

Highlights & *focus*

AUGUST 2019

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When my youngest son, Bryan, was about 12 years old we took the three kids to Mansfield during the Covered Bridge Festival. He and DJ, who was 14, wanted to go check out a baseball card seller's booth. They both had a small card collection and were always looking to expand it with money they had saved up. About lunchtime they came running up to Gale and I all excited about a card Bryan had bought. I don't remember the player on the card, but it he was important to them. In a flurry of excitement Bryan showed me the card and exclaimed it was a card worth \$25 and he got it for \$10 from the card dealer. I took the opportunity to try and teach him an economics lesson and told him the card was only worth \$10. Bryan stated again that the card was a \$25 card that the dealer let him have for \$10. First, I said the dealer did not let you have anything, he sold it to you. Secondly, if you paid \$10 it is only worth \$10. I explained that if the dealer had "let him have it." It would have been free. It was sold to him. I went on to explain that an item is only worth what a buyer is willing to pay for it at that time. The seller can sell it at that price or wait until someone else comes along who is willing to pay more. If you have a \$25 card that you are willing to pay \$10 and the seller will take \$10, then it is worth \$10. I told him if you think I am wrong go back to the seller and tell him you have a \$25 card and you are willing to let him have it for \$15 and see what he tells you. Or try to sell it to someone and see if they are willing to pay the full price of \$25. He acted like he understood. He really learned the lesson a few years later when he was no longer interested in a card collection. As he was selling off his collection, his \$25-dollar card sold for about \$4.

As we go through things at the church, we should also evaluate the value of what we do. It is okay to ask, "Is it worth it?" We just spent a lot of time, effort, and money on VBS. We spent 4 evenings at the fair handing out candy and watching people go by. Was there value in what we did?

First let's look at the fair. Four evenings, set up and tear down, banners made, candy bought, about 10 people giving up time to work the booth on the hottest week of the year. Was it worth it? Or maybe a better question is, "What would make it worth it?" Consider these three things. First, we got our name out into the public. We made our presence and our work known. You won't attract new people if they don't know you exist and what you do. We also had some good fellowship. That all, in itself, was of value. More importantly, a young family stopped by and needed milk for their 1 year old. A couple of our folks made a run to the Dollar Store to get milk for the baby and stopped by the church to get food for the other 3 children also. What value would you place on feeding 4 small hungry children? Most importantly, a person stopped by and chatted for a while. That person has been in our church the Sundays since the fair. Nothing we do is more important than connecting, or reconnecting, someone to God. Any one of these three would have made the fair worthwhile. All of them together made it priceless.

Now what about VBS? Man, was that a lot of work! Frank, Meredith, and Isabella spent countless hours on prep work and decorating the church. It took a lot of volunteers and effort to pull it off. Group leaders, shop keepers, crafts, games, refreshments, teachers, citizens (those who came just to be a presence to the kids), even a photographer.

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Spent a few hundred \$'s on supplies and resources. Was it worth it? How do you measure the success of a VBS? That is hard to state. But think about these things. Meredith and I were hoping to get the regular kind of the church at VBS with maybe a couple of their friends and hit the 5-8 range for attendance. The first night we had 16! Better than that, is the fact that while most VBS's usually top out on the 3rd day and decline on days 4 & 5, we climbed every day and the last night was almost double the first. Usually, after something like VBS, when kids are dismissed, they bolt out the door. Most of the kids hung around playing in the fellowship hall while we were cleaning up and we had to make some of them leave so we could go home. We showed kids that knowing God is fun. That He loves them and they matter to us. We planted the seed of faith in some and helped the seed grow in others. When that seed will fully develop is unknown to us. I have seen and heard countless accounts of people saying their movement to Christ as an adult was because of what they experienced as a child in VBS. Seeing Randy and Alex running around in togas was a treat. What a blessing it was to see children singing and dancing in the Sanctuary each evening and on the following Sunday morning. When was the last time that happened?? VBS was exhausting but it was fun. Fun for kids and fun for the adults. It would have been worth it for the 5-8 children we were expecting. To touch 30 children made it priceless and a blessing to all who were part of it.

As we think of the value of things, I want to remind you of a couple of principles for us in the church. Jesus had a special place in His life for children. When others didn't want to be bothered with children, or to let them bother Jesus, Christ said to not hinder the children. He took them in His arms and blessed them. (Mk 10:15-15). And also told us that whoever welcomes one of these children in His name welcomes Him. (Mk 9:37) When we welcome children and try to be a blessing to them, we are doing Christ's work and doing it to Him. What can be more worthwhile than that?

Remember what I told my son Bryan? Something is only worth what someone is willing to pay for it. When we think of what a person is worth or what makes it worth it for us to be involved, think about the value of that person. What are they worth? What price must be paid to make them worth it? The good thing is that we don't have to worry about what price must be paid. Jesus tells us plainly that the price has already been paid. What are they worth? Jesus says they are worth His death on the cross. He paid full price for them and for us all. No greater price can be paid. No higher value can be placed than what Jesus has already done. If the children, the lost, the hungry are worth that much to Him, they are worth any effort, any price, any time that we may give. Were the fair and VBS worth it? Absolutely!! Were we successful? Without a doubt!! We should thank God for the opportunity to work for Christ through the Spirit to make a difference in the lives of all we touch.

On another note, I want to thank everyone again for the prayers and concern about my foot. I get the cast off on Aug 6. It will take some time before I am able to walk right. I will be in and out of a shoe and strap on boot splint for a while. Then it will take a few months of conditioning to get the muscle mass back to normal in my lower leg. When I changed from the previous cast to the one I have now my calf was reduced about 40% in size. I don't know where it will be when this cast is removed. We are still planning to go to Montana. However, we will be driving since I may not be able to navigate the Minneapolis/St. Paul airport. No hiking in the mountains this year. My friend does have a Polaris with a double front seat so we will still be going up in the mountains. We will just be riding forest ranger trails. We will be gone about 10 or 11 days including one Sunday. (Don't be one of those who thinks because the Pastor is gone, you don't have to attend church. You're supposed to be coming because you Worship God, connect with Jesus, get touched by the Holy Spirit, and are supported/support your brothers and sisters!) I will, most times, be available by cell phone and texting-which works better than the phone.

Blessings to you all!

Pastor Jon

Lemonade sales for the Humane Shelter



Thanks Ashlynn and Isabella for your dedication on such a hot day!! Great Job.

Way to play, Maddie!



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Friday

4:00pm

August 16

7:00pm

**@Montezuma Community Building
800 N Jackson St
Montezuma, Indiana**

Cost: \$9.00 for Adults

\$6.00 for Children

**(Includes: Jonah fried fish, choice of 2:
Green beans, baked beans, coleslaw, apple sauce,
bread and butter, tea and lemonade)**

Desserts by Donation

**All proceeds go to the
Parke Vermillion**

Community Pregnancy Center

(Fish provided by Jonah Fish Fry)

**Tickets can be purchased by calling the center (765)-569-6460 or
stopping by 410 N Erie Street Rockville or at the door.**

Advance tickets save \$1.00 off



**North Central Parke and
SouthWest Parke Community Schools
Start back to school August 7, 2019**

WORSHIP AND PRAY

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Our Shut-Ins:

Flo Clark; Betty Lewis; 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; Offutt AFB, Nebraska; 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
  <i>tithes and offerings</i>	7/07/19	20	60	\$3,356.00
	7/14/19	18	39	\$2,518.00
	7/21/19	21	54	\$2,286.00
	7/28/19	15	45	\$2,234.37
	total to date:			\$10,394.37

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

2019 Average Worship Attendance: 54

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 7p.m.) Men's Bible Study (Tuesday evenings at 7 p.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

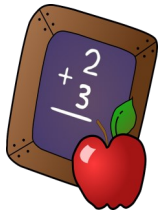
128 N. Market St., Rockville, IN

(1 block north of the courthouse)

For information, please call (765) 569-5356

There IS hope for recovery!

BUDDY BAGS



The Buddy Bag program will start the new school August 8th for the year 2019-2020. 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.



New addresses for our Shut -ins:

Imogene Rahn
Mill Pond Health Campus
1014 Mill Pond Lane
Greencastle, IN 46135

Betty Lewis
Clinton Gardens
375 S. 11th St.
Clinton, IN 47842

Roleen Pickard
Clinton Gardens
375 S. 11th St.
Clinton, IN 47842

Diana Lows
Vermillion Convalescent Center
1705 S. Main St.
Clinton, IN 47842



Happy Anniversary!!

A surprise 25th anniversary get together for Pastor Jon and Gale was enjoyed by the Sunday Evening Bible Study group.

Ad Council Notes

July 2019

Parsonage--Some folks in the congregation have started on the "chore list". The cleaning service was called in to clean the inside and the exterior windows. An Ad Council workday is scheduled for July 27 at 8:30. The gas log fireplace will be inspected July 26. An updated rental agreement will be obtained. Alex and Carol Milligan will be renting the parsonage while their recently purchased house is renovated.

Buildings and grounds--Windows in the Chapel are replaced. Work has been completed to weave in bricks on the office heat/AC vent holes. Matching bricks were found in St Louis while the contractor was working in that area. The interior spaces will be drywalled or paneled.

The architect's plan and charges were discussed. The full council to decided to move forward with the plan to prepare for the grant application. An application will also be pursued to help pay for the plan.

Capital Project Committee to begin work before end of July.

The janitor's position has been advertised. Interviews will be conducted soon. (This has been completed since the meeting and the janitor will begin on July 30.)

Rock Painting Group--It was agreed to let Martha Holaday's rock painting group meet in the church. There are painters from 6 to over 60 years old.

Vacation Bible School--Went well. 16 children on the first night. 30 children on the 5th night. We may do a one-day event for Christmas.

Jr High youth group--The need for a group that will minister to Jr High students was discussed. This will be brought up again later.

Hygiene Closet--Items will be collected starting with a list in the July 28 bulletin. Will have delegates meet with school nurse before start of school.

Parke County Fair--The church had a booth at the 4-H fair from July 15th to 18th. Slide show of church activities was displayed. A hanging banner and a vertical banner were purchased and can be used for other events. Handouts were made.

Covered Bridge Festival--Plan to do yard sale, hospitality, soup dinner, parking lot. Chairperson, Susan Harbison to coordinate parking lot. Will discuss more at next meeting.

Budget--No items to discuss.

A/V equipment--It was decided to form a group to get this settled ASAP. Names were discussed and will be approached before the next meeting.

Topics for further discussion--Hometown Holiday participation. Clothes for Jr and Sr high schools. Funds available from Conference for promoting any event between Nov 25 and Jan 6. CCLI license and what all it includes.

AROUND THE CHURCH



The Dine with a Doc ® program is August 1, 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, courtesy of Clinton Gardens. The speaker will be Amelia Ladd, NP-C, Palliative Medicine.

*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!



01 Jennifer Ader
02 Mariana Ponce
06 Martha Holaday
Katrina Miller

17 Sally Zuber
24 George Waltz
27 Daniel Milligan
30 Natalie Geiger



17 Mike & Diana Ruark



Service Circle

The Service Circle will meet September 11, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions will be given by Sue North. Hostesses are Louise Norman and Jean Birch .



Greeters for August 2019

4th Luanne Malone
11th Leanne Malone
18th Rusty Akers
25th Martha Holaday

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

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.*



Genesis 9:13 - I have set my
rainbow in the clouds, and
it will be a sign of the cove-
nant between Me and the
earth.

Our church is at the "end"
of the rainbow in this
picture.





AUGUST 2019

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11 a.m. Dine with a Doc 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	2	3
4 10 a.m. Worship Holy Communion 7 p.m. Bible Study	5	6 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 Rock Painting	7 First day of Parke County Schools 	8 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	9	10
11 10 a.m. Worship 7 p.m. Bible Study	12	13 9 a.m. Men's Breakfast-Benjamins 6:30 Rock Painting 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study	14	15 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	16	17
18 10 a.m. Worship 7 p.m. Bible Study	19	20 6:30 Rock Painting 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study	21 6:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting	22 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	23	24
25 10 a.m. Worship 7 p.m. Bible Study	26	27 9 a.m. Men's Breakfast-Benjamins 6:30 Rock Painting 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 p.m. Men's Bible	28	29 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	30 6 p.m. Fellowship Diner	31

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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

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study

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.

