

Highlights &

APRIL 2021

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A Note From The Pastor April 2021

It was so great to have people back in church on Palm Sunday. I told some folks at Bible study that it is hard to preach to the 2 or 3 people that were in the Sanctuary while we were closed. We had 45 in attendance (Praise the LORD). The Praise Team helped to make it special joining their voices with Janie's piano and the rest of the congregation. We even had a couple of new people join us for worship. What a wonderful day it was as we made our entry on the day we celebrated Jesus Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem. Last year we missed Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Sunrise, and Easter services and that was so disappointing. This year will be joyous!!

April is an important month in the life of our country. Our country's founding was centered around April. The first battle of the Revolutionary War, the battle of Lexington and Concord, took place in April 1775 and George Washington was sworn in as the first United States President 14 years later in 1789.

When I was a kid, April Fools Day was a day we young boys anticipated with great joy. What other day could you pull such pranks on people? And not only was it tolerated, it was expected! A young boy's dream come true ☺. At the end of April Fools Day you wanted to be recognized as the king of practical jokes. Not too many practical joking days anymore. Probably just as well. Some of the tricks we pulled then would get you in trouble nowadays.

Easter usually falls in April. Seven of the past 10 Easters have been in April. In case you don't know, or if you ever wondered, how Easter dates are determined, it depends on the moon. Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. The earliest Easter date would be March 22 and the latest could be April 25. If you remember, the last Easter we had in church was celebrated on April 1st. Actually, each Sunday is a celebration of Easter and the Resurrection Day. Jesus was raised to life and came from the tomb on the first day of the week. Since that time Sunday has been referred to as the LORD's Day. So, every Sunday we celebrate a mini-Easter and is our day of worship is a reminder to us of the day Jesus rose to give us everlasting life.

One of the best things about April is something unique to our area. The great MORELS!! I can tell you for a fact that people outside the Midwest don't have a clue about morels.

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A Note from the Pastor Continued

Our son Bryan lived in Missouri a couple of years in the south east part where the terrain is much like Parke County. It can spring and he started asking people about hunting mushrooms in the woods. He said he got a lot of strange looks from the folks around him. Finally, one guy spoke and said, "Boy, we don't do those kind of things around here!" Bryan figured out they thought he was talking about hallucinogenic mushrooms. They wouldn't believe that he was talking about something that was just good to eat until Gale and I went to visit and took pictures and recipes. Jessica has a friend from Nigeria. You should have seen the look on his face yesterday when I was telling him he needed to come and go mushroom hunting with us. I think he believed I was trying to pull one over on him. I showed him pictures, but I still don't think he was convinced there was such a thing as mushrooms. Have you ever tried to convince someone that eating a fungus that grows out of damp ground in rotting vegetation is a good thing? Gale and I have already been looking. Nothing yet. 😊 (Check out the picture of my grandson Maddox with a big yellow he found a couple of years ago.)

Lastly, one of the best things about April in our part of the world is the demonstration God displays of rebirth and new life. We see the daffodils rise from the cold ground. The Harbison's tree blooming in all of its glory. The leaves come out on long dormant trees. Brown grass turning green as the sun awakens it from sleep. Miriam's garden displaying the wonders of God's flowers and plants. Soon the doe's and their fawns will appear and the mother fox will bring her kits out of their den. It won't be long before those 2 legged creatures called humans will be breaking out of their dens to enjoy the warm weather, sunshine, and gentle breezes.

April is a month that God made truly special. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Jon





WORK DAY

CHECKIN' OFF THE "TO DO" LIST

A huge THANK YOU to the ladies that provided lunch for the men during their work days. Lunch was provided 3 of the 4 days, sorry guys about the 4th day.

Thank you!

Easter Breakfast 2021

THANK YOU
Martha Holaday,
Elaine Waltz,
Janie Pound,
Susan Harbison,
Carol Milligan and
Mary Jane
for helping supply
our breakfast items
after
Sunrise Service.



WORSHIP AND PRAY

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Our Shut-Ins:

Diana Lows, Roleen Pickard; Lois McGrannahan; Mary Alice Barnes; Dorothy Smith

Our World: 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: \$117,974..15. 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
3/07/2021	Outside Service		\$2,854.50
3/14/2021	Outside Service		\$5,525.00
3/21/2021	Outside Service		\$1,290.00
3/28/2021	Inside Service	45	\$1,940.00
March / total to date:			\$11,609.50



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:

Sunday mornings 10:00 a.m. Inside service and Facebook Live, distributed later on YouTube ; 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.

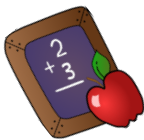
(Doors open at 6:30p.m.)

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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.



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 FURTHER NOTICE

APRIL

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



May Birthdays

03 Gale Overbey
03 Laurie Harbison
06 Carol Keller



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

Worship with
Rockville FUMC

Inside Service
or
Face book live

Sunday Evening Bible Study 6:00
p.m. Inside & Facebook

Also Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Face-
book live



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEMEBERS 2021

Rob Belcher, Council Chair
Elaine Waltz, SPRC-Chair
Bill Becker, Trustees Chair
Mark Spelbring, Finance Chair
Mary Jane Evens, Treasurer
Susan Harbison , Women's Rep

Alex Milligan, Men's Rep
Merideth McGill, Young Adult Rep
Pat Ballinger, Lay Leader
Randy Randall, Member-At-Large
Maddie Belcher, Youth Rep
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

Every Tuesday
6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.



The Clothes Closet has partnered with Parke Heritage High School to provide clothing and personal hygiene items to students. In January, nine students visited the Clothes Closet with their guidance counselor. The students were able to get brand new socks, underwear, hats, gloves and blankets, thanks to a partnership with the Catholic Church. The students also took gently used clothing items, as well as full-sized hygiene items that were donated by our congregation and community. There are plans to serve additional students in the near future. Additionally, all students plan to return in March and May to shop for spring and summer apparel.



METHODIST MOUNTAIN MISSION

God's Mission in the Mountains—Your Mission in His Service!

Truck Schedule

April 12-14 Terre Haute -Bloomington
Rockville United Methodist Church

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.)
- *Back to school clothes



PROCESSING PLANT

NEEDS

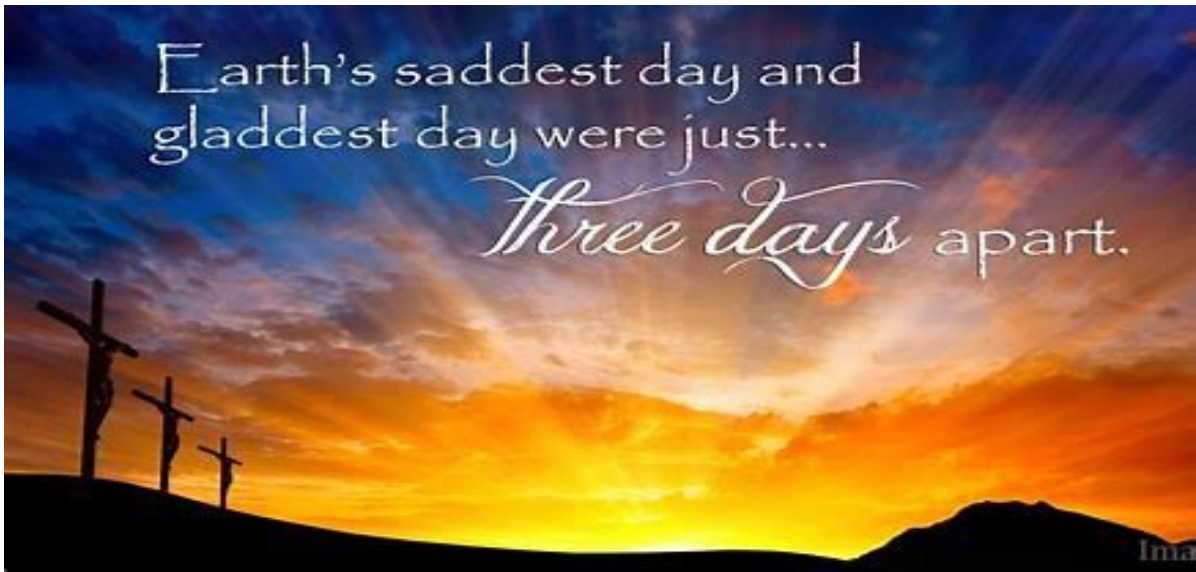
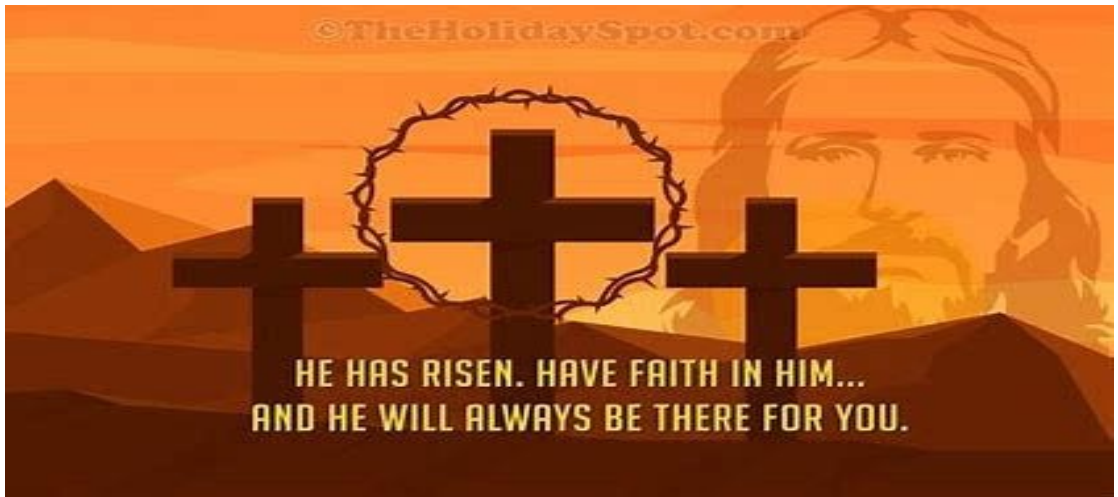
- *Coffee
- *20 oz. coffee cups
- *Air fresheners (aerosol cans)
- *33 gallon black garbage bags
- *Pinesol
- *Dust mops
- *Toilet bowl cleaner
- *Sugar
- *Paper towels
- *Toilet Tissue



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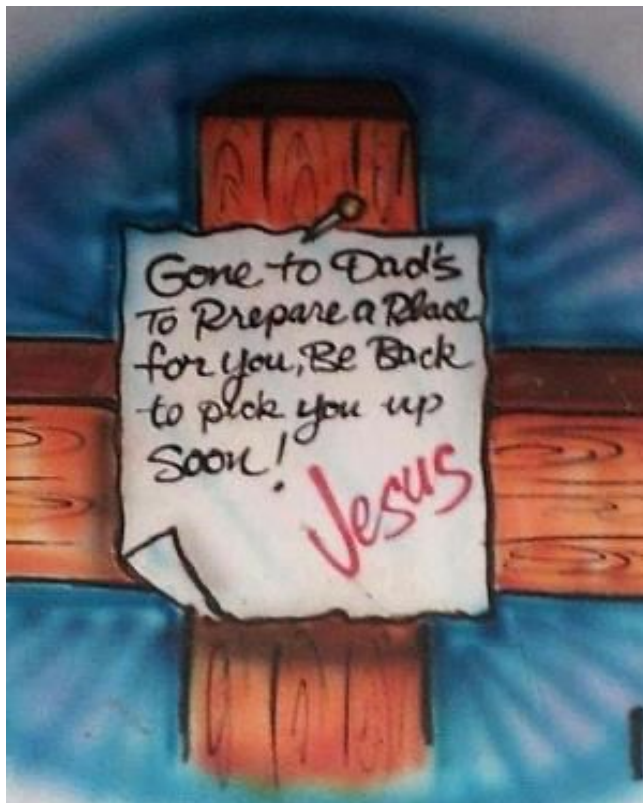


A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss the use of the car. His father took him to his study and said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your bible a little and get your hair cut and we'll talk about it."

After about a month the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss use of the car. They again went to the father's study where his father said, "Son, I've been real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!"

The young man waited a moment and replied, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. You know, Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair...."

To which his father replied...."Yes, and they WALKED everywhere they went!"







APRIL 2021

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate	2 7 p.m. Good Friday Service	3
4 EASTER 7 a.m. Sunrise Service 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	5	6 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting	7	8 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate	9	10
11 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	12	13 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting	14	15 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	16	17
18 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	19	20 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting 6:30 p.m. Ad Council Meeting	21	22 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate	23	24
25 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	26	27 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting	28	29 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate	30 6 p.m. Fellowship Diner	

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~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

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.

