

ROCKVILLE
FIRST
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METHODIST
CHURCH

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Highlights & *focus*

APRIL 2020

A Note from the Pastor
April 2020

I am writing this on April Fool's day. Pulling jokes on this day was a very much practiced tradition when I was growing up. We still try to pull a good prank on each other in my family. My son DJ thought about telling his 8 & 10 year old's that school was starting back tomorrow. Then he decided they would be thrilled about going back to school because they are so bored. I think he was going to unplug the cable from the tv and tell them the internet and cable has been shut off due to the virus. I haven't heard how it turned out. 😊

April Fool's Day is thought to have started in the 1500's. Up to that time the civilized Western world followed the Julian calendar set up by the Romans. Pope Gregory decided there needed to be a "Christian" calendar and created the Gregorian calendar we follow today, including counting our years from the birth of Christ. The first day of the year in the Roman calendar was April 1. France, being a strong Catholic country, was the first to adopt the Christian/Catholic calendar with a January 1 start of the year. The old Roman way was to celebrate the new year starting around the spring equinox and ending on April 1. The new Christian way removed over a week of celebrations. Some people in rural areas did not hear the calendar was changed and some others refused to accept the new way of doing things. Those who did not follow the change were called "April Fools". The practice of placing a piece of paper on someone's back with "Kick Me" on it came from those days in France when they were trying to "kick" some sense into them.

We look back and are quick to criticize, but we should actually be asking ourselves if things are really different now? How many times do we still resist change? How often do we refuse to follow the direction of our leaders, national or otherwise, when they are trying to do something they think will make things better or cause a greater understanding? Or you have said, "We've never done it that way before and it's always been okay?" My guess is that we've done or said these things more times than we want to admit. There have probably been times in each of our lives when someone needed to, or should have, kicked some sense into us.

We have a similar issue today, although it is much more serious. We are being told to stay in. Keep your social distance. Work remotely, or not at all. We can't visit with others. We are hesitant about going to the store. Even getting gas causes us to think about who has touched the nozzle before? These are things we have never experienced before. (I hope never again.) Most are following along with our leaders advice and direction. We have heard from our own Dr. Steve about the need to do these things. We don't want to be foolish, whether it is April 1 or any other day.

For many of us in the congregation the need to stay away from others is a personal concern. Some of us feel like there is no reason to be personally concerned. As Christians our focus is to be on others. We may not feel like we have to worry because we don't have symptoms. For a while after getting the virus we do not know that we are infected and we unknowingly will infect others. I have a niece that is married to a 35 year-old healthy guy who found out yesterday that he is positive. He had a slight cough and that was about it. He does not know how long he has had it and who all he infected,

A Note from the Pastor Continued

including his wife and 2 preschoolers. I know it is not fun or exciting to do the things we need to do to keep ourselves and those around us safe. Still we need to do these things for the sake of others.

As we go into Holy Week starting Sunday we think about all that Jesus went through for our sake. It is safe to say that it was not exciting for Him to pray so hard that he sweated blood in the garden. To go through the arrest, the flight of His friends and the betrayal of Judas. To stand before Pilate (twice), face Herod, and be rejected by His own faith leaders in the Sanhedrin. He heard the people crying out to crucify Him. There was the flogging and the crown of thorns. He had to carry the cross He was to be hung upon. Then the pain of the nails and the disintegration of His body as He hung there until He died.

Jesus did all of that for us and for every person around us. I don't think it is too difficult for us to do what we need to do for those same people. Don't be a fool. Be a faithful Christian and a witness of God's grace to all around us.

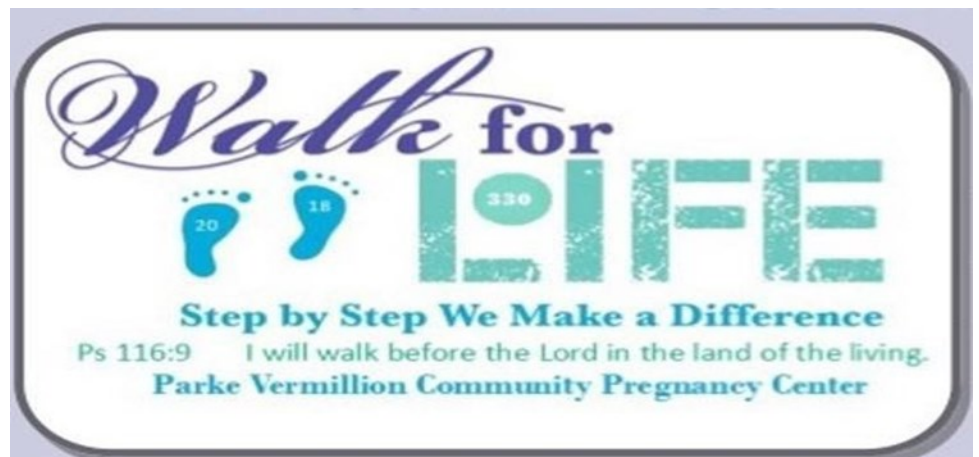
Blessings to you all,

Pastor Jon



Save the date!
Randy is already
making plans!

Saturday, April 25, 2020
9 AM – 12 PM



ON HOLD

RANDY'S SURPRISE BIRTHDAY FROM ILLINI 4000



The Women's
Service Circle
met March 11th

Thank you for your
generous donation
to the Food Pantry



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
3/01/20	17	69	\$3,711.28
3/08/20	18	80	\$2,441.75
3/15/20	0	35	\$5,604.05
3/22/20	0	0	\$ 640.00
3/29/20	No service due 0	To COVID-19 0	\$1,155.00
total to date:			\$13,552.08

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.).



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

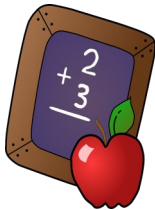
128 N. Market St., Rockville, IN

(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 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 program in April due to COVID-19.

There is no program in May due to the National Day of Prayer.



03 Jordyn Waltz
07 Alan Ader
17 Diana Ader
20 Amanda Waltz
27 Austin Swinehart



07 Alan & Diana Ader
08 Mark & Linda Spelbring
09 Marty & Mary Jane Evens
17 Bob & Mary Anne Jones



Service Circle

The Service Circle will meet May 13, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Hostesses: Carole Perry
Myrna Roose

Devotions: Mary Anne Jones

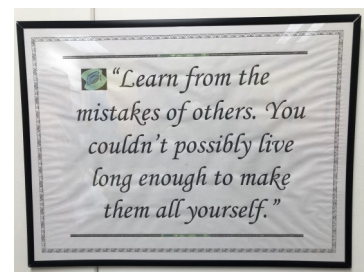


April Greeters

5th Bob & Janie Pound
12th Belcher Family
19th Alan & Diana Ader
26th Lloyd & Sally Zuber

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 a terrible situation. I pray these next few pages bring a smile to your face and relax your mind for just a bit.

Cowboy Joe was telling his fellow cowboys back on the ranch about his first visit to a big-city church.
"When I got there, they had me park my old truck in the corral," Joe began.
"You mean the parking lot," interrupted Charlie, a more worldly fellow.
"I walked up the trail to the door," Joe continued.
"The sidewalk to the door," Charlie corrected him.
"Inside the door, I was met by this dude," Joe went on.
"That would be the usher," Charlie explained.
"Well, the usher led me down the chute," Joe said.
"You mean the aisle," Charlie said.
"Then, he led me to a stall and told me to sit there," Joe continued.
"Pew," Charlie retorted.
"Yeah," recalled Joe. "That's what that pretty lady said when I sat down beside her."



CARRY OUT & DELIVERY

We encourage you to support the restaurants in Parke County!!

MECCA
 Mecca Tavern
 4854 W Wabash St
 765-569-9438
 Daily 11am-9pm

BELLMORE
 The Big Berry
 US 36/US 59
 765-344-2811
 Daily 11am-7pm

TURKEY RUN
 Turkey Run Gas & Grill
 7711 Warriors Rd
 765-597-2483
 Mon-Fri 7am-4pm
 Sat-Sun 7am-3pm

RACCOON LAKE
 Grandma's Lakeside Cafe
 10585 E US HWY 36
 765-344-1222
 Wed-Sun 4-8pm

MONTEZUMA
 Montezuma Grill
 114 Crawford St
 765-245-5055
 Daily 6am-9pm

The Tasty Freeze
 481 E Crawford St
 765-245-2887
 Daily 10:30am-9:30pm
 Closed Mondays

ROCKVILLE
 Aaron's on the Square
 123 S. Jefferson St
 765-731-1500
 Daily 10am-6pm

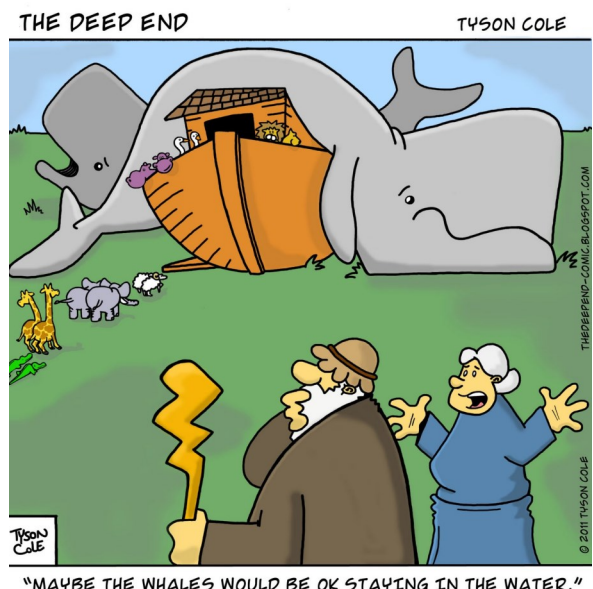
Thirty-Six Saloon
 108 E Ohio St
 765-569-9441
 Daily 11am-8pm

Pizza King
 1195 N. Lincoln Rd
 765-569-6330
 Daily 4pm-8pm

Phoenix Orient
 Next to IGA
 765-569-3510
 Closed Mondays

Benjamin's Family Restaurant
 605 E Ohio St
 Mon-Fri 11am-8pm
 Sat-Sun 8am-8pm

The following are drive thru and carry out:
 Pizza Hut
 Dairy Queen
 Burger King



BE KIND AND TAKE TIME TO SMILE!



Some people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited --- until you try to get into their pew.
[George Goldtrap, Madison, Tennessee]

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but the fly comes close. [Mark Twain]

Most of us spend the first six days of the week sowing wild oats, then we go to church on Sunday and pray for a crop failure. [Fred Allen]

Do you know the three times that most people are in church? When they are hatched, matched and dispatched. [Lowell B. Yoder, Holland, Ohio]

Quit griping about your church; if it were perfect, you couldn't belong. [Msgr. Joseph P. Dooley, Martins Creek, Pennsylvania]

If a church wants a better pastor, it can get one by praying for the one it has. [Rev. Robert E. Harris]

A lot of church members who are singing "Standing On The Promises" are just sitting on the premises. [Sr. Monique Rysavy]

We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers. [Donna Maddux, Stillwater, Oklahoma]

Every evening I turn my troubles over to God - He's going to be up all night anyway.
[Donald J. Morgan, Columbus, Ohio]

I don't know why some people change churches - what difference does it make which one you stay home from? [Rev. Denny Brake]

If a Savior leaves you as you are and where you are, from what has He saved you?
[Rev. Denny Brake]

Young man, the secret of my success is that at an early age I discovered I was not God.
[Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.]

If your left hand doesn't know what your right hand is doing, you should consider running for a job in Washington. [Anonymous]

To err is human; to blame it on somebody else is even more human. [John Nadeau, Medford, Massachusetts]

Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set. [Rev. Denny Brake]

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.

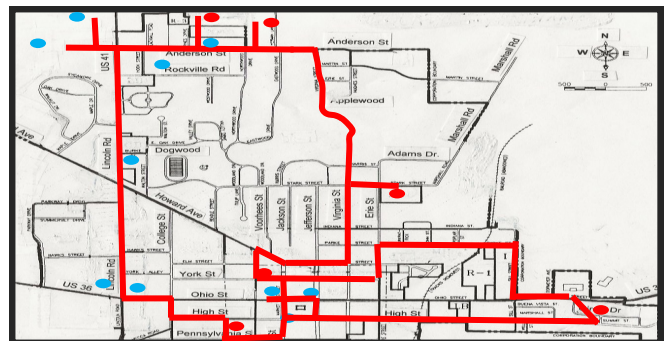
***Sorry! No Handicap Access Features on our Bus**

***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
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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!



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:
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

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AFTER "STAY HOME" IS LIFTED

APRIL 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	3	4
5 Palm Sunday 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	6 7 p.m. Hand bells	7 9 a.m. Men's B r e a k f a s t - Benjamins 6:30 Rock Painting	8 9:30 a.m. Women's Service Circle	9 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	10	11
12 EASTER 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	13 7 p.m. Hand bells	14 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 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	22	23 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	24	25
26 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	27 7 p.m. Hand bells	28 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting 7 p.m. Men's Bible	29	30 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery		

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.

