

**ROCKVILLE
FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**

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Highlights & *focus*

JULY 2020

A Note From
The Pastor
July 2020

It is hard to believe that we are in July! The year is half over. For some summer is half over. When Gale was teaching she would get grouchy around the 4th of July. It wasn't that she disliked the 4th of July or all of the celebration that accompanies it. As a matter of fact, she enjoys the 4th of July celebrations. The 4th of July is a big celebration time for all of our family. She really likes summer and the warm weather. If it wasn't for me being in the house, she probably would seldom use the air-conditioning. For her the 4th of July was a reminder that soon she would be back in a classroom. Her days of tending her flowers and setting on the deck admiring them were about to pass. Now school starts even sooner. Our grandkids in Brownsburg start on July 31 and the grandkids in Southport start the day before.

The first half of this year held a lot, I think too much, stress on everyone of us, our church, the country, and the world. Our winter attendance was better than the past few years. We formed a youth group in the fall and it was flourishing. Our ministries were touching a lot of lives. We were growing in a lot of ways. Then we had to close our doors, stop the youth group, and shut off the ministries. I was seriously concerned how we would fare through it all. I wondered how much of a church we would have when it was all over? I prayed, you all prayed, and our prayers were answered. We are open for worship for all who want to come in. Our ministries are restarting. Children's church starts again in a couple of weeks. And, even more amazing, we are growing in other ways. We are able to minister to our folks in their homes. We are reaching people we would never have reached before. We started the Facebook Live broadcasts to make the service available to those in our church. We had no idea the impact it would have on others. Through the Facebook Live broadcasts we are reaching people all around the community and the country. We have an average of 135 views per week and a high of 175 views two weeks ago. The midweek chat is averaging 62 per week. God used our meager efforts and made it something much bigger. We even obtained a \$5000 grant to buy equipment to produce the Facebook and YouTube broadcasts more professionally. We are already in preliminary talks with a company to acquire, install, and train us in this endeavor. Thanks to Billie Sue for alerting us to the grant and Mark Spellbring for his work applying and pursuing the grant.

As the second half of the year evolves I want you to think about a few things. First, are there other ways God can use our church? Is God speaking to you about a ministry, a program, ways to make our church better in any way? Every ministry and service we provide has come from God speaking to one of you. Secondly, as we open more of the church and more folks start coming to the worship services there are going to be some who are not ready.

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A Note from the Pastor Continued

I am a firm believer in free will. As we consider what we need to do and when that time is right for us, we need to be accepting of others that think differently than how we may understand it. Some studies say concerning the COVID-19 that church services are one of the most dangerous places to place yourself. Those who are gathering in the church need to respect those who are not ready to come in at this time. Some wear masks and some do not. Respect one another's rights and the rules we have in place for the services. Those who are not ready to be in the church should not judge those who are gathering. Jesus spoke many times about placing others ahead of yourself. The Resurrected Christ told Peter not to worry about John because He had different plans for them and told Peter he had enough to worry about in his own life without worrying about what others are doing. The New Testament speaks many times about even when YOU believe something is okay and others are not at the same point as you, put their needs first and don't judge where they are in the process. Third, if you are not ready to come in yet, do not neglect to worship. Join the service live on Facebook. Watch it later on Facebook or YouTube. If you need something let me or one of your brothers or sisters know. Fourth, keep praying for the church, the shut ins, the Ad Council, all of the members of our church, me, our community, and our nation.

I think God has good things in store for us in the second half of this year. Always remember, whether you are inside or outside; this is still your church, we are still family, God is still your God, the Father is still in control, Christ is still our Savior, the Holy Spirit is still working among us, and these things will not change until Jesus comes to take us home!!!

God bless you all, and as we celebrate the birth of our great nation, God Bless America!

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Jon





Worship with
Rockville FUMC

Inside Service
or
Drive-in Church Service
or
Face book live

Also Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Face book live



WORSHIP AND PRAY

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Our Shut-Ins:

Diana Lows, Roleen Pickard; Lois McGrannahan

Our World: All the rioting and looting throughout our Country; 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.

FACTS & FIGURES



Date	Sunday School Attendance	Worship Attendance	Tithes & Offerings
6/07/2020	Drive-in Service		\$3,690.00
6/14/2020	Inside/Outside Service	33	\$1,999.00
6/21/2020	Inside/Outside Service	0	\$1,840.00
6/28/2020	Inside/Outside Service	0	\$1,618.00
May total			\$9,147.00

Needed monthly to enable the church's ministries: \$8,468.14
2020 Average Worship Attendance: 65

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.).

"Inside & Drive-in Church Service" on Sunday mornings 10:00 a.m.

Children's Church will begin on July 12th. Always practice "Social Distancing"



A Christ-centered recovery program for adults struggling to overcome hurts, habits and hang-ups.

Thursdays, 7-9 p.m.

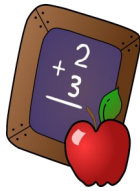
(Doors open at 6:30p.m.)

Rockville First United Methodist Church

128 N. Market St., Rockville, IN

(1 block north of the courthouse)

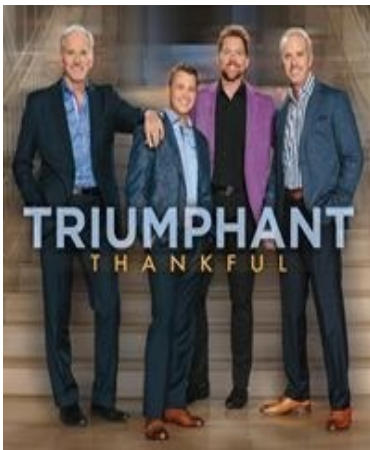
For information, please call (765) 569-5356



BUDDY BAGS



The Buddy Bag program will start the new school (in September) for the year 2020-2021. 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.



Two tickets remain to see **Triumphant** at Myers Dinner Theater on **July 9th**. Tickets are \$47.00 each. Please contact the church (765-569-5356) or Mary Jane Evens if interested. Alex Milligan will be driving our church bus for those wishing to ride it. Alex asked for riders to be at the church by 5:00pm. Those wishing to ride please let Mary Jane or Alex know as we sure don't want to leave anyone behind.

Myers Dinner Theater staff will be wearing mask and gloves. Mask are optional for guest attending. Disposable gloves will be provided by MDT to guest for passing items on the tables and for getting your dinner.

Any questions please contact the Church or Mary Jane. (765-721-7601)

AROUND THE CHURCH



The Dine with a Doc ® program is August 6, 2020, 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 Bethesda 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 program July 4th due to the holiday.



05 Bill Russell
07 Aedon King
08 Devin Akers
09 Ross Akers
11 Jeff Miller
12 Linda Spelbring
14 Karin Woodson

18 Jerry McMullen
20 Dorothy Smith
21 Maia Holaday
27 Greg Harbison
31 Elias Milligan



01 Dale & Mary Alice Barnes
01 Mark & Martha Holaday
23 Pastor Jon & Gale Overbey
28 Lloyd & Sally Zuber
30 Dan & Kathy Price



Service Circle

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

Hostesses: Louis Norman
Miriam Lash

Devotions: Jean Birch



Please continue to pray for our church leaders, our church family and our Missions as we begin to open up our church. I know many of our members have been checking on each other, what a blessing that is, as we try to make the best of this dreadful situation. I pray these next few pages bring a smile to your face and relax your mind for just a bit.

Bulletin Bloopers:

Mr. Bradford was elected and has accepted the office of head of the Ad Council. We could not get a better man.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge — Up Yours.'

The 'Over 60s Choir' will be disbanded for the summer with the thanks of the entire church.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.

A cookbook is being compiled by the ladies of the church. Please submit your favorite recipe, also a short antidote for it.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

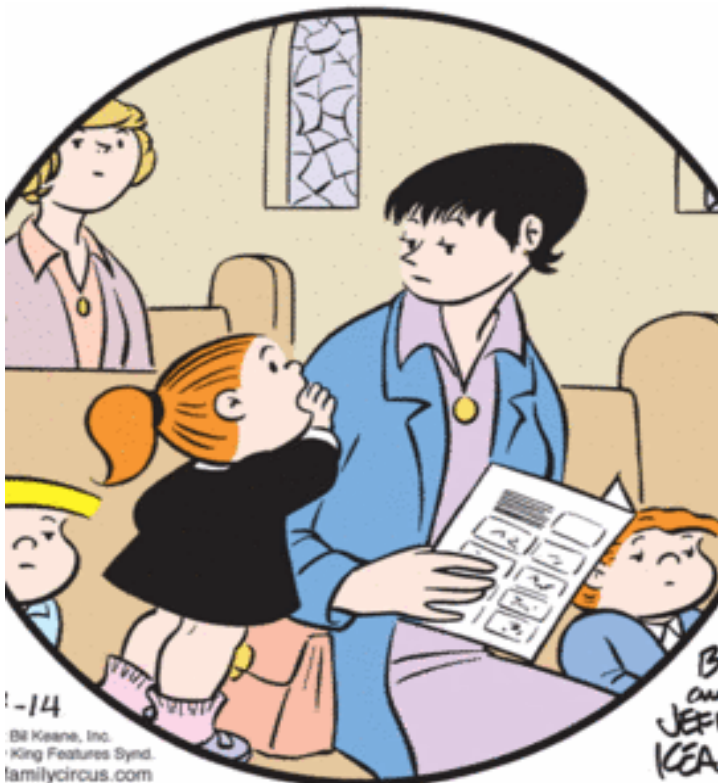
Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.



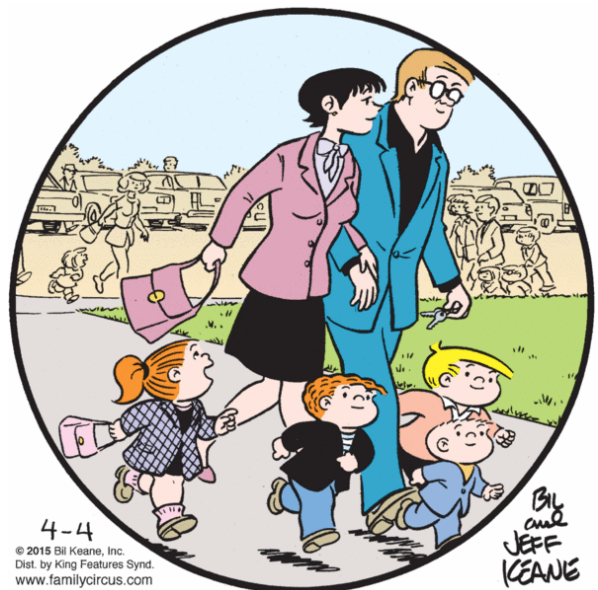
"Welcome to our church—even though you're sitting in our family pew . . ."



"The actual title of my sermon, Ms. Barns, is 'Are you going to hell?'"



I need to goeth to the bathroom



"I like it when everyone in church sings about that Ollie Louya guy."



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 be opening in JULY. Watch our Facebook page for details.

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**

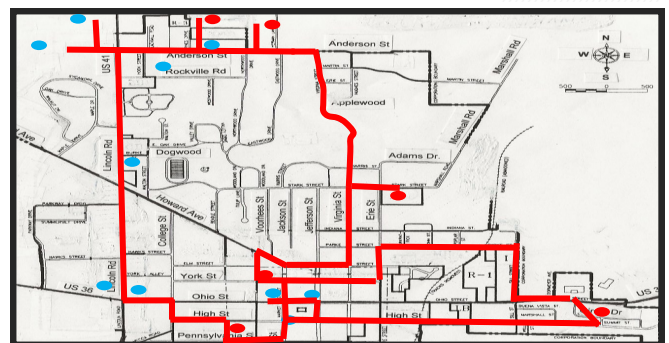
***Children MUST be accompanied by adult**

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

*** No pets**

Still no bus service at this time

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 2020

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 4 pm
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 participants

Postponed until "stay home"
order is lifted



JULY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 
5 10 a.m. Worship Pastor Deb	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7 6:30 Rock Painting	8	9 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	10	11
12 10 a.m. Worship	13	14 6:30 Rock Painting	15 6:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting	16 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	17	18
19 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	20	21 6:30 Rock Painting	22	23 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	24	25
26 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	27	28 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting	29	30 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	31 6 p.m. Fellowship Diner	

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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.



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