

**ROCKVILLE
FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**

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Highlights & *focus*

SEPTEMBER 2020

**A Note From The Pastor
September 2020**

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ,

Have you ever had a gathering at your house? What things did you or others have to do to prepare your home for your guests? Mow the lawn? Maybe some cleaning? Painting? Some updates maybe? In 1822 the foundations of our church were started. Wouldn't it be fantastic to celebrate our 200th anniversary in 2022? But, we need to get our house ready for visitors.

Over the past year, the Administrative Council has put together different committees to examine the interior and exterior of our building and to look at ways to improve the deliverance of our service. Through their work and in consultation with an architectural firm, these servants developed and prioritized lists of items needing attention. That list is attached.

Some repairs have taken years, even decades to reach the point of needing attention, such as the tuck pointing on the brickwork of the church, or the carpeting. Others were more sudden, such as the loss of shingles during a recent windstorm. The priority is given to which would cause further damage if left unattended, and then ranked in order of practicality. For example, the most pressing need is the tuck pointing. The exterior bricks are allowing water penetration from rain. An obvious example of this type of damage is the walls on the sides of the steps out front. The same type of damage is happening in other less obvious places on the building. Other ways this water damage can be seen in the building is the paint on the balcony walls.

While the tuck pointing is the first item that needs repaired, other repairs will rely on a logical order. For example, once the water infiltration is stopped, then painting and plaster repairs can occur. But prior to painting, the old radiators in the sanctuary should be removed. Only after all of this is done should the carpeting be replaced.

Last fall we started a campaign funding drive. We had some initial success. We have raised over \$1,000 through a GoFundMe page. The church has been on Channels 2 and 10 news and as a result we have received donations from those outside our church family. We have also applied for grants. While we have looked outside the church for funds, we also have received donations from those inside the church and we are very thankful for those who have donated.

When the COVID-19 virus started, the church went into a "survival mode" and many issues were placed on hold. We hoped that the suspension of in-person services would be much shorter than it has been. We are emerging. And we need to focus our attention back on the items that were placed on hold.

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A Note from the Pastor Continued

On our list of improvements that were not necessarily structurally related, were improvements needed for the audio and visual portion of the service. We have updated the sound system. We also discovered that during the suspension of in-person services that we had a large number of people who attended our virtual services, especially through Facebook Live. We are looking at new equipment to continue this ministry in a more efficient way. We are also moving away from the computer and projector presentation during service and will move to large televisions and updated software and hardware to more fully integrate the sound and visual aspects of the service.

We applied for and received a grant for \$5,000 designated to providing outreach such as what we did during the suspension of services. Our matching portion was \$900. Many of the grants that we apply for have a matching portion. For example, one that we will be applying for is for \$50,000 but requires \$50,000 in matching funds from the church. We would prefer not to take loans for these repairs.

We need everyone to be involved in this project in three ways. First, pray. Pray for the Ad Council and ways to come up with funds. Also, pray about how much you can give, and then pledge that amount whether it is weekly, monthly, annually, or a onetime gift.

Secondly, if you know of any places offering grants, please inform one of the Ad Council members.

Thirdly, volunteer when you can. We will be posting a “volunteer” list of items which need to be done in the church. Some will require specific skills, and some will not. We need to think about how we can raise funds in other ways. That, too, will present opportunities to volunteer in fund raising efforts as well as doing repair work.

The fact of the matter is we need money to save our church. There should have been a fund set up for building needs many years ago, so when these times arrived, we were financially prepared. Unfortunately, that did not happen and now we find ourselves in desperate need. We have a choice to save our church and pass it to the next generations or let it continue to deteriorate and crumble, and then pass that on to those who follow.

Our intention is to take care of God’s House and to do it right. The Ad Council and the special committee took all of these things into consideration when setting out the plan. We think the Capital Improvement plan is the right way to proceed.

I hate to be that minister who begs for money, so I am not going to beg. I will be honest with you and let you know where we stand. I will keep you informed of the financial and repair processes as we proceed forward. It is also my commitment that we will proceed through this endeavor.

Pray for:

The Ad Council

The folks helping with securing grants.

God to give you guidance in this endeavor.

For revenue sources

Give:

What you are financially called to give.

Your time and efforts as a volunteer.

Your support to those who are working to make this

successful. (Including suggestions!)

I fully believe we can do this together while seeking God’s guidance along the way.

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Jon

Capital Improvement Plan for the Rockville Methodist Church

A committee of several members of the church have met for the purpose of identifying building repair projects and to place them in categories of importance in order to prioritize projects in an order of greatest need and provide cost estimates of repairs and present their findings to the Committee of Finance to acquire funding for the repairs.

An Architect has completed a thorough inspection/evaluation of the building and has identified structural and cosmetic projects for attention as funds are available. With that report as well as visual observation the committee has assigned the following categories:

1. Imperative/Priority-improvements or repairs needed to neutralize a current threat to the structural or aesthetic integrity of the building and/or the safety of the people.
2. Deferred Need-an improvement or repair needing attention in the near to intermediate future if possible. Not currently critical but could become so over time. Important to the long-term viability of the building and our ministry.
3. Want/Desire-a non-crucial improvement or repair which would add to the overall beauty, function of the building and purpose of our ministry.
4. Minor Repair/Maintenance/Cleaning-an improvement or repair which may be accomplished with minimal effort and little to no cost, either by a paid contractor or by a qualified individual donating time and/or supplies.

The intent of this committee is to recommend repairs be made in the most cost effective manner but to recognize that the long term goal is to not merely repair the project for the interim but to repair the project for the long term so that future monies will not be needed to repair a project which has already been completed.

Projects within the scope of expertise and ability of individuals attending the Church or volunteer participation will be undertaken when time, material and weather permit the work to be completed.



Volunteer Work Chore List

1. Repair and repaint wood railing around lower level of Fellowship Hall.
2. Clean up the Courtyard between the Chapel and Classrooms.
3. Remove the old air conditioner from the nursery and replace window.
4. Remove old air conditioner from Buddy Bag closet. Seal and insulate the opening.
(Replacement bricks will be included in tuck pointing work.)
5. Repaint handicap entrance porch.
6. Replace lighting fixtures or lamps with LED in Church building and Fellowship Hall. (Fixture prices are in capital improvement plan.)
7. Repaint all 11 exterior doors.
8. Weather-strip all 11 exterior doors.
9. Remove all old baseboard heaters in Fellowship Hall.
10. Remove old boiler registers in Sanctuary. (To be done after carpets removed and before painting Sanctuary.)
11. Sell Fellowship boiler.
12. Seal air leaks under Sanctuary including old coal doors, vent, and exterior basement access stairs.
13. Repair lights over north parking area.
14. Repair and repaint cross on north wall on outside of Fellowship Hall
15. Repair and repaint the accent timbers around Fellowship Hall.
16. Remove weeds and clean lower level patio area.
17. Paint black railing on south Fellowship Hall porch.
18. Repaint church sign.
19. Clean interior of fellowship hall windows.
20. Clean exterior of fellowship hall windows.
21. Clean lower level windows.
22. Repaint chapel.

Please coordinate any work you, as an individual, or as a group, want to perform is coordinated with the Pastor or Aaron.





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 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 8/02/2020 | Inside/Outside Service | | \$2,924.00 |
| 8/09/2020 | Inside/Outside Service | | \$1,955.00 |
| 8/16/2020 | Inside/Outside Service | | \$3,960.00 |
| 8/23/2020 | Inside/Outside Service | | \$3,200.00 |
| 8/30/2020 | Inside/Outside Service | | \$2,455.00 |
| August total to date: | | | \$14,494.00 |



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

Rockville First United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes

August 19, 2020

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

Absent: R. Randall

Council Business

Alex Milligan started the meeting with a short devotional and a prayer.

Charge Conference – The conference will be November 15th, 6:00 p.m. at Brazil. 1/3 of our Council officers will be changed out this year. Pastor Jon will form a nomination committee.

Annuity – We have received an annuity from The Parke County Community Foundation of \$982.00. The council decided to accept this annuity and add it to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Grant - For the Architectural grant, we need to put together a chore list including what we, as church members are doing toward improvements to the church. Also, we need a recommendation of improvements to be done. Architect's reports have been sent to everyone. One item of interest: anytime you remodel a restroom /etc. they have to be brought to ADA Standards. If you replace any item in that room, it can remain as is.

The committee (Marty, Richard, Doug, Carol, Bob, Aaron, Alex) have composed a letter, Capital Improvement plan, and a volunteer chore list. These were passed out by Pastor Jon and reviewed by the council.

Treasure Report – The profit/loss reports were emailed to all council members.

State Farm Insurance needs an updated list of persons that can drive the bus along with a copy of their license.

We are good to close out the Old National Bank account. Mary Jane will get cashier checks to deposit into The First National Bank account. The 941 has to be brought up to date quarterly.

Trustees – Alex checked the A/C to make sure it is still working properly. A rock hit the frame of one of the stained-glass windows and shattered a small part of the glass.

Church Bus – All the Air Conditioner parts are in with the exception of the wiring harness. It cannot be released to purchase because it is a "Carrier" item and can only be purchased through "Carrier". The compressor and all other parts have been installed with a price of \$886.39. It was discussed concerning the price of wiring installed by an authorized dealer, would it be more economical to purchase a different bus. A church in Covington has a 2001 bus for sale with 60,000 miles. Alex will go to Whitestown for an estimate on the wiring.

Parsonage – Alex Milligan gave an evaluation of the "walk through". Valued between \$120,000 - \$130,000. We would probably list in the mid \$130,000's. Soffits and porch need painted. There was no charge for the appraisal. Elaine Waltz volunteered to help with the cost of painting the outside of the Parsonage.

Buddy Bags – Snacks will be prepared for Rockville and Turkey Run Elementary Schools. We will start after Labor Day. This will be in addition to weekend meals.

Church Repairs – George Petit (FB live) will have his proposal ready next Wednesday. Another gentleman will have a proposal ready in 2 weeks. We lost projector last Sunday for a while. Church volunteers will run the wiring to save cost.

The Pastor's letter and Capital Improvement plan was reviewed.

Worship Services - Rob Belcher will compose and send out a survey for 2 services; one with a mask and one without a mask. 501C3 – Alex is working on.

The next meeting will be September 16th

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.

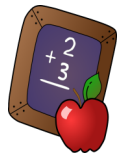
(Doors open at 6:30p.m.)

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.



FELLOWSHIP DINER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

6 P.M. - 7 P.M.

**FREE MEAL! EVERYONE WELCOME!
BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!**

We have good food, good friendship and good fun!

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 Aaron Mathis
04 Caleb Swinehart
12 Michael Milligan
13 Doug Dixon
19 Lloyd Zuber
20 Louise Norman

21 Taunnie Russell
25 Ashlynn Jane Bettis
26 Rebekah Ayres
27 Miriam Lash
30 Starr Smetana



26 Greg & Susan Harbison



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

Senior Jokes

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% percent discount.

Question: Among retirees what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

Answer: NUTS!

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?

Answer: Normal.

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

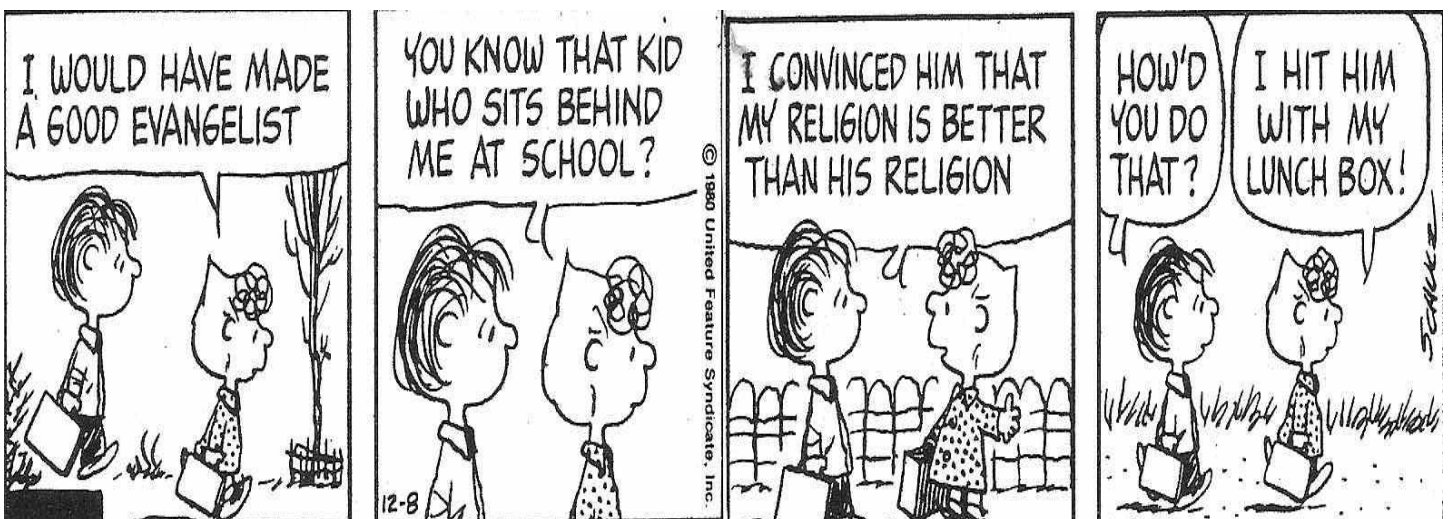
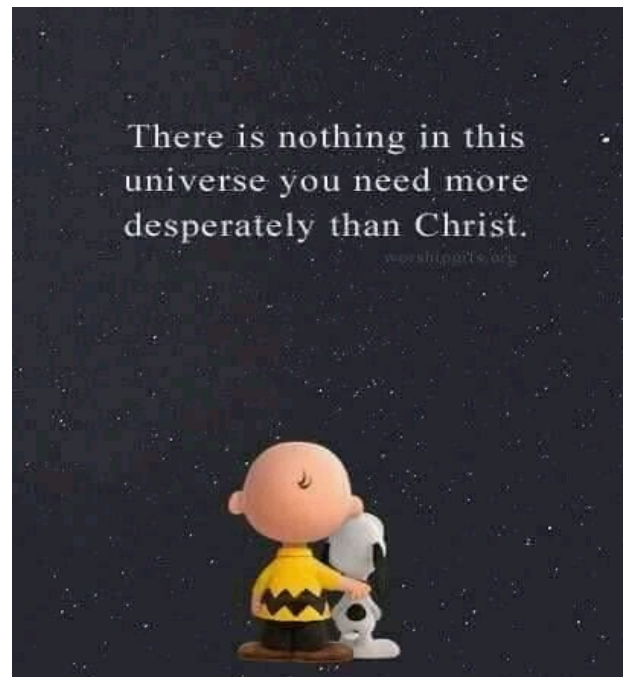
Answer: The never ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Question: What do you do all week?

Answer: Mon to Fri. Nothing, Sat & Sun I rest!



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**

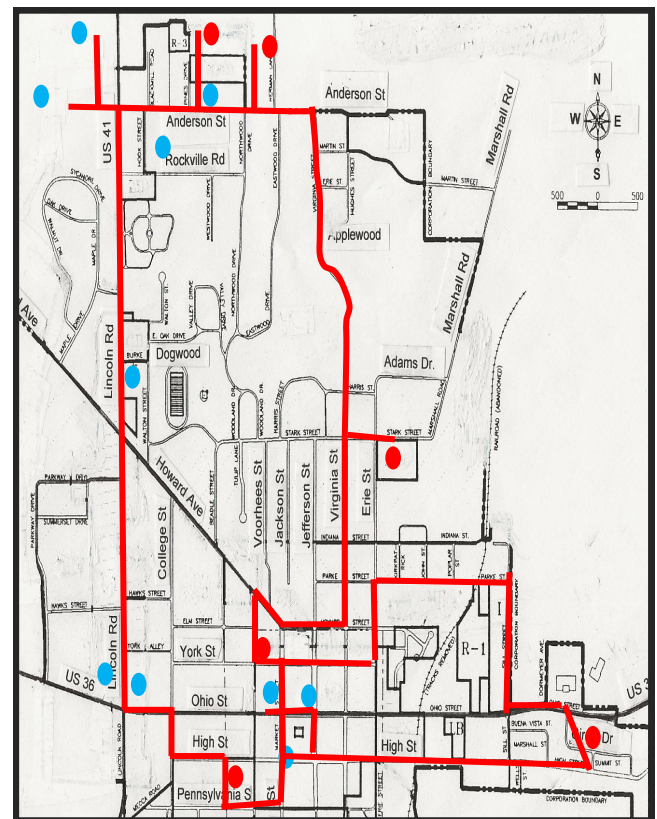
***Be courteous: no eating, drinking, smoking/vaping**

*** 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!



NEW ADDRESS

Dale and Mary Alice Barnes
University Place Assisted Living
1700 Lindberg Rd, Apt. 2122
West Lafayette, IN 47906

Cell Phone: 765-376-0437

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SEPTEMBER 2020

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

7:00 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.



Celebrate

the work of our hands

Labor Day