

**ROCKVILLE
FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**

Highlights & *focus*

NOVEMBER 2020

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A Note From The Pastor
November 2020

November is a special month for us all. The 1st is All Saints Day. This is a time that we remember all of the people of faith that made our worship possible today, especially those who went to the Lord in the past year. We celebrate their lives on the first Sunday of the month. We thank God for the parents/grandparents who prayed for us, drug us to Sunday school and church. The saints of the church who served the church as teachers, volunteers, officers, and role models are special to us. We also remember the saints, great and small, who shared the faith, started churches, and even gave their lives for the sake of the Gospel. All Saints Day should cause us to think about the example we are displaying and the heritage we will leave.

Soon into November is Veteran's Day. I was always taught that Memorial Day is the day we remember those who gave their lives in the service of our country and Veteran's Day is when we honor the veterans living among us. The reason we have this great country and the freedoms we enjoy is the service of the veterans. We would not have the lives we live or be able to worship the way we do without the veterans! Always remember the reason we honor them is not because they served in the armed services. That is just a symbol of the main reason. The most important reason we honor them is that every one of them were willing to die for our freedom and the sake of all who live in this country. We continually owe them a debt of gratitude.

Then we have the number one family day of our country, Thanksgiving. More people travel back home to be with family on Thanksgiving than any other day of the year. We eat too much and we talk too much (hopefully not about politics). We celebrate the importance of family in a way we do not do on any other day of the year. We should never forget the importance of family to our way of life and to our service to the Lord. We should also never forget the reasons behind our day of "Thanksgiving." We could debate about how the Pilgrims celebrated, what they ate, was it a "thanksgiving" in the way we celebrate, and many other issues surrounding the traditions of Thanksgiving. Those things don't really matter. What we celebrate is a group of Christian people who were grounded so strong in their faith they were willing to risk everything for the sake of practicing their faith in the way they thought was important and insuring their children were raised in their faith culture. The English demanded they worship in the Church of England, leave, or go to prison.

The Dutch allowed them to worship, but they saw their children assimilating into the secular culture of the Dutch. They headed on an exodus to find their holy land. They risked it all for the sake of serving Christ in the way they thought best and raising their children in the Lord. Their first year was bad and many died, but they never waivered in their faith. They did not celebrate the hard times, but they did celebrate that God was with them through their valley of the shadow of death and now their cups were running over. Thanksgiving is a day for family, but it is also a day to be thankful for the God who never left us or forsook us through the good, the bad, and yes even the COVID. Gather with those who are family to you, be thankful, and celebrate the Lord in your life this past year.

For some of you Black Friday is a day that rivals the other holidays of the past year and is akin to the parting of the Red Sea for the people to cross over to their promised land of shopping. To me it is more up there with the plagues. 😊

Finally, we close out the month of November with the beginning of Advent. It is a time of remembering the “Coming” of the Lord. Both that time that Jesus gave up His Glory in heaven and His place on the throne to “come” as a human and be born in a manger. He came to be one of us. He came to show us the way we should live, to teach, demonstrate, and admonish. More than anything, He came to take our sins on the cross, then through the Resurrection, to bring us everlasting life. We also remember that He is to “come” again as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords to take His people home. During Advent we remember His coming the first time and prepare ourselves for His coming again!

November has implication for others outside the church too. Deer and rabbit seasons open up in November. High school football tournaments are in November (Go Wolves). Farmers finish in the fields. We finally finish cutting grass and raking leaves. Campaign ad’s are over!!

Lastly, as you have heard me say several times over the past couple of weeks, it is time to vote. It is our obligation as we honor our saints that have joined with the Lord, as we honor the veterans, as we celebrate our Thanksgiving, and we freely worship in the way that we do, that we vote to keep this country the way they left it for us. Remember Pray-Vote-Pray. Pray about how to vote, vote for who God is leading you to vote, pray for our country no matter who wins.

November is a full month. I just can’t grasp that it is here already!

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.



Project	Estimated Cost
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 Completed	\$ 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.

Capital Improvement Fund: \$87,738.84. This amount includes all designated project funds. Also, donations from generous givers, Grants, Fund Raisers. Some designated projects (Audio/visual) are near completion.

FACTS & FIGURES

Date	Sunday School Attendance	Worship Attendance	Tithes & Offerings
10/04/2020	Inside/Outside Service		\$2,265.90
10/11/2020	Inside/Outside Service		\$2,945.00
10/18/2020	Inside/Outside Service		\$1,680.00
10/25/2020	Inside/Outside Service		\$2,087.00
October total to date:			\$8,977.90



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 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 6p.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.

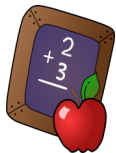
(Doors open at 6:30p.m.)

Rockville First United Methodist Church

128 N. Market St., Rockville, IN

(1 block north of the courthouse)

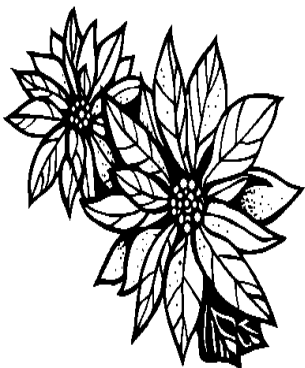
For information, please call (765) 569-5356



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.



If you would like to order a Poinsettia for our Sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season, please fill out the form below and return to the office **no later than, November 15** (orders will not be accepted after that day), with \$9.00 for each poinsettia you are ordering. You may take your poinsettia home after the Christmas Eve service, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Your Name _____
In Honor of _____
In Memory of _____

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

06 Karen Kent
12 Avery Lee Harbison
16 Mason Woody
17 Kathy Price
22 Mark Holaday
23 Abby Ponce
24 Cathy Flock Thompson
Emilia Ponce



(December Birthdays)
06 Mark Spelbring
07 Carol Milligan



09 Bill & Taunnie Russell



Service Circle

The Service Circle will postpone all meetings at this time.



The Hand bell Choir
cancelled until the first of the year 2021.

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

Is cancelled until
March 2021



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!



AMAZON SMILE

Dear RFUMC,,

Thank you for registering Rockville First United Methodist Church at org.amazon.com and welcome to AmazonSmile, where Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to the charities selected by customers. Your registration is now complete. We will reach out to you if there are any questions.

Next, spread the word to your supporters so they can generate donations for your organization when they shop. Log in to your [Org Central account](#) and click on Marketing Tools to access the following helpful tools.

Unique AmazonSmile link

Always share your unique link in your email, social media and on your website. When customers sign up for AmazonSmile, they're asked to select one of over a million charities to support. When customers click on your unique link, they skip this charity selection process. Instead, they're taken to smile.amazon.com and are automatically asked if they want to support Rockville First United Methodist Church.

Your unique charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-1459883>

[Go to org.amazon.com](https://org.amazon.com)

Worship with

Rockville FUMC

Inside Service

or

Drive-in Church Service

or

Face book live

Children's Church 10:15

a.m.

Sunday Evening Bible Study

6:00 p.m.

Also Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Face book live



November 11, 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!



“Halloween on the Square” was enjoyed by young and old alike!



1. The TV is my shepherd, My spiritual growth shall want;

It makes me to sit down and do nothing for His Name's sake.

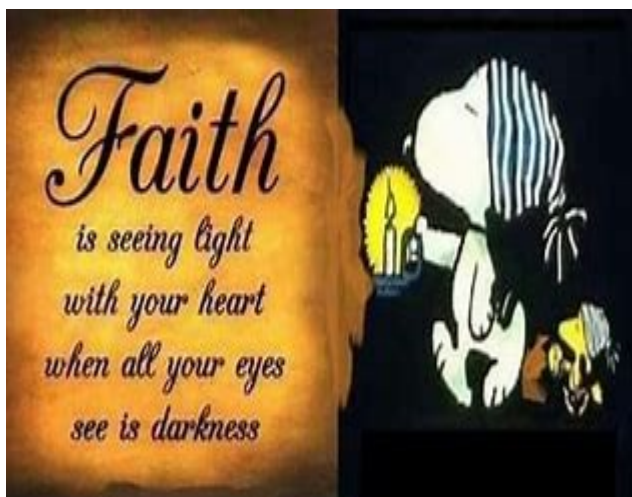
2. It requires all my spare time; It keeps me from doing my Christian duty. It produces so many good shows that I must see; It restores my knowledge of the world.

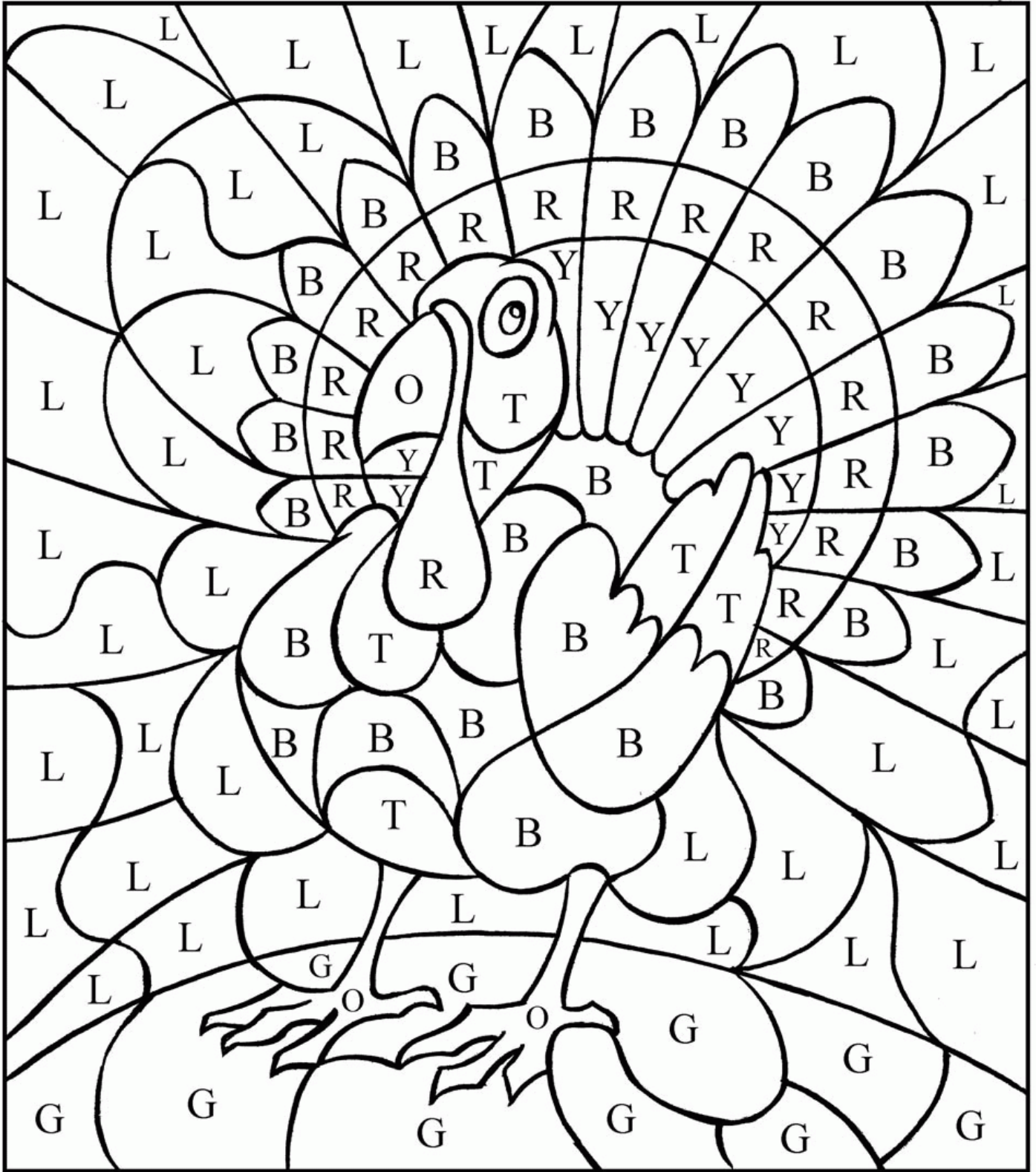
3. It keeps me from the study of God's Word. It leads me in the path of failing to attend worship and doing nothing for the kingdom of God.

4. Yea, though I live to be a hundred years old I shall view my TV as long as it works. It seems to be my closest companion; Its sounds and pictures they comfort me.

5. It provides entertainment for me and keeps me from doing important things with my family. It fills my head with ideas which differ from God's will.

6. Surely, because of all the wasted hours there will be a lack of rewards at the Bema; Yet, because of His goodness and mercy, I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.





B = Brown T = Tan R = Red
 G = Green Y = Yellow W = White
 O = Orange L = Light Blue

www.Reading-With-Kids.com



NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 a.m. Worship Holy Communion 6 p.m. Bible Study	2	3 	4	5 1 -5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	6	7
8 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	9	10	11 Office Closed 	12 1 -5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	13	14
15 10 a.m. Worship Charge Conf. Brazil 6 p.m. 6 p.m. Bible Study	16	17	18 6:30 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting	19 1 -5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate	20	21
22 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	23	24	25	26 Office Closed 	27	28
29 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	30					

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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.

