

ROCKVILLE  
FIRST  
UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH

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# Highlights & *focus*

NOVEMBER 2019

A Note from the Pastor  
November 2019

It doesn't seem like it should be November. It also doesn't seem like it has been a year since I started as your Pastor. Time flies when your having fun! I hope you have been having fun. I have enjoyed the past 12 months.

November is a time that we think of the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us. We start with All Saints Day. Originally celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month it is now the first Sunday. It is the Memorial Day for all of Christianity. It is a time we remember all those who have kept the faith and passed on that faith of Jesus to us. Sunday we will honor those who we have lost this past year. We will also remember all the faithful who started the first Methodist congregation in Rockville that met on the Southwest corner of the Courthouse lawn in 1822 as well as each generation that faithfully gathered to continue meeting as people called Methodist. We are thankful for the Lay Leaders, Trustees, and other officers. Mostly, we are thankful for the Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, VBS workers and all the others who prepared the next generation to take over when they received their reward in heaven. Our thankfulness should also remind us of our responsibility to the generation that will take over for us when we are gone.

The next Sunday we will celebrate all those who have served our country. Although some consider November 10 to be a holiday (ask Aaron about it) we will honor the veterans in our midst on that day. From the Continental Army formed in 1775 to this moment as you read this note we have men and women who are willing to give their lives so we can live in the greatest country on earth. Each person who puts on a uniform knows the time may arise that will require they give up an arm, a leg, or their very life. Yet they put on the uniform and take that chance so we can live lives of peace and comfort. Because of our veterans we can gather at church, we can travel freely, we can join with our children & grandchildren, we can speak freely, we can worship openly, and we can enjoy the liberty we often take for granted. Most of us will never know what our veterans have seen and endured in their service. They give their lives, their limbs, their sanity, and other parts of their being that we will never understand. For that we should always be thankful. When out with my children, or now with my grandchildren I have them go to the soldiers in uniform, and some veterans with their hats, shirts, and vests, and tell them thank you!

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday we will all gather around a table of blessing to celebrate Thanksgiving. This is the most traveled week of the year as people strive to be with family. Thanksgiving is more than the football game or the day that holiday movies are released. It is a day that calls to remember two things. The first is how important it is to have religious freedom as we honor those who went through so much in order to raise their children in the faith of Jesus Christ. The pilgrims left England for religious freedom. They, subsequently, left the Amsterdam area so their children would not fall victim to the sin of the local

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## A Note from the Pastor Continued

people. They totally trusted God and went to a place they had never seen in a territory they had only heard about. A place of wilderness and dangers. Their faith and the love of their children were greater than any dangers they may endure. Their struggles and trials are beyond our comprehension. Yet, they continued to trust in God through it all. Through prayers and faith, they made it to the bounty of the next year's harvest. With their newfound Native American friends, they celebrated Thanksgiving in a way it had never been celebrated before that time. Thanksgiving now reminds us of the bounty of God's blessings to us. As we feast, let us think about the past year and how we have seen at work in our lives and the life of our church. Thank God for our food and comfort, for our families and friend, for our church, and for His life in our lives. We are truly blessed. Thanksgiving should also cause you to think about how important is your walk with Christ. What are you willing to do to worship Christ and protect your children, grandchildren, other family and friends from the sin of this world?

I want to end this note in the way I started it. Sharing my thankfulness for all of you! As most of you know I served Eugene and Newport for 34 years. During the first meeting I had with the Ad Council I was asked why after 34 years why did I decide to leave and possibly come to Rockville? I told the Council that I was satisfied where I was serving. However, I had always prayed that when God decided the right place at the right time came for us, then I would get a call. In August of 2018 I received that call from the Asst. District Superintendent saying they had a spot for me to consider. I was excited when I received the call for the following reason. I did not tell the Ad Council the August call was not the first call. In June there was a windstorm at our house. We lost 22 trees. While cleaning up the trees by the front of the property our neighbor (who was your janitor at that time) came over and was telling us that the church was without a pastor. There was something inside me that let me know I was going to Rockville 1<sup>st</sup>. The only thing I can't figure out is why it took the District Superintendent 2 months to figure it out. I am thankful to all of you for accepting me as your pastor. For welcoming Gale and understanding her situation at Eugene. For the love you show us both we are truly and greatly thankful!!

May the Lord bless you and may He make you a Blessing to all!!

*Pastor Jon*



Happy  
Thanksgiving

# Spaghetti Dinner

Friday November 8th 4p.m.-7p.m

Rockville First United Methodist Church

(corner of York & Market Sts.)

Call 765-569-5356 to buy tickets or RSVP

**Tickets: Adults \$8.00 Child (under 12) \$4.00**

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## SPAGHETTI DINNER



**\*SAVE THE DATE!**

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

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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.



# 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; Rob Graham, Navy, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, grandson of Helen Graham; Lance Catlin, Marines, grandson of Lenora Douglas.

### **Retirement**

Lt. Col. Jason W. Neumann, son of Linda and Mark Spelbring, has officially retired from military service, as of August 5, 2019. Jason served 18 years in the Florida Army National Guard following 4 years with the U.S. Coast Guard. He always appreciated the Church's support and prayers throughout his military service.

### FACTS & FIGURES

	Date	Sunday School Attendance	Worship Attendance	Tithes & Offerings
	10/06/19	16	49	\$4,469.45
	10/13/19	16	53	\$2,201.00
	10/20/19	10	46	\$5,281.89
	10/27/19	21	59	\$2,789.92
	<b>total to date:</b>			<b>\$14,742.86</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**

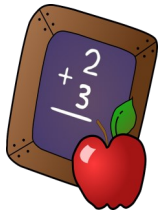
128 N. Market St., Rockville, IN

(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 November 7th, 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 Ronald Wheeler, MD.

*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!



06 Karen Kent  
12 Avery Lee Harbison  
16 Mason Woody  
17 Kathy Price  
22 Mark Holaday  
23 Abby Mathis  
24 Cathy Flock Thompson  
Emilia Ponce



09 Bill & Taunnie Russell



### 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.

**\*\*Please bring a non-perishable item for the food pantry\*\***



## ***Greeters for November 2019***

3rd Debbie Davies  
10th Alan & Diana Ader  
17th Larry & Charla Malone  
24th Louise Norman

December 1st Jean Birch

## AROUND THE CHURCH

# Clothes Closet



There is no charge to shop, but love offerings would be accepted.

### Rockville First United Methodist Church

128 N Market St  
Rockville, IN 47872

Corner of Market and York  
Enter through the side exit off of York

Open Thursdays 1 – 5pm  
Call the church at (765)569-5356 to check for cancellations

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Sunday night Bible Study group held a meal for Pastor Jon and Gale to show their appreciation in honor of Pastor Jon and Gale's one year anniversary serving our church.





Pooh, Tigger, Piglet, Eeyore, Captain Hook and a Christmas caroler passed out candy and pamphlets to over 450 kids on this very cold Halloween evening on the square in Rockville. Highlights were pictures with Pooh and sword fights with Captain Hook.

Thank you to Marty and Mary Jane Allbright Evens, Steve and Elaine Waltz, Susan Harbison, Rob Belcher, Shannon Belcher, Maddie and Charlie Belcher, Pastor Jon, and Alex Milligan for braving the cold and making the evening a success!





## 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.*

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### 2019 Covered Bridge Festival Parking Lot Fundraiser

by Susan Harbison

10 days, 80 hours, 40 four hour shifts, and 33 wonderful volunteers equals \$7125.00 for our Church Capital Campaign Fund. With upcoming and ongoing repairs needed on our historic church building this opportunity is greatly appreciated! Thanks so much to all as we braved the weather elements and four hours at a time of mostly standing to fulfill our duties. With 33 volunteers this year, no one had to do more than one or two shifts. \*denotes working two shifts. "Thank you" to the following generous volunteers who donated their precious time to make this possible:

Special thanks to Greg Harbison who daily picked up trash on the lot, as is requested, and for getting the morning shift started each day. Also for assisting me in picking up the money and signs at the close of the last shift each day, counting/depositing the money and preparing for the next day. And last but certainly not least, the biggest "Thank You" to Mark Vanderheyden and the

Miriam Lash  
Meredith McGill  
Doug Dixon\*  
Tracy Swaim  
Rusty Akers  
Bill Becker

Rob, Maddie and Charlie Belcher\*  
Steve and Elaine Waltz  
Larry and Charla Malone\*  
Bob and Janie Pound  
Marty and Mary Jane Evens\*

Mark and Linda Spelbring  
Alan and Diana Ader  
Jon and Gale Overbey  
Alex and Carol Milligan  
Greg and Susan Harbison\*

Kent Langdoc  
Mary Alice Barnes  
LeAnn Malone  
LuAnn Malone  
Debbie Davies\*  
Carol Keller\*

36 Saloon Restaurant for donating all proceeds from his parking lot to our church. Please remember his generosity when looking for a place to eat lunch or dinner and thank him if you see him. Thank you to all for stepping up and saying "yes" when asked to volunteer!

Match the name to its meaning

Isaiah

God is my judge

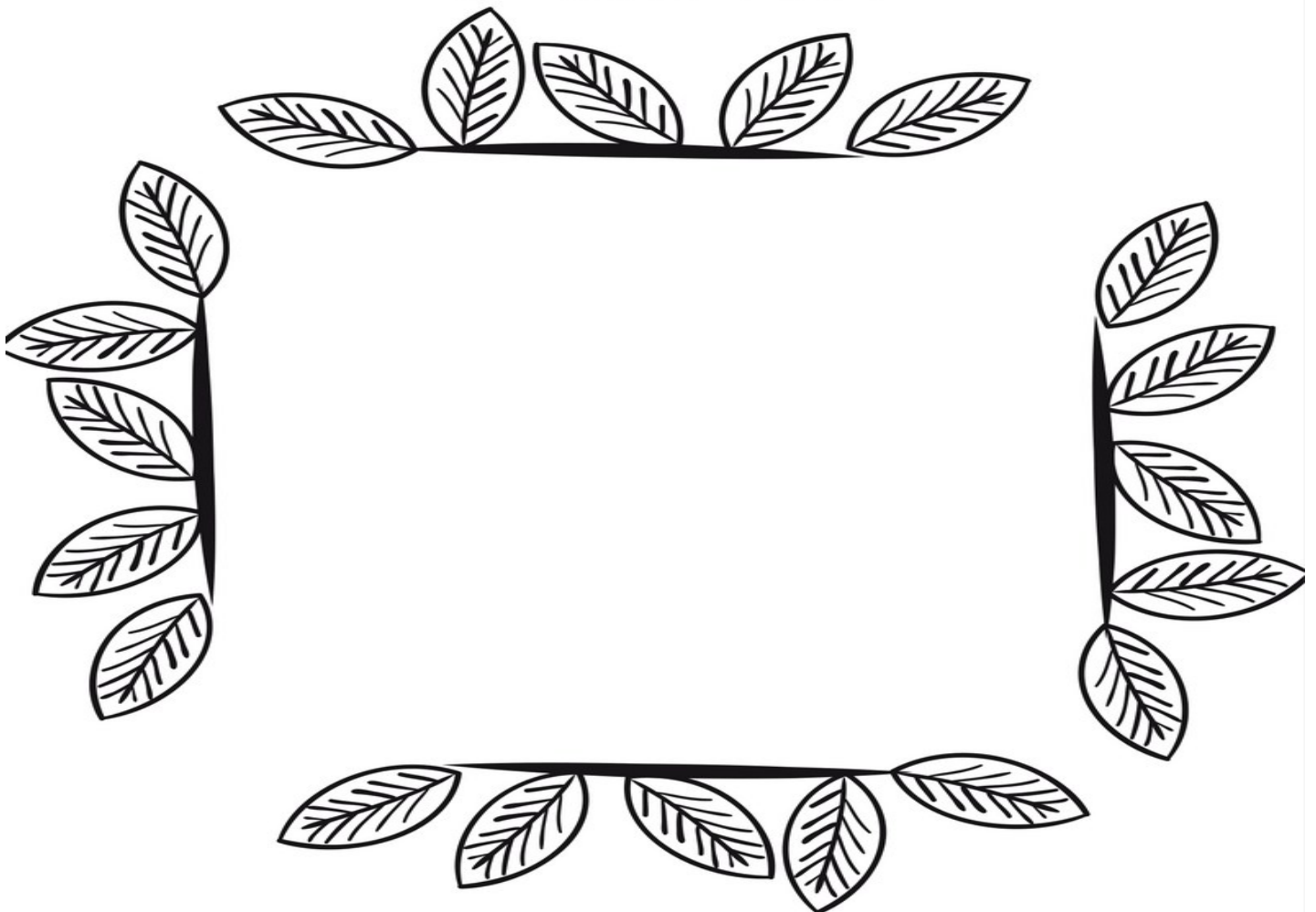
Jerimiah

The Lord is salvation

Daniel

The Lord will raise

# I am thankful for...



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Answer

Isaiah

Jerimiah

Daniel

The Lord is salvation

The Lord will raise

God is my



# NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  KAIROS	2  KAIROS
3 10 a.m. Worship Holy Communion 6 p.m. Bible Study	4 7 p.m. Hand bells	5 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Rock Painting 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study	6	7 11:00 a.m. Dine with a Doc 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	8 4:00- 7:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner	9 1:15 a.m. Kairos Ad Council
10 10 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. Charge Conference 6 p.m. Bible Study	11 OFFICE CLOSED 7 p.m. Hand bells	12 9 a.m. Men's Breakfast-Benjamins 6:30 Rock Painting 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study	13 9:30 a.m. Women's Service Circle	14 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	15	16
17 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	18 7 p.m. Hand bells	19 6:30 Rock Painting 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study	20 6:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting	21 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	22	23
24 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	25 7 p.m. Hand bells	26 9 a.m. Men's Breakfast-Benjamins 6:30 Rock Painting 7 p.m. Men's Bible	27	28 OFFICE CLOSED 	29	30



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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

6:00 p.m. - Bible Study

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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.

