

**ROCKVILLE
FIRST
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**

Highlights &

AUGUST 2021

A Note from the Pastor
August 2021

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As I started to write this note on August, I began to think back on July. The past month has been a roller coaster ride. Being a patriotic person who really appreciates the freedoms and opportunities of this country I was excited about the 4th of July being on a Sunday. We brought the flags in to open the worship service, joined in the Pledge of Allegiance, sang patriotic church songs, and I wore my flag tie. Jessica's chemo treatments were completed and we were ready to move to radiation in order to defeat the cancer within her. She met with one very optimistic doctor who said she was ready to move to the next step and the dates of her radiation treatments were set for her. The doctor laid out two different types of radiation processes that would be used simultaneously 5 times per week for 28 treatments starting on the next Monday. Then on the next day came the call we did not expect. The doctor called back and cancelled the radiation. Jessica was told that she has a rare cancer that only appears in about 1000 women per year. It is very aggressive and it is hard to get under control. As a matter of fact, she was told that not only did the chemo not work on the tumors, but more tumors also developed while she was getting the treatments. Without treatments she would have a year. The doctor said they could start a Keytruda (chemo) mix the next week. He also said we could look around for experimental treatments. Jessica, her mom, and I scoured the internet. Jessica decided to go for the Keytruda because it has shown success rather than changing something not tested. Her first treatment was the 29th followed with bi-weekly treatments. The treatment was 30 minutes with no apparent side effects. The wait and the prayers continue.

July was also a time of enjoyment. Gale and I went to the 4th of July festival in Vincennes with my brother and one of his grandson's. We saw a great fireworks show over the Wabash River as we sat on the grounds of the George Rogers Clark Memorial. On the 6th we went with Bryan's family to Holiday World (I remember going there when it was Santa Claus Land). We went with our granddaughter, Norah, to the Hendricks County Fair to see her 4-H entries including one blue ribbon. Maddox was also happy to show us his entries.

I greatly enjoyed the church fair booth this year. For an hour on Monday, Charla and I watched it rain and hard as I have seen it rain for a while. On Tuesday Martha came and painted rocks with a lot of the kids coming through the building. (Check out the picture of Myrna hearing someone tell her they have a snake living in their apartment.) On Wednesday I did my Midweek Chat from the main fairgrounds building and had picked up Randy's phone. It kept ringing during the chat while Martha was walking around the commercial building trying to see who had it. I thought I was going to have to put my CPR training to work on Randy over his phone missing 😊

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A Note from the Pastor Continued

Thursday the Milligan's and I started the booth and they graciously finished so I could get back to the church for another activity. I'm already looking forward to next year and maybe a church float??????

We had our annual Overbey July gathering at our house with over 30 in attendance ranging from 1 year old to ***. If I told you that number, I would be revealing Gale's age. You will have to get that number yourself. We always have a great time with everyone there for the water, visiting, and eating.

Gale and I had an anniversary in July. We were married 27 years ago in a candlelight service on the 23rd.

One of the best things to occur in July was Jessica's announcement to the family that she is getting married. Gale & I, and her mom have known for a while about the plans. Jessica and Julius' plans were to get married before she was diagnosed. Just before her surgery, they decided to wait until the whole issue was put behind them. Then the plan was to get married in October. With the latest situation they decided to move the wedding to August 21. Short notice, not much time to plan, but we are excited and looking forward to the big day.

July has been a month with some big highs and some deep lows. As I think about everything that happened in the past month, I remember the account of John Wesley's death. Wesley was lying on his bed with many friends gathered around supporting him through that time. Wesley grasped their hands and said repeatedly, "Farewell, farewell." At the end, he said, "The best of all is, God is with us", lifted his arms and raised his feeble voice again, repeating the words, "The best of all is, God is with us."

We had good days and not so good days in July. But as I look back, I see that God was with us. He is there in the good and the bad. We often forget to look for Him in the good days. We fail to see Him in the bad days. But the best of all is that God is with us. Whether we look or don't look, see or don't see, feel or don't feel Him, He is with us. It has given us great assurance, peace, and fortitude to know that God is with us.

I know that whatever the future holds for all of us is not what matters. What matters is that God is with us. Always has been with us. He always will be with us. Praise be to God!

Go and be blessed

Go and be a blessing.

The best of all is, God is with us.

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: \$278,251.38. 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
7/04/2021		51	\$2,830.00
7/11/2021		43	\$3,226.00
7/18/2021		52	\$1,199.00
7/25/2021		50	\$2,685.00
July total to date:			\$9,940.00



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 “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.)

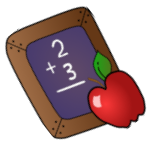
Rockville First United Methodist Church

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 August 2021

- 1st Marty & Mary Jane Evens
- 8th Greg & Susan Harbison
- 15th Randy Randall
- 22nd Bill & Taunnie Russell
- 29th Alex & Carol Milligan

AROUND THE CHURCH

The Dine with a Doc ® program is **August 5, 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, Dr. Alexander Weber, Union Hospital Family Medicine.

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 The Commons at Honey Creek. *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!

August Birthdays

01 Jennifer Ader
Don Navel
02 Mariana Ponce
06 Martha Holaday



17 Sally Zuber
24 George Waltz
27 Daniel Milligan
30 Natalie Geiger



17 Mike & Diana Ruark

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
(No Evening Bible Study
in the month of August)

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

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





RFUMC Church booth at the Fair



Rockville First United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes

July 20, 2021

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

Absent: E. Waltz, M. McGill, R. Belcher, P. Ballinger, Maddie Belcher, Mark Spelbring

Council Business

Alex Milligan opened the meeting with a short devotion and prayer.

The June minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Handicap Ramp: Luke Waltz should have the plans for the ramp completed soon. We will then be ready for the tuck pointing to begin. Pastor Jon will contact the company that will be doing the tuck point to get on their schedule.

VBS: Our VBS material maybe at Dana, we are looking into this.

Sunday School Substitutes: Randy Randall has volunteered to teach Jr. Church in Martha Holaday's absence.

Bus: Pastor Jon has been driving the bus back and forth to church on Sunday's. The bus was acting up again, so he left it at NKP to work on. They found some wiring problems. We will speak with Steve Waltz in regard to getting the bus route running once again.

Security: Installed and online with the exception of the cameras. Key Fobs are on back order. It was also discussed about phone apps to unlock the door from anywhere.

NEW BUSINESS:

The electric piano has been donated to Randy's Rummage sale.

Someone left donations in Kathy's office for the food pantry and clothes closet. The donations were left on Sunday afternoon between 1-2 p.m., but no one knows who.

Pastor's Report: Our booth at the fair was well represented. Especially had a good turn out with the children on Tuesday night for rock painting. We need to get the address changed on our banner.

Church conference coming up soon, September/October.

Covered Bridge: We will put out a sign-up sheet for volunteers to park cars during the Covered Bridge Festival. Greg Harbison will contact Mark Vanderheyden to get approval for the use of his parking lot. We need a volunteer to be in charge of this project. Susan suggested the financial chair to supervise, and Alex Milligan volunteered to co-chair this project. Susan Harbison has the material needed and is willing to help.

Trustee's Report:

Exit Lights: The exit and emergency lights have been installed in the Sanctuary and the Chapel.

Stained-glass window: repair complete.

Terminix has sprayed for the ants in the Library/Buddy Bag room.

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Administrative Council Minutes, cont'd.

Finance Report: Mary Jane Evens reviewed the Year to Date and the Monthly Profit/Loss reports.

Ministry Reports:

Celebrate Recovery reports attendance is up. Men's breakfast is every 2nd Tuesday at Benjamins. Men's bible study will be starting soon. At the June Fellowship Diner a visitor had a back window shot out of her car. She was asking for help with the bill. The Council is not in favor of paying this bill. Pastor Jon will ask if there is anyone wanting to donate.

Bicentennial Committee: The date will be September 4, 2022. The DS and Bishop have been contacted. Alan Ader is checking on renting a tent. It was discussed to have a "Kick Off" count down on Labor Day.

The next meeting will be August 24th.

Pastor Jon closed in prayer.



**Brain cells, hair cells,
and skin cells all die
constantly, but stinkin
FAT CELLS must have
accepted Jesus as their
Savior
because they seem
to have
ETERNAL LIFE! 😂**



**"I think I'd like to be homeschooled,
I'm tired of being school-schooled."**



**"All right, it's not that funny.
Everyone wore their hair
that way back then."**



**Congratulations
Bob and Mary Anne Jones
for winning the
July “Pride Award”**



Mary Alice Barnes
University Place
1700 Lindberg Rd, Apt 2221
West Lafayette IN 47906
(765) 376-0437

CONGRATULATIONS

JESSICA & JULIUS



Rockville First United Methodist Church family
hosted a Bridal Shower for Jessica
on Sunday, August 1st.
Everyone joined in the Celebration.



Vaccinations Save Lives

What if I wrote a poem about COVID-19?
Just for the sake of saving lives
Or maybe I need to share just to share
Or maybe I am living in my own world
Or maybe this is not really a poem.
I think I understand some things
Like freedom of speech and choice
And Children Matter Most.
I don't understand misinformation
Or misery loves company
Or elephants in a room or why
We can't all work together
Saving lives instead of fighting lies.
What if I wrote a poem?
And nobody read it, or millions did
I would share from my heart
And share from my head
The truth I believe that lives can be saved
Today and tonight across the globe
And in my neck of the woods
Variants versus vaccines
Life over death weeping or rejoicing
But my prayers will continue
Lord, Have Mercy

Debate is not helping
As the hospitals fill again
Some can't and some will not
While millions are waiting
To get vaccinated.
What if I wrote a poem, and
The poem became a prayer and
The prayer became a song and we
Exhaled with excitement as the dark
Night turned to dawn and the
Pandemic was defeated and
We breathed a sigh of relief.

Vaccinations save lives!

Be encouraged,

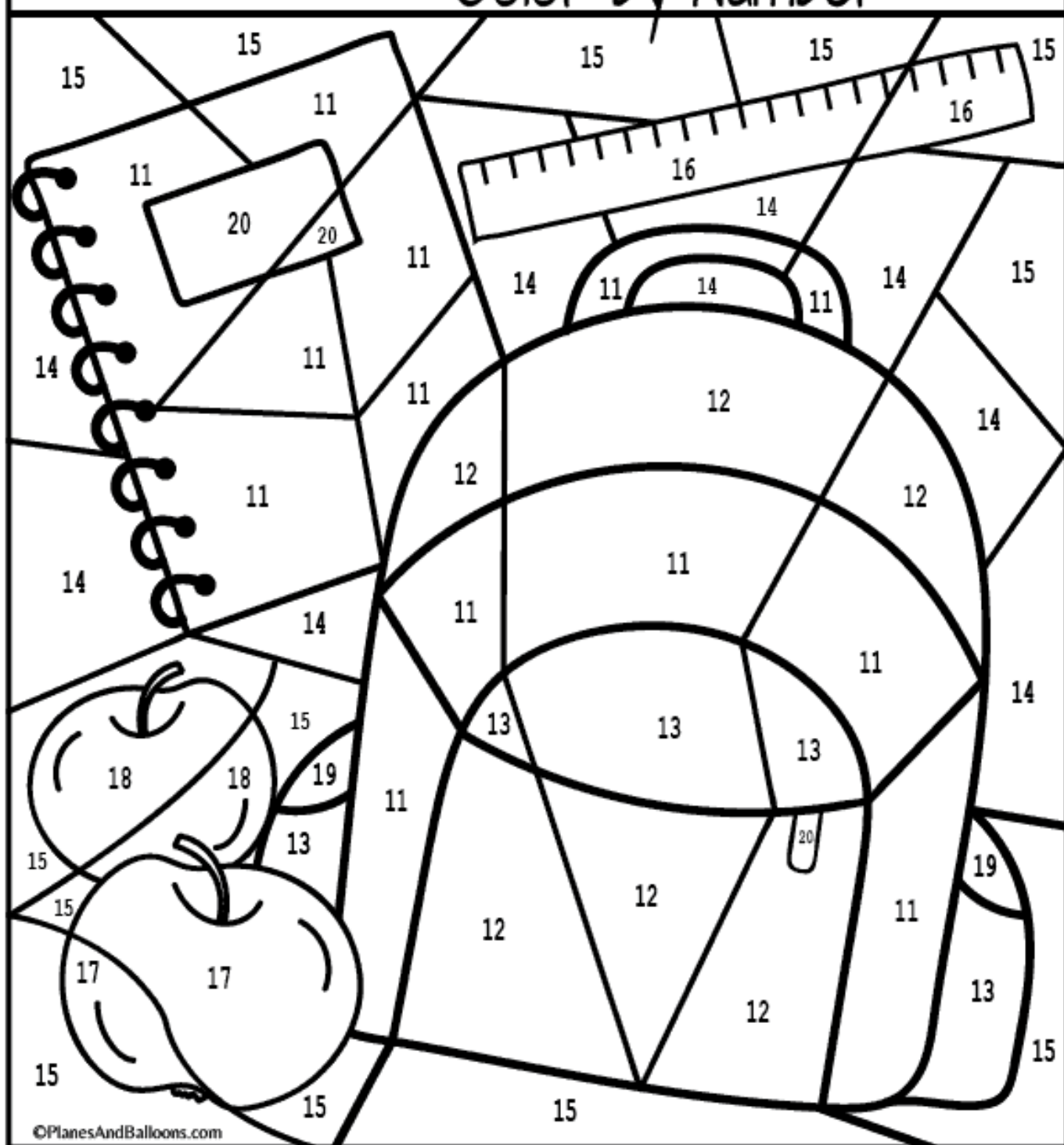
Bishop Julius C. Trimble
Resident Bishop
Indiana Conference of The United Methodist
Church

Back to school

Color by Number

Pre-K/K

Numbers 11-20



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11 = blue

12 = light blue

13 = purple

14 = light green

15 = green

16 = orange

17 = red

18 = yellow

19 = pink

20 = black



AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 a.m. Worship Holy Communion 6 p.m. Bible Study	2	3 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting	4 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	5 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	6	7
8 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	9  Parke County First Day of School	10 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting	11 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	12 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	13	14
15 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	16	17 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting 6:30 p.m. Ad Council Meeting	18 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	19 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	20	21
22 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	23	24 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting	25 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	26 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate	27 6 p.m. Fellowship Diner	28
29 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	30	31 6:30 p.m. Rock Painting				

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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.

