

Highlights &

**ROCKVILLE
FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**

MAY 2021

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A Note From The Pastor
May 2021

First, I want to update you on a couple of things going on with the Ad Council. The parsonage sale is proceeding. Luke and Jordan Waltz are preparing to take possession of the house soon. We sold the parsonage for \$125,000. There were a few structure issues found on the inspection that had to be addressed. Along with other expenses deducted we should clear over \$115,000. That money will be used for the Capital Campaign Fund. We have bids for the brick work. There is a great variance in the bids. We are looking into the amounts and hopefully, will be making a decision in the next couple of weeks. We are examining a proposed change to the North steps and wing walls. There has been an idea presented to us that would place a concrete ramp with a brick wall that would wrap around the front to the stairs. We will show you a rendering when we have a better idea of how it may look and what it may add to the project.

The stained-glass interior repairs have been completed. The replacement of the plexiglass and some exterior wood may need to be done in conjunction with the brick work. We want to make the brick repairs around the windows before we place anything new out there.

We are trying to sell the boiler that heated the Fellowship Hall. It was fairly new and still in good shape when the pipes in the floor broke and required a new type of heating and cooling system. Don't forget we still have a pretty extensive "volunteer" list with a lot of different skill levels and talents included.

Merideth informed us at the Ad Council meeting that we have plans to have Vacation Bible School this year. She has a program picked out. We had a fantastic VBS in 2019 because Merideth, Frank, and Isabella put a lot of hours into set up. And it would not have succeeded if so many of you had not worked it or came for support. It is not too early to volunteer to make this year's VBS even better than 2019. She also worked out a deal with Lindsey next door at the library. Lindsey attends Dana UMC and they have agreed to reduce resources purchased by both churches by sharing the sharable items. (CD's, teacher books, props, etc.) This also reduces the cost for each church.

While we were working on the TV's and projection system, we rewired the fluorescence lights in the Chapel. They are now all LED. This gives us more light with about a 85% reduction in the electricity used to light the room. One half of the lights in the Clothes Closet have been converted also. We are continually working to reduce our utility bills.

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A Note from the Pastor Continued

We have a new janitor, Debbie Fulton. You may notice her around the church at different times. Be sure to introduce yourself when you see her. She works as a senior caregiver and Sunday is a workday for her so she is not able to come to church to meet you all.

Since our last letter, Adult and Children's Sunday School has restarted. Thanks to Alex, Merideth, and Martha who has reconvened Children's Church. We would like to start something for the Jr/Sr High school kids also. We THEY need one of you to lead that class. • •

It is really good to see many of you back in the church on Sunday mornings. The past 2 Sundays in April saw just above 45 folks worshipping together. We were about 20 more when we were closed down last year. I genuinely enjoy seeing each person who comes on Sunday. I am trying to get outside to greet you all as you leave, so don't be one of those who races to the door when the last prayer is over. 😊

Give me time to go out the Fellowship Hall doors and come around to the front. Those of you who slip out the back should come out the front door so I can see you too! It means a lot to me to be able to greet each of you personally. Seeing people in the church worshipping, talking, smiling, even sleeping (you know who you are) 😊 is a whole lot better than preaching to 4 people and a camera.

Love you all! Glad to be here! Don't want to be anyplace else!!

May God bless you and may you be a blessing to others!!

Pastor Jon

A quote Randy Randall shared at Fellowship Recovery,

If Jesus does not forgive, then heaven will be empty!

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: \$122,657.55. 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
4/04/2021		48	\$1,793.00
4/11/2021		36	\$2,635.00
4/18/2021		53	\$2,191.00
4/25/2021		46	\$2,850.00
April/ total to date:			\$9,469.00



Needed monthly to enable the church’s ministries: \$8,468.14
2021 Average Worship Attendance: 46

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: **Adult and Children Sunday School 9:00 a.m. 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.

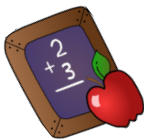
(Doors open at 6:30p.m.)

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(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.



AROUND THE CHURCH

DINE WITH A DOC IS RETURNING.....

The Dine with a Doc ® program is **June 3, 2021**, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at The Rockville First United Methodist Church. We welcome guest speaker, Pamela Fischer. 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!

May Birthdays

03 Gale Overbey
03 Laurie Harbison
06 Carol Keller
10 Jack Bayler Milligan
10 Hagen Wm. Jeffrey
13 Chase Michael Miller
13 Susan Harbison
20 Pat Ballinger



01 Bob & Janie Pound
27 Steve & Elaine Waltz

Worship with
Rockville FUMC

Adult and Children
Sunday School 9:00a.m.

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.



A Mother's heart
 is a special place
 where her children
 are always
 Home



A MOTHER'S greatest
 Masterpiece
 is her CHILDREN

GARRISON KEILLOR ON "METHODISTS"

We make fun of Methodists for their blandness, their excessive calm, their fear of giving offense, their lack of speed, and also for their secret fondness for macaroni and cheese.

But nobody sings like them. If you were to ask an audience in New York City, a relatively Methodist-less place, to sing along on the chorus of "Michael Row the Boat Ashore," they will look daggers at you as if you had asked them to strip to their underwear. But if you do this among Methodists, they'd smile and row that boat ashore and up on the beach! And down the road!

Many Methodists are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony, a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage.

It's natural for Methodists to sing in harmony. They are too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment. By joining in harmony, they somehow promise that they will not forsake each other.

I do believe this: People, these Methodists, who love to sing in four-part harmony are the sort of people you can call up when you're in deep distress.

*If you're dying, they will comfort you.

*If you are lonely, they'll talk to you.

*And if you are hungry, they'll give you tuna salad.

*Methodists believe in prayer, but would practically die if asked to pray out loud.

*Methodists like to sing, except when confronted with a new hymn or a hymn with more than four stanzas.

*Methodists believe their pastors will visit them in the hospital, even if they don't notify them that they are there.

*Methodists usually follow the official liturgy and will feel it is their way of suffering for their sins.

*Methodists believe in miracles and even expect miracles, especially during their stewardship visitation programs or when passing the plate.

Methodists think that the Bible forbids them from crossing the aisle while passing the peace.

*Methodists drink coffee as if it were the Third Sacrament.

*Methodists feel guilty for not staying to clean up after their own wedding reception in the Fellowship Hall.

*Methodists are willing to pay up to one dollar for a meal at the church.

*Methodists still serve Jell-O in the proper liturgical color of the season and think that peas in a tuna casserole adds too much color.

*Methodists believe that it is OK to poke fun at themselves and never take themselves too seriously.

And finally, You know you are a Methodist when:

It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.

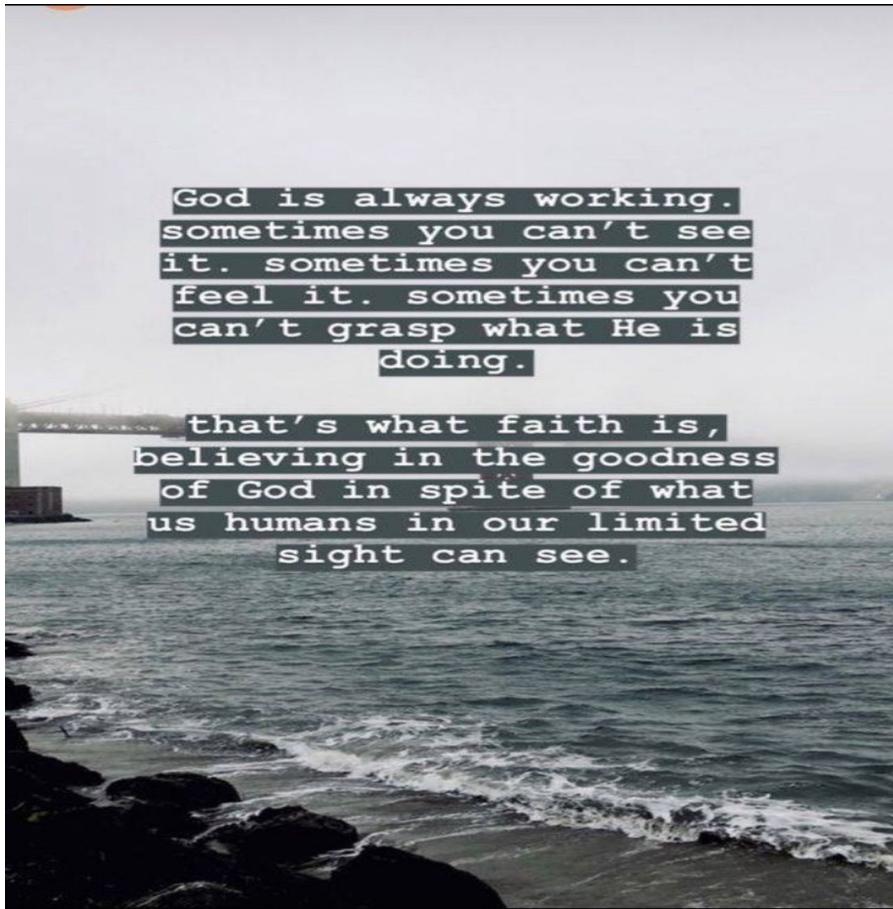
You hear something funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can.

Donuts are a line item in the church budget, just like coffee.

When you watch a Star Wars movie and they say, "May the Force be with you," you respond, "and also with you."

And lastly, it takes ten minutes to say good - bye !





Top Ten Reasons Eve Was Created

10. God was worried that Adam would frequently become lost in the garden because he would not ask for directions.

9. God knew that one day Adam would require someone to locate and hand him the remote.

8. God knew Adam would never go out and buy himself a new fig leaf when his wore out and would therefore need Eve to buy one for him.

7. God knew Adam would never be able to make a doctor, dentist or haircut appointment for himself.

6. God knew Adam would never remember which night to put the garbage on the curb.

5. God knew if the world was to be populated, men would never be able to handle the pain and discomfort of childbearing.

4. As the Keeper of the Garden, since he didn't have metal sheds or greenhouses, Adam would never remember where he left his tools.

3. Apparently, Adam needed someone to blame his troubles on when God caught him hiding in the garden.

2. As the Bible says, "It is not good for man to be alone!"

And the #1 reason why God created Eve:

1. When God finished the creation of Adam, He stepped back, scratched His head and said, "I can do better than that!"





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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study Holy Communion	3	4 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting	5	6 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	7	8
9 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study MOTHER'S DAY	10	11 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting	12	13 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate	14	15
16 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	17	18 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting 6:30 p.m. Ad Council Meeting	19	20 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate	21	22
23 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	24	25 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting 6 p.m. Buddy Bags	26 Parke County Schools — Last day	27 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	28 6 p.m. Fellowship Diner	29
30 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	31 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED					

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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.

