

Highlights &

JUNE 2021

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A Note From The Pastor

June 2021

I hope you like the new projection system. We looked at a lot of programs and felt like the one we chose was the best. It is from a Bible based company made just for churches, easy to use, and cheap. I think Kathy has been doing a good job picking the backgrounds for the songs. We are still learning the program and may still have a couple of glitches as we go. Make sure you thank those who help us present the program each week, Mark Holaday, Mark Spelbring, and Aaron Mathis. Alan Ader is learning the system, but we still need a couple of more people to help out during absences for vacations, sickness, and other things. It is not difficult, and you don't have to be a male. 😊

Take a good look at the pictures in the back of this letter. We are thinking of updating the north entrance to make it easier for many to get in the church for service. It will also make it easier during the times we have funerals in the Sanctuary. The pictures are simple renditions. We will have more exact pictures, drawings, and cost estimates when the plans are completed in a couple of weeks.

I am so glad we are back in church. I continue to see folks that have not been out since the pandemic struck us last year and we had to close for a while. We are not all the way back to pre-pandemic numbers, but we are getting there. It is a lot more enjoyable and meaningful time for me preaching to you in person than looking at the camera or the four people in the Sanctuary. The best part is being able to greet everyone before and after the service. Call those who you notice are not in the service and invite them back. Also, please remember to honor those who still feel the need to mask and/or social distance. (Remember, judge not lest you be judged!) And don't forget to sanitize your hands as you come in.

Flag Day is coming up on June 14th. IN 1775 the Continental Congress created the Continental Army and designed a flag for unifying all units fighting in the Revolutionary War. It was red and white with a Union Jack in the corner. George Washington quickly realized the flag looked too much like the English flag and convinced Congress a different design was needed. On June 14, 1777 Congress broke from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that "the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white," and that "the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson published a decree making June 14th a day of celebration to commemorate the anniversary of Old Glory.

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A Note from the Pastor Continued

By the way, there is no evidence that Betsy Ross had anything to do with the original flag. Her grandson held a press conference in 1870, almost 100 years later, to proclaim his grandmother was the seamstress.

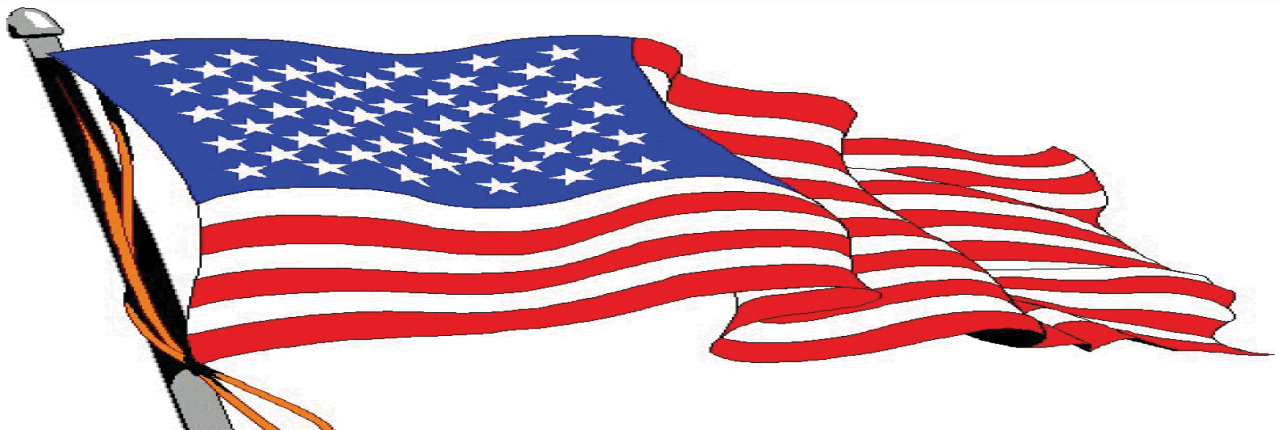
There are many churches in the United States no longer fly the American flag in the sanctuary, or anywhere in the church. They claim that leads to a "Nationalism" form of Christianity in which American Christians feel they have a special privileged heritage and a lock on the faith. I feel that concept is misguided and misplaced. I am proud to display our flag in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. I believe the flag should be displayed. It may lead to nationalism and I think the nationalism felt by many Christians is not based on some sort of privilege. It is based on appreciation! Without those who fought for our freedoms, beginning in 1775 and continuing today, we would not have the ability to worship under the freedoms the flag represents. The flag reminds us we have the freedom of religion, the freedom to assemble, the freedom of speech, and many others. In some other countries the Christians are told in what denomination they must worship. In many other countries, it is illegal to be a Christian, it is illegal to possess a Bible, it is illegal to speak about Christ (even in your own home), it is illegal to assemble for any reason. All these things can bring punishment including jail, and even death for the Christian and the Christian's family.

The flag in church reminds us of the great cost paid for us to have those freedoms. We have safety and security to go to church any time we desire because of those who served under that flag. We can gather in faith groups outside the church. We can display a cross in our yard, on our cars, or around our necks. We can choose to be at any place of worship and are free to gather at Rockville First United Methodist. Just as the Christian flag reminds of the sacrifice to free us from sin and give us freedom in Christ, so the American flag reminds us of the sacrifices to free us from tyranny give us our American freedoms to be full Christians in our country. The flag is a symbol of honor and appreciation for our great country along with those who have served to make, and keep, it great and free.

I know many of you feel the same way because I saw your faces when the flag was out for cleaning and I told you we had removed it as inappropriate before letting you know they were being cleaned and would return the next week. 😊 😊

Have a blessed month and fly your flag as proud and grateful Christian Americans.

Pastor Jon



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: \$245,908.70. 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
5/02/2021		49	\$1,623.00
5/09/2021		48	\$2,859.00
5/16/2021		64	\$4,622.00
5/23/2021		56	\$1,450.00
5/30/2021		50	\$1,266.00
May total to date:			\$11,820.00



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; Facebook Live, distributed later on YouTube; and radio station 92.3; 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 has been extended throughout the summer also, for the year 2021-2022. 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.



Greeters for June 2021

6th Alan & Diana Ader
13th Mark & Martha Holaday
20th Steve & Elaine Waltz
27th Kathy Allison

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, author of best seller: "Hello My Name is Pam"

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 Clinton 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!

June Birthdays

01 Dan Price
06 Amanda Lee
08 Evelyn Swaim
14 Shelly Akers
16 Mary Alice Barnes
18 Olivia Rose Swinehart
19 Collin Harbison

20 Sue North
22 Jean Birch
27 Marty Evens
28 Pat Dixon
Diana Ruark
30 Stacey Bettis



18 Alex & Carol Milligan

Worship with
Rockville FUMC

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

Inside Service 10:00 a.m.

OR

Face book live; radio 92.3

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.



Rockville First United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes

April 20, 2021

Ad Council members present: Pastor J. Overbey, A. Milligan, R. Belcher, P. Ballinger, M. McGill, M. J. Evens, Maddie Belcher; B. Becker, S. Harbison, E. Waltz

Council Business

Rob Belcher opened the meeting with prayer.

Corrections to the March minutes were made. The March minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parsonage: The home inspection has been done on the parsonage. There were several small problems found, but one major concern with the roof. The rafters have split/separated letting the roof sag and water runs all the way to the basement. It was decided to get quotes for repair of the damages and deduct that from the selling price. Luke and Jordan would be able to make repairs.

A/V update:

All equipment has been moved upstairs and TVs are installed and connected. We need a couple people to learn to run the computers. We have 3 (working on 4) computer operators now: sound board; recording broadcast; running program.

We still have a hum and some high pitch tones during the broadcast. We are still working on getting the reflections of light off the TV's.

A new presentation program will be implemented as soon as all training is complete. This will replace the power point program.

Our song select contract has lapsed. Kathy will renew the contract.

Tuck point: Plans are being finalized for the entrance and ramp. The parsonage chimney will be taken down. Check the brick from the parsonage chimney to see if they match the church brick to use for replacement when tuck pointing begins.

Exit Lights: There are no exit lights in the fellowship hall. We need to purchase 2 battery operated exit lights with spot- lights for the sanctuary. The south exit light strobes while the computer system is on.

Mountain Mission picked up items from the church and the parsonage.

Contractor, Tim McCauley has finished the inside repair of the stained-glass windows.

Rob inquired about weatherizing the window. The contractor suggested using Black 100% silicone around the gap in the windows. Alex Milligan has the information on the out glazing on the windows.

Boy Scouts are being sued for misconduct. We have filed as a claimant in a lawsuit, for legal standing. We need to check to make sure of the status of their Charter with our church.

New Business:

PPP – Payroll protection program (Part of the COVID 19 relief). There is a \$5000 forgivable loan available to be used for payroll.

We need to look into substitute teachers for the adult and youth Sunday School classes. Merideth is working on VBS

material. She will check the area churches for their VBS dates.

The garbage disposal in the kitchen sink is not working. Bill Becker will look into this. Also, the hot water not working in the women's restroom upstairs.

Rockville First United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Minutes cont'd

Pastor's Report:

Registration for the annual conference is now open. Rob Belcher will register. Pastor Jon took a trailer load of recyclables and received \$153.40 to be placed in the Building fund.

The fluorescent lights in the Chapel have been changed out to LED lighting. The office lights have been changed and half of the clothes closet have been changed.

Most people are back to inside services.

Trustee's Report:

There are a few items left in the garage at the parsonage that need to be removed. One item is the snow-blower. There is no heat in the 3 of the downstairs rooms. AC Electric has been called and made repairs.

Finance Report: Mark Spelbring reviewed the revised budget.

The new janitor requested to be paid monthly. The janitor needs to be advised of events in the church so she could clean before and after.

Staff Parish Relations Report:

Personal/Child protection training and guidelines needs to be set up. Also, who should be included in this training. Elaine Waltz will email copies of the Pastor Evaluation form to all council members to look over. The evaluation will be filled out at the next council meeting.

The Girl Scouts want to start meeting again this Thursday (4/22/2021). They will meet in Merideth's classroom.

Randy Randall would like to make the old Boy Scout room into a storage room for the October yard sale items. After much discussion, it was decided to put the old boiler on Marketplace and try to sell it and make that room into a storage room. At this time, it was decided to leave the yard sale items where they are now and move into a designated location after the sale.

Randy also reported that Celebrate Recovery is doing well at this time.

Anniversary Celebration: Our 200th year anniversary will soon be here; it is time to start planning now. Carol Milligan has volunteered to be on the planning committee.

The next meeting will be May 18th.

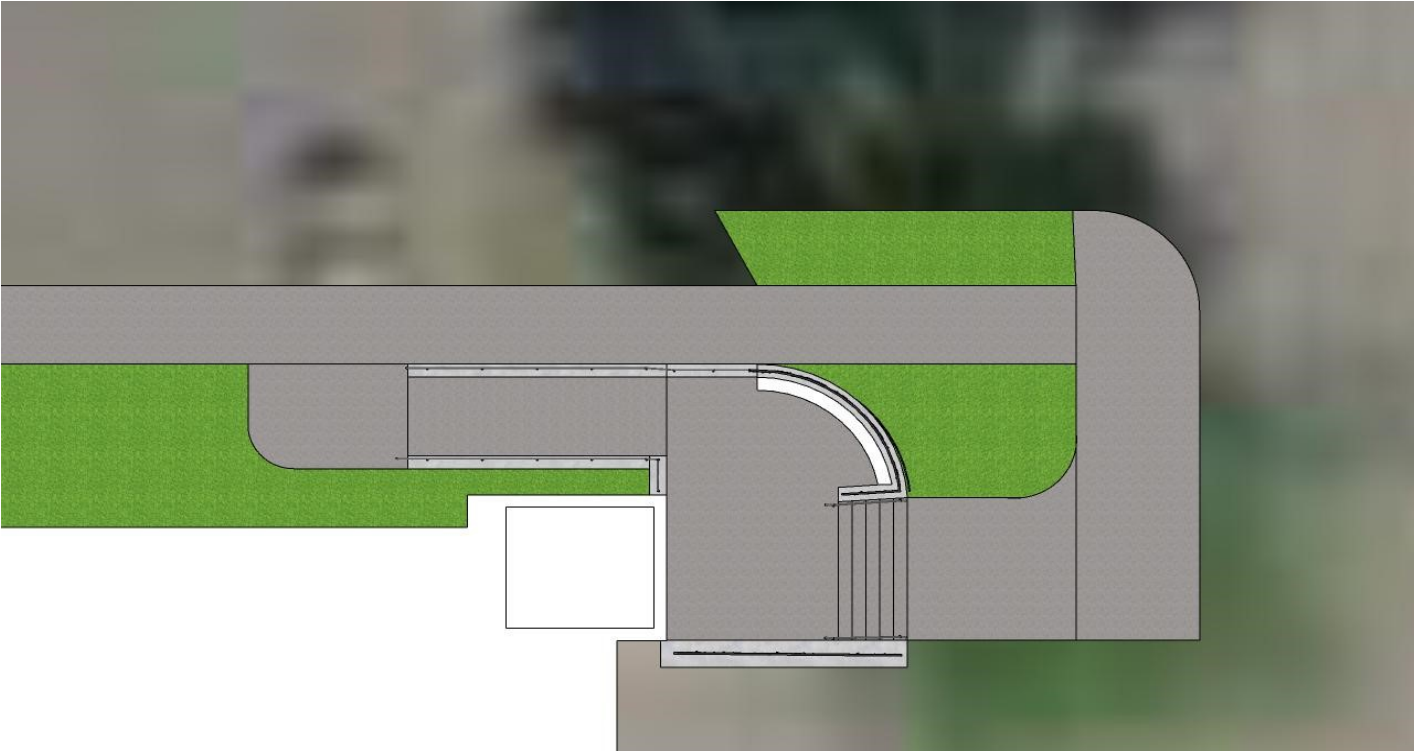
Pastor Jon closed in prayer.

The proposed renovation
of the ramp and entrance to
Rockville First United Methodist Church



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Renovation cont'd





HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW MUCH HE COSTS

Medina Spirit was the winner of the most recent Kentucky Derby. Since the victory there has been some question whether he had a performance enhancing drug in his bloodstream. But for now, he is still the winner and, win or not, he became a multi-million dollar horse with his effort.

No one would have bet on this horse given its humble beginnings. Born in 2018, he was sold at auction in 2019 for \$1,000, which means there was only one bid for him. The next year he was auctioned again for a nice gain of \$35,000, but hardly the kind of money that would be expected for a potential champion. On crossing the finish line this past May 1, he earned the winner's purse of \$1,860,000. Bob Baffert, his trainer, was surprised and overjoyed. As he talked about the horse's heart and competitive spirit, he said: "He doesn't know how much he cost."

Regularly we hear stories about men and women who are janitors, teachers, civil servants, or restaurant workers. They come into our view because they end up making incredible donations of hundreds of thousands, even millions of dollars to a charity or church. They are people who are overlooked by normal standards, but deep inside they have a passion for good and for God. They don't know how much they cost.

Many of the best examples of life-changing ministry come from some of our smallest and most out-of-the-way churches. They are feeding people, praying up miracles, or giving a kid the only real love he or she knows. God has given these congregations a spirit of sharing and hope. If we were starting a church we would never invest in such places, but they don't know how much they cost.

Pastors are no different. Some, when they are young, stand out as future champions. Time and tide will tell. However, I have sat in many a pastor's office, with someone who few knew and fewer would have bet on, and marveled at the consistent faithfulness, the God centeredness, and the loving attention they pay to those in their care. Whole communities are touched by their presence. They don't know how much they cost.

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He Doesn't Know . . . Cont'd

The beginning of stewardship is seeing the world, even yourself, as God sees you. Society has many measures of worth and of what constitutes success. Some of these are helpful. Most are not. The good steward walks in the vision of God. Time, talent, and treasure are organized around this vision. Above all, since the good steward knows the way God sees and values them, he or she knows how to treat others—especially those whom the world has considered of little worth.

Stay faithful friends. Keep running the race. If you want to know whether it matters, I will say the odds are good.

If you want more ideas to support your stewardship and giving, contact your United Methodist Foundation by calling 877-391-8811.

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Glenn Howell
Director of Development
United Methodist Foundation of Indi-



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Congratulations Charlie and Carson! They were on the math team that placed 4th in the state among Class 4 schools!



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Junior Academic Super Bowl Success

Riverton Parke Junior High School competed virtually in the Junior Academic Super Bowl on Monday, Ma...

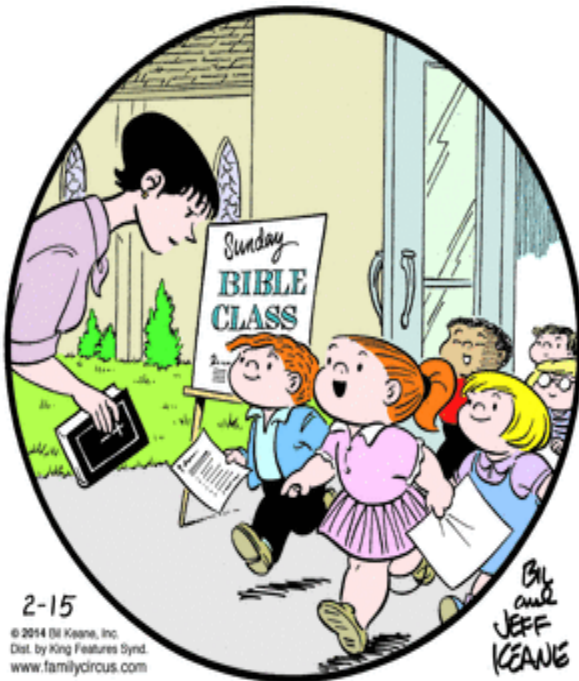


ILLINI for Cancer 4 0 0

We will be rolling out the red carpet for the Illini 4000 who will be arriving in Rockville on Monday, June 7th. We will be serving them dinner and they will swim and get showers and they will be leaving on Tuesday Morning June 8th . If anyone would like to help serve food or just come and speak with the bikers it would be much appreciated.

They ride in the name of cancer so kids who have cancer can go to camp and part of their money will go to cancer research. They ride their bicycles from the Statue of Liberty in New York City all the way to the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco California all in the name of cancer.

CHURCH IS NOT AN ORGANIZATION THAT YOU JOIN;
IT IS A FAMILY WHERE YOU BELONG.
A HOME WHERE YOU ARE LOVED, & A HOSPITAL WHERE YOU FIND HEALING.



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"We're trying to learn the difference between a 'thou shalt' and a 'thou shalt not'."



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"There'll always be prayer in schools as long as there are tests."





JUNE 2021

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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.

