

**ROCKVILLE
FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**

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Highlights & *focus*

JUNE 2020

A Note From
The Pastor
June 2020

COVID-19. It is a word I have come to dislike. Because of what it does to people. Not just what it does medically, but everything it does to all of us. There is not a person in this country who has not been slapped in the face by COVID-19. It effects where we go, what we do, how we live, and for some, if we live. People have lost their jobs, companies have gone bankrupt, small businesses have been devastated. Families have been locked out of hospitals and funeral homes when someone they love is inside. I've seen children and grandchildren cry because they could not go in and say goodbye to the one they loved and then could not have a "proper" funeral. And when people need spiritual support, churches and other houses of worship are closed.

We have done everything we can to try to keep "church" going. Facebook Live, YouTube, calls, prayers, and now drive-in church. Sometimes it has gone well, sometimes not so well. But we have worked hard to try to keep a way to worship available to everyone.

I miss having "church" in the church. I miss seeing you all. Shaking hands and smiling faces are vital parts of our congregational experiences. I am more than ready to have services back in the church, but I remind myself it is not about me. I always think back to the principles Jesus taught that Steve Waltz reminded us to follow; being your brother's keeper, placing others ahead of yourself, being a servant to those around us.

When the Ad Council meets, we start by praying for guidance, (every meeting not just now) and try to discern the will of God in all we do. At times that is easy, at times it is exceedingly difficult. That is why I have asked for you to pray for us too. We have met by conference calls, video conferencing, and twice in the fellowship hall spread all over the room with masks and wide social distancing. We examine the latest information that is available from many including medical and scientific sources, governmental sources, our denominational Bishop and Superintendent, and anything else we can find. All the way back in March we ordered masks and automated hand sanitizers which were, of course, back ordered. They are supposed to be here this week.

Not only is there a need to gather for worship, we have ministries to conduct. People still, or maybe more than ever, need food, clothing, fellowship, support, and all the other ministries our congregation provides. We talked about the ramifications around our ministries also.

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A Note from the Pastor
Continued

The mission of the Ad Council is not to run the church, our mission is to serve the church. We do not take our decisions lightly. We met last Monday to decide the next week. We started with considering having church in the sanctuary this week. When we considered all the ramifications it was decided to wait at least one more week. There where some of us (and some of you) that are ready to be in the church, there are some who want to wait several weeks, there are some who don't know what to do. If we have church and only 8 or 10 show up? What if 50 show up and with social distancing we don't have room? Can we hold church with no one singing or reading in unison? We understand everyone has personal responsibility and free will. We understand our risks, can make our choices and live with our consequences. However, others may have to live with our consequences. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, had 3 Simple Rules for Christian living. The first on is "Do no Harm." In the end we all felt it was best to do drive-in church one more week. To me this was a sign we were following the guidance of the Holy Spirit because we were all in "one accord."

One thing we realized we were missing. Although I have asked every week for input, we have received little from you all. Rob Belcher put together a survey so we can find out what YOU all want. We don't want to be guided by a few and find out the many have different wishes. Please fill out the survey so we can know everyone's wishes and make the best decisions. You may not think we made the right decisions. Some may think we are moving too slow, or too fast. We are doing our best. Please accept whatever decisions that are made as decisions made in everyone's best interest and most importantly decisions that are trying to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Our desire is to be back in the church as soon as we can be, but not sooner than we should be. Keep praying for us as we keep trying to do the will of God and what is best for ALL of you.

I love you all and I miss you all! I will be glad when I see you in the Sanctuary.

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Jon

Love One Another
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. JOHN 13:34



Rockville FUMC
Drive-in Church Service
at the
Parke County Fair Grounds



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
5/03/2020	NO SERVICES DUE TO	COVID-19	\$2,035.00
5/10/2020	0	0	\$3,575.00
5/17/2020	0	0	\$2,250.00
5/24/2020	52	0	\$2,532.00
5/31/2020	48	0	\$3,244.62
May total to date:			\$13,636.62

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.).

"Drive-in Church Service" on Sunday mornings 10:00 a.m. (at the church) and Facebook live Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.



CELEBRATE
RECOVERY

**A Christ-centered recovery
program for adults struggling
to overcome hurts, habits**

Thursdays, 7-9 p.m.

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

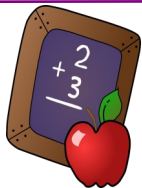
Rockville First United Methodist Church

128 N. Market St., Rockville, IN

(1 block north of the courthouse)

For information, please call (765) 569-5356

At the time of this Newsletter all meetings are being held at Beechwood Park



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.



CHURCH OUTING JULY 9TH

There are still a few tickets left to see the gospel group **Triumphant** July 9th at Myers Dinner Theater in Hillsboro. The meal starts at 6:30pm. Those attending thus far are Bob and Janie Pound, Alex and Carol Milligan, Greg and Susan Harbison, Steve and Elaine Waltz, Carole Perry, Myrna Roose, Marge Sneath, Joe Adams and Marty and Mary Jane Evens. We will need someone to drive the church bus. Tickets are \$47.00 each. I have already purchased the 20 tickets. If all tickets aren't spoken for by June 21st we'll see if anyone outside of the church would like to attend. Please contact Mary Jane, 765-721-7601, if there are any questions.

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.

01 Dan Price

06 Amanda Lee

07 Sharon Kent

08 Evelyn Swaim

14 Shelly Akers

16 Mary Alice Barnes

18 Olivia Rose Swinehart

19 Collin Harbison



20 Norval Dixon

22 Jean Birch

27 Martin Evens

28 Pat Dixon

28 Diana Ruark



18

30



Alex & Carol Milligan

Richard & Carol Keller



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



June Greeters

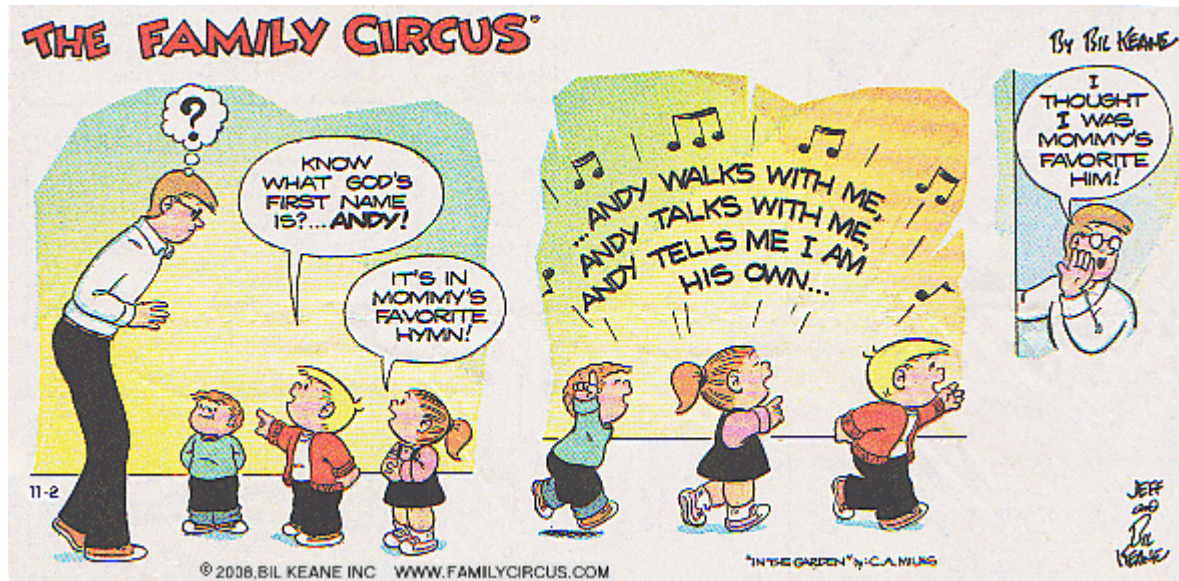
7th Diana Ruark

14th Mark & Martha Holaday

21st Steve & Elaine Waltz

28th Kathy Allison

Please continue to pray for our church leaders, our church family and our Missions as we put all our activities "on hold" during these troubling times. 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.



"Pastor, about this new idea to reach teens..."

Visiting his grandparents, a small boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out. He picked it up and found that it was an old leaf that had been pressed flat between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," he called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in his voice, the boy answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"



"Then the caterpillar gets out of quarantine and flies away as a butterfly."

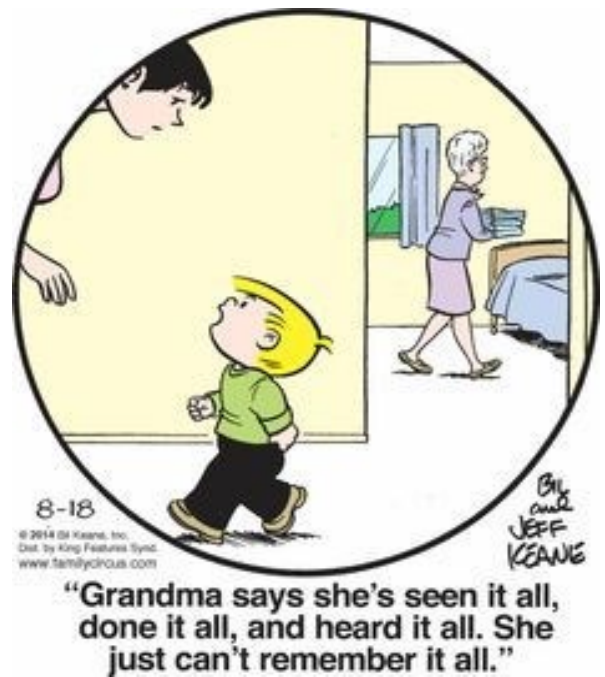


Christian CAMP PRO

Who was the greatest investor in the Bible?

**NOAH,
HE WAS FLOATING
HIS STOCK WHILE
EVERYONE ELSE WAS
IN LIQUIDATION.**

www.CHRISTIANCAMPPro.COM



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.

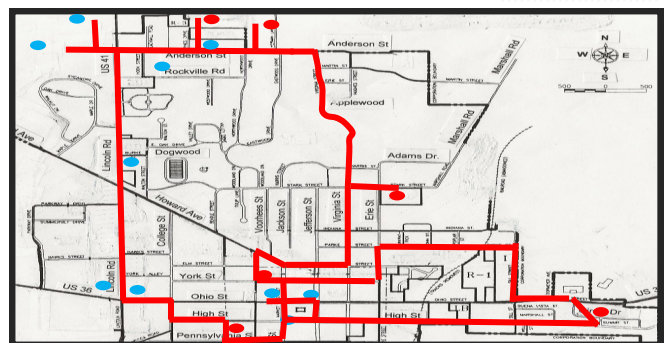
***Sorry! No Handicap Access Features on our Bus**

***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 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



**ALL CHURCH ACTIVITIES ARE
POSTPONED -
WILL RESCHEDULE
AFTER "STAY HOME" IS LIFTED**

JUNE 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Holy Communion 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	8 7 p.m. Hand bells	9 9 a.m. Men's B r e a k f a s t - Benjamins 6:30 Rock Painting	10	11 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	12	13
14 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	15 7 p.m. Hand bells	16 6:30 Rock Painting 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study	17 6:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting	18 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	19	20
21 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	22 7 p.m. Hand bells	23 9 a.m. Men's B r e a k f a s t - Benjamins 6:30 Rock Painting 7 p.m. Men's Bible	24	25 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	26 6 p.m. Fellowship Diner	27
28 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	29 7 p.m. Hand bells	30 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting 7 p.m. Men's Bible				

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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.

