

Highlights &

February 2022

A Note from the Pastor February 2022

Last year in the February Newsletter I wrote: *"In the past 2 plus years this building has become important to me. It is important because it is one of the most beautiful and historic buildings in the town and the county. It is a building that represents a congregation that dates back to the beginning of Rockville. According to what I have read, less than one year after the town was founded a group of people met to form a Methodist congregation. It is the second brick building to be built in Parke County. Only the Lusk home was built earlier. Our architect advised us that most likely, the bricks were made and baked in ovens on the site of the church. The beauty of the window that shines on the community every night witnessing to the presence of Christ and His invitation has a glory that can only come from God. The towers and the balcony bear witness to the history of faithful people that have met in the Methodist tradition for 200 years.*

The building is also important because of what it represents to the community. This is a House of God. What people see when they drive or walk past is a witness to our faith and beliefs. By that, I don't mean they read the name on the sign and identify our denomination. I mean that what they see represents the US and what WE think about God. This building is a testament to others about how we esteem God. Is He important enough that we make this building seem as though He lives here? We tell people He does, but does it look like we believe He does? When people see a church building in need of repair they think the congregation is dying and can't afford the building or the congregation is not really committed to their witness. How can God be good and take care of us when He can't take care of His place of worship? We need to show people this IS God's house, He lives here, and we honor him with this building.

Finally, this building is important to me because it is where you are. It is where ministry has happened for over 100 years through a congregation that has gathered in ministry for 200 years. For you that have been part of this congregation for more than a short time this building is home. It is where we gather as sisters and brothers in our Father's house. It is full of memories, births and funerals, baptisms, weddings, and fellowship. It is where we sing, pray, learn, smile and even shed tears together. We worship and are touched by God, lifted by the Spirit, and molded into the image of Christ. This building is special and we want to make it special for those who follow. It is important that ministry continues, and lives are changed. It is important that people find forgiveness and grace, experience fellowship and acceptance, feel the love of God and His people in this place.

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A Note from the Pastor Continued

In the year that has passed God has shown that He is at work in our church, our congregation, and this building. We have done so much since last year. No longer are we afraid a piece of the building will fall on someone. We no longer have to look at the walls and wonder how much more damage will be done by water infiltrating from the exterior. Every time we get a big rain, I no longer worry will this be the one in which the roof starts to leak because of the loss of the more than 100 shingles missing due to the shape of our roof following the wind storms. We are no longer concerned the chimney may fall and be in the Sanctuary when we gather for worship, or worse, fall while we are in worship. Eight large, unsealed openings have been bricked up (so well, I would challenge you to find them) and the church is immediately gaining the benefit of reduced utility costs and a more comfortable Fellowship Hall and open areas.

As you can see in the pictures that are included in this newsletter, the basement is undergoing major updating. The carpet that was not only looking terrible, was also a trip hazard. Someone who attended here years ago came back for a funeral and slipped downstairs to reminisce. They came back up and asked one of the ladies serving the funeral dinner, "What happened to the basement? It looks terrible." I wish that person could see it now, and in the months to come, as three families have taken it upon themselves to clean up, spruce up, and make the hallway, restrooms, and one of the classrooms beautiful again. These families have done these projects on their own in addition to the work the church is completing.

I have heard many comments as I move around town in my normal day to day activities about the work at the church, especially the ramp being constructed. Other people of town are excited to see the work going on. There is much more to be done. I am excited about what God will do for us and with us this year. As I wrote a year ago, *When people see a church building in need of repair they think, How can God be good and take care of us when He can't take care of His place of worship? We need to show people this IS God's house, He lives here, and we honor him with this building. This year has been a demonstration to all that God is alive and active in our congregation. This beautiful, historical building is a testimony that WE have been serving, worshiping, and loving in the Name of Christ and we will continue to do so for another 200 years! We are proving He lives here and we are honoring Him with this beautiful building.*

By the way, this is February-the Month of Love. 1 Corinthians 13 says, "Three things will remain, Faith, Hope, and Love. And the greatest of these is Love." We generally think of the February love as a romantic one centered on Valentine's Day. That is a wonderful form of love. But what is greater is the love of 1 Corinthians 13 which is Agape love. It is not a love of emotion, but a love of the mind. Agape love is making a decision to love someone unconditionally, no matter who they are, or what they have done. It is the love that reminds us of the line from our communion service that is a quote of Romans 5:8, "God proves His love for us that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." What a wonderful love. What a great example for us to follow. February, and every other month for that matter, should be a month of love. Not just an emotional love, but the agape love that demonstrates to someone they matter, God loves them and so do we.

Love you all, Love being your Pastor, Love seeing the work God is doing with you and through you!

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: \$338,171.94. Total expenses: \$179,603.47. Expenses include completed projects of Tuck Pointing, Roof, Audio/Visual and partial completion of Ramp and Stainglass windows. **Donations are still being accepted.**

FACTS & FIGURES

Date	Sunday School Attendance	Worship Attendance	Tithes & Offerings
1/02/2022		39	\$1,897.00
1/09/2022		37	\$2,980.00
1/16/2022		45	\$3,065.29
1/23/2022		36	\$4,777.00
1/30/2022		37	\$1,850.00
January total to date:			\$14,569.29

Needed monthly to enable the church's ministries: \$8,468.14
2022 Average Worship Attendance: 39

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.)

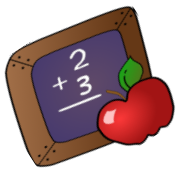
Rockville First United Methodist Church

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
February 2022***

6th Alex & Carol Milligan
13th Randy Randall
20th Sue Schmidt
27th Carole Perry

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!

February Birthdays

04 Fletcher Waltz
Rusty Akers
05 Becky Black
22 Kathy Allison

Happy
Birthday



MARCH Birthdays

01 Randy Randall
07 Bob Jones

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 February 2nd



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



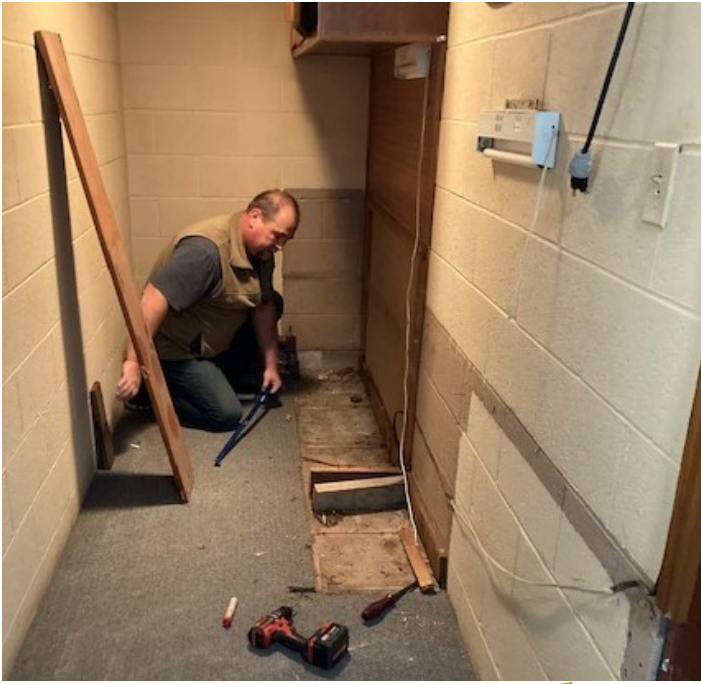
Hand bell Choir will meet each
Monday, in the Chapel
6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
New members always welcome.

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



Basement gets a facelift



Basement facelift continues



BIG THINGS HAPPENING

AT ROCKVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST



Handicap Ramp



Rockville First United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes

January 18, 2022

Ad Council members present: Pastor J. Overbey, M. J. Evens, Mark Spelbring, R. Belcher, Maddie Belcher, R. Randall

Absent: M. McGill, B. Becker, Carol Keller, A. Milligan

Council Business

Rob Belcher opened the meeting with prayer.

The December minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Handicap Ramp update: Progressing well.

Mark Downing gave an estimate of \$3500 for plastering in the sanctuary and towers, also the foyer. Mark will be starting in approximately 3 weeks. Before this work begins, the heater/radiators will need to be removed.

Classroom project is making progress. Michael Esh has given a bid for the resurfacing the floor of \$8100 for the classroom floor and \$10,000 for the rest of the basement. Michael will be starting soon. Mary Evens has removed the registers from the fireplace classroom, bathrooms, hallway and beside the janitor's closet in the basement.

State Farm has sent the reimbursement check of \$5200 for the roof.

The new proposed door at the bottom of the stairs: It was suggested to install a buzzer/doorbell when installing the new security doors. The doors will remain locked when the downstairs is occupied. The buzzer/doorbell will alert persons downstairs that someone wants to enter.

Hickory Rehabilitation Center reached out to us with a need of stocking caps. We purchased the caps at Ace Hardware who allowed a 20% discount. The hats have been delivered.

NEW BUSINESS:

There are a few Administrative Council seats that need to be filled for 2022 –Women's Rep and Men's Rep still need to be filled.

It was discussed if the church should go virtual with the status of the County being completely red. It was decided not to close the church unless absolutely necessary. You may wear a mask if you desire. Please stay home if you are not feeling well. We will make sure the hand sanitizers stands are full.

Pastor's Report: Keys to the snowblower has been placed in the key box in the office along with keys to the lock on the snowblower. Russ Hall has been shown how to start snowblower.

Pastor Jon is working on "Check Day", the year end report for the Church.

Trustee's Report: There is a leak under the window in Chapel that will need to be addressed before painting can begin. Layton's checked the A/C – heaters units in the basement. The unit in the fireplace room needs the circuit board replaced.

Steve with SHP Electronics looked into and made repairs to the problems we were having with the sound system.

Ad Council Minutes, cont'd

Staff Parish Relations Report:

Pastor Jon & Gale along with Stacey Bettis took the youth on a bus trip to Christmas Town. Approximately 8 youth attended. The bus ran fine. New plates have been installed on the bus. The bus needs to be driven once a week.

Pastor/Parish training will be coming up soon. Pastor Jon and Carol Keller will be attending.

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

Randy Randall thanked the Council for the chimes that were purchased in memory of his mother.

Bicentennial Committee:

"Save the Date" post cards are ordered for our 200th Celebration.

The next meeting will be February 15, 2022.

Pastor Jon closed in prayer.

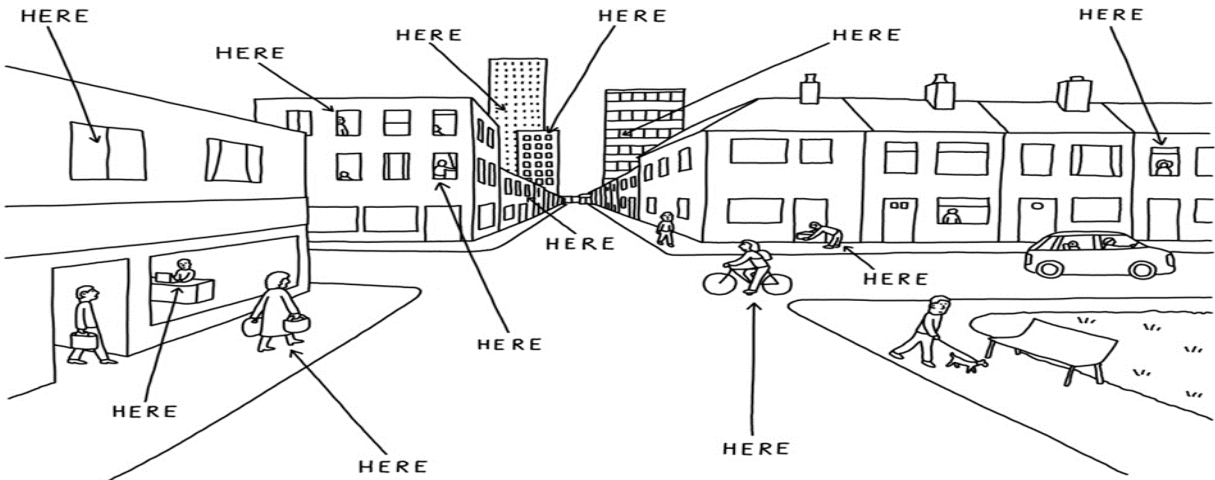




"So...that's 4 votes to approve the minutes and 1 vote to simply tolerate them."

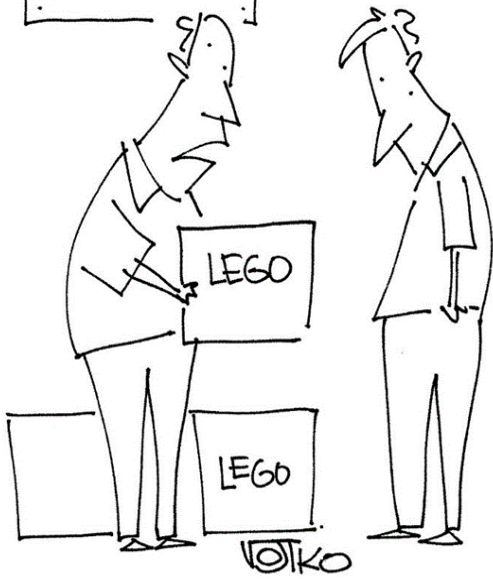


WHERE THE CHURCH IS



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FUND
COMMITTEE



"We're cutting costs."



"Yea, though I shovel the walk through the shadow of the valley of death, I will fear no blizzard."

Love is...



*...loving you —
sno' matter what!*





FEBRUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat 12:30 p.m. CODA	3 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	4	5
6 10 a.m. Worship Holy Communion 6 p.m. Bible Study	7 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	8 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast	9 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	10 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	11	12
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27 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	28 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells					

ROCKVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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rockvilleumc.net
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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

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.

