

ROCKVILLE
FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

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Highlights & *focus*

January 2019

Wow! It seems unreal that another year has passed already. So much has happened in the past 12 months. There have been many good things that have occurred with our family. The greatest of those was the birth of our newest grandson, Wesley Overbey. (For those of you wondering, he was not named after John Wesley). There were also some things not so good. Overall, it was a year with a lot of changes. My secular work changed from northern Indiana, to local, to Indianapolis. We had changes in our neighborhood. Changes in our health. Even our vacation was changed while we were in route. Then, there was that change that involved leaving a 33-year pastoral appointment to begin a new one. Thankfully, through all the changes one thing was constant. The God who never changes was always there.

It has been the same at the church. 2018 was a year of change. Things are a whole lot different than they were 12 months ago. Last summer Pastor Bryan was transferred to another appointment. The decision to be a full or less than full time appointment had to be made. It was decided that for the first time, at least for now, a less than full time pastor would be necessary. A temporary pastor was utilized for several months. Over 4 months transpired while the Superintendent and Cabinet conducted the pastoral search. The Administrative Council met several times with the Superintendent and/or the proposed pastor. Then on the last Sunday in October we got that new guy. I hope he works out!! 😊

But, as we look back we see that the LORD was with us through all the changes. He was with me, Gale, our family, our church family, and your family through your changes.

We don't know what 2019 will hold. We can be sure that it too will be a time of change. For each of us, there will be times that may be tough and times that will be easy. Times of pain and times of joy. Above all else it will be a year of blessing.

I look forward to what God will do with, and through, our church. We need to be open to His guidance, ask for wisdom and discernment, and willing to step up in order to accomplish the plan He has for us. I am excited about where we will be at this time next year and the journey we will share in getting there.

May the LORD richly bless you, your family, and our church family in 2019!!

Pastor Jon



Christmas Festivities at ROCKVILLE UMC



Parke/Vermillion County Crisis Pregnancy Center
is hosting a Soup Cook Off. The cook off will
take place at:

Hillcrest Community Center
503 N 8th St.
Clinton, IN 47842

Rockville UMC has 2 entrants!!!!



WORSHIP AND PRAY

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Our Shut-Ins:

Flo Clark; Betty Lewis; Helen Graham; Imogene Rahn; Wanda Nickle; Phyllis Akers; Diana Lows



Our World:

Churches and People of Congo; Veterans dealing with PTSD and Re-Entry; Operation Classroom; Klausmeier family missions; Covered Bridge Cluster; Parke Vermillion Community Pregnancy Center; our schools, community, and government leaders; the children of Parke Co.; emergency personnel; local businesses; Kairos ministry; inmates and staff of Rockville Women's Correctional Center and the Parke Co. Jail; those suffering from mental illness; those having financial difficulties; homeless children and adults; immigrants; refugee; widows; orphans; peace on earth; 1,132 churches and 536 pastors of the Indiana Conference.

Keep in your prayers church family in active U.S. military service:

Ben Ford, Air Force, Son-in-law of Rob and Shannon Belcher; Lackland AFB, Texas; Senior Airman Jacob Gregg, son of Guy and Shelly Gregg, Travis Air Force Base, California; Lt. Col. Jason W. Neumann, Florida Army National Guard, son of Linda and Mark Spelbring; Rob Graham, Navy, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, grandson of Helen Graham; Lance Catlin, Marines, grandson of Lenora Douglas.

FACTS & FIGURES

	Date	Sunday School Attendance	Worship Attendance	Tithes & Offerings
	12/09/18	22	69	\$3,637.50
	12/16/18	17	56	\$1,750.00
	12/23/18	13	70	\$2,909.00
	12/30/18	14	57	\$1,787.00
	December total to date:			\$10,083.50

Needed monthly to enable the church's ministries: \$12,438

2018 Average Worship Attendance: 48

LEARN AND GROW

Want to grow deeper as a Christian?

We currently have three opportunities for adults to learn more about God, the Bible, and how to grow in discipleship: Adult Sunday School (Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.), Men's Bible Study (Tuesday mornings at 11 a.m.) and Celebrate Recovery (Thursday nights at 7 p.m.).



A Christ-centered recovery program for adults struggling to overcome hurts, habits and hang-ups.

Thursdays, 7-9 p.m.

(Doors open at 6:30p.m.)

Rockville First United Methodist Church

128 N. Market St., Rockville, IN

(1 block north of the courthouse)

For information, please call (765) 569-5356

There IS hope for recovery!

BUDDY BAGS

The Buddy Bag program is up and running for the 2018-2019 school year. Buddy Bags are distributed to needy children on Fridays to help ensure that they have adequate food over the weekend to be able to return to school on Monday ready to learn. If you would like to volunteer to help pack and/or distribute the Buddy Bags, please contact Larry or Charla Malone.



On December 4, 2018, The Rockville First United Methodist Church (UMC) was presented an \$800 donation from the Parke County Community Foundation to support their "Buddy Bags" nutrition program at the Rockville Elementary School. Representing the "Buddy Bags Program" is Larry and Charla Malone, Rockville First UMC chair.



The Hand bell Choir will meet each Monday, in the Chapel from 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. New members always welcome

AROUND THE CHURCH



The Dine with a Doc® program is **FEBRUARY 7**, (no program in January) 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at The Rockville First United Methodist Church. Dine with a Doc® is a FREE educational program that welcomes senior citizens to get to know the doctor of the month while enjoying a free meal.

For your convenience, the ramp door on the South side of the church will be open allowing easier entry in to the church. Please **R.S.V.P.** to **Carole Perry (765-569-2340)**. All senior citizens are welcome (reservations are required), so please invite your friends and neighbors to join you! We hope to see you there!

01 Wanda Nickle
03 Mary A. Jones
11 Diana Lows
12 Lucas Waltz
Joyce McMullen
15 Tulie Jadzak
17 Elaine Waltz
19 Lauren Harbison
22 Lois McGrannahan
23 Kathrine Lawyer
Earl Steuerwald
30 Phyllis Akers



Service Circle Meeting



Officers for 2019:
President: Jean Birch
Vice President: Mary Anne Jones
Sec/Treasurer: Roleen Pickard

New program booklets will be available in February

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEMEBERS 2019

Alex Milligan, Council Chair
Elaine Waltz, SPRC-Chair
Aaron Mathis, Trustees Chair
Rob Belcher, Finance Chair
Mary Jane Evens, Treasurer, Women's Rep

Randy Randall, Men's Rep
Abby Stelter, Young Adult Rep
Pat Ballinger, Lay Leader
Susan Harbison, Member-At-Large
Jon Overbey, Pastor



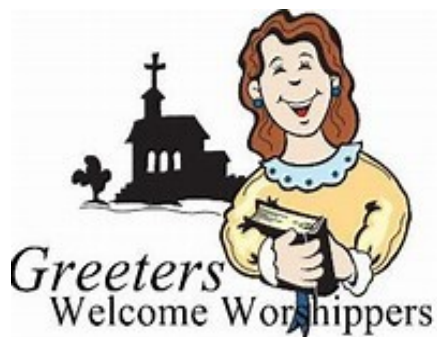
SERVE AND GIVE



- Peanut Butter
- Pasta (boxes or bags)
- Pasta sauce (jars or cans)
- Vegetables (cans)

Please bring your donations to the office. Thank you!
(Please make sure you bring **un-expired** goods, as we can't
distribute food that is expired.)

*Our Food Pantry is an independent ministry of our church
benefitting our neighbors in need.*



Greeters for January 2019

6th Louise Norman
13th Lenora Douglas
20th Pat Ballinger
27th Becky Black

JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 OFFICE CLOSED 	2	3 11:00 a.m. Dine with a Doc 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	4	5
6 10 a.m. Worship Holy Communion	7 7 p.m. Hand bells	8 9 a.m. Men's Breakfast-Benjamins 11 a.m. Men's Bible Study	9	10 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	11	12 Parke/Vermillion Pregnancy Center Soup Cook Off
13 10 a.m. Worship District Conference 2 p.m. - Brazil Baptism Sunday	14 7 p.m. Hand bells	15 11 a.m. Men's Bible Study	16 6:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting	17 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	18	19
20 10 a.m. Worship	21 7 p.m. Hand bells Cub Scouts set up	22 9 a.m. Men's Breakfast-Benjamins 11 a.m. Men's Bible Study Cub Scouts "Pine Wood Derby"	23	24 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	25	26
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facebook.com/rockvillefirstumc

Office Hours:

M-Th 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



~Pastor Jon Overbey~

Email: Jon.overbey@inumc.org

SUNDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY

9:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

10:15 a.m. - Children's Church

Rockville First United
Methodist Church is a
bridge to help all:

- find the WELCOME of Christ,
- learn the WAY of Christ, and
- become His WITNESSES in our world.

