

ROCKVILLE
FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

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Highlights & *focus*

AUGUST 2020

A Note From
The Pastor
August 2020

This is my favorite time of year. The tomatoes are ripe, the sweet corn is ready to be picked, peaches are sweet and juicy. A good ripe tomato right off the vine is my most favorite food. When I was a kid my dad had a truck patch. He raised rows of sweet corn, hundreds of tomatoe plants, acres of green beans, and about everything else people would buy. While working in that truck patch I began to pick ripe tomatoes for eating. I still love to get a ripe tomato and just bite into it. Tomatoes tasted so good picking them and eating them right off the plant, that once I thought I would do the same thing with sweet corn. One morning when I was about 10 or 11, I pulled an ear off the plant, shucked it right there in the row, and chomped on it till the kernels had all disappeared. The corn tasted fantastic and I thought I had really discovered something good until that evening. Then, I remembered my dad ate tomatoes in the field (he carried a salt shaker in his back pocket), along with onions, bell peppers, green beans, peas, and most of the plants, but I could not recall seeing him eat corn off the stalk. Guess I should have realized that one day earlier. 😊

I like this time of year for other reasons also. I like being in the water. Does not matter if it is a pool, river, creek, or the lake. I like hot weather. Heat does not bother me until the heat index gets to about 105 or so. But even then, if I can get in the water, I'm good.

One thing I really enjoy about the time of year is the fullness of the vegetation all around us. Everything is at its peak of growing. The field corn and soybeans are still full and have not started to dry up for fall. The tree's canopies are filled out. Gale's flowers are at their peak. Despite the heat, or maybe because of it, the green of God's creation is at its peak now in this area. Sometimes we take the beauty of God's earth around us for granted. We see it every year and it becomes common to us. A young man in DJ and Kristen's wedding was raised in desserts all of his life. When he came here, he was excited like a kid on Christmas. He just kept saying, "green, green everything is green!" and jumping up and down as he said it. That went on for 3 days. It reminded us that we live in a beautiful part of God's creation.

As I sit here writing this letter, I quickly counted 11 different species of trees that I can see through our window. I also see all of Gale's flowers. Some are taller than she, some are tiny in pots, all different shapes and colors.

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A Note from the Pastor
Continued

Each one of the plants tells a story from the large oaks and poplars to the petunias and the little red things (I don't have a clue what they are called.) Each of them tells a story about the magnificent mind of the Creator. Who among us could design a flower? Or figure out how to make an oak tree from an acorn. Or to make acorns to also feed deer, squirrels, chipmunks and other creatures? We, as humans, have figured out how to modify some plants and animals, but we have never been able to create one from nothing. Only our loving God of grace and glory has been able to create the beauty that surrounds us. During this time of the fullness of the vegetation around us, take time to marvel at the work of our Creator God. To think about the majesty of the mind that can design the mighty oak and the blade of grass. And even greater is how they all work together to meet our needs of food, shelter, clean air, drinking water, and all the rest. Remember, God didn't need this world. He made it for you! So, when you see the flower in the pot, thank God. When you see the crops in the fields, thank God. When you enjoy the vegetables and fruits of this season, thank God. In everything give thanks.

Blessings to you all!!!

Pastor Jon

P.S. If you think you grow tasty tomatoes, I would be glad to judge them for you. It may take two or three samples to make a fair judgement, but I would be willing to do that for you. 😊





Hand Sanitizers and masks are now placed throughout the building.



Worship with
Rockville FUMC

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

Children's Church 10:15 a.m.
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 |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 7/05/2020 | Inside/Outside Service | 29 | \$1,285.00 |
| 7/12/2020 | Inside/Outside Service | 36 | \$1,860.00 |
| 7/19/2020 | Inside/Outside Service | 46 | \$4,135.00 |
| 7/26/2020 | Inside/Outside Service | | \$1,052.00 |
| | | | |
| July total to date: | | | \$8,332.00 |



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

Rockville First United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes July 15, 2020

Ad Council members present: Pastor J. Overbey, S. Harbison, P. Ballinger, M. J. Evans, A. Milligan, R. Belcher, E. Waltz, M. McGill

Absent: R. Randall, A. Mathis

Council Business

Grant – George Petit will meet with a group (to be formed) to lay out our vision and match what plan we need and equipment to order for our audio/video program. George will prepare a proposal. Brent Lacy will be contacted also to get a proposal to present to the board.

Church Bus – The Air Conditioner cannot be installed on the roof of the bus. The wiring is the problem. The wires were cut instead of unplugging. We have not heard back from the repair company. Alex Milligan will call to try to get an update.

Parsonage – We need to start thinking now if we want to rent the parsonage before winter starts. Topics that were discussed: Renting; Selling; moving the clothes closet, a place for youth to meet. It was decided to get 2 appraisals. Alex Milligan will contact Jerry McMullen for an appraisal. Also discussed was moving the clothes closet to the Nursery for more space.

Church Activities and Ministries -- Celebrate Recovery, Rock Painting, Clothes Closet, Food Pantry, have opened. All with social distancing and sanitizing. The Clothes Closet will limit number of people at one time and must wear a mask.

Children's Church will begin July 12th; Bible Study will begin July 26th @ 7:00 p.m.

Merideth reported, around the first of August "The Crew" Sunday school class will resume.

Annual Conference is August 15th. Pastor Deb Moore-Hardin will be ordained at this conference.

Treasure Report – Correction from last meeting: All accounts have not been transferred to First Financial Bank. 941 has been filed and transferred automatic payments to First Financial Bank. The Old National Bank account is still open to make sure everything has cleared.

Rob Belcher presented the statement from Edwards Jones for the capital improvement fund.

Church Repairs – The roof project will be able to be put on hold at this time. But the tuck point for the bricks is necessary to be done quickly. Our ventilation system is electrical, it was discussed to think about looking into solar panels to save money.

Pastor Jon will form a Nomination committee to recruit new officers, which needs to be done by September.

The next meeting will be August 19th

Pastor Jon closed in prayer.

LEARN AND GROW

Want to grow deeper as a Christian?

We currently have opportunities for adults and youth to learn more about God, the Bible, and how to grow in discipleship: **“Inside & Drive-in Church Service” on Sunday mornings 10:00 a.m.; Children’s Church 10:15 a.m.; Bible Study 7p.m. (at the church) and Facebook live “Midweek Chats” Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.**

Always practice “Social Distancing”



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

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

Thursdays, 7-9 p.m.

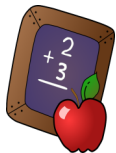
(Doors open at 6:30p.m.)

Rockville First United Methodist Church

128 N. Market St., Rockville, IN

(1 block north of the courthouse)

For information, please call (765) 569-5356



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.



**2020 Annual Indiana
United Methodist Conference**

August 15th

**Rev. Deb Moore/Hardin will be
ordained an elder during the Conference.**

**A reception will be held when we can
fully open the church (watch for dates)**



AROUND THE CHURCH



The Dine with a Doc ® program is _____, 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!

ALL DINE WITH A DOC PROGRAMS ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FEBRUARY 2021



01 Jennifer Ader
Don Navel
02 Mariana Ponce
06 Martha Holaday
Katrina Miller

17 Sally Zuber
24 George Waltz
27 Daniel Milligan
30 Natalie Geiger



17 Mike & Diana Ruark



Service Circle

The Service Circle will postpone all meetings at this time.



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.

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

The Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to to cripple children.



The sermon this morning: “Jesus Walks on the Water”. The sermon tonight: “Searching for Jesus”.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of old useless things. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.

Mrs Charlene Mason sang “I Will Not Pass This Way Again” which made the congregation happy.

For those of you that have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

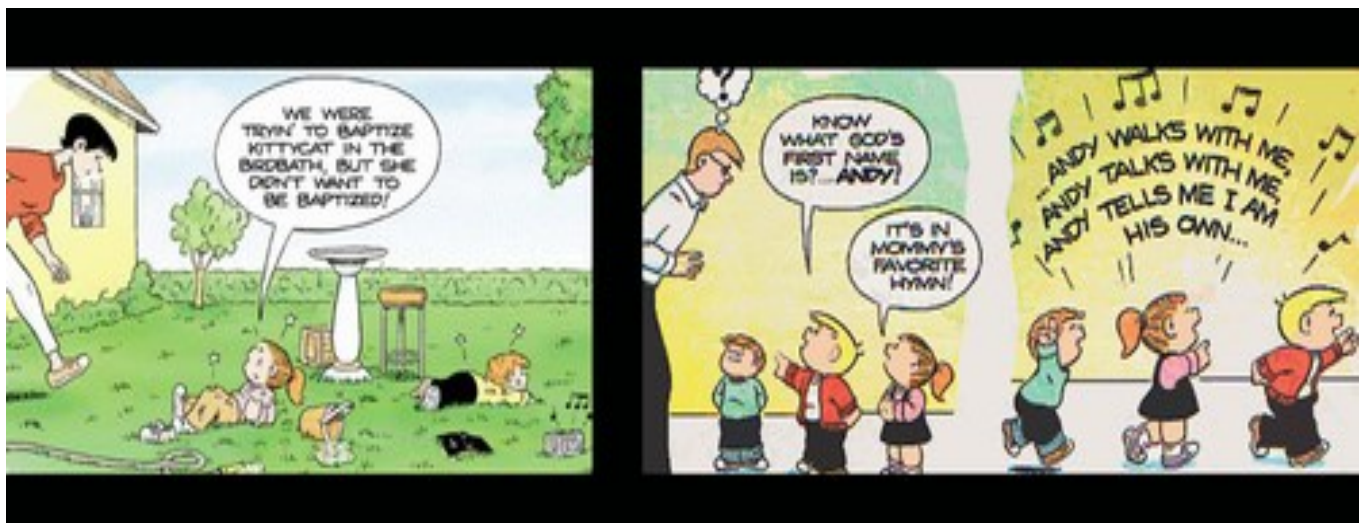
Next Thursday, there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

At the evening service tonight the sermon topic will be “What is Hell”. Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Please place your donation in the envelop along with the deceased person you wish remembered.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

Pot-Luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM. Prayer and medication to follow.



Wednesday Rockville Bus Service

Bus route from Rockville First United Methodist Church will be as follows:

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|----------------------------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| 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**

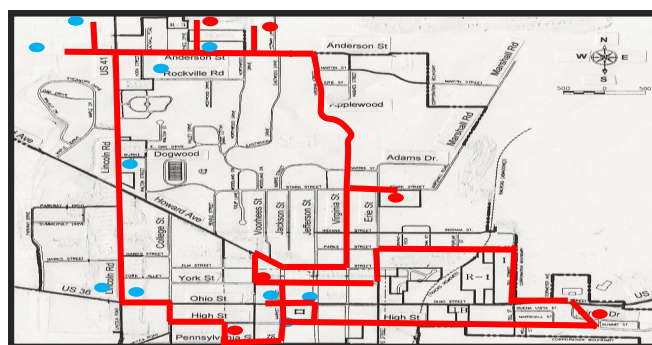
***Be courteous: no eating, drinking, smoking/ vaping**

*** 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!



Still no bus service at this time



- 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



ROCK PAINTING
TUESDAYS 6:30 p.m.



The Clothes Closet is open
Every Thursday from 1-5pm.

Everyone is welcome!

Everything is free!

New items!

Don't forget to wear your mask!





AUGUST 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 10 a.m. Worship 7 p.m. Bible Study | 3 | 4 6:30 Rock Painting | 5 | 6 1 -5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery | 7 | 8 |
| 9 10 a.m. Worship 7 p.m. Bible Study | 10 Back to School | 11 6:30 Rock Painting | 12 | 13 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 1 -5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery | 14 | 15 Annual UMC Conference |
| 16 10 a.m. Worship 7 p.m. Bible Study | 17 | 18 6:30 Rock Painting | 19 6:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting | 20 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 1 -5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery | 21 6 p.m. Fellowship Diner | 22 |
| 23 10 a.m. Worship 7 p.m. Bible Study | 24 | 25 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting | 26 | 27 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 1 -5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery | 28 | 29 |
| 30 10 a.m. Worship 7 p.m. Bible Study | 31 | | | | | |

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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.

