

**ROCKVILLE
FIRST
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Highlights & *focus*

April 2019

Warmer days, sunshine, crocus' blooming, daffodils coming up, trees budding, new life all around. All these things seemed cold, dreary, and dead just a few days ago. Animals and people all seem invigorated at the changing of the season and the beauty we know is on the horizon.

Still we know that, even with the regeneration of spring, some things won't come back. Some trees will fail to bud this year. Gale is already lamenting that one of her rose bushes did not make it through the winter. Sooner or later there will be a time when everything around us will fail. Nothing in all of creation will last forever. From the tallest of the Himalayan Mountains, to the granite peaks of the Rocky Mountains, and even the hill outside my window at home crumbles with each passing season. Each time we look in the mirror, we can see that we too are going what David called, "the way of the earth." Animals, plants, mountains, buildings, and yes even people go the "way of the earth."

Yet as we look around at the rebirth and the renewing of everything during this time of year God calls us to see the greater picture beyond what we see. The trees that looked so dead, the brown grass, the dreariness of winter gardens all give way to the beauty of the new life of this spring season. In the Exodus as God was saving, calling, and instructing His people He told them the new year would begin in with the beginning of Spring. I believe there is a lesson in that timing. The year was to begin as they were delivered from slavery to freedom. It's beginning also included the beginning of the new life they would have as His people. As they celebrated the beginning of each year it reminded them of the new life Jews gained through God's deliverance. The first Passover was observed on the 14th day of the first month of the year. Each subsequent Passover was to be celebrated at that same time and reminds the people of God's deliverance of them through the lamb.

It was not an accident, or a coincidence, that the first Easter came at the beginning of the Biblical year. Jesus gave Himself as the Lamb who saves us and calls us to Him. It happened in an area of the world where new life springs up at this time of year, just as it does here. For over 1200 years the Jews celebrated spring as a time of rebirth and deliverance of their people by God. Now for over 2000 years we Christians celebrate the new life that Jesus brought to us.

Winter, as the end of the year, reminds us that we all, just like David, will go the way of the earth at the end of our lives. As we go through the dreary days of winter, we are encouraged to remember the new life of spring is coming. Spring reminds us of the new life we have in Christ. Paul says that just as a seed from a dead plant is laid in the ground and a new plant arises in new birth, so we will rise in the new birth of life in heaven. The empty tomb of Easter and the Risen LORD raise us up from the earth to give us new life in heaven. A life that is more invigorating than the first warm days of spring. As happy as we may be that winter is past and the new life of spring has begun, we will be ever more happy as we go the way of the earth to the new life that will bring joy, grace, celebration, and an eternity in the light of God's presence.

May spring fill your heart with happiness and remind you of the new life Christ has in store for you!

Blessings to you all!!

Pastor Jon

Celebrating 10 years of "Fellowship Diner"

Rockville United Methodist Church Celebrities



Hand bell choir



Letter From Pastor Jon

Some of you have asked my thoughts on how we should treat the Sanctuary. More than one has asked so I figured there may be more of you with the same question. This is my response. I debated on whether to say it on a Sunday or put it here. I decided here may be better because everyone gets a copy. On Sunday's only those present would hear it. It would have to be repeated and still there are those who are away.

God made this earth and all that is in it. When it was created there was no part of it that was any more special holy than any other spot. Through the pages of the Bible we see examples of how certain places can become holy.

First, let me define "holy." The words in Hebrew and Greek translated as "holy" in English have a unique definition. The words mean different in a special way, unique, or like everything else but used in a way that makes them unlike similar items or actions. God is holy because there is nothing like Him or comparable to Him. A Bible is a book like many other books. The same printers, paper and ink are used, but it is the message within it that makes it unlike similar books. That makes it holy.

We see this same idea within many worship examples inside that Holy Bible. In the Tabernacle and the Temple worship many ordinary things were used, but their use made them holy. When it came time for constructing the Tabernacle, Moses called upon the people for donations of the needed materials. The people gave cloth, animal skins, jewelry, and other items. Most of what they gave came from Egyptians and would definitely not be considered holy. When these unholy items were used to build the Tent of God, the alter, the Arc of the Covenant, candelabras and the rest they became holy. Not because they were by nature holy, but because of the purpose of each.

The same is true of the ground under the Tabernacle, Temple, and later, the Synagogues. The Tabernacle was a tent that moved as God directed the Israelites to change locations. In each place it was erected, the tent wasn't placed because the location was holy. Instead, the ground became holy because the Tent was placed there. As a matter of fact, the ground was no longer holy when the Tabernacle was removed and taken to the next location. The same is true of the Temple location. The location was being used as a threshing floor until it was purchased by David. In today's terms, it was a grain elevator or grain processing location. It remained an ordinary place for decades until David died and his son, Solomon, built the Temple. The materials used for the Temple came from the same quarries that were used to build other buildings. The wood came from another country and non-Israelite workers. While being built it was known the location would become holy. It did not become holy until it was dedicated, and the Spirit of God filled the place. We read also that it later became unholy when God's Spirit departed. It was later made holy again in the new Temple that was visited by Jesus. The same is true of all the Synagogues that sprung up in Babylon and Persia along with the land of Israel. In each one of these locations there were even areas that were more special than others. Different courts, areas, rooms were holy, and some were even holier. To go into a holy area was a special occurrence. It took a special attitude and sometimes dress. Heads had to be covered. Women typically had their head covered anyway, but men had a shawl they would use to cover their heads in holy places or when in prayer.

When God comes to people, He typically comes to us in the unholy places we find ourselves. We see that when God visited Abraham, the prophets, and when Jesus came to us. However, when He calls us to where His presence is located, those places are holy such as places of worship, the mountain of the 10 Commandments, and the burning bush.

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With those things in mind, we must think about where and what is holy to us today. We have a magnificent building at the corner of Market and York. Should we consider it holy? What in it is holy? Our church was the third building built as the meeting place of the First Methodist congregation. When our location was chosen it was just another piece of property in the small settlement that called itself Rockville. The bricks came from the same plant as many of the other buildings around town. The guys that built it knew it was going to be a church and they may or may not have been a part of that early congregation. The wood used to furnish the inside, make the alter railing and the pulpit was the same forest that was used for furnishing secular places. The metal used for the lamp stands and offering plates came out of the same ground that was probably used to make knobs, buttons, and ornaments in other places such as banks and taverns. What makes our building holy? It is holy because it is a place that God calls us to come and meet with Him. Our church is a place made holy because of the holy things that happen there. The people of the Bible knew God is everywhere, but there were places to be in God's presence in a special way. So, we know today that God is everywhere and we too, have places to be in God's presence in a special way. One of those is our church. The theater across the alley is similar to our building. There is nothing we do that could not be done there. But, our building is different because it has been built, dedicated, and used to honor God. As in the last 3000 years our church also is a place that holds God's name and is a testimony to our faith in Him.

As was stated earlier, in the Biblical houses of worship there were holy places and holier places. That remains the same today. All our structure, and the property it sits upon, is holy ground. We should remember that when we step onto church property, ours or otherwise, we are stepping onto holy ground. That should determine what we wear, what we say, and what we bring into the building. No where in the building is lewd behavior, foul language or jokes, alcohol, or such acceptable.

What levels of holiness do we have at our place of worship? The way I see it there are three. The Sanctuary, the Chapel, and the rest of the property. The most casual would be the area that is not the Sanctuary or Chapel. All the classrooms, office, and the big room are considered places of fellowship. Casual and comfortable, just remembering it is still a place of God. This is a clean, safe, enjoyable place for families, friends, organizations, receptions. It should be a place of fun and fellowship, learning and sharing, love and grace to be found.

The Chapel is a semiformal place. It can be a place of worship, study, fellowship, and meeting.

The Sanctuary is the holiest place in the building. The word Sanctuary means a holy place or a place of refuge. It is a special place to get away from the world and to be in the presence of God. One reason churches today, and especially the magnificent churches of Europe, are so different inside is to give a glimpse of heaven and remind us that we are in a place that is different from the world. We are in a special place when we are in the Sanctuary. As we come into the Sanctuary, we are to leave the world behind and be prepared to be with God. That doesn't mean we become so somber and stoic that visitors think we are awaiting jail. I remember going to my grandparent's house. If someone had a top that was too revealing, shorts too short, or a shirt with something they considered inappropriate you got told about it and a change was expected. You never said a "bad" word or showed disrespect to anyone. However, they never said anything to visitors until the time they should know better and always treated them like family. There were places you could take food and drinks and places you did not dare take them. But my grandparents' house was a place of love, joy, fun, and acceptance. We couldn't wait to go back because it was such a special place. We were willing to be different at their house not because we had to be different there. We did it to show our love and respect and because of what we received in return. That is how I view our Sanctuary. Let's treat our Sanctuary as the house of our Loving Father. Not because we have to do it, but because of what we receive in return.

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Jon

METHODIST MOUNTAIN MISSION
God's Mission in the Mountains—Your Mission in His Service!

April 2019

Easter Prayers

When the soldiers rolled back the rock at the entrance where Jesus had been buried three days before, they found it completely empty. The resurrection of Jesus Christ had occurred exactly as He said it would. Personally, Jesus' resurrection and His ascension to Heaven is one of my favorite sections of the Bible. It fills me with such hope to know my Lord and Savior can do anything. This Easter, we pray that you are filled with the hope, love, and salvation that Jesus brought to all of us.

Website

Visit our newly renovated website methodistmountainmission.org

There, you'll find:

-Truck Schedules

-Pictures from our stores

-Urgent Needs List

-Newsletters

And much, much more!

Truck Schedule

March 4-6 New Albany-Columbus

March 25-27 Bowling Green-Hopkinsville

March 11-13 Paris-Paducah

April 1-3 Louisville

March 18-20 Frankfort-Lexington

April 8-10 Terre-Haute-Bloomington

Urgent Needs List

*Back to school supplies (it's never too early to get backpacks, paper, pencils, etc. for our children)

*Summer clothes (Men, women, children)

*Socks and underwear (We desperately need new socks and underwear for our stores. Men, women and children.)

*We are now sending supplies to each of our stores once a month. We need garbage bags, paper towels, toilet tissue, cleaner, 1-gallon ZipLock bags, etc.



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Thank you for continuing to give to the Mission. Financial donations can be mailed to:

Methodist Mountain Mission
P.O. BOX 888
Jackson, KY 41339

Methodist Mountain Mission

April 2019

Urgent Needs List

For Our Stores/Customers

EMERGENCY NEEDS

*****Socks and underwear (We desperately need new socks and underwear for our stores. Men, women and children.)*****

- *Men's and children's summer clothes
- *Easter outfits (sundresses, etc.)
- *EASTER items (stuff to fill baskets, etc.)
- *Good pots n' pans
- *Men's shoes
- *Good used furniture
- *School supplies (backpacks, paper, pencils, notebooks, etc.)
- *Back to school clothes



Please note*****

All donated items need to be delivered to Rockville United Methodist Church

by
MONDAY
APRIL 8TH.

PROCESSING PLANT NEEDS

- *Coffee
- *20 oz. coffee cups
- *Air fresheners (aerosol cans)
- *33 gallon black garbage bags
- *Pinesol
- *Dust mops
- *Toilet bowl cleaner
- *Sugar
- *Paper towels
- *Toilet Tissue



And, of course, all of the other wonderfully good and usable items you donate to the Mission!

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An Update from the Administrative Council

March 2019 Meeting

Budget--The vast majority of the meeting was dedicated to the 2019 budget. Most expenses have been evaluated and their values placed in the budget. The budget cannot be completed until more giving cards are returned. The AC needs to know how much money we have to budget before we can complete our work. Letters were sent to families that have not returned the giving cards.

Building and grounds—It was discovered at the end of February there are two broken windows on the west wall of the Chapel. The bottoms of the window frames have failed and probably cannot be repaired. It was decided to get quotes to replace the entire windows with new maintenance free windows. Quotes will be garnered, and the windows replaced as soon as possible.

The insurance company will be contacted about the Sanctuary roof and other wind damage that has occurred lately.

A representative will be at the church sometime in the first two weeks of April to examine all stained glass windows.

Due to a limit in time, the chore list was not addressed at this meeting.

A preliminary contact had been made to a Historic Landmarks representative about funding for major capital projects on the building. The AC decided they would meet at whatever time was convenient with the representative. This is not a fund that would control the building any future repairs. It is a fund that assist in repairs of historic buildings.

Parsonage—A quote to repair the ceiling and walls that suffered water damage was approved and the work was started on March 27. The floors seem to be returning to normal. They will be examined more closely when all repairs and cleanup are completed. It was decided to proceed with renting the parsonage as soon as it is made livable again. An agent to rent, manage, and maintain the parsonage was discussed and he will be contacted to develop a contract. An insurance claim is still being pursued to recover the repair costs. Note: The parsonage was only budgeted through April with plans to have it rented by May.

Audio Visual—It was mentioned that large TV's may be available through Amazon returns. This will be investigated to see if it is probable for the church.

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

Merideth McGill, Young Adult Rep

Pat Ballinger, Lay Leader

Susan Harbison, Member-At-Large

Jon Overbey, Pastor

WORSHIP AND PRAY

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Our Shut-Ins:

Flo Clark; Betty Lewis; Helen Graham; Imogene Rahn; Wanda Nickle; Phyllis Akers; Diana Lows, Roleen Pickard; Lois McGrannahan



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; Sheppard 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
 	3/03/19	15	59	\$2,515.00
	3/10/19	14	51	\$2,396.00
	3/17/19	15	46	\$2,558.50
	3/24/19	15	44	\$2,085.94
	3/31/19	14	51	\$3,652.44
	March total to date:			\$13,207.88

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

2019 Average Worship Attendance: 49

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.), Sunday Evening Bible Study at 6 p.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 6:30 p.m.)

Rockville First United Methodist Church

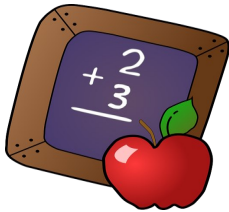
128 N. Market St., Rockville, IN

(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.



**Sunday Evening Bible Study
with
Pastor Jon Overbey
6:00 p.m.**



Website



Rockville UMC has a new Website!!

<https://r1umc.faithlivesites.com>

Photo's and notices for our website to be submitted to

Shannon Belcher



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 **APRIL 4**, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at The Rockville First United Methodist Church. Speaker will be Dr. Alex Facista, MD of Union Hospital's Family Medicine, Terre Haute, IN.

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, courtesy of Rockville Nursing and Rehab.

*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 (765-569-2349)**.*

All senior citizens are welcome (reservations are required), so please invite your friends and neighbors to join you! We hope to see you there!

There will be NO Dine with a Doc program in **MAY**, in honor of NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER.



03 Jordyn Waltz
07 Alan Ader
17 Diana Ader
20 Amanda Waltz
27 Austin Swinehart



07 Alan & Diana Ader
08 Mark & Linda Spelbring
09 Marty & Mary Jane Evens
17 Bob & Mary Anne Jones



Service Circle Meeting

The Service Circle meeting is April 10, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Miriam Lash. Devotions by Mary Alice Barnes, the new hostesses are Carol Keller and Mary Anne Jones. All women are invited to attend.

NEW ADDRESS

Roleen Pickard, Room 102
Meadows Manor North
3150 N 7th TH
Phone 812-466-5217



**NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER**

IS

MAY 2ND.



Working on
the
"chore"
list



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.)

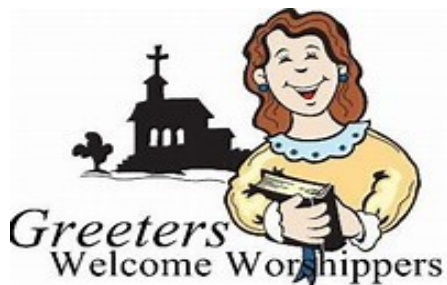
*Our Food Pantry is an independent ministry of our church
benefitting our neighbors in need.*



GUEST SPEAKER:

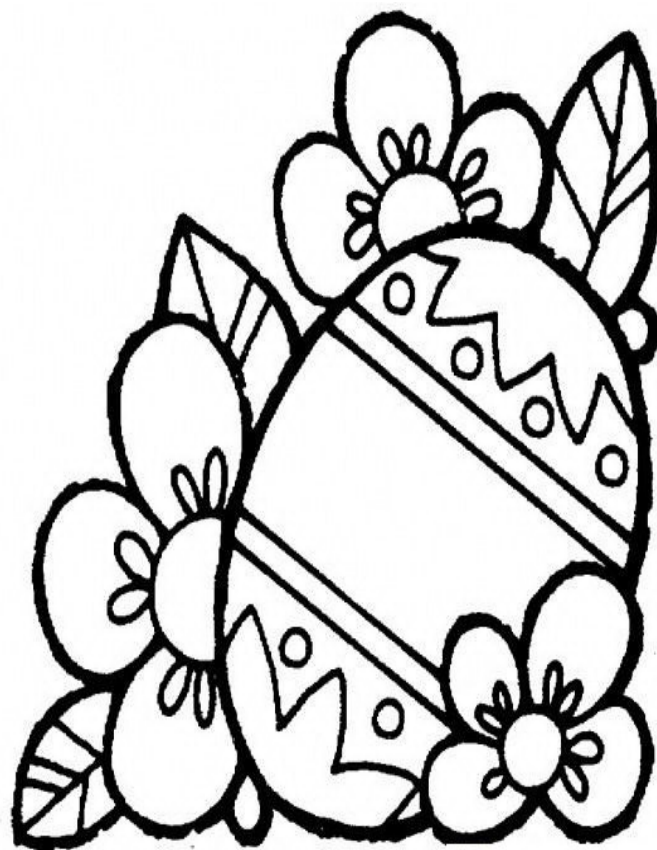
GWEN ALLBRIGHT RYAN
"A Story of Hope and Victory"

Sunday Morning, April 28,
2019



Greeters for April 2019

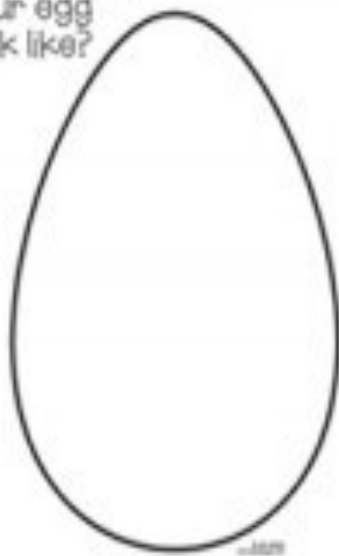
7th Richard & Carol Keller
14th Randy Randall
21st Jean Birch
28th Debbie Davies



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APRIL 2019



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 p.m. Hand bells	2 11 a.m. Men's Bible Study	3	4 11 a.m. Dine with a Doc 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate	5	6
7 10 a.m. Worship Holy Communion 6 p.m. Bible Study	8 7 p.m. Hand bells	9 9 a.m. Men's Breakfast-Benjamins 11 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scout Blue/Gold Ceremony	10 9:30 a.m. Women's Service Circle	11 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	12	13 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Kairos Ad Council
14 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study Palm Sunday	15 7 p.m. Hand bells	16 11 a.m. Men's Bible Study	17 6:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting	18 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Current Literature 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	19 Good Friday	20
17 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study 	18 7 p.m. Hand bells	19 9 a.m. Men's Breakfast-Benjamins 11 a.m. Men's Bible Study	20	21 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	22	23
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28 10 a.m. Worship Guest Speaker; Gwen Allbright Ryan 6 p.m. Bible Study	29 7 p.m. Hand bells	30 11 a.m. Men's Bible Study				

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~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.

