

**ROCKVILLE
FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**

Highlights &

JULY 2021

A Note from the Pastor
July 2021

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245 years ago the Declaration of Independence was signed by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. A new form of government was formed for the first time in history. A government of the people, for the people, and by the people. No one had ever imagined such a form of government. It was, and still is, called the American Experiment. It was founded on the idea that all men are created equal. No monarch who reigns over others just because of a blood line would rule this group of 13 colonies any longer. It was not an easy process. The signers closed the Declaration with these words, "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor." As a matter of fact, most of the signers of the Declaration indeed did give up their fortunes and their lives. Benjamin Franklin was quoted as saying the following after the Declaration was signed, "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately." The Founding Fathers knew that they would either win the war or die as traitors of the crown. So, they risked everything to gain freedom and to give this democratic republic life. It was not a quick war. In total the war lasted 7 long, hard years. At the end victory was achieved.

We celebrate those achievements every year at this time. As we celebrate, we should remember what it took to create this "One Nation Under God." We should also remember all of those who have kept it free for all of these 245 years. We watch parades, cook out, and go to the fireworks (my favorite) to commemorate our nations birth. As we celebrate we should make a point to recall and think about why we really celebrate. The freedoms we enjoy, and sometimes take for granted, that make it possible for us to live as we do in the USA were won for us on the battlefields of the 13 Colonies.

You can live in Rockville, Parke County, or wherever you live, because of our freedoms. You can go visit family or friends in other places because of our freedoms. When I was in License to Preach School, I had a roommate who had escaped from Viet Nam. He told us that for him to go to the next village to visit his grandmother, just a few miles away, took a permit from the police department. He stated that you may get a permit approved every 5 or 10 years. We hop in a car and go visit family all over the country with no thought about it.

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A Note from the Pastor Continued

We are able to gather and worship in our Sanctuary because of our freedoms. We can possess a Bible and go to the church of our choice because of our freedoms. We can teach the truth of God in Worship, Sunday school, youth groups, VBS and every other way because of our freedoms. In some places in the world, any of those actions could land you in prison or cost your life.

I believe God made this country different because the Founding Fathers rooted this country in their faith. I believe this is the greatest country in the world. I am thankful to God for this nation and to all those from Crispus Attucks to those serving today who fought to make and keep it free. As you celebrate our freedoms on July 4 do it with all the joy you can muster. Then sometime before the day is over say a prayer of thanks for the reasons we celebrate!

God Bless America.

Be blessed and be a blessing to others,

Pastor Jon



Blessed is
the nation
whose God
is the LORD.

Psalm 33:12

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: \$274,126.38. This amount includes all designated project funds. Also, donations from generous givers, Grants, Fund Raisers.

FACTS & FIGURES

Date	Sunday School Attendance	Worship Attendance	Tithes & Offerings
6/06/2021		63	\$4,521.00
6/13/2021		43	\$1,584.00
6/20/2021		52	\$1,841.00
6/27/2021		50	\$1,421.00
June total to date:			\$9,367.00



Needed monthly to enable the church’s ministries: \$8,468.14
2021 Average Worship Attendance: 52

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 July 2021

4th Carol Perry
11th Kent Langdoc
18th Karen White
25th Becky Black

AROUND THE CHURCH

DINE WITH A DOC IS RETURNING.....

The Dine with a Doc ® program is cancelled for July, due to the July 4th holiday. The next program will be August 5th.

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!

July Birthdays

05 Bill Russell
07 Aedon King
08 Devin Akers
09 Ross Akers
11 Jeff Miller
12 Linda Spelbring
14 Karin Woodson

18 Jerry McMullen
20 Dorothy Smith
21 Maia Holaday
27 Greg Harbison
31 Elias Milligan



01 Mark & Martha Holaday
19 Bill & Stacey Bettis
23 Pastor Jon & Gale Overbey
28 Lloyd & Sally Zuber
30 Dan & Kathy Price

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 is open to the public
every Thursday

1:00 p.m.— 5:00 p.m.

Everyone is Welcome

Everything is FREE.

Please use the side door on York St.

If you have donations,
please drop off during office hours only

9:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.

Monday through Thursday





“How Prayer Underpinned the American Revolution,” by Stephen Lynch, Franciscan Friars¹

The First Continental Congress ... met for the first time in September 1774. In a letter to his wife, John Adams described the spiritual backdrop as the colonies were about to launch the Revolutionary War for independence. “When the Congress met, Mr. Cushing made a motion that it should be opened with prayer. It was opposed by [other delegates] because we were so divided in religious sentiments — some Episcopalians, some Quakers, some Anabaptists, some Presbyterians, and some Congregationalists — that we could not join in the same act of worship. “Mr. Samuel Adams arose and said that he was no bigot, and could hear a prayer from any gentleman of piety and virtue who was at the same time a friend to his country. He moved that Mr. Duche, an Episcopal clergyman, might read prayers to Congress the next morning. The motion was seconded and passed. “Accordingly, next morning the Rev. Duche appeared with his Episcopal vestments and read the 85th Psalm. I never saw a greater effect produced upon an audience. It seemed as if heaven had ordained that psalm to be read on that morning. “George Washington was kneeling there, alongside him Patrick Henry, James Madison, and John Hancock. By their side there stood, bowed in reverence, the Puritan patriots of New England They prayed fervently for America, for Congress, and [for the colonies.] “And who can realize the emotions with which they turned imploringly to heaven for divine help. It was enough to melt a heart of stone. I saw the tears gush into the eyes of the old, grave, pacifist Quakers of Philadelphia.”

1 <https://hnp.org/history-reflection-for-4th-of-july-how-prayer-underpinned-american-independence/> © SpiritualElderCare.com 3

Quotes about security

“They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.” — Benjamin Franklin

“The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life.” — Jane Addams

“If you want total security, go to prison. There you're fed, clothed, given medical care and so on. The only thing lacking... is freedom.” — Dwight D. Eisenhower

“Where does your security lie? Is God your refuge, your hiding place, your stronghold, your shepherd, your counselor, your friend, your redeemer, your saviour, your guide? If He is, you don't need to search any further for security.” — Elisabeth Elliot

“Nothing in this world compares to the comfort and security of having someone just hold your hand.” — author Richelle E. Goodrich



The Declaration of Independence

(1st, 2nd, and last paragraph's showing the references the Founding Fathers made to God)

In Congress, July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which **the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God** entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are **created** equal, that they are endowed **by their Creator** with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

(Last paragraph) We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the **Supreme Judge of the world** for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm **reliance on the protection of divine Providence**, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

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

Absent: E. Waltz, M. McGill

Council Business

Rob Belcher opened the meeting with prayer.

The May minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Handicap Ramp: The only item needed to complete the plans for the front ramp, is the elevations. Pastor Jon cut the elevations and sent them to Luke Waltz. The plans should be ready soon.

VBS: Material has been purchased. We have not yet decided on a date for our VBS. Merideth McGill is having medical problems at this time, so someone needs to step up to be in charge. We discussed evening bible school, also one day bible school.

Bus: The bus needs to be driven once a week for 12-20 minutes to keep in proper running order. Bill Becker volunteered to drive the bus. Steve Waltz is talking with drivers to start the bus ministry route.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rob Belcher presented information material on the SimpliSafe Security System. Mark Spelbring made a motion to purchase The Fortress package for the church, which includes 24/7 monitor and one free camera. We will purchase one additional camera with the covering for the outside camera. Also, will include 83cents/day unlimited video storage. Pat Ballinger 2nd. All approved.

Our booth at the county fair has been secured. We need to seek at least 2 volunteers to work each evening. Our banners will be displayed, also play videos of church activities.

Trustee's Report:

Exit Lights: The exit and emergency lights have been purchased. They have not been installed yet.

Stained-glass window: Contractor, Tim McCauley has been matching colors for repair of the window and will have an estimate soon.

Our office copier is working fine at this time. The lease on this copier includes toner, all repairs and service charges. It was decided to wait until a later date to look into upgrading.

Covered Bridge parking project was discussed. We need someone to be in charge of the project. It's time to start a sign-up sheet for volunteers. We first need to get approval from Mark Vanderheyden to use the parking lot.

Pastor's Report: We need volunteers to count tithes after Sunday morning service before taking the deposit bag to the bank. There will be a sign up made. We need to start our ushers again, possibly they could count after collecting. We now have greeters in place. We need to start locking the ramp door during the morning service. Martha Holaday locks the downstairs door on her way to her classroom.

Pastor Jon has a successful Annual Meeting with the Association District Supervisor.

Administrative Council Minutes, cont'd.

Finance Report: Mark Spelbring is working on the church audit.

Mark will file for the DNR again this year through the Archeological & Historic preservation grant.

Mary Jane Evens stated - all donations received for anything for the church needs to go through Kathy in the office to first be deposited in the bank, then distributed. Our State Farm Insurance has been reduced by \$251.00 since the sale of the parsonage.

Staff Parish Relations Report:

Discussion of member pricing in the rental of the church building. Do you get member price if you are not an active member or have not attended any service for several years? Member prices are for active members.

Ministry Reports:

Illini 4000 – very successful program. Great group of kids, quite entertaining. Our church is one of their favorite stops. Alex Milligan drove the bus to take the group to the 4-H grounds to get showers.

Bicentennial Committee: We have not officially had a meeting. But we have the ball rolling.

The next meeting will be July 20th.

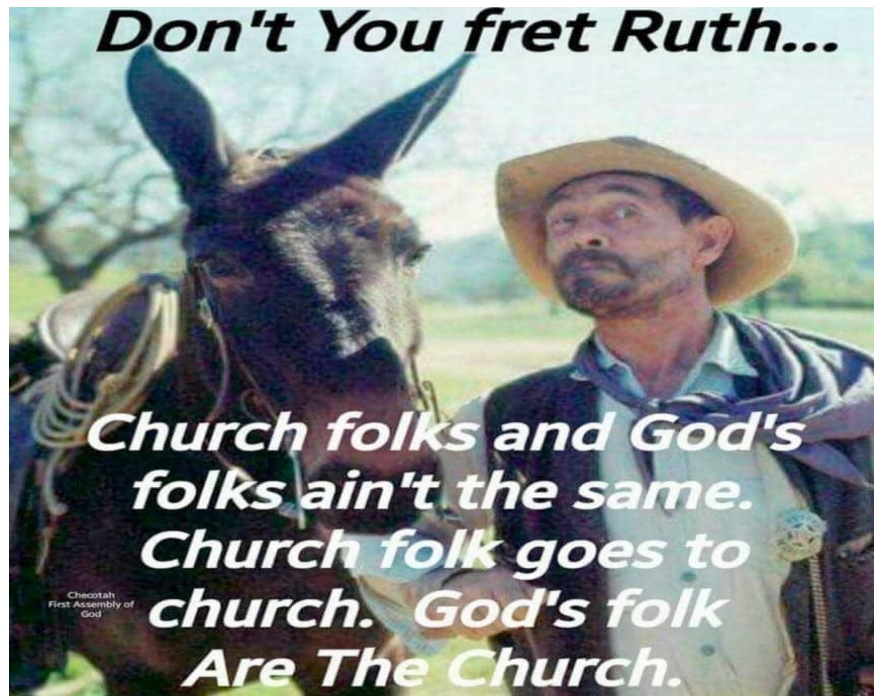
Pastor Jon closed in prayer.





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**ROCKVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WELCOMED AND HOSTED THIS GREAT GROUP OF YOUNG ADULTS
FOR 2021**



Visit the RFUMC Church booth at the Fair
Monday - Thursday
July 9th - 16th
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



"We hafta hold hands while we say grace so nobody gets a head start eating. Right, Mommy?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Conscience is e-mail your head gets from God."

from *The Joyful Noiseletter*
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Wise Owl Factory



JULY 2021

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate	2	3
4 10 a.m. Worship Holy Communion NO Bible Study 	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting	7 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	8 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	9	10
11 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	12	13 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting	14 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	15 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 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	22 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	23 6 p.m. Fellowship Diner	24
25 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	26	27 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting	28 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	29 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	30	31

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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.

