

**ROCKVILLE
FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**

Highlights & *focus*

JULY 2019

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July is a time when we think about our country and what it means to live here. Often, we take living in the United States of America for granted. We forget how blessed we are to be citizens of this nation. I truly believe God has been involved with the greatness of our homeland.

What concerns me is the lack of remembrance of the faith of the Founding Fathers and their dependence on God to help in the Revolutionary War, The Continental Congress, and writing the Constitution. Here are some examples that show the Founders were grounded in Christian faith. Many of the signers of the Declaration were trained as ministers. 29 of them were educated in colleges dedicated to training clergy. One wrote the first American hymnbook. Another started the first Sunday School in America and founded the first Bible Society.

All English Bibles were printed in England. During the Revolution, England stopped all shipments of Bibles to the Colonies. On July 7, 1777 a request was made to Congress that Bibles be brought in from other countries. Congress authorized 20,000 Bibles be acquired from Holland or Scotland. Due to the blockade there is no evidence any ever arrived. In 1781 Congress commissioned Robert Aitken to print Bibles in Philadelphia under the authority and supervision of the Chaplin of the Senate and the Chaplin of the House.

During the writing of the Constitution the delegates came to an impasse over state representation. Tempers flared and it looked like things were about to fall apart. Benjamin Franklin interrupted the proceedings and gave a very influential suggestion. First, he proposed a 3-day recess in which everyone pledged to not meet their likeminded members, but pledge to meet with their opponents daily. (Which they did.) He asked that a Chaplin be obtained, that each day the Chaplin open the proceedings with prayer. Not only did this occur at the convention, it became the continuing practice to have a Chaplin for both Houses of Congress and continues to today. During the deliberations as July 4th was approaching, it was decided to have a church service to commemorate the anniversary of the nation. George Washington led the delegates to the church.

On Sept 18, 1793 the cornerstone was laid for the US Capital building by President George Washington. Church services started in the Capitol in July of 1795, although Congress did not move into the building for over 5 more years. The Capitol housed non-denominational church services until the time of the Civil War. Thomas Jefferson who was Vice-President when the services began attended regularly through his Presidency. Jefferson was known to even ride his horse in the rain to attend church. (John Adams, however, was known for riding a closed carriage drawn by 4 white horses.) The Marine Corp Band provided the music for the services. In 1867 the largest congregation in the country assembled each week in the House side with over 2000 in attendance.

The painting you may have seen with George Washington kneeling beside his horse in prayer was an event that occurred. Things were not going well at Valley Forge. Washington was feeling overpowered and in response to that rode his horse to the edge of the woods away from the troops and knelt for a considerable time in prayer. This was witnessed by soldiers and officers who wrote about it in letters home that are on file today. Washington attested his victories that came at the benefit of weather to "Divine Providence." He also issued an order to the troops that a church service be conducted every Sunday, when possible. All officers were required to be in attendance.

When things were not going well for the fledgling nation, Congress declared a National Fast on March 16, 1776. Then again, seeking God's assistance, on Nov 1, 1777 Congress declared a National day of Thanksgiving and Prayer set for Dec 18 of that year. The "Thanksgiving" was to be solemn and penitent. Labor, celebration, or recreation was considered "unbecoming" this appeal to God.

I could fill several pages with more examples of the Founding Father's faith, but I think you get the point. They were men of faith. They depended on their faith and God's guidance to free them from tyranny, to set up the new nation, and to preserve the nation for people like us and our grandchildren. They felt the nation could not be formed, or continue to exist, without God being involved.

Another observation is their belief that we need to pray for our leaders and the soldiers that fight for our freedoms. We need to pray for our nation in times of distress and in times of peace. This is a Biblical principle from 1 Timothy 2:1-3 "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior" Romans 13:1 – "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God." Jeremiah 29:7 – "Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."

Let's make this time of celebration of our nation a time to honor God for the great nation in which we live. Let's make it a time of special prayer to God for the blessings He has given us and pray that the United States of America will continue to be strong and free. Remember there are many places in this world that do not allow the liberties we possess. People do not know the freedom of movement, speech, gathering, and worship that makes life here so great. Gale and I will be celebrating by enjoying festivals, parades, and fireworks. But we will also be thanking God for all He has done for our nation. We will be praying for our leaders, the soldiers, and the people of this great country. I ask all of you to do the same.

God Bless America,
And God Bless all of You!!

Pastor Jon

June Administrative Council Minutes

Parsonage--Some folks in the congregation have started on the "chore list". There is still a lot that remains to be done. A workday is scheduled for July 20 at 8:30. The gas log fireplace needs inspected.

Buildings and grounds—Windows in the Chapel are scheduled to be replaced soon. (This was completed the week after the meeting). A quote was received 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. All members were contacted, and it was decided to accept the bid. (This was also completed the week after the meeting.)

The insurance adjuster's quote for the damaged shingles was reviewed. State Farm will pay approximately \$7900 for the damaged areas. A total roof replacement will be about \$33,000. This project will be given to the Capital Project Committee.

The architect's plan and charges were discussed. This will need the full council to meet to move forward.

The janitor's position has been advertised. Interviews will be conducted soon.

Vacation Bible School—Scheduled for July 23-27. Everything is ordered. If all goes well, we may do a one-day event for Christmas.

Parke County Fair—The church will have a booth at the 4-H fair from July 15th to 18th. Slide show of church activities will be displayed. We are preparing handouts also.

Covered Bridge Festival—Plan to do yard sale, hospitality, soup dinner, parking lot. Need a chairperson to coordinate parking lot. Will discuss more at next meeting.

Topics for further discussion—Hometown Holiday participation, Day of Blessing service, Clothes for high school and hygiene closet at 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.

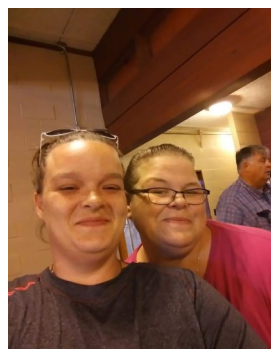
VBS 2019

A T H E N S





Rockville UMC VBS 2019



ATHENS



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
	6/02/19	20	62	\$3,219.00
	6/09/19	17	51	\$2,680.35
	6/17/19	17	56	\$2,503.60
	6/23/19	18	52	\$1,548.00
	6/30/2019	15	50	\$2,106.35
	total to date:			\$12,057.03

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

2019 Average Worship Attendance: 53

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

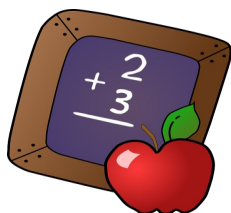
128 N. Market St., Rockville, IN

(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 year 2019-2020 this fall. 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



Visit the RUMC Church booth at the Fair

Monday - Thursday
July 15th - 18th
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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 Bethesda Gardens.

*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!

NO DINE WITH A DOC IN JULY DUE TO THE HOLIDAY.



05 Bill Russell
07 Aedon King
08 Devin Akers
09 Ross Akers
11 Jeff Miller
12 Linda Spelbring
14 Karin Woodson

18 Jerry McMullen
20 Dorothy Smith
21 Maia Holaday
27 Greg Harbison
31 Elias Milligan



01 Dale & Mary Alice Barnes
01 Mark & Martha Holaday
13 Bill & Connie Becker
28 Lloyd & Sally Zuber
30 Dan & Kathy Price



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 July 2019

7th Carol Perry
14th Billie Sue & Kent Langdoc
21st Karen White
28th Becky Black

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.*

New windows for the Chapel





JULY 2019

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 NO DINE WITH A DOC OFFICE CLOSED	5	6
7 10 a.m. Worship Holy Communion 7 p.m. Bible Study	8	9 9 a.m. Men's Breakfast-Benjamins 5 p.m. Praise Team Practice 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study	10	11 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	12	13
14 10 a.m. Worship 7p.m. Bible Study	15 5 - 8 p.m. County Fair Booth	16 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study 5 - 8 p.m. County Fair Booth	17 6:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting 5 - 8 p.m. County Fair Booth	18 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery 5 - 8 p.m. County Fair Booth	19 "Third Friday" Activities on the Square	20
21 10 a.m. Worship 7 p.m. Bible Study	22	23 9 a.m. Men's Breakfast-Benjamins 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study	24	25 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	26	27
28 10 a.m. Worship 7 p.m. Bible Study	29	30 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study	31			

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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

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.

