

**ROCKVILLE
FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**

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Highlights & *focus*

JANUARY 2020

A Note from the Pastor
January 2020

Well, the good news is that I didn't have to buy an exercise bike for Gale's Christmas present. It seems Christmas came and went in a hurry this year and now it is the time for a new year to begin. What is in store for us in 2020 is a mystery to be revealed as the days go by. I am sure there will be blessings and disappointments, but more than anything I know God will be with us as a church and as individuals.

2019 was a good year for us. But it had its times of loss as well. We lost many loved and cherished saints of the church. People whom we can credit for the church we have today. Their efforts, work, and attitudes helped to keep the church and its ministries alive so we could continue in their stead. We mourn their loss, but we celebrate their lives and witness.

2019 was also a time in which we realized that we have some major issues with our building. The bricks need a lot of work (\$80,000), the stained-glass windows need maintenance (\$30,000), and the roof needs replaced (\$30,000). There are also a lot of minor issues to be corrected as well. You folks have stepped up as we have begun fundraising. We have also raised about \$1000 from people outside our town due to the GoFundMe page and the TV coverage. The capital project fund is \$28,176 toward the \$200,000 to \$250,000 to complete all tasks. We received a grant for \$2500 toward the architect's report. Two major grants for repair work are still being reviewed. No matter how much we receive, there is a continuing need for congregational effort. We need participation in donations, fundraisers, and grant efforts to accomplish our goals.

2019 has also been a time of blessings. We have grown as a family of faith. Reaching out to one another, caring for each other, praying for everyone, and joining in joyful worship.

We have started new programs and ministries. We have a Bible Study group that meets weekly. There is a children's Sunday School. We had a membership class in 2019. For the first time in several years, we had a Vacation Bible School.

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A Note from the Pastor
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2019 saw an increase in ministries. A bus ministry is now providing transportation for those who may not have a way to get around. The hygiene closets in Parke Heritage Jr and Sr High are providing personal hygiene items for kids who need them. Our clothes closet is clothing men, women, and especially children as well as providing coats and shoes.

The best part about these programs and ministries is the fact they all came from folks in the pews. They were not thought up and driven by the Pastor or Ad Council, they came about because the Holy Spirit stirred up the heart of someone. Those people answered the Spirit's call and started the ministry and programs.

In 2020 we will have gains and losses, blessings and challenges, joys and concerns. Through it all God will be with us, for us, and in us. I can hardly wait to see what God is going to do for us and through us in 2020!

Happy New Year and God's blessings to you and your family!!

Pastor Jon



ANGEL TREE



The C.R.E.W. Sunday School class is packing bags for the homeless! ❤️

Thank you to all who donated!

Their goal was to pack 20 bags, but with your help they were able to pack 30 bags!!!

Please remember they will be packing bags for shut-ins veterans and homeless throughout the year, so when you are able please continue to donate to the CREW Outreach.

Thank you so much!!



WORSHIP AND PRAY

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Our Shut-Ins:

Betty Lewis; Diana Lows, Roleen Pickard; Lois McGrannahan; Sally Zuber.

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.

FACTS & FIGURES

Date	Sunday School Attendance	Worship Attendance	Tithes & Offerings
12/01/19	20	55	\$3,601.00
12/08/19	22	55	\$12,413.05
12/15/19	22	61	\$1,987.00
12/22/19	18	83	\$5,910.40
12/29/19	20	63	\$2,533.00
total to date:			\$26,444.45

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 and two opportunities for our youth to learn more about God, the Bible, and how to grow in discipleship: Adult Sunday School and Youth Sunday School (Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.), **Children's Church**; 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.).



CELEBRATE
RECOVERY

**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.)

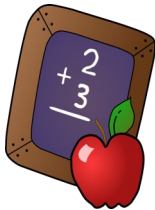
Rockville First United Methodist Church

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.



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

New members always welcome.

First practice of the new year will be
January 13, 2020

AROUND THE CHURCH



The Dine with a Doc ® program is February 6th, 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. *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!

There is no Dine with a Doc program in January.



03 Mary A. Jones
11 Diana Lows
12 Lucas Waltz
Joyce McMullen

15 Tulie Jadzak
17 Elaine Waltz
19 Lauren Harbison
22 Lois McGrannahan
23 Earl Steuerwald



Service Circle

The Service Circle will meet March 11, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Service Circle's December meeting. Donations were made to the Food Pantry and Hygiene Closet.

YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT DAY

HELD AT THE ROCKVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Parke County High School students had the opportunity to participate in the Parke County Youth in Government Day. This event was sponsored by the Rockville Rotary Club and the Purdue Extension - Parke County office. Students had the opportunity to observe a local government official, participate in a roundtable discussion with local leaders, and



problem solve some of today's current issues that communities face.



RFUMC YOUTH CHRISTMAS CAROLING



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

**The Clothes Closet will re-open
Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 1 p.m.**

Wednesday Rockville Bus Service

Bus route from Rockville First United Methodist Church will be as follows:

York Villa Apartments-red	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00
Burnette Manor-red	1:05	2:05	3:05	4:05
The Pines Apartments-red				
Anderson Green Apt-red	1:10	2:10	3:10	4:10
Dollar General				
Ace Hardware				
JR Pharmacy				
IGA Grocery	1:15	1:15	3:15	4:15
VPCHC Medical/Parke Vision	1:25	2:25	3:25	4:25
CVS Pharmacy	1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30
Family Dollar				
High Street Apartments -red	1:35	2:35	3:35	4:35
Downtown-South west corner				
Downtown-South east corner				
Downtown-North east corner-stop				
Downtown-Post Office parking lot	1:40	2:40	3:40	4:40
Library/Post Office/Old National				
East High Street -red	1:45	2:45	3:45	4:45
Methodist Church-York Villa Apartments-and the beginning of the route				

This **Free Bus Service** is provided by **Rockville First United Methodist Church** running Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-4:00 p.m. through July 1, 2020-for our first trial period. Donations are appreciated but not required to ride.

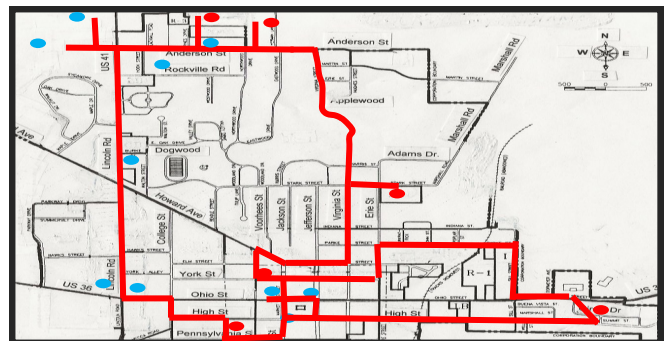
***Sorry! No Handicap Access Features on our Bus**

***Children MUST be accompanied by adult**

***Be courteous: no eating, drinking, smoking/vaping**

*** No pets**

Need a ride to an in town Doctor appointment, to the grocery, pharmacy, or shops downtown? Try the new Rockville Shuttle Bus Service provided by the Rockville First United Methodist Church! Wednesday afternoons 1-4 p.m!



- Red dots are Pick Up locations
- Blue dots are possible Drop Off locations

For questions call The Rockville First United Methodist Church Office 569-5356
M-Th 9am-1pm

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.*



PLEASE JOIN US

Christmas carry-in dinner, January 5, 2020, 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Please bring a covered dish. Come enjoy the food and fellowship.

The Community Hand bell Choir will be performing
ALSO, The Children's Hand bell Choir will be making their debut.



A SERVICE OF
SCRIPTURES AND CAROLS
Christmas Eve
December 24, 2019



A TRIP TO THE INDIANAPOLIS ZOO




Greeters

January through June, 2020

January 5, 2019	Evans
January 12, 2019	Milligan
January 19, 2019	Langdoc
January 26, 2019	Randall
February 2, 2019	Birch
February 9, 2019	Norman/Black
February 16,	Krusely
February 23,	Schmidt
March 1, 2019	Harbison
March 8, 2019	Perry
March 15, 2019	Becker
March 22, 2019	Lash
March 29, 2019	Jones
April 5, 2019	Pound
April 12, 2019	Belcher
April 19, 2019	Ader
April 26, 2019	Zuber
May 3, 2019	Davies
May 10, 2019	Keller
May 17, 2019	L & C Malone
May 24, 2019	Mathis
May 31, 2019	L & L Malone
June 7, 2019	Ruark
June 14, 2019	Holaday
June 21, 2019	Waltz
June 28, 2019	Allison



JANUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 OFFICE CLOSED 	2	3	4
5 10 a.m. Worship HOLY COMMUNION Christmas Dinner	6	7 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study	8	9 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	10	11
12 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	13 7 p.m. Hand bells	14 9 a.m. Men's Breakfast-Benjamins 6:30 Rock Painting 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study	15 6:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting	16 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	17	18
19 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	20 7 p.m. Hand bells	21 6:30 Rock Painting 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study	22	23 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	24 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Diner	25
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rockvilleumc.net
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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 & Youth Sunday School

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

10:15 a.m. - Children's Church

6:00 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.

