

# Highlights & *focus*

**OCTOBER 2020**

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A Note From The Pastor  
October 2020

October without a Covered Bridge Festival. Something about that just doesn't seem to make sense. But there are a lot of things in 2020 that have not made sense. Not being able to shake hands and hug one another. Having to keep our social distance from everyone. (I remember when social distancing was only for those you did not want to be around 😊 and when avoiding someone like the plague was about the person and not about the plague.) Communion out of disposable cups. No church dinners. No Sunday School.

Last week, outside after church, Mark Spelbring and I were talking about the colored leaves. One of the events that makes the fall season unique is the turning of the leaves. I read once that the colors of the fall leaves, the reds, yellows, and purples, are always there. The colors are masked by the photosynthesis process that makes the leaves green. We see the green leaves as "normal" and think we are seeing everything that God has planned it. We think that the colors just appear in the autumn. The truth is the beauty that God placed in the color of the leaves is always there we just can't see it. It takes a series of events to occur including decreased sunshine and cooler temperatures, that God programmed into the DNA of trees, and many other plants, for the true beauty of the leaves to be revealed.

So it is with many other parts of God's plan. When we think "normal" is taken away we often forget to look for the beauty that is being revealed to us by a wise Father who has everything in His control. We were averaging above 65 for Sunday Worship before the pandemic stopped our "in Sanctuary" Sunday services. For months we had 4 or 5 in the Sanctuary on Sundays so we could transmit our services to our members on Facebook Live and YouTube. We bought a radio transmitter to reach people in their cars or at home on the radio. Eventually, we were able to open for some with social distancing and the issues we discussed above. Just as the beauty of what God had hidden in the leaves became apparent with the absence of photosynthesis, there was beauty that was revealed to us through the absence of regular worship. We now reach more people than we have ever reached before. We started Facebook Live doing the best we could even knowing it was rough and tough. We struggled and kept getting better. Along the way we started reaching folks beyond our congregation.

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## A Note from the Pastor Continued

Meredith was the first to recognize the trend and indicated we needed to continue this no matter how the pandemic turned out. The number kept growing and today we average 35 in church and 92 Facebook watchers. At the request of a couple of you, we started a Midweek Chat as a way to stay in touch with everyone. My intention was to do it for a couple of weeks until the crisis was over. Then a couple of weeks became a couple of months. I really did not have the intention to keep it going and thought it would have died out by now. We average 118 people a week who connect with us for the Chat. In order to accommodate some who attended the Sunday evening Bible study we started to broadcast it also. We average 91 viewers for the Rockville First Bible Study. Have we EVER had 91 people participate in an evening Bible study in the past? God has done what He has done many times since he placed Adam and Eve in the garden. He has taken what seemed to be a bad situation and revealed His Glory in new ways. Am I glad to only be able to have 35 in church even though we are reaching many more? No! I would rather have a Sanctuary full of brothers and sisters, children and adults, young and old, fellowshiping, praising God together, loving the Lord and one another. In the meantime, we need to see the beauty of God in the situation we find ourselves.

Take care of yourselves and Praise God for the beauty of the season and the beauty He reveals to us in many other ways.

God Bless 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.



<b>Project</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>
1. Tuck Pointing the Towers/Sanctuary/Wing Walls	\$100,000.00
2. Replacing Sanctuary Roof/Office Area	\$ 35,000.00
3. Stained Glass Window Preservation	\$ 63,559.00
4. Handicap Restroom Remodel - Main Bathroom	\$ 3,785.00
New Water Closet	\$ 5,345.00
5. Plaster Repair/Painting Interior-	\$ 3,900.00
6. Repair of Sanctuary Floor/Carpeting-	\$ 40,000.00
7. Fellowship Hall Repair/Closet Sound Damping <b>Completed</b>	\$ 2,500.00
8. Structural Maintenance/Basement	\$ Under Review
9. New Sign Board	\$ 7,000.00
10. Window Treatments/Chapel/Fellowship Hall- Draperies	\$ 15,000.00
Blinds	\$ 7,000.00
11. Maintenance on Handicap Ramp	\$ 1,000.00
12. Lighting Update for building- Pastor	\$ 2,000.00
13. Preservation of Entry Door Entrance	\$ 8,000.00
14. Weatherproofing Classroom Windows/Doors	\$ 300.00
15. Exterior Maintenance/Painting	\$ 5,000.00
16. Heating Unit for Handicap Entrance	\$ 500.00
Total for items listed	\$ 290,430.00

## 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 AND PRAY

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS!

### Our Shut-Ins:

Diana Lows, Roleen Pickard; Lois McGrannahan; Dale & Mary Alice Barnes

**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
9/06/2020	Inside/Outside Service		\$3,935.00
9/13/2020	Inside/Outside Service		\$1,371.00
9/20/2020	Inside/Outside Service		\$3,360.00
9/27/2020	Inside/Outside Service		\$1,242.00
<b>September total to date:</b>			<b>\$9,908.00</b>



Tithes and offerings

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

## **Rockville First United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes      September 16, 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, R. Randall

### **Council Business**

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

**Annuity** – We have received an annuity from The Parke County Community Foundation of \$982.00. The council is in agreement to add it to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Pat Dixon has requested for all memorial donations for Norval to be designated for the stain-glass window repairs.

**Clothes closet**- The clothes closet is now in the old nursery and the nursery has moved into the Food Pantry/ clothes closet room. A new door handle leading out of the clothes closet needs replaced.

**Grant** – Mark Spelbring is currently working on a Foundation Grant.

The Council discussed the sound system estimates. Foundation grant was received for \$5000 with \$900 match for the church. Two bids were received. One was in excess of \$9900, the second was \$7400+. The projection committee recommends estimate of \$7400 + from Brent Lacy. The Ad Council agreed to accept the Lacy bid.

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

Pastor Jon designated his mileage allotment for the year to go the Capital Improvement Fund.

This first week of October the Old National Bank account will be closed out.

The Inland grant for the Buddy Bag Program has been sent out.

**Trustees** – The Buddy Bag items are to be moved to the Library and the Food Pantry will move to the old Buddy Bag closet. The Library will need rearranged before this can be done. Hand bells will stay in the Library, storage will be constructed for the bells and associated equipment. Arrangements will need to be made for the books.

Children's Sunday School will start September 27<sup>th</sup>. They will be required to wear a mask.

The council discussed the agreement with the Rockville Library about the dumpster and bus. Greg Harbison received a text from the Library. Merideth contacted the Librarian and all are in agreement, to allow the Library to share the church dumpster. The church will pay the dumpster bill and the bus will remain parked in the Library parking lot.

Martha Holaday will host a "Soup Supper" on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Alex Milligan will speak with Mark Vanderheyden at the "36" in regard to not using his lot this year due to the cancellation of the Covered Bridge Festival. But will request the lot for the CBF 2021.

Alan Ader will be contacted to prepare an article to be placed in the newspaper for Pastor Appreciation Month.

The church will participate in "Halloween around the Square" and "Hometown Holidays".

A letter was read from Jody Sellers from Hamilton Center in regard to donations to help clean a man's house in Montezuma. Council denied.

The nominating committee needs 2 more members.

**Church Bus** - Alex reported, the bus has not been taken to Whitestown for an estimate on the wiring.

**Parsonage** – A soft appraisal has been done and some repairs have been made. Mark Downing gave a quote of \$2600 to rebuild louvers, paint the outside of the parsonage, porch and trim. The work will begin in the near future.

The next meeting will be October 21<sup>st</sup>.

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”**



**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.



Even though the rummage sale is cancelled this year, you may still bring your donations to the Clothes Closet. Clothing, shoes, small household items, small toys, baby items and holiday decorations will be accepted Monday - Wednesday 9am - 1pm and Thursdays 9am - 5pm. (You may call ahead 569-5356 to verify someone is in the office.) We are also in need of 13-gallon trash bags, gallon size baggies, pants hangers (the kind with two clips), old tennis balls, baskets, and totes.



## 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



03 Logan Carlton  
04 Kapria Collings  
05 Charles Allen Miller  
06 Nick Waltz  
08 Richard Keller  
18 Karen White

21 Clara Jack  
22 Jacob Bryant  
28 Kinley Noelle Geiger  
31 Mary Jane Evens



29 Rob & Shannon Belcher



(November birthday 06 Karen Kent)



### Service Circle

The Service Circle will postpone all meetings at this time.



The Hand bell Choir will meet each Monday, in the Chapel from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. New members always welcome.

## 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

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## SERVE AND GIVE

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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!



FUND RAISER CARRY OUT  
**SOUP SUPPER**

*Come*  
**Celebrate**  
OCTOBER 9-18TH

*Shop* PARKE COUNTY Indiana

**Unique Shopping**  
*Cozy Lodging*  
**Delicious Dining**  
**Masks Required**

**Soup Supper Carry Out!**  
**Tuesday October 16 5-8 pm**  
**At the First United Methodist Church**  
**Downtown Rockville York & Market**  
**\$5 Soup-Crackers-Veggies-Drink**

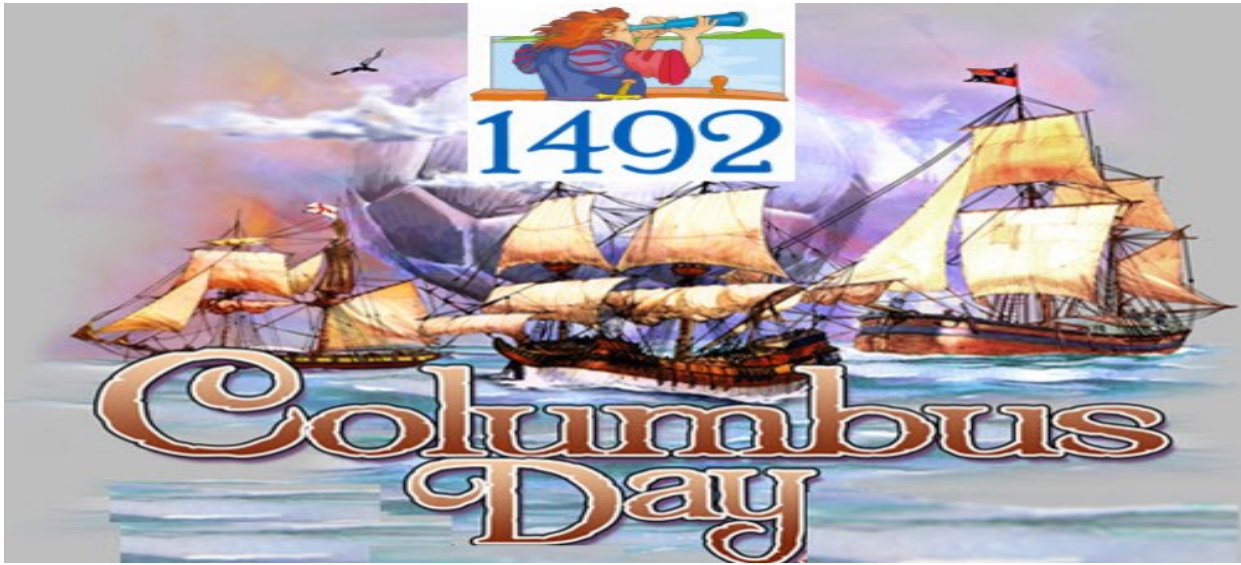
Donations of veggies (carrots and celery), saltine crackers and bread are welcomed and very appreciated.

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





October 12, 2020



**\*SAVE THE DATE!**

**West District Charge Conference**  
**Sunday, November 15, 2020,**  
**United Methodist Temple, Brazil, IN**  
**6:00 p.m.**

*More details to come soon!*



We will be participating in the **“Halloween on the Square”** again this year. If you would like to donate candy, you can drop off all donations at the office. Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



## The Blinking Light

Sixty year old John went on to his annual checkup. The doctor asked him if he was still getting up in the middle of the night and going to the bathroom.

He replied, "Yes But the lord has made it much better for me, He turns on the light when I go and He turns off the light when I am done".

The doctor replied, "Really"!!!

About an hour after that the doctor called John's wife and said: He looks fine. But he said that God is making it better for him, when he gets up and goes to the bathroom during the night God turns on and off the light.

She replied, "that old fool he has been going to the bathroom in the refrigerator again".



## Senior Golf Game

An eighty-year-old man's golf game was hampered by poor eyesight. He could hit the ball well but he couldn't see where it went. So his doctor teamed him up with a ninety-year-old man who had perfect eyesight and was willing to go along to serve as a spotter.

The eighty-year-old man hit the first ball and asked his companion if he saw where it landed.

"Yep," said the ninety-year-old.

"Where did it go?" the eighty-year-old demanded.

The ninety-year-old replied, "I don't remember."



## Three Old Sisters

There were 3 sisters living together 92, 94 and 95 yrs. old. The oldest went upstairs one evening to take a bath. As she was getting in the tub with one foot in and one foot out, she called down to her sisters, "Am I getting in the tub or am I getting out of the tub?"

The 94 yr. old decided to go upstairs to see if she could help figure out the situation. She got to the 3rd step and stopped - then called out, "Was I going up the stairs or was I coming down the stairs?"

The 92 yr. old, sitting at the kitchen table, thought she better knock on wood and as she knocked on the kitchen table she said, "I hope I never get as bad as my sisters. Now was that the front door or the back door?"





# OCTOBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1 -5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	2	3
4 10 a.m. Worship Holy Communion 7 p.m. Bible Study	5 7 p.m. Hand bells	6 6:30 Rock Painting	7	8 1 -5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	9	10
11 10 a.m. Worship 7 p.m. Bible Study	12 7 p.m. Hand bells <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b>	13 6:30 Rock Painting	14	15 1 -5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	16 Soup Supper 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.	17
18 10 a.m. Worship 7 p.m. Bible Study	19 7 p.m. Hand bells	20 6:30 Rock Painting	21 6:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting	22 1 -5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	23	24
25 10 a.m. Worship 7 p.m. Bible Study	26 7 p.m. Hand bells	27 6:30 Rock Painting	28	29	30	31

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## Office Hours:

**M-Th 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**



~Pastor Jon Overbey~

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## 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.

