

# Highlights & *focus*

SEPTEMBER 2019

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## A Note from the Pastor September 2019

September is a month when the temperatures begin to go down and activities go up. The month begins with school recently started and activities kicking into full gear. Labor Day gives us a chance to take pride in honoring and remembering all of those who have worked so hard to make this country great. The men and women who have gotten up and gone to work each day to make their lives and this country better have often gone unnoticed and unappreciated. The 40-hour work week, vacations, lunch breaks, job safety, holidays, and other benefits have often been driven by the working people of the country. Like so many other things, we need to remember the accomplishments of those who have gone before us that make our lives what they are today.

Activities within the church are picking up also. Once again, we are leading the Buddy Bag program. Along with help from 2 other churches, we will be filling sacks on Thursday with food for children who otherwise would not have for the weekend. Those sacks are placed in the backpacks of the needy children by the elementary school teachers on Friday. This requires drivers to pick up the food, packers on Thursday evening, and a person to deliver the food to the school along with someone to pick up the empty bags. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry see Charla Malone.

Cub Scouts start up again in September. We Charter a Pack with 4 Dens that meet in the church. Children from 1st to 5th grade participate in the Cub Scout pack and fill our base-ment on Tuesday evenings. If you are interested in being a Cub Scout Leader/Volunteer, please contact the Pastor.

Girl Scouts are again a part of our church. It is a small group that organized a few months ago. We are excited about these girls being in the building and are eager to see them grow and flourish within our building. If you are interested in being a Girl Scout Leader/Volunteer, please contact the Pastor.

The hygiene closet is starting at the school. This is a way to provide basic items needed for personal hygiene to our high school students. Many of you have donated items already and I thank you for those gifts. A list of items can be picked up in the office. More details for this will be provided in the next few days at church.

Celebrate Recovery is continuing, but numbers always pick up after Labor Day. This is a Christ centered recovery program for people with "hurts, hang-ups, and habits" of any kind, not just drugs and alcohol. Since I have been here, I have seen hearts given to Jesus that resulted in families reunited, habits kicked, children's lives made better because of the changes in parents, and people able to hold jobs again.

And of course, this is the month we start the preparations for the Covered Bridge Festival. Getting plans together, soliciting volunteers, gathering item for the sale, planning for the soup dinner, and such have begun and are picking up speed.

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**September 2019**

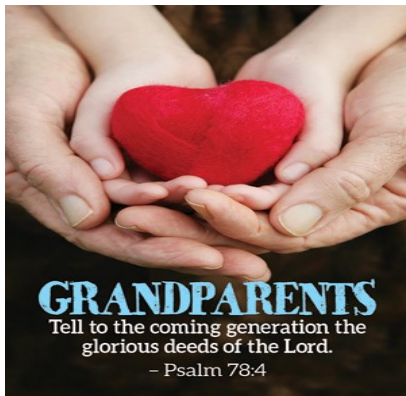
As we think of all that is going on, we also need to remember what we mentioned earlier about Labor Day. Just as we honor and remember those who made our country what it is today. We need to honor and remember those who made our church what it is today. From the first brothers and sisters who met as Methodist people on the Courthouse lawn in 1822 to those who we have seen working in the church today. All that we are able to do and accomplish is made possible because of the people who have worked so hard to build and maintain our buildings, to do the ministry that was needed in their days, to teach, to meet, to pray and to set up this church, and congregation, for what we are accomplishing above and the ministries that we will conduct in the years to come.

Some people say the measure of a church is by the activities occurring there. Is a church reaching out into the community? Are there ministries that serve non-members? Are there opportunities for Christian growth among the members? And as United Methodists, we would ask is the Holy Spirit moving in the church and demonstrated by hearts changes and lives touched? Judging from the above the obvious answer to all of these questions are “YES!” The activities above don’t even mention The Service Circle and the work they have done. The 10 years of the Fellowship Diner. The Rock Painters. The Men’s Bible Study, the Pastor’s Bible Study, the Covenant Group, the Men’s breakfast, and VBS.

I thank you for the ministries and activities happening now. Let’s all remember and honor those who have got us to the point that we can do what we are doing. And just as important, let’s make sure that we are laboring not just for our generation, but also for the generations to come.

Blessings to you all!

*Pastor Jon*

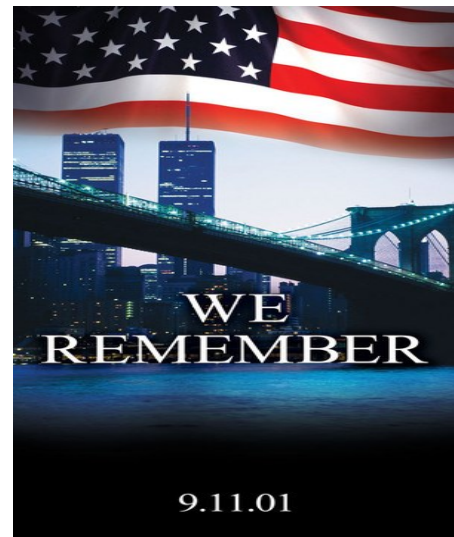


# *Grandparents Day*

## *September 8th*

Please remember to  
**CONTINUOUSLY**  
pray for our  
**Country**  
and our  
**Leaders.**

September 11th



September 2, 2019



# WORSHIP AND PRAY

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS!

### ***Our Shut-Ins:***

Flo Clark; Betty Lewis; Wanda Nickle; Phyllis Akers; Diana Lows, Roleen Pickard; Lois McGrannahan, Brenda Schreiner.



### ***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; Staff Sgt. 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
	8/04/19	14	55	\$4,530.00
	8/11/19	18	58	\$2,083.00
	8/18/19	12	50	\$2,110.00
	8/25/19	16	59	\$1,859.00
	<b>total to date:</b>			<b>\$10,582.00</b>

**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 four 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**

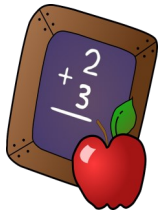
128 N. Market St., Rockville, IN

(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 (in September) 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:

Betty Lewis  
Clinton Gardens  
375 S. 11th St.  
Clinton, IN 47842  
765-832-2491

Roleen Pickard  
Parkeside Village Senior Living  
730 N Spring Rd, Room 234  
Westerville, OH 43082  
614-300-7722

Diana Lows  
VCC  
1705 S. Main St.  
Clinton, IN 47842  
765-832-3573

Brenda Schreiner  
Meadows Manor North  
3150 N 7th St.  
Terre Haute, IN 47804  
812-466-5217



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

New members always welcome.

Starting September 9th



## AROUND THE CHURCH



The Dine with a Doc ® program is September 5th, 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 Janie Myers, DO, FACOS, FACS, is a fellowship-trained, minimally invasive laparoscopic general surgeon specializing in breast surgery in Terre Haute, Indiana. 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 Aaron Mathis  
04 Caleb Swinehart  
10 Liverio Ponce  
11 Patty Butler  
12 Michael Milligan  
13 Doug Dixon  
19 Lloyd Zuber  
20 Louise Norman



21 Taunnie Russell  
Brenda Schreiner  
25 Ashlynn Jane Bettis  
26 Rebekah Ayres



26 Greg & Susan Harbison



### 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 September 2019

1st Marty & Mary Jane Evens  
8th Starr Smetana  
15th Jean Birch  
22nd Doug Dixon  
29th Robin Swinehart

## 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

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## SERVE AND GIVE

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- 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.*



## Covered Bridge Festival October 11th ~ 20th

*The sign-up sheet for our largest fundraiser of parking cars during the ten days of the Covered Bridge Festival is on the table at the back of the church. We need 40 shifts covered which would be one per person IF everyone would please sign up. Signing up for multiple shifts would fill in the gaps and be greatly, greatly appreciated!*

We will also be running our  
Annual Covered Bridge  
Rummage Sale  
and  
Hospitality Table  
and  
Soup Supper

Details will come later.

*Many hands make light work! As a part of our church family, please do your part or even go above and beyond!*

Sign up today so we can be prepared and ready to go.

*Thank you!*





# SEPTEMBER 2019

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

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rockvilleumc.net  
Facebook:  
facebook.com/rockvillefirstumc

## Office Hours:

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



~Pastor Jon Overbey~

Email: [Jon.overbey@inumc.org](mailto: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.

