

# Highlights &

**ROCKVILLE  
FIRST  
UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH**

**March 2022**

## A Note from the Pastor March 2022

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As I sit here getting ready to write this, I was looking out the window and thinking about the weather. It has been in the 70's, but I know winter is not over. Since I was a kid, I can remember people saying, "It always snows during tourney time" referring to the boys state basketball tournament. I don't remember a year when that was not true. It may have been several inches and it may have just been flurries, but it snowed. Back in 2008 our son DJ and Kristen decided to move from Las Vegas back to Indiana so they would be close to family as they raised their still to be born children. Just before they left Las Vegas in February, DJ's car was stolen. It was a 15-year-old chevy. They had a nice car, but the thieves stole the clunker. He was debating whether to have Bryan and I haul it back with their furniture or to just sell it. The decision was made for him. When they arrived in Indianapolis they had 2 jobs, but only one car. DJ was talking with a friend about getting a car. The friend had a car that DJ could use that was low to the ground and rear wheel drive. DJ told his friend that he was concerned about snow in the next few weeks. DJ was chided by the friend and told, "It never snows in March." DJ passed on the car offer and got a car he could use year-round. 3 days later, about the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of March, we were under 6 inches of new snow. It is now an amusing family saying when someone mentions weather in March one of us quips, "It never snows in March" which still gets a chuckle.

March holds a lot for us. March 1<sup>st</sup> marked National Pancake Day. (It is interesting that it falls in the middle of the Maple Syrup Festival.) Lent began with ASH Wednesday on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. One of my favorites and one I wish more people would adhere to is National Get Over it Day on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Which is just before the Day of Awesome on the 10<sup>th</sup>. I think that day is one day early. Awesome Day should be on the 11<sup>th</sup> (Check the church calendar) which is World Plumber Day a day we remember Thomas (John) Crapper, yes that was his name and that is where we get those references to the flush toilet. As I think about what happened on the 11<sup>th</sup>, maybe World Plumbing is more appropriate for the 11<sup>th</sup>. March 17<sup>th</sup> is, of course, St. Patrick's Day. The 18<sup>th</sup> is Awkward Moments Day which I think is why the 19<sup>th</sup> is Chocolate Caramel Day. After our awkward moments we need to recuperate with a little chocolate caramel.

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## A Note from the Pastor Continued

Seriously though, March is a special month within the Church family. Lent is almost always entirely in March. Sometimes the rest of Lent is in February, sometimes in April depending on how Easter falls. This year lent began on March the 2<sup>nd</sup> with Ash Wednesday. During Lent we are to think of our mortality and the depth of our sin. We ponder on the Grace of God that is as the old hymn states, "Grace, grace, God's grace. Grace that is greater than all our sins." We look to Easter not just with the joy and celebration that Easter invokes. We look to Easter remembering the cross had to come first. Lent call us to think about every step Jesus took on His way to Jerusalem. He knew that each step brought Him closer to the torture and pain that was awaiting Him there. Each step also brought Him closer to removing our sin. I have a difficult time understanding what He must have gone through as He kept stepping closer to the cross. What was He thinking? What was He feeling?

The purpose of Lent is not only to think about what Jesus did for us, but also for us to think about what we are doing for Him. How are we growing closer to Jesus? As we ponder Jesus' steps getting closer to the cross we need to consider if our steps are getting us closer to Him. Lent calls us to be penitent (sorrowful) that Jesus had to suffer and die for us. But, we don't remain sorrowful, we rejoice in the cross and the salvation that would be beyond our grasp if it were not for Jesus! Considering the journey of Christ to the cross is intended to make Easter all the more special and glorious!

May you grow closer to Christ as we travel through this time of Lent.

God bless you and I love you all!!

*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
2/06/2022		40	\$3,188.73
2/13/2022		31	\$1,687.00
2/20/2022		42	\$1,701.50
2/27/2022		38	\$1,392.00
<b>February total to date:</b>			<b>\$7,969.23</b>

**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.)*

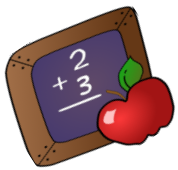
**Rockville First United Methodist Church**

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  
March 2022***

6th Marty & Mary Jane Evens  
13th Becky Black & Louise Norman  
20th Miriam Lash  
27th Bob & Janie Pound

## AROUND THE CHURCH

The Dine with a Doc ® program is **APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>**, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the 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 Mill Pond Health Campus, Greencastle, IN .  
*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!

### March Birthdays

01 Randy Randall  
07 Bob Jones  
10 Alex Milligan  
11 Pastor Jon Overbey

Happy  
Birthday

23 Brittany Simmons  
31 Steve Waltz



### April Birthdays

03 Jordyn Waltz  
07 Alan Ader

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 **March 9th**



## 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



If you would like to order an Easter lily or a Tulip for our Sanctuary for Easter, please fill out the form below along with **\$12.00 (Lily) \$10.00 (Tulip)** and place in the offering plate or return to the church office by **Sunday, March 27th**. Those who purchase them may take them home after the Easter Service or as soon as possible thereafter.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_



MARCH 13, 2022



## METHODIST MOUNTAIN MISSION

God's Mission in the Mountains—Your Mission in His Service!

It's time to start thinking of donations to the **METHODIST MOUNTAIN MISSION**. Pick up this year will be April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>. Please **do not** bring your donations to the church before **March 27<sup>th</sup>**.



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Executive Director  
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Andy Mitchell  
Editor

Thank you for continuing to give to the Mission.  
Financial donations can be mailed to:  
Methodist Mountain Mission  
P.O. BOX 888  
Jackson, KY 41339

# Old heat registers are removed . . .







# The ramp has been poured





Many thanks to my amazing church family!

You have made a very trying and painful winter more than tolerable.

Your many acts of kindness and service have been such a blessing to me. Meals, rides, laundry, even shampoos :) and most of all prayers.

You have made me feel very blessed and loved

In Christ  
Carol Keller



Join Rev. Dave & Mary Marty

JOURNEY THROUGH

THE BIBLE

February 11- 21, 2023

## TRAVELS OF PAUL IN TURKEY & GREECE

November 2-14, 2023

Nov. 2-3 - Depart the USA; arrive in Istanbul and transfer to hotel for dinner & overnight.

Nov. 4 - Blue Mosque, St. Sophia, Underground Cisterns, Hippodrome  
In Istanbul visit the famous Blue Mosque with its six minarets and sparkling interior. Walk through St. Sophia (Hagia Sophia), which was the largest church in Christendom for 1,000 years. See the underground cisterns built to provide fresh water for the city. The Hippodrome was the heart of the city's political and sporting life for 500 years of Ottoman history, too. It's now a park called the Horse Grounds because of its function in Ottoman times. Later transfer to the airport for your flight to Izmir. Overnight in the Kusadasi area.

Nov. 5 - Paul & John in Ephesus - Roman Ruins, Church of St. John  
Ephesus is one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. In Paul's day it was a bustling port town of 250,000 with wide, colonnade-bordered streets. See the spectacular excavations of ancient "main street" and view the library and huge marketplace. Enjoy a stunning view of the area from the Basilica of St. John, the traditional site of his grave. Visit the Museum of Ephesus with many artifacts from the ancient city, then take some time to explore the area on your own as you retrace the footsteps of Paul.

Nov. 6 - Farewell to the Ephesian Elders - Miletus, Priene, Didyma  
Visit the excavations at Miletus where Paul bid farewell to the elders of the church at Ephesus toward the end of his third missionary journey (Acts 20). Though not mentioned in the Bible, Priene had a substantial Christian community during the Byzantine period and was the seat of a bishop, four of whom are known. See the ruins of Didyma, whose oracle was considered second only to Delphi in the ancient Greek world.

Nov. 7 - The Seven Churches - Hierapolis, Laodicea, Colossae

Hierapolis, with its hot mineral springs and some of the best Roman ruins in Asia Minor, is mentioned by Paul in his letter to the Colossians. See the large amphitheater with seats still in perfect condition, the city gates, the column-lined streets, and the arches that have stood through the centuries. Today the area is known as Pamukkale ("Cotton Castle"), because of the limestone-laden springs that cascade from one white-edged terrace pool to the next. Visit the ruins of Laodicea where believers were rebuked in Rev. 3 for being "lukewarm". Unlike Laodicea & Hierapolis, the town of Colossae has fallen into obscurity with few visible landmarks. Dinner and overnight will be in the Pamukkale area.

Nov. 8 - The Seven Churches - Smyrna, Sardis, Philadelphia, Thyatira  
Izmir, known in Paul's day as Smyrna, is one of the seven churches of Revelation. Tour the marketplace with its Roman statues. Travel to Sardis, which Jesus in Revelation accused of being "dead". Be impressed by the massive Temple of Artemis, the gymnasium, the synagogue, and the white marble Royal Road. Visit the site of Philadelphia (Rev. 3:7-13) where little remains but the ruins of a Byzantine Basilica. Finally, travel to Thyatira (Rev.2:18-25), once a busy trade center, now famous for Persian rugs. Overnight in the Izmir area.

#### Nov. 9 - The Seven Churches - Pergamum

The believers at Pergamum—"where Satan lives" (Rev. 2:12-17)—were praised by for their faithfulness, but criticized for tolerating the doctrine of the Nicolaitans. The fabled Acropolis there towers 1,000 feet above the town. As you pass through the Royal Gates, you will enter one of the great centers of classic Greek culture. You will see the foundations of the Temple of Zeus, the Temple of Athena, and the ruins of the library that once held 200,000 parchment volumes. Visit the Grand Theater, the Temple of Trajan, the Gymnasium and Health Center (Aesclepiion). Overnight in the Canakkale area.

#### Nov. 10 - Paul's Ministry in Philippi

Cross the Dardanelles by ferryboat into Greece. Continue to Philippi and stand by the stream where Lydia, moved by Paul's words, became the first European convert to Christianity. See the chamber thought to have been where Paul was imprisoned. View the famous Acropolis, the marketplace, the hillside theater, and the ruins of a the Christian Basilica that once served the Philippians. Travel to Thessaloniki for overnight.

#### Nov. 11 - Paul in Macedonia - Thessalonika, Berea, Vergina, Dion

Paul was accused of turning the world upside-down with his preaching of Christ in Thessalonika (Acts 17). Look out over the city from the Old Ramparts and wander the halls of the Achaeological Museum. Visit Veria (ancient Berea) where Paul found many "noble" Jews who searched the scriptures to learn of Christ. Explore Vergina, site of the ancient city of Aigai, where many great archaeological discoveries have been made, including the tomb of Philip the Second, father of Alexander the Great. See ancient Dion, which got its name from the important sanctuary built there to Zeus (Dias, "of Zeus"). Continue to the Larissa area for overnight.

#### Nov. 12 - Delphi - Sacred Way, Treasury, Theater, Temple of Apollo

Travel to Delphi, believed by ancient Greeks to be the center of the world as marked by the famous "Navel Stone", which legend says was placed there by Zeus himself. Walk the Sacred Way to the theater, Athenian Treasury, and the Temple of Apollo where the oracle would announce prophecies. Ponder the challenges Paul faced in preaching the Gospel here. Stop at the museum where many ancient treasures are displayed. Continue to Athens for overnight.

#### Nov. 13 - Athens & Corinth - Acropolis, Mars Hill, Agora, Ancient Corinth

Enjoy the splendors of ancient Athens as you climb to the renowned Acropolis and gaze on the Parthenon, the Erectheum and more. View Mars Hill where Paul proclaimed to the Athenians the true identity of their "UNKNOWN GOD" (Acts 17:23). See the ancient Agora (marketplace), the center of public life there. Then travel to ancient Corinth, home to the tent makers Aquilla and Priscilla who became key ministry partners of Paul. Stand on the Bema where Paul himself stood before the magistrate Gallo when facing charges from the Jews. Visit the Temple of Apollo and the Archaeological Museum before returning to Athens for overnight.

#### Nov. 14 - Return to the USA with renewed faith and many stories to tell!

ALL THIS FOR ONLY \$3,598 (Base cost for double occupancy. Round-trip airfare Indianapolis-New York is additional \$348; optional travel insurance is \$399. See upcoming brochure for complete details

**Rockville First United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes**  
**February 15, 2022**

Ad Council members present: Pastor Jon Overbey, Mary Jane Evens, Mark Spelbring, Alex Milligan  
Randy Randall

Absent: Merideth McGill, Bill Becker, Carol Keller, Rob Belcher, Maddie Belcher

**Council Business**

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Alex Milligan opened the meeting with prayer.

The January minutes were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Handicap Ramp update: Approximately half completed. Plans were reviewed for finishing the ramp and sidewalk. It is recommended that new limestone caps be purchased for the north side for both sides to match. The cost would be approximately \$1400, a donation has been offered to pay this cost. Council discussed making benches out of the old limestone caps. Approximately 3-4 benches could be constructed. The brick tuck point contractor will be contacted to purchase the new limestone caps.

Mark Downing has the plastering in the front foyer has begun. Mark will be working in the towers next. Marty Evens has most of the heaters removed. Painting will begin as soon as the plastering is complete. Alex Milligan has a contact to get an painting estimate from. Also, Mark Downing will be asked for an estimate.

Classroom project is making progress. Another family has donated financing to the basement project for floor refinishing, window treatments and an outside door. This will complete the floor refinishing of the basement project from downstairs bathrooms and all classrooms and nursery. Council decided the hallway walls will consist of drywall with glass pane at the top. We will install the 7 panels needed for the fireplace room at this time. Mary Jane will contact Mark Downing to install the panels while he is here on other projects. Mary Jane Evens asked about the status of the French Doors for downstairs.

We still need masonry contractors to look at the wall in the Chapel where the wall is blistering.

The nursery windows have not been repaired yet. Mark Downing has looked at the window to evaluate. There are drains in place to drain the water from between the buildings, this needs to be trenched.

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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The snow blower ran well. We will just have to do preventative maintenance at the end of the season.

Randy Randall volunteered to help with the Youth Sunday school class. Randy will be taking turns teaching with Stacey Bettis. Council also discussed Celebrate Recovery. By recommendation of the board and for the best interest of the church, Celebrate Recovery will move to the current nursery. The nursery will move to room 6 (Cub Scout room).

Ad Council Minutes, cont'd

**Pastor's Report:**

The annual report (Ezra) is complete and will be sent into the Indiana Conference today (2/15/2022). Ash Wednesday Service will be March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Pastor Jon is planning a bus trip one Sunday afternoon with the church family each month. A restaurant will be chosen each month.

**Trustee's Report:**

**Finance Report:**

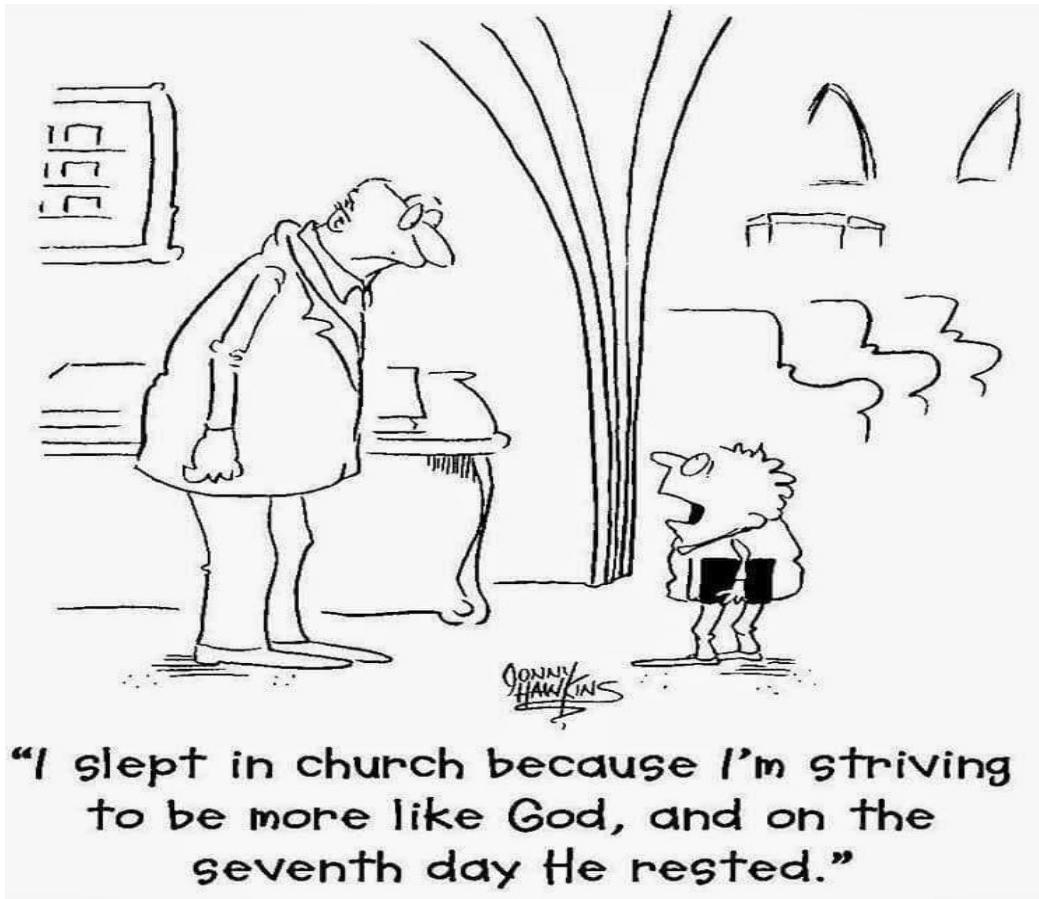
**Staff Parish Relations Report:**

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

**Bicentennial Committee:**

The next meeting will be March 15, 2022.  
Pastor Jon closed in prayer.

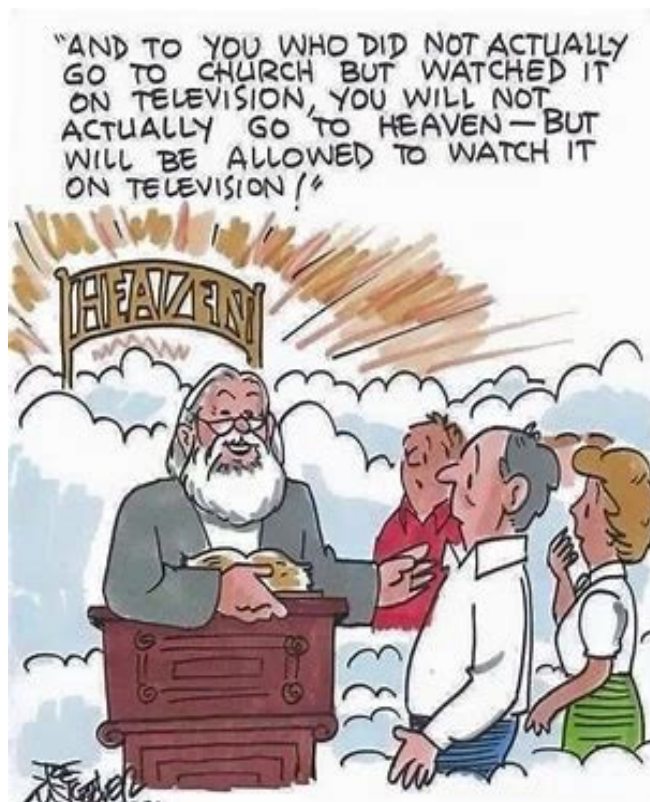






1. A Comfy Mattress Is Our God
2. Joyful, Joyful, We Kinda Like Thee
3. Above Average is Thy Faithfulness
4. Lord, Keep Us Loosely Connected to Your Word
5. All Hail the Influence of Jesus' Name

Enjoy these “revised” song titles.



# The Trinity snowman

When you see a snowman  
Three snowballs round,  
He is reminding you  
That in God, Three in One are found.

The bottom reminds us of God the Father,  
Our strong rock and foundation,  
The Creator of all living things,  
People, tribes and nations.

The middle shows us God the Son  
With His arms spread open wide,  
Who died on the cross for each of us  
Our sins Jesus' blood did hide.

The head reminds us of God the Holy Spirit  
Who is our counselor and friend,  
He speaks to our hearts and minds  
Transforming us in the likeness of Him.

So when you see a snowman  
In the midst of all the wintertime fun,  
Listen carefully and he'll tell you,  
"Remember God is Three in One"

©Maureen Spal



# MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service	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 12:30 p.m. CODA	10 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	11	12
13 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	14 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	15 6:30 p.m. Ad Council Meeting	16 7:00 p.m. Mid- week Chat	17 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	18	19
20 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	21 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	22	23 7:00 p.m. Mid- week Chat 12:30 p.m. CODA	24 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	25 6:00 pm. Fellowship Diner	26
27 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	28 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	29	30 7:00 p.m. Mid- week Chat	31 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery		

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## Office Hours:

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

~Pastor Jon Overbey~

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## 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.