

A Note from the Pastor January 2022

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2022?? Really? 2022 already? Those were the first thoughts when I typed 2022 in the header above. It sure seems like 2021 just started. There is an old saying, "Time waits for no one" and it sure hasn't waited for me. As kids we used to wonder if something would ever get here. Waiting on Christmas, summer break, school starting (yes, I actually knew kids that looked forward to school starting), birthdays, vacation trips and other things seemed to occupy our time as we longed for their arrival. Now they come upon us, and we say, "Is that here ALREADY!!" 2022 is here already and hopefully I adjust to it quickly.

As we look back on 2021 it had its good times and bad. We started off with no worship in the Sanctuary. Palm Sunday saw us back in church. Hallelujah!! We lost some dear people and we gained some new folks in our congregation. Bible study has people gathered in the Chapel. We had a wonderful Christmas Church dinner and most everyone joined in the motions to the 12 Days of Christmas. I thought the Christmas Eve Service was beautiful. We've got the bus rolling along with an adult trip to Casey, IL and to an artist demonstration. We finished the year with a youth bus trip to Christmas Town at the Creation Museum.

Unlike 2020, most of us gathered with family for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other holidays. We had Jessi and Julius' wedding at our house in August. Norah, our only granddaughter, got baptized the day after J & J's wedding. Gale and I got our vaccinations and avoided Covid in 2021. (What we had in 2020 was enough for a while!)

Our ministries are going strong, and we even added a new one. We are partnering with the Council On Domestic Abuse (CODA) with them meeting at the church on a bi-weekly basis.

The repair of the church building started and is still in full swing. At last, the church is waterproof. The work continues with the ramp construction and soon the repair of the plaster in the towers, sanctuary and chapel. When the weather is warm again the trim on the windows will be repaired and new protective coverings installed over the windows. One family has adopted the youth Sunday School room as a family project. They have removed the old carpet, having the floors redone, and will be removing the corrugated walls replacing them with drywall. Another family has adopted the two downstairs restrooms and plan to remodel them as a family project too. We will have more details about the building in another newsletter coming up soon.

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A Note from the Pastor Continued

We installed the new projection system in time for Easter and have a new presentation software program that we hope you enjoy.

2022 sees us counting down to our 200th anniversary celebration on Labor Day Sunday. We have details that will be coming out real soon.

I am excited to see what God will do within our congregation and your lives this year. I am glad to be a part of this congregation and feel blessed in being here!

May God Bless you richly in 20202.

Pastor Jon



WORSHIP AND PRAY

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Our Shut-Ins:

Diana Lows, 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: \$300,487.07. 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
12/05/2021		47	\$2,714.00
12/12/2021		60	\$1,762.00
12/19/2021		60	\$2,606.00
12/26/2021		50	\$ 819.00
December total to date:			\$7,901.00

Needed monthly to enable the church's ministries: \$8,468.14
2021 Average Worship Attendance: 54

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.**



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

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.)

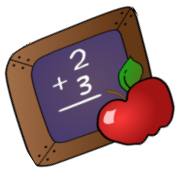
Rockville First United Methodist Church

128 N. Market St., Rockville, IN

(1 block north of the courthouse)

For information, please call (765) 569-5356

There IS hope for recovery!



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



The 2nd Tuesday of every month.
9:00 a.m. at Benjamin's.



***Greeters for
January 2022***

9th Randy Randall
16th Marty & Mary Jane Evens
23rd Maddie & Charlie Belcher

AROUND THE CHURCH

The Dine with a Doc ® program is **cancelled until March 2022**

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!

January Birthdays

03 Mary A. Jones
11 Diana Lows
12 Lucas Waltz
Joyce McMullen

17 Elaine Waltz
19 Lauren Harbison
22 Lois McGrannahan



February Birthdays

4 Fletcher Waltz
Rusty Akers
5 Becky Black

Worship with
Rockville FUMC
Adult and Children
Sunday School 9:00 a.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.



CODA ~ COUNCIL ON DOMESTIC ABUSE

Meets at the
Rockville First United Methodist Church
every other Wednesday
at 12:30 p.m.

Next Meeting will be January 12th



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEMEBERS 2022

Rob Belcher, Council Chair
Carol Keller, SPRC-Chair
Bill Becker, Trustees Chair
Mark Spelbring, Finance Chair
Mary Jane Evens, Treasurer
 , Women's Rep

 , Men's Rep
Merideth McGill, Young Adult Rep
Alex Milligan, 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



Hand bell Choir will meet each
Monday, in the Chapel
6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
New members always welcome.

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

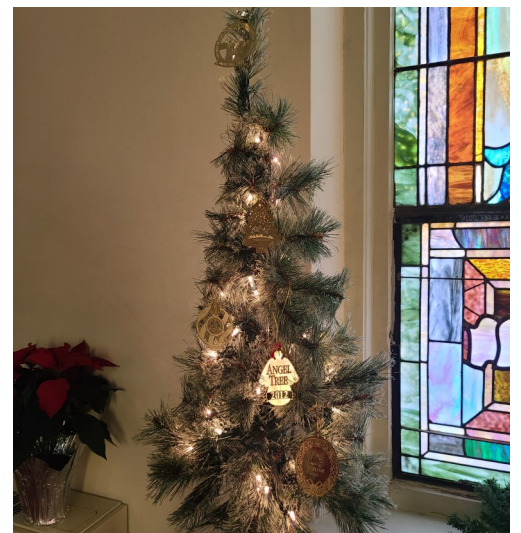


Christmas Dinner ~ Fun & Fellowship At Rockville First United Methodist Church





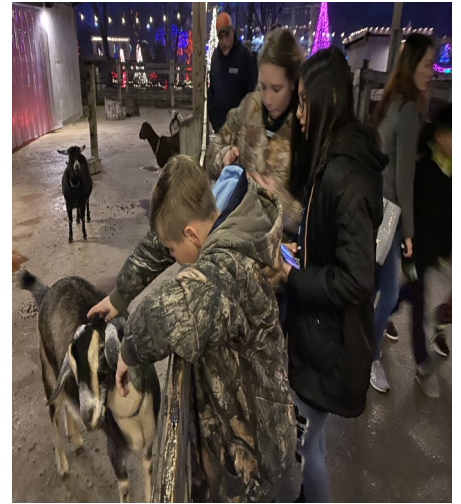
**Angel Tree
Thanks Charla Malone, our Co-ordinator**



RFUMC YOUTH AT THE CREATION MUSEUM



CREATION MUSEUM



BIG THINGS HAPPENING AT ROCKVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Classrooms under Construction



RFUMC

Ramp construction
in full swing



Rockville First United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes

December 21, 2021

Ad Council members present: Pastor J. Overbey, M. J. Evens, B. Becker, Mark Spelbring, E. Waltz, R. Belcher, S. Harbison, A. Milligan, Maddie Belcher

Absent: M. McGill, P. Ballinger, R. Randall

Council Business

Rob Belcher opened the meeting with prayer.

The November minutes were approved after corrections made.

OLD BUSINESS:

Handicap Ramp update: When digging the footer for the new ramp, it was discovered our downspouts went into a drain that goes into a pit by the sidewalk. The drain downspouts were full of tree roots. The construction company wanted permission to cut down the tree. It was decided to save the tree and cut one limb. New PVC was installed to replace the drain tile and ground rods will be replaced. The drains are now open all the way to the drain grate. Downspouts coming in from the landing all go together and go into the main drain. The north portion of wing wall on the north door, as it joins the building, has a crack in the in one of the concrete blocks. The brick contractors were asked how long the tuck point should last. They recommend the tuck pointing to be checked in 10 years. The tuck pointing should last 40 -50 years.

Mark Downing will be here Thursday, December 23rd to give estimates on plastering in the sanctuary and towers. Mark will also look at the damage of the nursery windows. Lead testers have been purchased to test the plaster and it tested positive for lead.

Classroom project is making progress. The flooring tile has been removed. Also, we will remove the shelving and panels off the walls. Contractor will be here soon to give an estimate on painting and sealing the floor. We will talk with the Brick Tuck Pointing contractors to get an estimate on bricking in the fireplace. It was suggested any exterior door purchased for the classrooms be fiberglass that would not rust.

All boilers have been disconnected from gas and electric service.

Alex Milligan will check with State Farm Insurance on the reimbursement on the roof. The final bill was turned over the State Farm in November.

The new proposed door at the bottom of the stairs: One of the security doors found: 72X80 was on sale for \$811.

Grant updates: The grant applied for through the United Methodist Foundation has been denied. We may re-apply in April.

NEW BUSINESS:

There are a few Administrative Council seats that need to be filled for 2022 – Carol Keller -SPPRC Chair; Alex Milligan-Lay Leader. Women's Rep and Men's Rep still need to be filled.

Pastor's Report: Charge Conference was Sunday, November 21st at Brazil UMC at 3:00 p.m. 3 people went but only Pastor Jon was able to attend per the Superintendent. Check day will be coming up in February. This will be checking the statistics of the church.

Christmas Dinner was December 12th following the Morning Service. Chicken/Noodles and Mashed Potatoes, tableware and drinks will be provided. Christmas Caroling was December 20th.

Several people gathered at the "36" to thank Mark Vanderheyden for the use of the parking lot. Charlie Belcher was working and was serenaded with "happy birthday."

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Ad Council Minutes, Cont'd

Trustee's Report: Interior Design subcommittee – to research and recommend all things related to the interior design of all of the church interior, including, but no limited to paint choices, carpet/floor choices, lighting, bathroom fixtures, draperies/blinds, cabinets, countertops, etc. Elaine Waltz was asked to head this committee and to include Carol Milligan and possibly 2 other people.

Mary Jane Evens was asked to order a wind chime to present to Randy Randall in memory of his Mother, Sue Randall.

Finance Report: Mark Spelbring reviewed the 2022 Budget; 2022 Salaries and 2021 Christmas bonuses.

Staff Parish Relations Report:

Ministry Reports (Lay leader, Women's Rep, Men's Rep, At-Large)

The Hickory Treatment Facility has requested some help. They need 38 more sock hats to give to residents for Christmas. Rob Belcher will look into purchasing hats for the facility.

Pat Dixon has made some suggestions and requests: she would like to know the cost and what has been donated so far for the stained-glass window project. Pat suggested including in the Newsletter a wish list and a done list. So people will know how much of our projects have been completed and what needs to be done. Kathy really likes her new shelving and would like to have another one. The Pastor's office has become very congested. It was suggested to move all the hygiene items into the old janitor's closet downstairs.

Bicentennial Committee:

A suggestion has been made that when Pat Dixon has completed her report on the history of the church that Pat sit in her living room and we video Pat telling the history of our church. Also, include Lois McGrannahan. Alex Milligan reported – the committee has picked a "Logo". They are figuring out what promotion items to us and figuring how to prepare. We will start advertising after the holidays. The committee will meet again in 2 weeks.

The next meeting will be January 18, 2022.
Pastor Jon closed in prayer.



*Thank You,
Thank You,*



**From the staff at
RFUMC**

Janie, Kathy, Russ & Amanda

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift.
We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and
that you have a blessed 2022.



*Thank you, Thank you
International Paper for their donation to
the Buddy Bag Program*

Message from our own Pastor Jon:

January 27th is National Chocolate Cake Day!!





“Christmas and Easter are quiet holidays. New Year’s and Fourth of July are noisy ones.”



“Daddy said ‘Happy New Year,’ but I don’t think he really meant it!”



By BIL KEANE





And God Said:

IT IS GOOD

JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 10 a.m. Worship Holy Communion 6 p.m. Bible Study	3 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	4	5 7:00 p.m. Mid- week Chat	6 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags	7	8
9 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	10 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	11 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast	12 7:00 p.m. Mid- week Chat 12:30 p.m. CODA	13 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	14	15
16 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	17 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	18 6:30 p.m. Ad Council Meeting	19 7:00 p.m. Mid- week Chat	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 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	25	26 7:00 p.m. Mid- week Chat 12:30 p.m. CODA	27 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	28 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Diner	29
30 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	31 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells					

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METHODIST
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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.

