

ROCKVILLE
FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

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Highlights & *focus*

MARCH 2020

A Note from the Pastor
March 2020

March is the month I was born so I thought I would tell you a little about my early years. I was born in a log cabin in the woods and had to walk 5 miles to school in the snow while it was 90 degrees outside. Oops, sorry, that is what I tell my kids when they get to whining about how rough life is for them.

Actually, I was born in Vincennes in a little house that would now be in the center of Vincennes University. My mom and dad met in a Meadow Gold Creamery. He made butter and she made ice cream. My dad came from an extremely poor family and one of his heroes growing up was Robin Hood. He loved the story of the Merry Men and their life-style. His favorite character was Little John. When I was born in Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes the nurse brought in the papers to fill out for the Birth Certificate. My dad grabbed the papers and wrote my name, "Litlejon". Yep, a shortened form of Little John. The nurse kept questioning his decision, but he insisted that my name was to be Litlejon. I was a big baby (some say I still am 😊). The nurse even told my dad that he can't name someone little that was so big. He said the name is Litlejon. He had to leave shortly after that because he had to go to work. As soon as he was gone the nurse looked at my mom and asked if she was sure about the name? My mom asked to see the paper work. The nurse handed to paper to mom. Mom stared at it for awhile. She asked for the pen then scribbled over the Litle leaving Jon. That is how I got my name. You may think that is as made up as the first paragraph, but it is the truth.

That's not the end of the story. Two years later my brother was born. He was born on February 12, which is Abraham Lincoln's birthday so, his middle name is Linc after Lincoln. My dad had not lost his fascination with Robin Hood and the Merry Men. My brother is Robin. He would have been Robin Hood Overbey if he hadn't been born on Lincoln's birthday.

The story is still not over. One year and 7 days later my mother's third child was born. My dad had the name picked out. He was to be Friar Tuck Overbey. My sister is constantly grateful to be a girl. Oh, and by the way she is not Marion. My dad worked with a lady named Marion who he couldn't stand to be around. So my sister broke the Robin Hood trend. My dad's favorite song was about a Cindy, so my sister became Cynthia who is called Cindy.

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A Note from the Pastor
Continued

My mom used to say that all of this was proof there is a God. If there were benefits that allowed dads time off at birth, then my dad would not have been required to go to work. If he had not left she would not have been able to scribble out the Litle and I would be Litlejon. If Robin had not been born on February 12 he would have been Robin Hood. And the biggest proof of a loving God that looks out for children was displayed with a girl arriving instead of a Friar Tuck. I think it was more of a proof that God was watching out for her. Who would want to be the mom who was the mother of Litlejon, Robin Hood and Friar Tuck? How many heads would turn and how many times would you have to explain how you would let your children end up with names like thos?

Could just be that God was doing what He always does....looking out for all of us!!

Blessings to you all!

Pastor Jon

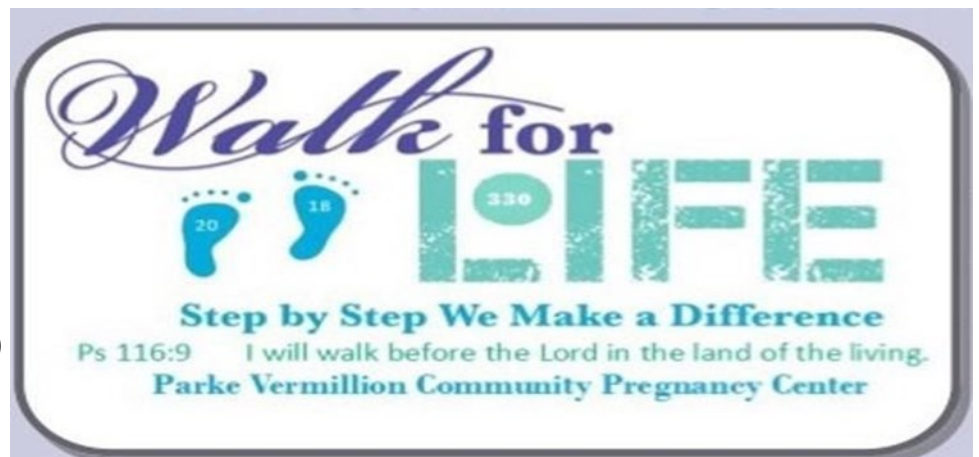
PS—Be careful what you name your kids, and let your grandkids be named. They and you will have to live with it 😊



Save the date!

Randy is already
making plans!

Saturday, April 25, 2020
9 AM – 12 PM



ROCK PAINTING



These were hidden around
the square today courtesy
of the kids who attended
Children's Church. They
were painted by those who
attend Rock Painting on
Tuesday nights.
Rock Painting
6:30pm



everyone is welcome



WORSHIP AND PRAY

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Our Shut-Ins:

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, MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida; Rob Graham, Navy, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, grandson of Helen Graham; Lance Catlin, Marines, grandson of Lenora Douglas.

New Address:

Jacob Gregg
85203 Canterbury Lake Blvd
Tampa, FL 33619

FACTS & FIGURES

Date	Sunday School Attendance	Worship Attendance	Tithes & Offerings
2/02/20	17	71	\$4,574.07
2/09/20	18	68	\$3,051.00
2/16/20	23	63	\$3,424.86
2/23/20	19	62	\$1,963.00
total to date:			\$13,012.93

Needed monthly to enable the church's ministries: \$8,468.14
2020 Average Worship Attendance: 68



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 (Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m.); 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.)

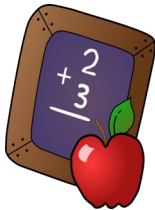
Rockville First United Methodist Church

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.

AROUND THE CHURCH



The Dine with a Doc ® program is March 5th, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at The Rockville First United Methodist Church. Guest Speaker will be Brandie Ruark, FNP, Valley 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!



01 Randy Randall
07 Bob Jones
10 Alex Milligan
11 Pastor Jon Overbey
14 Roleen Pickard
15 Dale Barnes
Betty Lewis
23 Brittany Simmons
31 Steve Waltz



Service Circle

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

Hostesses: Mary Jane Evens
Lenora Douglas

Devotions: Marjorie Sneath



March Greeters

1st Greg & Susan Harbison
8th Carole Perry
15th Bill Becker
22nd Mariam Lash
29th Bob & Mary Anne Jones

INSTALLING THE NEW SOUND SYSTEM FOR THE ROCKVILLE UNITED METHODIST 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

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.

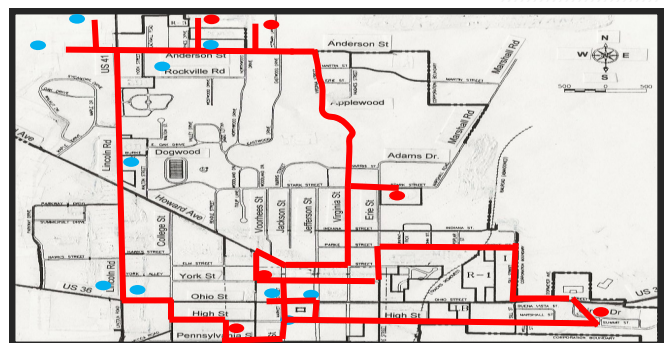
***Sorry! No Handicap Access Features on our Bus**

***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)

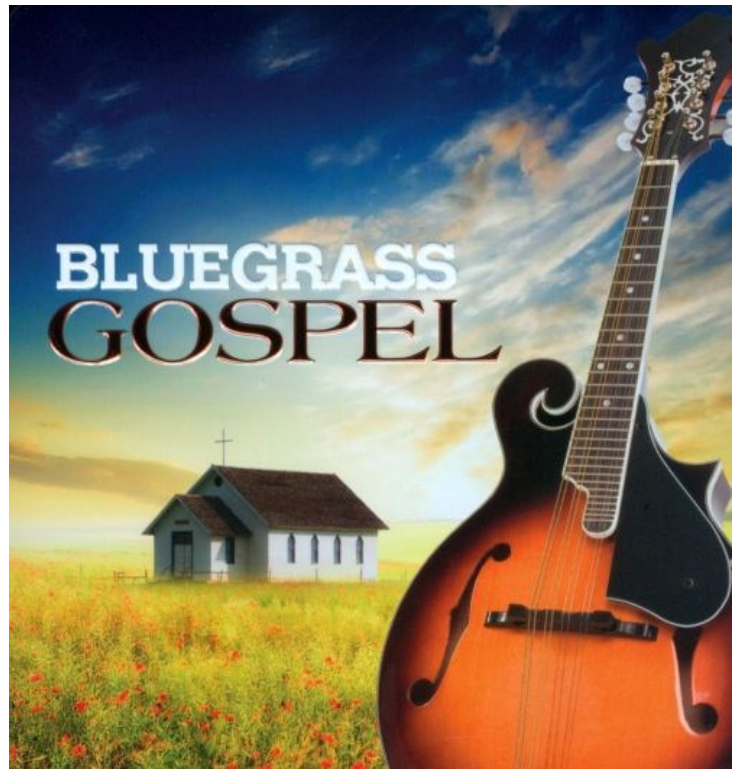
Please bring your donations to the office. Thank you!
(Please make sure you bring **un-expired** goods, as we can't
distribute food that is expired.)

Our Food Pantry is an independent ministry of our church

SAVE THE DATE!

Bluegrass Gospel Concert
The HIM Singers
May 2, 2020
at 4pm
Rockville First
United Methodist Church

This is a Bluegrass Gospel group and
our own Dorothy Smith's son, Chris,
and his wife are among the partici-



METHODIST MOUNTAIN MISSION

God's Mission in the Mountains—Your Mission in His Service!

Truck Schedule

April 13-15 Terre Haute -Bloomington
Rockville United Methodist Church



Urgent Needs List

*Back to school supplies (it's never too early to get backpacks, paper, pencils, etc. for our children)

*Summer clothes (Men, women, children)

*Socks and underwear (We desperately need new socks and underwear for our stores. Men, women and children.)

*We are now sending supplies to each of our stores once a month. We need garbage bags, paper towels, toilet tissue, cleaner, 1-gallon ZipLock bags, etc.



Karen Bunn
Director

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Editor
1-606-666-7795 (Office)
1-606-666-9457 (Fax)

Thank you for continuing to give to the Mission. Financial donations can be mailed to:

Methodist Mountain Mission
P.O. BOX 888
Jackson, KY 41339

Methodist Mountain Mission

Urgent Needs List

For Our Stores/Customers

EMERGENCY NEEDS

Socks and underwear (We desperately need new socks and underwear for our stores. Men, women and children.)

- *Men's and children's summer clothes
- *Easter outfits (sundresses, etc.)
- *EASTER items (stuff to fill baskets, etc.)
- *Good pots n' pans
- *Men's shoes
- *Good used furniture
- *School supplies (backpacks, paper, pencils,



Please note****

All donated items need to be delivered to Rockville United Methodist Church
by
MONDAY, APRIL 8TH.

PROCESSING PLANT

NEEDS

- *Coffee
- *20 oz. coffee cups
- *Air fresheners (aerosol cans)
- *33 gallon black garbage bags
- *Pinesol
- *Dust mops
- *Toilet bowl cleaner
- *Sugar
- *Paper towels
- *Toilet Tissue



And, of course, all of the other wonderfully good and usable items you donate to the Mission!

God's Mission in the Mountains—Your Mission in His Service!



Mission and Justice Ministries of the United Methodist Churches of Indiana



The Mission & Justice Summit: March 28

The Mission & Justice Summit will provide United Methodists across Indiana an opportunity to learn more about and discuss ways we can be missional in our communities. The Summit, to be held at Grace UMC in Franklin on March 28, offers over 15 workshops that are led by ministry leaders. Guests will also take part in sessions led by keynote speakers Allison Curts, Jamalyn Peigh Williamson, and Andy Hartley. Thomas Kemper, General Secretary of General Board of Global Ministries, will speak during the Mission Lunch.

[Learn more and register>>](#)



Early Response Team Training: April 25

Early Response Teams help provide a Christian presence in the moments following a disaster. Teams help to prevent further damage to personal properties by tarping, removing debris, and cleaning out flooded areas. Churches can provide this ministry to others after they attend the training on April 25, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., at Community UMC in Vincennes. Pre-registration is needed by March 23 by contacting Rick Pressel at rick.pressel@inumc.org.





Mission and Justice Ministries of the United Methodist Churches of Indiana

What do Early Response Teams do?

- Provide a Christian presence. This may not sound like much of a task....and it really isn't, however, it can be the most important thing a team can do in disaster response. -Take steps to prevent further damage to a family's personal property (stabilize) by:
 - 1. Tarping
 - 2. Removing debris and
 - 3. Cleaning out flooded homes (mucking out)
- Teams need to be careful NOT to perform work on a home that might jeopardize the survivors' eligibility for assistance from insurance and /or government agencies. - Teams need to have written permission to work on people's homes or to remove personal belongings. It is always best to have the homeowner present when working. - Teams may be asked to manage donated materials, gather information or other things as deemed necessary by the community. - Observe survivor's operations. - Be part of the caring ministry of "listeners" who will help the survivor begin to heal.

Be There. Be Hope.

If you are the kind of person who enjoys helping others in a time of need, doesn't mind getting dirty doing it and loves to serve God, this may be the

Ideally an ERT consists of at least 30 connected people so there can be at least seven able to deploy on short notice. Persons that intend to serve as a team leader are encouraged to have VIM training as well.

To join or start an ERT in your church, cluster or district, contact your
Conference Disaster Response Coordinator through the Indiana Conference Center.

Upcoming training is posted at:
www.inumc.org/disasterresponse



By Gary E. Mueller
Bishop of the Arkansas Annual Conference

I am ready to admit something I've been in denial about for a long time. Even though I've invested a great deal of blood, sweat and tears trying, I simply cannot fix what's broken in the United Methodist Church. I can't fix the polarization that now imprisons us. I can't fix the outcome of this May's General Conference. And I can't fix the uncertainty we face as a church.

Even more significantly, the Holy Spirit has helped me realize I don't have to fix the church. It belongs to Jesus, and he's got it covered. This doesn't mean I'm stepping back, shrugging my shoulders and saying, "It's going to be what it's going to be." Rather, I will be focusing on what Jesus is calling every United Methodist congregation in Arkansas to do – becoming the most Jesus loving, disciple-making and sharing Jesus' love church you can be.

I love the United Methodist Church and the way of being Christian it shares. But ultimately, local congregations matter more than denominations – even our beloved United Methodist denomination. People need your local church, not a denomination. Your community needs your local church, not a denomination. And most importantly, Jesus needs your local church, not a denomination.

This means the single most pressing task is enabling your church that has a unique location, is filled with a unique group of people and possesses a unique history to become the church Jesus wants you to be – a vital congregation that makes disciples of Jesus Christ, who make disciples equipped and sent to transform lives, communities and the world.

Embrace your identity. Your church is literally the Body of Christ. So act like it! Love Jesus, follow Jesus, grow in Jesus, be transformed in Jesus and share Jesus in ways that make it clear whose you are. Get serious about investing in those things that form you as the Body of Christ: prayer, Bible study, involving people in intentional discipling groups and reaching out to your neighborhood in ways that touch real people in real ways with real love.

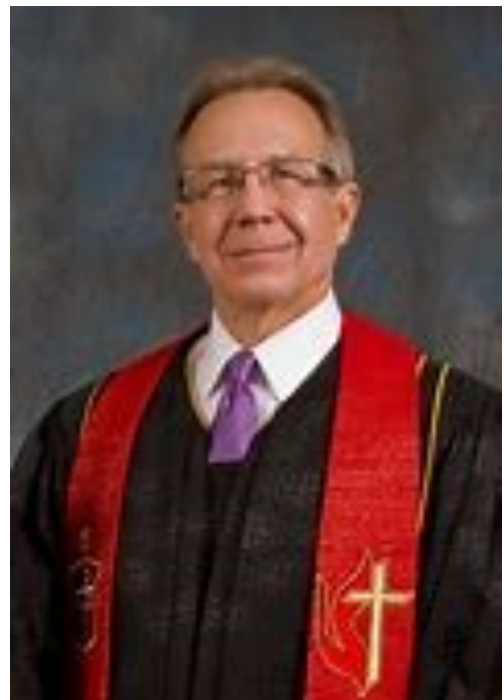
Live out your purpose. Jesus uses your church, and the disciples in it, to continue his mission of making disciples, forming disciples, and equipping and sending disciples to transform lives, communities and the world. Help people discover their spiritual gifts, bless them and then unleash them in your congregation and into the mission field that begins right outside the doors of your sanctuary.

Demonstrate the difference Jesus makes. Almost every congregation has figured out how to thrive with a diverse group of people who have perspectives that are diametrically opposed. Don't see this as a problem; see it as a wonderful opportunity to show how Jesus brings together people who normally wouldn't give each other the time of day. Keep people worshipping together on the same pew, praying together, studying together, serving together and caring for each other.

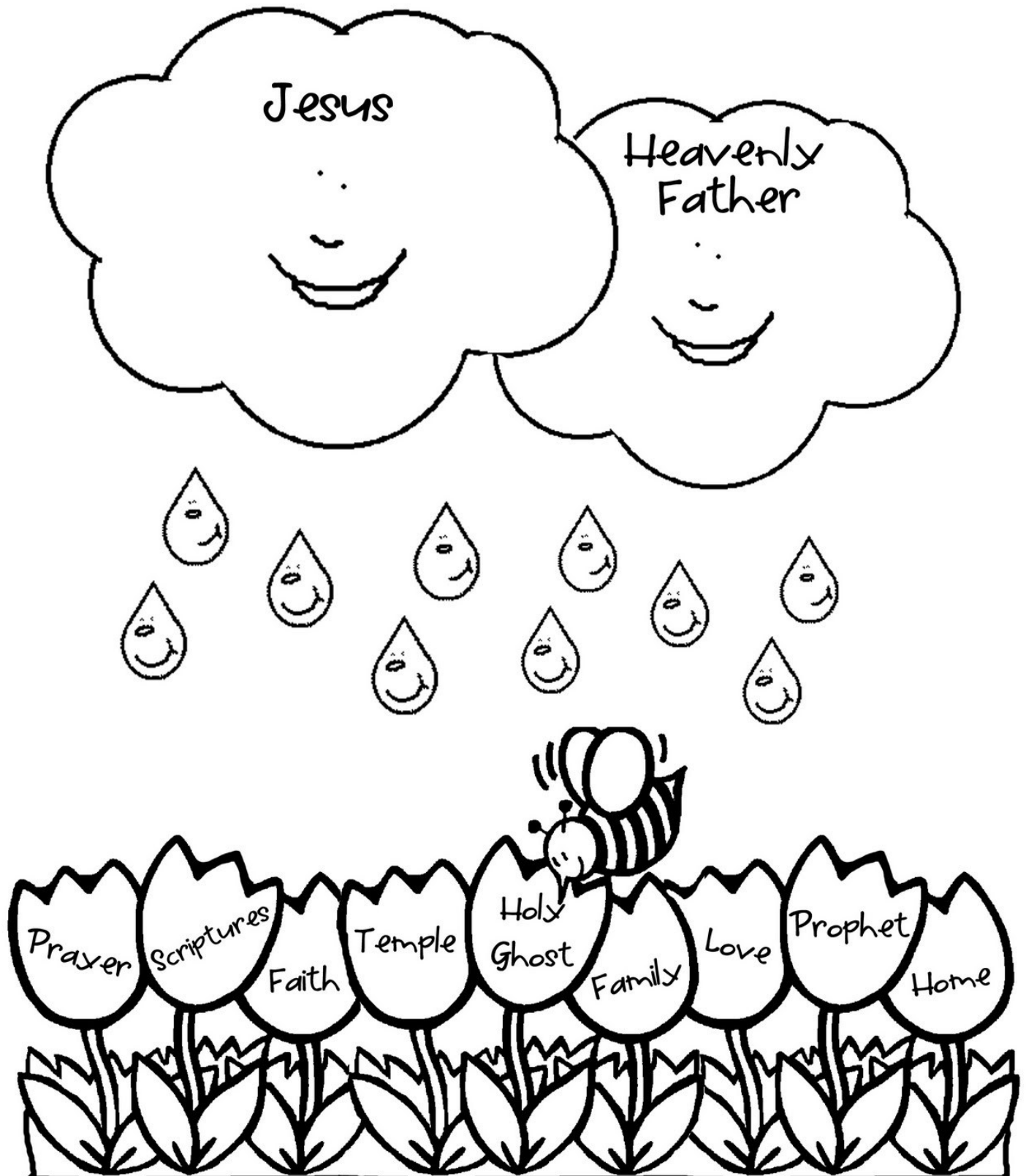
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I want to be absolutely clear about something that some people may consider to be a scandalous idea. Yet I am convicted of its truth. The future of your church is not dependent upon what happens in the United Methodist Church. Don't let the uncertainty, or brokenness, paralyze you. Move ahead boldly and confidently. Your church will still be part of the Body of Christ. Your church will still make disciples of Jesus Christ. Your church will still form deeper disciples. And your church will still equip and send disciples to transform lives, communities and the world.

The painful reality is that we United Methodist Christians face an uncertain future. As Jesus leads us toward it, I want you to know something. I consider it an honor and a privilege to walk with you. I believe in you. I trust you. And, most importantly, I love you.



"Soak" up the messages and help your testimony



"grow" by listening to general conference!

MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 a.m. Worship HOLY COMMUNION 6 p.m. Bible Study	2 7 p.m. Hand bells	3 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting	4	5 11 a.m. Dine with a Doc p.m. Buddy Bags	6	7
8 10 a.m. Worship Illini 4000 6 p.m. Bible Study 	9 7 p.m. Hand bells	10 9 a.m. Men's Breakfast - Benjamins 6:30 Rock Painting	11	12 p.m. Buddy Bags p.m. Celebrate Recovery	13	14 Kairos Council Meeting 11:15 - 1:15 p.m.
15 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	16 7 p.m. Hand bells	17 6:30 Rock Painting 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study	18 6:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting	19 p.m. Buddy Bags p.m. Celebrate Recovery Spring Break	 Spring Break	21
22 10 a.m. Worship UMCOR Sunday 6 p.m. Bible Study	23 7 p.m. Hand bells Spring Break	24 9 a.m. Men's Breakfast - Benjamins 6:30 Rock Painting Spring Break	25 Spring Break	26 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Spring Break	27 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Diner Spring Break	28
29 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	30 7 p.m. Hand bells	31 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting 7 p.m. Men's Bible				

ROCKVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rockville, IN 47872

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Church Email:
office.rockvilleumc@gmail.com
Church Website:
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

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.

