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# Highlights & *focus*

OCTOBER 2019

## A Note from the Pastor October 2019

Wow, October is upon us already! That means the Festival is about to erupt upon the town again. I don't know whether looking forward to seeing the church's activities during this important time.



First of all, in this note, I want to thank everyone for what you all did for Brenda. Those of you that hauled her around, the ones who visited her in the hospital and the nursing home, the ones who took her daughter to see Brenda, those of you who baked her cakes, and all of you who brought food for the funeral and attended the service. Brenda didn't have much. To many, her daughter seemed to be the only family around. What they didn't know was that Brenda had a big family, her brothers and sisters in this church. I don't know how many times I heard Brenda tell someone how much she loved everyone in this church. You all demonstrated to the nursing home, the community and to her family that she was loved by us as well. Caroline's aunt from Chicago had told Caroline to not plan on a memorial service because the funeral homes were way too expensive and that the church would be a charge of \$200 or \$300. They were taken back to find out there was no charge to use the church and that a meal would be provided. They asked why we would do that and were told because Brenda is a part of our family. I am honored and pleased to be a part of a church that shows love for one another. Many churches talk about it, but you all demonstrated it. Not just with Brenda, you have shown it with Connie, Phyllis, Dave, Jim, Wanda.

Secondly, you have shown a love for others outside the church. My office is full of items for the two hygiene closets being set up in the schools. The love is demonstrated by the Angel Tree and other giving. The quickness and willingness to diligently pray for others when the call goes out is a sign of people that care. We have a clothes closet being set up for people in need to share Christ's love for them. The Fellowship Diner tells people that we care for them. All of these things are done for people who can give back nothing in return. Jesus said when you do something for those who can return the favor you are no better than the ungodly. When we reach out in love and service to those who cannot return it, we have done it for Jesus Himself and build up rewards in heaven.

I want to remind those who were at church earlier in September, and let those know who were not able to be there, that we are entering a huge capital campaign for the structure of the church. We have brick problems on the towers that are allowing water to come in the church and starting to affect the strength of the towers. The walls on each side of the front stairs are leaning over and one has holes in it. The roof over the Sanctuary is missing over 100 shingles. The frames on the stained-glass windows is in need of attention.

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## A Note from the Pastor Continued

Every carpet we have is in bad shape and becoming fall hazards. Some plaster in the church is needing repaired in due to the brick problems. Our sound system needs attention. The projector is failing. This is only a part of the problems. We have a group that is examining every aspect of the buildings. They have been tasked with identifying everything that needs done. Then they will prioritize all work. That will be followed with construction estimates for budgeting purposes. Then presenting the plan to the Ad Council. That group is Marty Evens, Richard Keller, Bob Pound, Doug Dixon, Bill Russell, Aaron Mathis, and Carol Milligan. They will also put together a task and chore list of things we can make available for volunteers to do. We are also having a historical architect examine the structure and make recommendations for repairs.

I will always be straight with you all and the straight truth is this going to be expensive and not quickly accomplished. Just in the roof, bricks and windows the estimate is about \$160,000. The total will be at least \$200,000 and chances are it could be significantly higher. We are applying for grants. One will pay for about ½ of the architect bill. One is from the UMC Foundation for the audio/visual system assistance. Another is from the Historical Landmarks, but any money we may receive from them has to be matched dollar for dollar (up to \$50,000) before we can get it. The other thing to know is that most of these things cannot wait years to accomplish. They are structure and safety issues. We need to stay vigilant, dedicated, and purposeful in the repair of our church. We are doing all we can to find available money from other sources. If you know of resources and grants available, please let me or Rob know. Still, other sources won't cover all we need. That means we may have to dig deep into our resources. I am committed to contributing toward this cause. I hope you are too.

We have one of the most beautiful and historical buildings in the county. It is also a witness of what we think about the God we serve. Let's honor God and the building by returning it to its intended splendor.

Blessings to you all!

*Pastor Jon*



I want to thank everyone who donated food, served or helped clean up for Brenda Schreiner's bereavement dinner, many hands make light work!

We served over 50 family members and friends and received many nice compliments.

Mary Jane Evens, coordinator



**\*SAVE THE DATE!**

**West District Charge Conference**  
**Sunday, November 10, 2019,**  
**United Methodist Temple, Terre Haute, IN**  
**2:00 p.m.**

*More details to come soon!*

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## **KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY**

Please pray to strengthen the faith of these committed Christian men and women as they serve!

Volunteers for Kairos prepare food for the Women's Prison utilizing the kitchen at RFUMC then deliver to the Prison.

October 30, 31; November 1 - 3

The offenders are filled spiritually and physically.

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October 14, 2019



# WORSHIP AND PRAY

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS!

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

Flo Clark; Betty Lewis; 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; 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
  	9/01/19	18	55	\$3,593.40
	9/08/19	17	59	\$3,655.00
	9/15/19	17	49	\$4,188.00
	9/22/19	15	64	\$3,432.00
	9/29/19	18	51	\$1,860.00
	<b>total to date:</b>			<b>\$16,728.40</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 6 p.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**

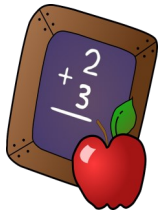
128 N. Market St., Rockville, IN

*(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.



### ATTENTION YOUTH:

New Sunday School Class

The C.R.E.W.

3rd - 6th grades

9:00 - 9:45 a.m. Downstairs in the TV Room

Teacher: Merideth McGill



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 October 3rd, 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 Dr Darren Dulay, MD, Family Practice 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!



03 Logan Carlton  
04 Kapria Collings  
05 Charles Allen Miller  
06 Nick Waltz  
Darlene Ayres  
08 Richard Keller

17 Warren Ayres  
Randy Dowdy  
18 Karen White  
21 Clara Jack  
22 Jacob Bryant  
28 Kinley Noelle Geiger  
31 Mary Jane Evens



29 Rob & Shannon Belcher



### Service Circle

The Service Circle will meet November 13, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions will be given by Mary Anne Jones. Hostesses are Sally Zuber and Merideth McGill.



## Greeters for October 2019

6th Steve and Elaine Waltz  
13th Miriam Lash  
20th Jean Birch  
27th Tulie Jadzak

## 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.*



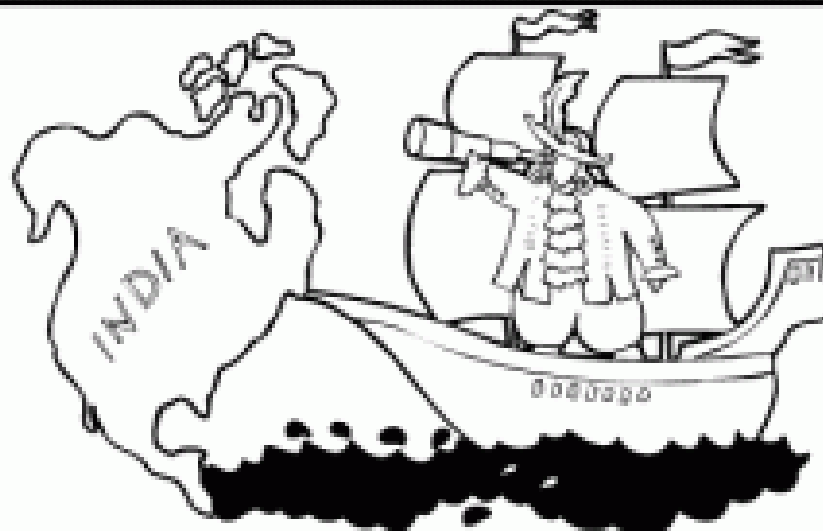
## Covered Bridge Festival October 11th ~ 20th

### Covered Bridge Rummage Sale

- drop off begins Monday 10/1
- Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. except both Sundays (11 a.m.)
- Soup dinner Wednesday, 10/16, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- Cookie & bottled water donations for the hospitality table needed.
- Trustees parking @ 36 Saloon, 2 shifts daily, 8-noon , noon-4. All slots are filled!



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



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## COLUMBUS DAY WORD SEARCH

America      Columbus      King Ferdinand      New World  
 Atlantic Ocean      Discover      Queen Isabella      India



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# OCTOBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 Rock Painting 6:30 Cub Scouts at Bloomingdale 7 p.m. Men's Bible	2	3 11 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 6 p.m. Bible Study	7 7 p.m. Hand bells	8 9 a.m. Men's Breakfast-Benjamins 6:30 Rock Painting 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study	9	10 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	11 Covered Bridge Festival	12 Covered Bridge Festival
13 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study Covered Bridge Festival	14 7 p.m. Hand bells Covered Bridge Festival	15 6:30 Rock Painting 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study Covered Bridge Festival	16 6:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting Covered Bridge Festival	17 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Covered Bridge Festival	18 Covered Bridge Festival	19 Covered Bridge Festival
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27 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	28 7 p.m. Hand bells	29 6:30 Rock Painting 7 p.m. Men's Bible <b>Kairos</b>	30 <b>Kairos</b>	31 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery <b>Kairos</b>		

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## 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.

