It Never Gets Done Until You Do It," based on Matthew 21, and "On a Slow Boat to Tarshish," using Jonah 1.

Steve Holmes reported that he and Dean Hart delivered 60 dozen ears of sweet corn from Goshen to Love INC, Bread of Life Food Pantry, and Wells County Food Pantry.

Officers were elected for 2011. Dale Smith will serve as President, David Spahr as Vice-President, and Gary Walter as Secretary-Treasurer.

Closing prayer was offered by David Spahr. The next meeting will be September 11.

Congregation enjoys picnic at building site

Solid Rock enjoyed a picnic at the new church site at noon on August 22. Eighty-six members enjoyed the carry-in meal. Jerry Walter and Jay Shaw provided riding tours of the property. The campaign completion team wants to thank everyone for their attendance and help to make the picnic a success.

Dear Church Family,

I just wanted to take a minute to let you know how grateful I am of all the support you provided me with for my Mexico trip. Through leading VBS's for children who were able to find God, to cleaning run-down churches, or just observing the 100% faith in God that so many people had, I've been changed. I see God's light in a whole new way and none of it would have been possible without you. Thank you.

Love,
Liz Bolinger

Church Members,

Thanks so much for the book! I know I can read that book for words of wisdom and I will be sure to. Thank you to Solid Rock S.O.S. for the card! It was very thoughtful!

God Bless!
Kailey Neff

Wednesday Evening Bible Study to resume

Anyone interested in attending Wednesday Evening Bible Study is welcome to a carry-in meal on Wednesday, September 8, at 6:00 pm at the home of Doris and John Souers. Then the following week, on September 15, we will begin our study group which meets at 6:30 p.m.



Bible study change

The Bible Study which has been at Neff's home has been changed from Tuesday evenings at 6:30 to Monday evenings. They recently enjoyed a cook-out and carry-in before their regular meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Reunion held

The Neff/Shideler reunion was held on August 1 at Ron and Myrna Neff's home with 34 in attendance.

To be P.C. or not P.C.

For two weeks now it has been almost impossible to turn on a newscast, panel talk show, or even a late night talk host without encountering a discussion regarding the building of a mosque adjacent to the site of the 9-11 bombing in New York City

Originally presented as the Cordoba Initiative, the building of a mosque at Ground Zero is opposed by a significant majority of the families who lost loved ones at the site, and by others who recognize the meaning of the original and continuing significance of Cordoba in Muslim history. Interestingly, the designation "Cordoba" is no longer used by its proponents when discussing the issue.

However, supporters of the placement are attempting to frame the opposition to the site as an attempt to interfere with religious freedoms guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, or in the event that argument is not compelling enough, as an obvious indication of America's racism.

My intention is not to justify or to refute either side of the debate in this forum. As you may have already surmised, I do have an opinion, but for now am not engaging in the spurious debate of the legality, constitutionality or the right to construct such a building. But I am expressing my anger, regardless of how politically incorrect it may appear, at the specious arguments being set forth by the leaders in favor of such a building.

My resentment is entirely personal. When someone is condescendingly attempting to persuade me of the legitimacy of their position with blatantly misleading or actually false statements, I bristle. The assumption that I am ignorant enough to be overwhelmed by the position of the speaker or will go along with something I consider abhorrent in order not to be considered politically incorrect is offensive.

The goal of conquest by intimidation fails miserably in this instance.

Barbara Kleinhans

Sounds fishy

Seen on a church signboard in northern Minnesota one summer: "Sure, you can worship God with a fishing pole in your hand, but when was the last time a walleye told you, 'Your sins are forgiven?'"

Birthdays celebrated

Ron, Myrna, Don and Jan Neff celebrated Ron and Don's birthday on August 18 at The Olive Garden at Noblesville. The usual pictures were taken and cards and gifts exchanged. Yes, they have the same birthday. The waiter was a little confused, thinking they were friends with the same birthday. Then Don really confused him when he said they were identical twins. Don is 6'2" and weighs more than Ron and you know what Ron looks like. Anyway, it was an enjoyable evening.

Love INC to host meal

Love in the Name of Christ will host their fourth annual dinner at the Knight-Bergman Center on Sunday, September 12, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The menu includes baked ham or stuffed chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, homemade dessert (some will be sugar-free), and a beverage.



Sally Brodkorb appears on game show

Sally Brodkorb traveled to Los Angeles, CA to participate as a contestant on Wheel of Fortune. The taping was held on Friday, August 13. Traveling with Sally to California was her mom, Doris Rupel, her sister, Shelly Rupel, her daughter, Shannon McCollom, her daughter-in-law, Jodi Brodkorb, and her good friend, Pam Balingier. Besides the taping of Wheel of Fortune, the six visited the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, and also traveled the Pacific Coast Highway to Malibu, Santa Monica, and Hermosa Beach. Contract restrictions forbid telling how Sally fared on the show, but it will be aired on Wednesday, October 13. Tune in or come and be a part of the fun at Sally's Wheel of Fortune viewing party at Buffalo Wild Wings at 1129 N. Baldwin Ave. in Marion. The fun is getting started at 6:00 p.m., with the show being aired at 7:00 p.m., so don't be late!

The beginnings of Sunday school

Englishman Robert Raikes, born in 1735, was a Christian layman who was pained to see unschooled children working six days a week in factories or mines. On Sundays, children roamed the streets, often getting into trouble. Most didn't know how to read or write and knew nothing about Christ or the church.

As Raikes labored to reform England's prison system, he noticed that many children were imprisoned, stirring him to action on their behalf. He arranged for halls and homes to be used for educational purposes on Sundays, the one day children didn't have to work. He found volunteers to teach reading, writing and math, as well as the Bible and Christian beliefs.

The first Sunday school class was held in July 1780. Amazingly, by 1788 some 250,000 children were attending such schools. This occurred despite some people's opposition to the education of lower-class children.

Countless boys and girls have attended Sunday school classes since then, thanks to Raikes, who brought Christ's light and love to children around the world.

God's powerful Word

The Bible contains about 800,000 words, depending on the translation. This is about four times as many words as are found in a book of average length.

Although the Bible is so long and deals with the greatest themes that can engage the human mind, its vocabulary is singularly limited. It uses only 6,000 different words, a very small number compared to the 20,000 words that Shakespeare employed while writing his plays.

Not only is the Bible's vocabulary limited, but the average word in it contains only five letters. However, many of these short words are full of the deepest meanings and are worthy of earnest study. For example, consider these five-letter words: grace, peace, faith, saved, serve, glory and Jesus.



"The greatness of God rouses fear within us, but his goodness encourages us not to be afraid of him. To fear and not be afraid — that is the paradox of faith."

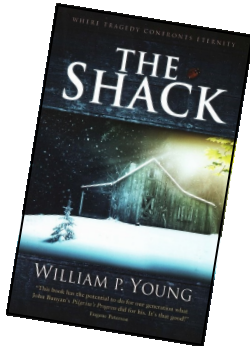
—A.W. Tozer

Book Club to discuss *The Shack*

Solid Rock is initiating a book club for those interested in reading and discussing faith-related books. The first book the group will consider is *The Shack* by William Paul Young. The group will meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 beginning September 28.

The Shack is a fictional account of a man who, struggling with tragedies in his life, is invited to spend a weekend with God. Readers will be challenged to consider the nature of the Trinity and the ways in which God reveals himself to us. Participants should be willing to consider a given topic from multiple points of view.

Those wishing to join the group should purchase or borrow a copy of the book, or call the church office to reserve a copy. Contact Gary Walter (375-3789) for more information.



Thanks from the Epworth Forest Campaign

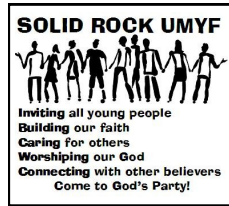
A letter was received from the Development Director for the Epworth Forest Campaign thanking Solid Rock UMC for “joining with us in doing everything it takes to reach the next generation for Jesus Christ. For the first time since the early 1960s, new cabins will be constructed at Epworth Forest. This is possible only because you caught the vision of this ministry. Epworth Forest is going to be rebuilt. Please pray for our teams and our churches as we share the vision of bringing young people to Christ through the work of this ministry. The project is cash-based only with no bridge loans. God continues to bless our churches with people like you who remember the past, are confident in the present and celebrate the future.”



United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Upcoming UMYF events:

- September 5, Meeting, 4:00-5:30 at the church. We will be meeting with mentors, making ice cream, and meeting Andy, our new youth director.
- September 19, Meeting, 4:00-5:30 at the church
- October 3, Meeting, 4:00-5:30 at the church
- October 17, Meeting, 4:00-5:30 at the church



“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Joseph Scriven, 1819-1886

*What a Friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.*

*Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms He'll take and shield thee—
Thou wilt find a solace there.*

A true friend loves and accepts us just as we are, stays close to us in good or in bad, and is always ready to help in time of need. Because the author of this hymn text found just such a friend in the Lord, he decided to spend his entire life showing real friendship to others.



Joseph Scriven had wealth, education, a devoted family, and a pleasant life in his native Ireland. Then unexpected tragedy entered. On the night before Scriven's scheduled wedding, his fiancée drowned. In his deep sorrow, Joseph realized that he

could find the solace and support he needed only in his dearest friend, Jesus.

Soon after this tragedy, Scriven dramatically changed his lifestyle. He left Ireland for Port Hope, Canada, determined to devote all of his extra time in being a friend and helper to others. He often gave away his clothing and possessions to those in need, and he worked—without pay—for anyone who needed him. Scriven became known as “the Good Samaritan of Port Hope.”

When Scriven's mother became ill in Ireland, he wrote a comforting letter to her, enclosing the words of his newly written poem with the prayer that these brief lines would remind her of a never-failing heavenly Friend. Sometime later, when Joseph Scriven himself was ill, a friend who came to call on him happened to see a copy of those words scribbled on scratch paper near his bed. The friend read the lines with interest and asked, “Who wrote those beautiful words?”

“The Lord and I did it between us,” was Scriven's reply.

—Kenneth W. Osbeck
Amazing Grace: Illustrated Stores of Favorite Hymns

Dwight Moody

Dwight Moody was clerking in his uncle's shoe store as a young man when a Christian businessman, Mr. Kimball, met him. Kimball shared the gospel message



with Moody and soon Moody's heart was opened. Fairly soon after he felt called into evangelism, at nineteen years of age, he moved to Chicago and tried to start a Sunday school class. However, he was told he couldn't teach

because he had a problem with stuttering. Unfazed, Moody returned in one week's time with thirty young boys as pupils. He paid them to attend! The superintendent of the program then offered him a classroom, and within a year's time there were more than a thousand pupils in Moody's program. Moody went into full-time preaching shortly after this experience.

The Chicago Fire of 1871 burned down Moody's home, church, mission, and even the businesses of most of his financial supporters. Not knowing what to do, the self-taught former shoe salesman sailed for England and took that country by storm. Having never heard an American evangelist, the British were wowed by his emotional fervor and plain-spoken manner. Moody was the first modern evangelist, applying business techniques to the church and offering special music, counseling, and follow-ups to his revival meetings.

—Jerry MacGregor & Marie Prys
1001 Surprising Things You Should Know About Christianity

Solid Rock Outing to

Purdue Football

September 25, 2010

Cost: \$28 (includes T-shirt)

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Wendell Jackson (375-2901)
or Dale Smith (375-3482)

Order tickets by September 12

Love INC Annual Dinner

September 12

11:00-1:30

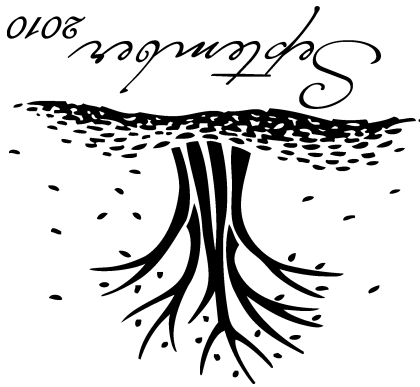
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Dear Lord Jesus, bless the children and youth of this nation, returning to their schools and colleges. May your Holy Spirit enlighten their minds, purify their vision and strengthen their wills. Protect them as they learn in the classroom and participate in activities outside it. May they learn to follow in your steps, just as you grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.



Amen.



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