

**ROCKVILLE
FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**

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Highlights & *focus*

MAY 2020

**A Note from the Pastor
May 2020**

It does not seem like we are heading into May. Without a Palm Sunday and Good Friday service it did not seem like Holy Week. Seeing the kids decorate with the palms last year was such a delight and I was really looking forward to that time of celebration. Even though we did a broadcast from the church for a Maundy Thursday/Last Supper remembrance and Good Friday, without people in the pews it just wasn't the same. There is just something special about sharing communion during one of those services and we miss that communion with God and each other. We need to stay home as long as we should, and get back together as soon as we can. A couple of days ago the Bishop Trimble advised us not to gather until at least May 17. We have ordered masks and hand sanitizer stations for the church. I'm not sure if they will arrive by the 17th.

If you saw the service on April 26, you know that I went to Montana for a couple of days with my best friend to work on his cabin. We researched all of the states we had to pass through to get to the cabin. Once we were through Illinois (and we did not stop anywhere in Illinois), each state was better than Indiana and progressively got better. We took our own food and used masks and gloves everywhere we had contact. The Montana county we were in did not have any cases of Covid-19. On April 27 Montana opened much of the state. BY the time you read this I will probably be back home. I will definitely be home before Sunday because we want to do the live service again and it is GALE'S BIRTHDAY.

I want to thank everyone for being understanding and baring with us as we try to iron out the bugs of our Facebook Live broadcasts. Some churches around had already invested many dollars into equipment before the pandemic hit and are able to do a more quality broadcast. We are trying every week to improve. We have applied new hardware including a tripod and stand, a camera, a capture card, special wiring, and others. We figured out a way to get sound from our control board. It was compatible with the camera, but the camera's we have tried have not been compatible with the computers. We have tried 4 cameras and 4 computers. We have sought advice from many folks in the technology, hardware, and systems fields. Many things that may help are sold out.

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A Note from the Pastor
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Between myself, and others, we have invested about 30 hours in research and consultations. We could invest a considerable amount of money and have a very good broadcast. However, we have to consider if that is the wisest thing to do considering the pandemic lockdown may be over before we would get it and it may take money away from the building repairs that are so desperately needed. Please be patient with us and thankful for the effort that everyone is putting out in order to get the best broadcast possible. (Prayers would be good too). 😊

Also, I want to remind everyone of how to contact me. First try my cell phone 765-505-2109 by voice call or text. Second try our house 765-344-7707. If that does not work call or text Gale's phone 765-366-2240. My phone is ALWAYS on day or night. I do not ever shut it off. Sometimes I may be out of the coverage area or unavailable due to meetings, running machinery that is noisy, Doc appointment, shower, etc. Leave a message and I will get back to you. If it is an immediate need call one of the other numbers above or text me and state it is an emergency. I have been taking calls 27/7 since 1975 and it does not bother me any time you call for an urgent need. You may also call Kathy during office hours and she will track me down. I am here for you so please make an effort to get me if you need me or you know someone else that needs me.



MAY 10, 2020



National Day of Prayer Service on the courthouse square on Thursday, May 7, at 12 p.m. (noon).

Everyone is invited to participate - bring a lawn chair if you have trouble standing for too long. The service will last less than an hour.

****If "STAY HOME" order is lifted****



Rockville FUMC
Buddy Bag Program

donation to

Clinton FUMC
Buddy Bag Program

"We're all in this together"



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.

FACTS & FIGURES



Date	Sunday School Attendance	Worship Attendance	Tithes & Offerings
4/05/2020	0	0	\$2,480.00
4/12/2020	0	0	\$3,930.00
4/19/2020	0	0	\$2,239.64
4/26/2020	0	0	\$2,800.00
No Services due	To COVID-19		
April total to date:			\$11,449.64

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.).

Facebook live during this time of "Stay Home"; Sunday mornings 10:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00 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

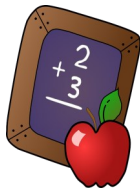
128 N. Market St., Rockville, IN

(1 block north of the courthouse)

For information, please call (765) 569-5356

There IS hope for recovery!

All meetings postponed until "stay home" is lifted



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 June 4th, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at The Rockville First United Methodist Church. Guest Speaker will be Dr. Sean Ewing, MD. 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 in May due to the National Day of Prayer.



03 Gale Overbey
03 Laurie Harbison
06 Carol Keller
10 Jack Bayler Milligan
10 Hagen Wm. Jeffrey

13 Chase Michael Miller
13 Susan Harbison
20 Pat Ballinger

01 Bob & Janie Pound
27 Steve & Elaine Waltz



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



May Greeters

3rd Debbie Davies
10th Richard and Carol Keller
17th Larry and Charla Malone
24th The Mathis Family
31st LeAnn and LuAnn Malone

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.



Apparently, a child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible. Having read it and, indeed, laughed at its contents I am not convinced that it is a child's piece of work; I feel that it may be fabricated and specially concocted. However, I hope it bring a smile to your face.

The Hilarious Tale of Judas Asparagus

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one', but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did.

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This is allegedly based on a true story

Mr Arnold, a businessman from Tulsa, Oklahoma, went on a business trip to Amarillo, Texas. He immediately sent an e-mail back home to his wife, Paula. Unfortunately, he forgot his wife's exact e-mail address and the e-mail ended up going to a Mrs. P. Arnold in Rapid City, South Dakota, the wife of a preacher who had just died. The preacher's wife, Penny, took one look at the e-mail and promptly fainted.

When she was finally revived by her daughter, Penny hysterically pointed to the message, which read, 'Arrived safely, but it sure is hot down here.'

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Then God made the world. He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden. Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars. Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel.

Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check. After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable.

God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbour's stuff. Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humour thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town. After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me. After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. [I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.']

During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Democrats. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminium. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.





NEXT TIME WHEN I PREACH ON TITHING,
DON'T SING 'JESUS PAID IT ALL' AS OUR
INVITATIONAL HYMN

Church of the Covered Dish by Thom Tapp



"Our family is trying one of those
old-fashioned churches, with
preaching, the Bible, and all that stuff."

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.

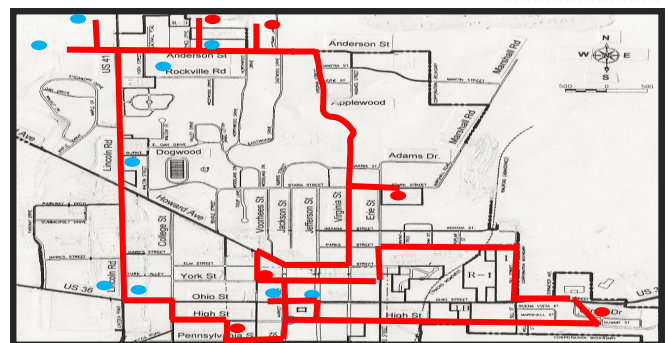
***Sorry! No Handicap Access Features on our Bus**

***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)

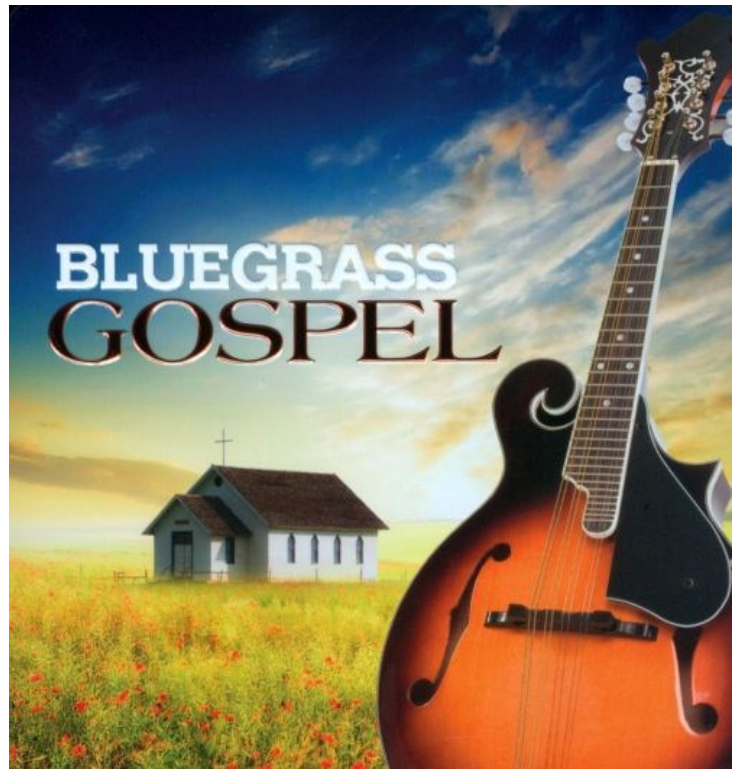
Please bring your donations to the office. Thank you!
(Please make sure you bring **un-expired** goods, as we can't
distribute food that is expired.)

Our Food Pantry is an independent ministry of our church

SAVE THE DATE!
Bluegrass Gospel Concert
The HIM Singers
May 2, 2020
at 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 participants

Cancelled due to COVID-19
Will reschedule
after "stay home" is lifted



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

**POSTPONED WILL RESCHEDULE
AFTER "STAY HOME" IS LIFTED**



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

Andy Mitchell Executive
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, notebooks, etc.)



Please note****

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

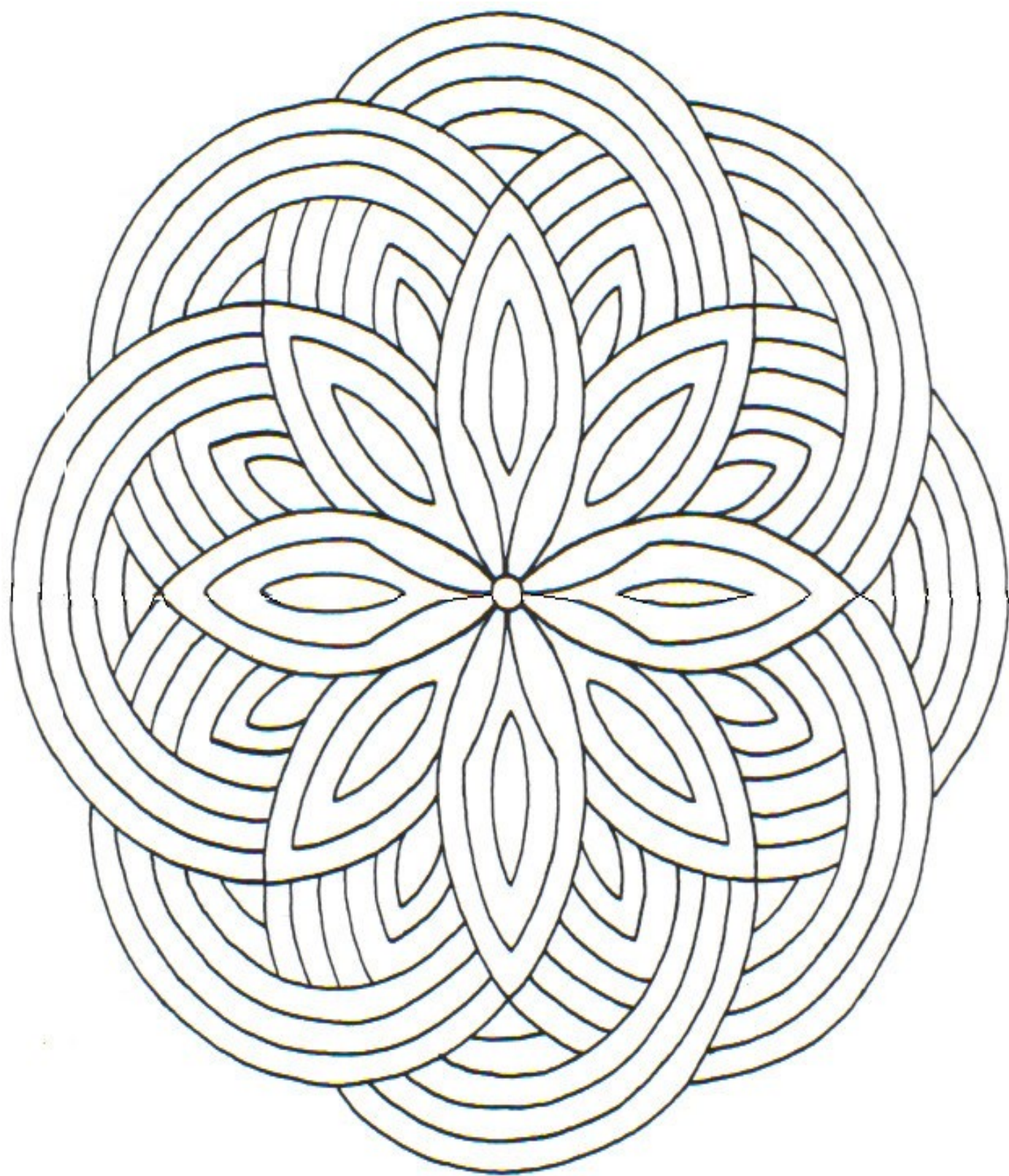
PROCESSING PLANT NEEDS

- *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!



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

MAY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Holy Communion 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	4 7 p.m. Hand bells	5 9 a.m. Men's B r e a k f a s t - Benjamins 6:30 Rock Painting	6	7 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery National Day of Prayer	8	9
10 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study MOTHER'S DAY	11 7 p.m. Hand bells	12 6:30 Rock Painting 7 p.m. Men's Bible Study	13 6:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting	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 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	20	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 <i>Memorial Day</i> 	26 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting 7 p.m. Men's Bible	27	28 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	29 6 p.m. Fellowship Diner	30
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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.

