

# Highlights &

SEPTEMBER 2021

ROCKVILLE  
FIRST  
UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH

A Note from the Pastor

## September 2021

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Wow, August is over! It was a busy month for Gale and I. The first weekend, we left church, went to Brownsburg to celebrate our granddaughter's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, then headed west on vacation. It's a two-day drive to our friend's cabin. Then we spent 6 days in the mountains of Montana before making the two-day trip home. While in the mountains we were away from phone and text service. The first time I experienced no service was about 12 years ago at the cabin. Initially, it was strange and somewhat discomfoting. Now, I look forward to that experience each year. When we arrived home it was time to prepare the house for my daughter Jessica's wedding to Julius. It was long days trying to get ready and we pulled it off, well mostly "we" pulled it off. When we left for vacation, we thought we were going to have 30 people at the house. By the time we returned to civilization, the number had grown to 70. We can't say "THANK YOU" enough to those of you who donated food for Jessica and Julius' special day. Jessica wanted Dad to walk her down the aisle and to perform the ceremony which had us trying to figure out different options to accomplish both tasks. My brother Robin, who became a Baptist minister a few years ago, suggested he run the service until the blessing of the bride and then I could take over. It worked out great. (I hate to admit he is right so don't tell him I said so). The day after the wedding we were all in Brownsburg again to watch my granddaughter be baptized. A lot of great things packed in 31 days!!

As the first weekend in September arrives, we celebrate a special time. No, it is not just the Little Italy Festival. On Monday we will celebrate Labor Day. Labor Day came out of the Industrial Revolution. Labor Day was first celebrated in a parade in New York sponsored by the American Federation of Labor. In 1885, at their convention, it was suggested that a day be set aside to honor workers. There was a socialist backed suggestion of May 1 recognizing it on International Worker's Day. However, other union groups supported a march-and-picnic day in September. In 1887 Democratic President Grover Cleveland stated he favored the September date and in 1894 signed a bill into law making the first Monday in September Labor Day.

Labor, both union and non-union, is what has made this country the most productive nation in the world. We do have unions to thank for many things in this country. The main business of that 1885 convention mentioned above was to push for an 8-hour work-day. Five-day work weeks, employer paid insurance, vacations, and many other benefits are attributed to Labor Unions.

As United Methodist, we have always had a drive to reach out to laborers. Even if it means going to where they work. Not as advocates, but as evangelists. John Wesley spent many early Sunday mornings at the coal mines. During Wesley's day miners worked 7 days per week and 12 hours per day. The mines had a day shift and a night shift (an old saying is that you can't tell the difference in the mine).

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## A Note from the Pastor Continued

Wesley knew the miners had no time to get to church. Church services in those days ran for about 4 hours. The miners needed to go home, eat, sleep, and get ready to work again. Since shift change was very early in the mornings but that was not a hindrance to Wesley. John would go to the mines on Sunday mornings and meet with the day shift workers for church and communion before they headed into the mine. He then waited for the night shift to come out of the mine and he would minister to them as well. Wesley was often criticized for holding worship services, especially communion, outside of a church building. Eventually Wesley was banned from serving in a church because he served workers and others outside of the church buildings. Wesley believed, practiced, and taught the Biblical Doctrine that all people are of equal worth. Laborers and Management. Those who work with their hands and those who work in other ways.

The other big celebration coming up on September 12<sup>th</sup> is the kick-off to our 200<sup>th</sup> year celebration. It will be a church dinner at 12:00 noon and I am planning to see you there. We are the "First" United Methodist church because we are the "First" Methodist Congregation in Rockville. According to our history accounts, Rockville was founded in 1821 and the "First" Methodist congregation began in 1822 on the southeast corner of what is now the Courthouse lawn. We are in at least, our 4<sup>th</sup> location. The building we are in now has been expanded 4 times, 5 if you count the addition of the balcony. We are proud to be carrying on the legacy of the Methodists who started and continued the work of Christ in our community.

I am also excited to say you will be seeing improvements being made to the church building. The removal of the chimney, tuck pointing, and brick repair of the church will start this month. Roofing will follow when schedules allow. The stained-glass windows will soon follow. On behalf of the Administrative Council and myself, I promised you all that we would get these things done. By the Grace of God, your generosity, and the hard work of several in the congregation our church home is about to be made even more glorious. With the brick work we have plans to add a handicap ramp to access the front of the church. We have the money to proceed, but we will need more donations to keep moving forward.

We have many things that need to be done. There is a volunteer list of the items needed at the church. We ask that you select something you, or a group of you, can complete and help us to improve even more without running up more costs.

As a way to make the church safer for you and to protect the structure we have added a security system. It will also have smoke detection soon. We are installing emergency lights so if something happens, and the building is in the dark, you will have lights to illuminate the way out.

We are still doing things to make the church more energy efficient and reduce energy costs.

God is blessing us. Christ's light is shining strong. Our ministries are thriving. More ministries are being added. Our online viewership is increasing. Attendance is coming back up. The Holy Spirit is moving among us in many ways. I am so glad and honored to be a part of this church with all of you!!

May God Bless You All & May You Be A Blessing to All!!

*Pastor Jon*



# Grandparents Day September 12th

Please remember to  
**CONTINUOUSLY**  
pray for our  
**Country**  
and our  
**Leaders.**



**SEPTEMBER 6, 2021**



# WORSHIP AND PRAY

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS!

### Our Shut-Ins:

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

**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:** \$279,856.16. This amount includes all designated project funds. Also, donations from generous givers, Grants, Fund Raisers. Many of the projects have begun!

### FACTS & FIGURES

Date	Sunday School Attendance	Worship Attendance	Tithes & Offerings
8/01/2021		45	\$2,185.00
8/08/2021		46	\$3,150.00
8/15/2021		45	\$1,549.00
8/22/2021		40	\$1,614.00
8/29/2021		46	\$2,214.00
<b>August total to date:</b>			<b>\$10,712.00</b>



**Needed monthly to enable the church’s ministries: \$8,468.14**  
**2021 Average Worship Attendance: 49**

## 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; and Facebook live. Sunday evening Bible Study 6 p.m.; "Midweek Chat" Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Always practice "Social Distancing"**



### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

**A Christ-centered recovery program for adults struggling to overcome hurts, habits**

**Thursdays, 7-9 p.m.**

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

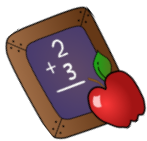
**Rockville First United Methodist Church**

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 September 2021

5th Amanda Lee & Randy Randall  
12th Bill Becker  
19th Sue Schmidt  
26th Charla & Larry Malone

## AROUND THE CHURCH

The Dine with a Doc® program is **cancelled for September.**

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

. 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!

### September Birthdays

01 Aaron Mathis  
04 Caleb Swinehart  
10 Liverio Ponce  
11 Patty Butler  
12 Michael Milligan  
13 Doug Dixon  
19 Lloyd Zuber  
20 Louise Norman



21 Taunie Russell  
25 Ashlynn Jane Bettis  
27 Miriam Lash



26 Greg & Susan Harbison

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.  
Facebook 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

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## SERVE AND GIVE

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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*

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## 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





## **FELLOWSHIP DINER**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021  
6 P.M. - 7 P.M.**

***FREE MEAL! EVERYONE WELCOME!  
BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!***

***We have good food, good friendship and  
good fun!***

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**200TH ANNIVERSARY KICK-OFF  
ALL CHURCH PICNIC  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH  
12:00 NOON—2:00 P.M.  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**





Thank you to the following ladies that helped with Dorothy Smith's Bereavement Dinner:

Elaine Waltz, Becky Black, Mary Ann Jones, Mary Louise Norman, Janie Pound, Robbin Swinehart, Carol Keller, Stacey Bettis, Susan Harbison, Diane Ader, Kathy Allison, Sally Zuber (with Lloyds assistance), Charla Malone, Gale Overbey, Martha Holaday and Randy Randall as dishwasher. We served a nice variety of dishes with very little leftovers.

The food that was left was used to supplement Fellowship Diner that evening.

Mary Jane



Congratulations

Jessica & Julius

August 21, 2021

# Covered Bridge Festival

October 8th - 17th



***The sign-up sheet for our largest fundraiser of parking cars during the ten days of the Covered Bridge Festival is on the table at the back of the church. We need 40 shifts covered which would be one per person IF everyone would please sign up. Signing up for multiple shifts would fill in the gaps and be greatly, greatly appreciated!***

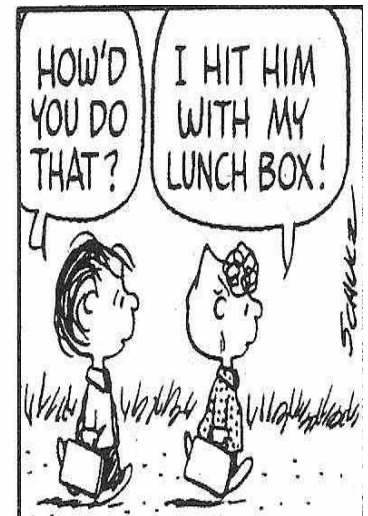
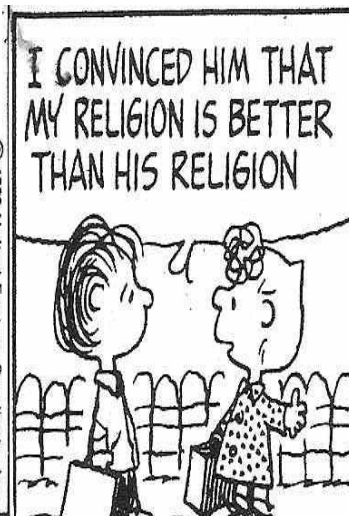
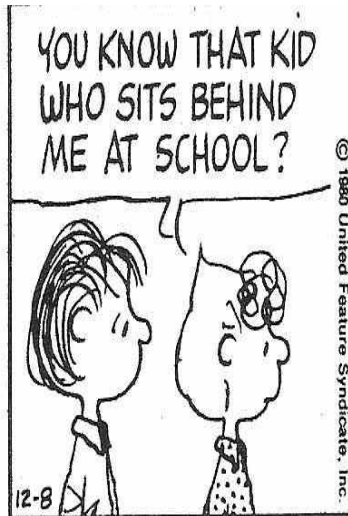
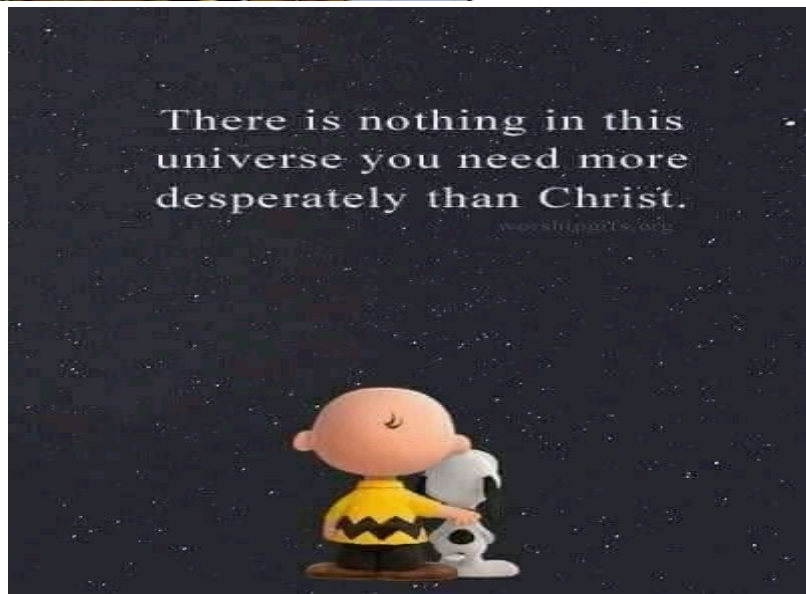
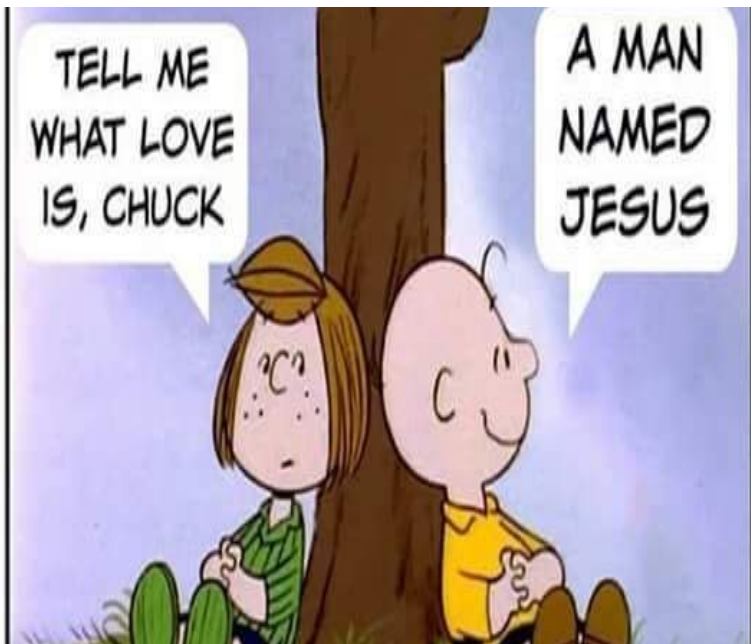
***Many hands make light work! As a part of our church family, please do your part or even go above and beyond!***

Sign up today so we can be prepared and ready to go.

***Thank you!***

We will also be running our  
Annual Covered Bridge  
Rummage Sale  
and  
Hospitality Table  
and  
Soup Supper

Details will come later.



## Senior Jokes

**Question:** How many days in a week?

**Answer:** 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

**Question:** When is a retiree's bedtime?

**Answer:** Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

**Question:** How many retirees to change a light bulb?

**Answer:** Only one, but it might take all day.

**Question:** What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

**Answer:** There is not enough time to get everything done.

**Question:** Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

**Answer:** The term comes with a 10% percent discount.

**Question:** Among retirees what is considered formal attire?

**Answer:** Tied shoes.

**Question:** Why do retirees count pennies?

**Answer:** They are the only ones who have the time.

**Question:** What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

**Answer:** NUTS!

**Question:** Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

**Answer:** They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

**Question:** What do retirees call a long lunch?

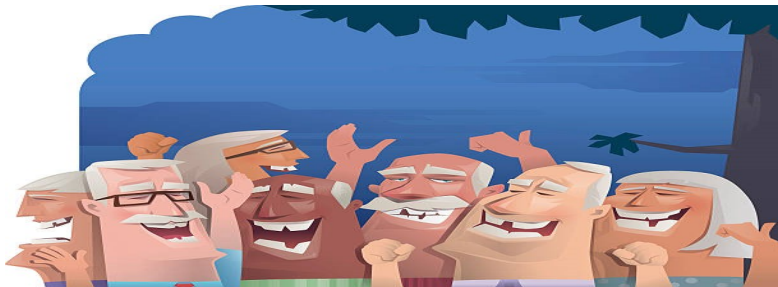
**Answer:** Normal.

**Question:** What is the best way to describe retirement?

**Answer:** The never ending Coffee Break.

**Question:** What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

**Answer:** If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.



# SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	2 11 a.m. Dine with a Doc 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	3	4
5 10 a.m. Worship Holy Communion 6 p.m. Bible Study	6 Office Closed 	7 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting	8 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	9 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	10	
12 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study Grandparents Day	13	14 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting	15 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	16 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	17	18
19 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	20	21 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting 6:30 p.m. Ad Council Meeting	22 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	23 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate	24 6 p.m. Fellowship Diner	25
26 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	27	28 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting	29 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	30 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate		

# ROCKVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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facebook.com/rockvillefirstumc

## Office Hours:

**M-Th 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**



~Pastor Jon Overbey~

Email: [Jon.overbey@inumc.org](mailto: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.

