

# News From The Rock

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

September 2013

## Solid Rock celebrates first service in new facility

Solid Rock celebrated a milestone event with its first worship service in the new building on Bennett Drive on August 11, 2013. A congregation of over 200 listened to inspiring music from soloists, the choir, and the praise team, joined in song, and listened to words of affirmation from Pastor Kathy Newton, followed by a shared carry-in meal.



Solid Rock was formed on August 1, 2008, a merger of the former Jefferson Center and Warren United Methodist Churches. Planning for a new building began immediately. A successful capital funds campaign was conducted in the fall of 2009. Five years following the merger, the dream of a new facility has become reality.

Thanks be to God for this gift, and to those who have and continue to faithfully support this project!

## Hearing assistance devices now available

Assistive listening devices are now available at Solid Rock for use during worship services. Two styles are available. One device features an earphone which fits over one ear and is controlled by a small box with a volume setting. The second device may be used with hearing aids equipped with a telecoil. Users simply loop a cord around their neck and the hearing aid will automatically detect the signal. Stop by the sound booth at the back of the sanctuary, and an attendant will demonstrate these devices and set one up for you.



## Youth Fellowship

UMYF is starting up with a busy fall schedule. There will be a canoe trip in September. The date is to be determined based on the weather and water conditions. Check the schedule to see the other upcoming events. There are several events scheduled along with our regular meetings, so be sure to mark your calendars!



I want to thank our youth team for planning and helping with all of these. Our youth team is: Marie Deweese, Michelle Woody, Mike and Rita Bolinger, Cindy Boxell, and Lana Myers. Remember that UMYF is open to all youth in grades 6-12. Please come and bring a friend!

## Teddy Bear Ministry

We want to continue the bear ministry even if we are unable to set them in the pews as in the past. They will be at the front of the church in a box. We still want you to pick one out for any one of any age if you want them to know that you and the Solid Rock church are praying for them.



We also invite you to bring any bears you would want to donate for the bear ministry. They should be new or fairly new, clean, and not played with. About 12 inches is best. If you have any questions please contact Pat Boxell, Deb Shaw or Linda Cloud. Thank you.

Lord, take me where you want me to go;  
Let me meet who you want me to meet;  
Tell me what you want me to say,  
and keep me out of your way.

—Rev. Mychal Judge,  
FDNY chaplain and the first official casualty on 9/11

Just Leaning  
on the Rock!

by Pastor Kathy Newton



Our children have gone back to school in August and our young adult students are returning to their schools as well. Van Buren had a prayer walk at their school right before school started, and one of you was kind enough to share the prayer card they used.

This resource is produced by Navpress and is available for purchase. I would love to see this resource used here in Warren next year before our children return to school, but I would also like for us to pray the same prayers for those returning to college as well.

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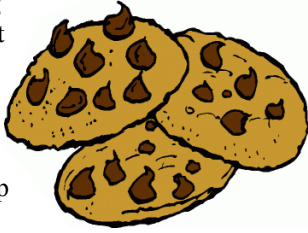
The prayer card gives Scripture to pray for each of the following topics: love, repentance of Christians, truth, school board, principal, teachers who are not yet believers, Christian teachers, support staff, special education decisions, rejected students, failing students, children of divorce, abuse and neglect, children with emotional disturbance, violence, suicide, forces of evil, evolution, Christian programs, Christian students, a chosen generation, and lastly an open door.

Allow me to share the last prayer on the card: “Lord, may there be an open door in this school for the Gospel to be shared with students and staff. Allow full advantage to be taken of every opportunity to name the name of Jesus.” The Scripture references are Matthew 7:7, “Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.”; and 1 Corinthians 16:9, “There is a real opportunity here for great and worthwhile work, even though there are many opponents.” Won’t you join in prayer with me as our students go back to school?

Shalom,  
Pastor Kathy

## Cookie Ministry

We have cookies in the freezer! We are good at mixing and baking, not so good at delivering. If you are going to visit someone, please stop in the church kitchen and take a bag of cookies from the freezer.



Thanks,  
Kids Caring with Cookies

## July Financial Update

General Offerings ..... \$12,491  
General Fund Expenses ..... \$14,961  
Building Fund Contributions ..... \$7,377

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News deadline for the October  
newsletter: September 22

## UMYF Schedule

- **September 1:** Pizza after church at East of Chicago
- **September 8:** Meeting, 4:00-5:30 at church
- **September 22:** Meeting, 4:00-5:30 at church
- **September:** Canoe Trip
- **October 6:** Meeting, 4:00-5:30 at church
- **October:** CROP Walk
- **October 13:** Pizza after church at East of Chicago
- **October 19:** Rake Leaves/Fall Party
- **November 1-3:** Bishop's Leadership Academy
- **November 10:** Pizza after church at East of Chicago
- **November 17:** Meeting, 4:00-5:30 at church
- **December 7:** Lasagna Supper, 6:00 p.m. at church
- **December 22:** Meeting, 4:00-5:30 at church
- **January 3-4:** Lock-In at church

## United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women of Solid Rock met Thursday, August 1, at 9:30 a. m. in the Calico Room of Heritage Pointe, with eleven members, including a new member whom we heartily welcomed, Mrs. Mildred Elam. President Barbara Hart opened the meeting with a brief devotional thought from Response magazine entitled "On the Move," which answered the question, "Who are we?" "We are United Methodists on the move!" This was followed by reciting the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women.



United  
Methodist  
Women

The Prayer Calendar Mission Focus was on "Operation Classroom." Carolyn Winters led our focused prayers. Martha Plummer presented the Mission Moment with a fascinating study of "Missionary Passport." It described the opportunities for evangelism during coffee bean harvest. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given. An invitation was read to attend Bluffton's UMW meeting on August 14. Our unit received two certificates at the Spring State UMW Meeting designating

our unit as an honor unit.

Carolyn led the group through a time of sharing of life experiences with reference to the Book of Psalms. "Praise the Lord who has been our help." We can experience the meaning of trust through the Psalms.

Margaret Bell, Secretary

## School Kit

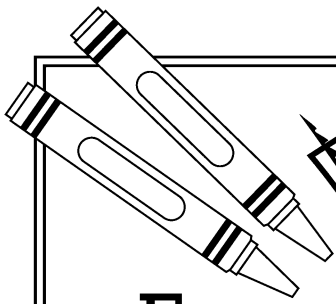
These are the items being collected for the children's missions project.

- 1 pair of metal blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 3 pads of 8½ x 11 paper (Spiral notebooks or top-bound pads. 150 sheets of loose leaf can be substituted for 1 pad. A combination of spiral, top-bound or loose leaf is acceptable. No composition books.)
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener (Must be at least one inch long. Remove from packaging.)
- 1 hard or flexible 30-centimeter ruler (No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols. Cartoon characters are acceptable.)
- 6 unsharpened pencils (No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols. Cartoon characters are acceptable.)
- 1 eraser, 2½ inches long (No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols. Cartoon characters are acceptable.)
- 1 box of crayons (24 count only)
- 1 heavy-duty cloth bag 14" x 16" (Homemade or purchased bags are both acceptable. Heavy-duty fabric only—denim, corduroy, drapery fabric, and so forth. Closures are optional but must be buttons, snaps, or hook-and-loop fasteners sewn in middle of the opening. No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols.)

## Fertile Friendship

I am convinced ... that friendships provide the most fertile soil for evangelism. When the reality of Christ is introduced into a relationship of love and trust that has already been established, the effect is powerful. And it seems that invariably, when someone becomes a true follower of Christ, that person's first impulse is to want to find a friend and introduce that friend to Christ.

—John MacArthur



# PUZZLE

## From generation to **GENERATION**

Grandparents are a bridge of love for future generations. The greatest heritage they can pass on is their faith and love for God.

*Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.*

JOEL 1:3, NIV

**Directions:** List as many words as you can create from the letters in **GENERATIONS**. You may want to challenge a grandparent to this!

**2-letter words**

**3-letter words**

**4-letter words**

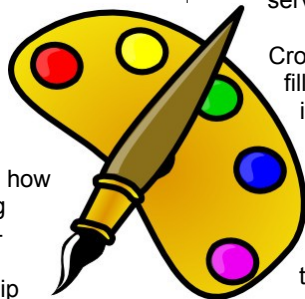
**5+ letters**

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Add up the total number of words you found. >>> \_\_\_\_\_

### A vibrant palette

In the mid-'90s, David Crowder was a student at Baylor University, a Christian college in Waco, Texas. When he and fellow student Chris Seay realized how few students were attending worship, they launched University Baptist Church. Crowder became the worship



pastor and started writing songs for the services.

The result was David Crowder\*Band — and many passion-filled worship songs. Of the group's inventive musical style, Crowder says, "I think if we're going to try to tell the story of God or paint the story of God, we ought to use as many colors as we can find — or at least try to add them to our palette."

### What's it worth?

As a man browsed through a rare-book store, he chatted with its owner. The customer had recently thrown away a dusty old Bible he'd found in the attic of an old house he'd just bought.



"Someone named Guten-something-or-other had printed it," he mentioned offhandedly.

"Not Gutenberg?" the shop owner gasped.

"Yes, that was it," the man replied.

"You threw away one of the first books ever printed!" the owner exclaimed in dismay. "A copy recently sold at auction for half a million dollars!"

"Oh, I don't think this Bible would've been worth anything like that," the man replied. "It was scribbled all over in the margins by some guy named Martin Luther."

### What sins?

In *A Forgiving God in an Unforgiving World* (Harvest House), Ron Lee Davis retells a true story about a priest in the Philippines who was burdened by long-ago sin. Despite repenting, he didn't feel God's peace or forgiveness.

Meanwhile, a woman in the priest's parish said she was having visions of Christ — and the priest was skeptical. To test her, he said, "The next time you speak with Christ, ask him what sin your priest committed while he was in seminary." The woman agreed and went on her way.

Later, the priest asked the woman if she'd had another vision and had posed his question to Jesus.

"Yes, I did," she said.

"Well, what did he say?" the anxious priest asked.

"These are his exact words," the woman replied. "I can't remember."

Thanks to God for his forgetfulness where our sins are concerned. "I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins" (Isaiah 43:25, NRSV).

### Saving grace

Grace is the majesty, the freedom, the undeservedness, the unexpectedness, the newness, the arbitrariness, in which a relationship to God and therefore the possibility of knowing him is opened up to man by God himself. ... Grace is God's good pleasure.

—Karl Barth



## The labor to which we're called

In words attributed to Mother Teresa, "Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus." As we celebrate Labor Day, what does such a distinction mean?

Vocation comes from Latin for "calling." Christians understand vocation as that for which God created you, involving activities you do well, enjoy and feel good about doing, and that serve others. If you're blessed to earn a paycheck doing something that fits those categories, then your profession or occupation — your work —likely is your vocation.

Other people work a paying job because an opportunity presents itself and the income is needed, even if it isn't their favorite thing to do. Perhaps they live out their truest vocation during non-employment hours: singing with a choir, raising children, building houses with Habitat for Humanity.

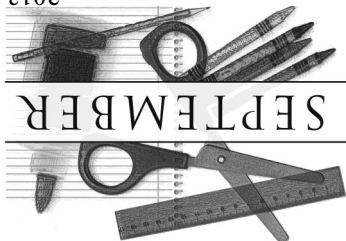
Christians in any capacity, paid or not, can live out Jesus' calling to love God and neighbor with our whole being (Luke 10:27). When God is "CEO" of our lives, it shows in how we treat our fellow laborers.

Lord, behold our family here assembled. We thank thee for this place in which we dwell; for the love that unites us; for the peace accorded us this day; for the hope with which we expect the morrow; for the health, the work, the food, and the bright skies, that make our life delightful; for our friends in all parts of the earth and our friendly helpers in this foreign isle. Let peace abound in our small community. Purge out of every heart the lurking grudge. Give us grace and strength to forbear and to persevere . . . Give us courage, gaiety and the quiet mind.



- Robert Louis Stevenson (1830-1894)

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