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A Note from the Pastor April 2022

As I sit here writing I realized the lamb is missing! No, not the biblical Lamb, He is never missing. The lamb is missing. Have you seen the lamb? I've been told all my life that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. THAT LAMB is missing. It's cold, its windy, its raining, its storming! We had a fire in the wood stove for the last weekend in March. It seems like the lion is still here. Somebody needs to find the lamb!! I am tired of the cold and snow.

Speaking of lambs, this is the month when we celebrate "the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). April 3 is the 5th Sunday of Lent. The following Sunday ushers in Holy Week starting with Palm Sunday, Maundy (Commandment) Thursday, Good Friday, and culminating with Resurrection Day also called Easter. What a week of emotions. A great celebration happened with the arrival of Jesus. There was joy, dancing, shouting, waving of palm branches. Seemed like the start of a good week.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Jesus taught in the Temple. People crowded around to hear His words, to be fascinated by his parables, or to watch Him tangle with the pompous Pharisees and Priests. Joy from the people abounded, hatred from His opponents, and a sense of urgency from Jesus to get them all to understand what was about to happen.

Thursday, as every good Jew does still to this day, Jesus celebrated Passover with his disciples and others. The lamb was slain and cooked. The bread and wine were passed around during the ceremony. After the feast Jesus instituted what we call Communion. He washed the disciple's feet. He watched as Judas left to go get the ones who would drag him away. He and the disciples sang praise hymns as they left the house and headed for the garden.

As Thursday became Friday, Jesus was in the garden. I can't imagine being under so much stress and strain that blood oozes from your forehead like sweat. All the while seeking comfort from friends that could not stay awake to provide that comfort. Followed by witnessing Judas, the one who had earlier sat beside Him, now betraying Him with a kiss. As the night wore on Jesus was tormented, tortured, mocked, and degraded in every way as He went back and forth between the Jewish Priestly Leaders, Herod, and Pilate.

The daylight of Friday would find Him rejected by the very people He came to save. He was scourged and sent to be nailed to the cross. There is no doubt that Jesus felt every strike of the hammer as the nails tore through His skin, muscle, and into the wood beams of the cross. We've heard about the cross every year and it has become so familiar that we forget the pain and agony of those who were crucified. Writer from

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A Note from the Pastor Continued

the Roman times and historians today agree that crucifixion is probably the most painful and agonizing death sentence anyone could ever experience. After suffering for hours Jesus commended His Spirit to the Father and exhaled His last breath.

Later Friday, just before the sun set, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus removed the dead limp body of Jesus from the cross and placed it in Joseph's new, unused tomb. The large stone was placed over the door. It was sealed by the Priests and guarded by the Romans.

At dark on Friday the Sabbath began. The day of rest and worship. I can't imagine there was much rest for those close to Jesus. What a sad day of worship it must have been for them also. Some of you have been there. Not in Jerusalem. Where those people were mentally, spiritually, and emotionally. Great joy in the family. Couldn't get much better. Then out of nowhere, tragedy strikes. An accident, murder, maybe even a suicide. All of a sudden, the happiness is replaced by grief, wonder, broken hearts and broken lives. That's where we find those who held Jesus so dear in their lives.

Then on Sunday morning with the sun coming over the horizon and the birds greeting the day in song the ground shook and the stone rolled away from the tomb door. The risen Christ came out of the tomb victorious over death never to die again. The women found an empty tomb. Peter and John found an empty tomb. Still today there is no body in the tomb!! Mary, who returned to the tomb, found Jesus in her grief. She wrapped her arms around Him and did not want to let go. He sent her back to the followers gathered together in secret, hiding in the fear they maybe would be next. Later that day, Jesus Himself appeared to them in that closed up hiding place.

The worst day of their lives now paled in comparison to the greatest day of their lives, and the greatest day in history. Jesus was, is, and will always be alive. We celebrate the resurrection every week. *(We worship on Sunday not the Saturday/Sabbath because Jesus was resurrected on Sunday. For centuries Sunday was called "Resurrection Day" or "The Lord's Day. Every Sunday is a commemoration of the resurrection.) Even though every Sunday celebrates the Risen Christ, I can hardly wait for Easter Sunday. I love the feel in the air. The extra joy in everyone's hearts. The specialness of the services that day. And I'm looking forward to seeing the back of everyone who is in the sanctuary for Sunrise Service. Hopefully, the morning sun will be shining through the beautiful stained-glass window as we turn and gaze at Jesus singing our closing hymn!*

To know the joy of Easter morning, we need to know what Jesus did to get to that glory!

Love you all and thrilled to celebrate this Easter with you!!

Pastor Jon

P.S. Somebody find that lamb! 😊



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
3/06/2022		45	\$2,926.00
3/13/2022		45	\$1,880.00
3/20/2022		43	\$1,474.00
3/27/2022		41	\$3,648.00
March total to date:			\$9,928.00

Needed monthly to enable the church's ministries: \$8,468.14
2022 Average Worship Attendance: 46

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.)

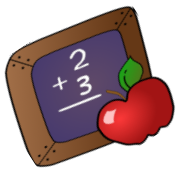
Rockville First United Methodist Church

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
April 2022***

3rd Debbie Davies
10th LuAnn Malone
17th LeAnn Malone
24th Randy Randall

AROUND THE CHURCH

The Dine with a Doc ® program is **APRIL 7TH**, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at The Rockville First United Methodist Church. We are pleased to welcome: Dr. Steven Waltz MD. Dr. Waltz has been practicing medicine in the Wabash Valley for over 30 years. He enjoys teaching and mentoring other primary care providers in his role as Chief Medical Officer at Valley Professionals. 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 Villas of Holly Brook-Brazil, Brazil, 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!

April Birthdays

- 03 Jordyn Waltz
- 07 Alan Ader
- 17 Diana Ader
- 20 Amanda Waltz
- 27 Austin Swinehart



- May Birthdays**
- 03 Madelyn Belcher
 - 03 Gale Overbey
 - 03 Laurie Harbison

- 07 Alan & Diana Ader
- 08 Mark & Linda Spelbring
- 09 Marty & Mary Jane Evens
- 17 Bob & Mary Anne 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 **March 9th**



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEMEBERS 2022

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



Church Baptismal Service Sunday, March 27, 2022



**NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER
IS
MAY 5th.**

ROCKVILLE UMC
WELCOMES
NEW MEMBERS



Welcome Home Aedon & Marrayssa From Spain and Italy

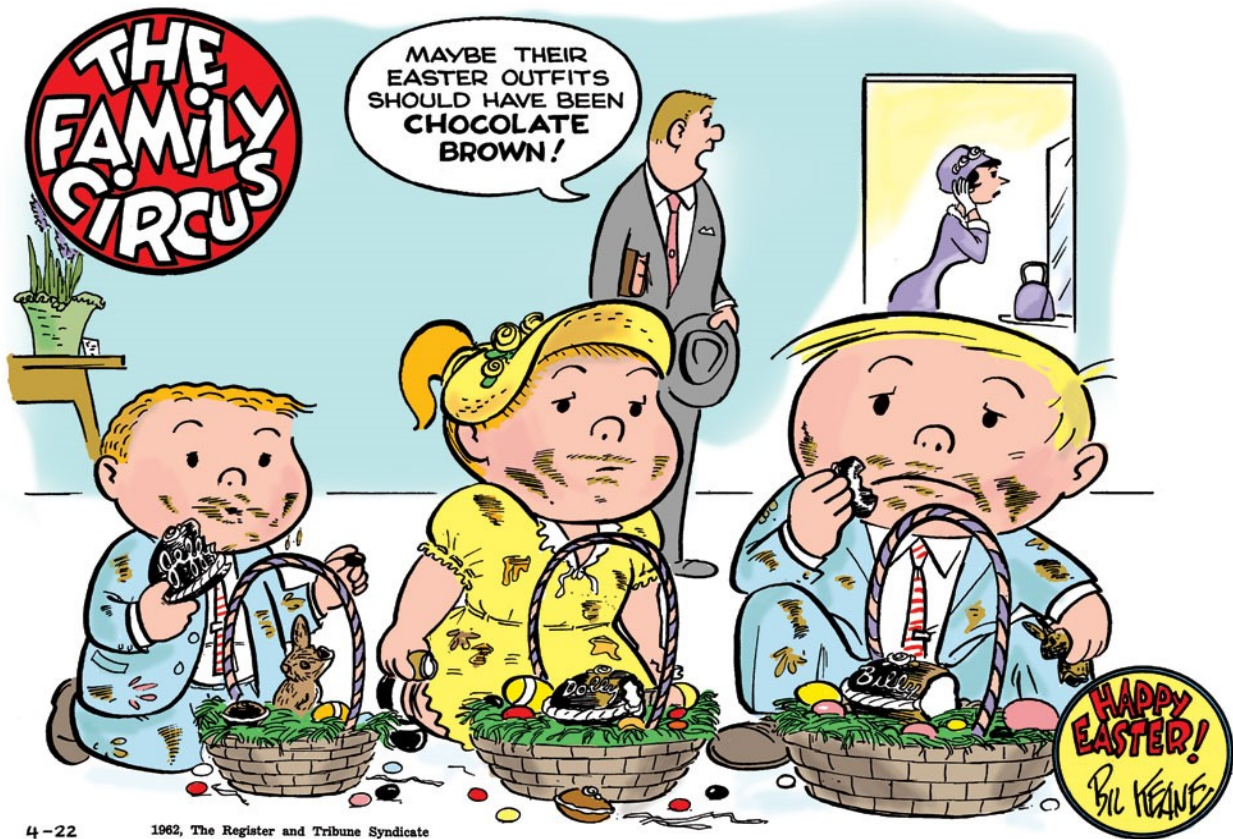
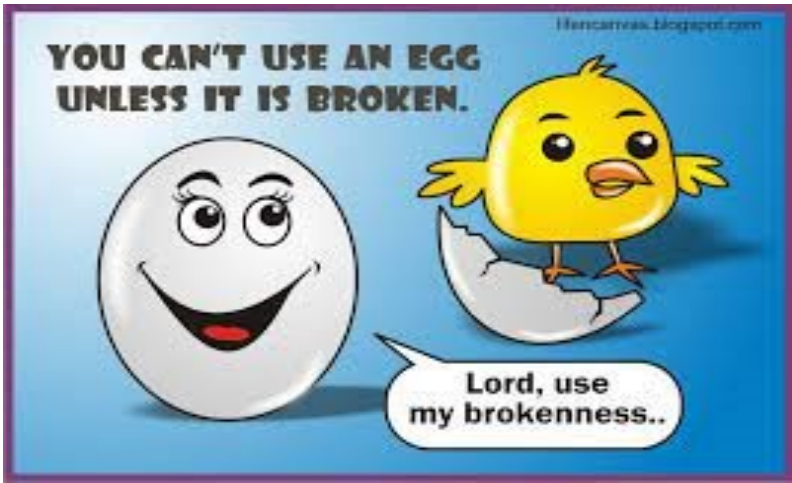




The ramp is taking shape







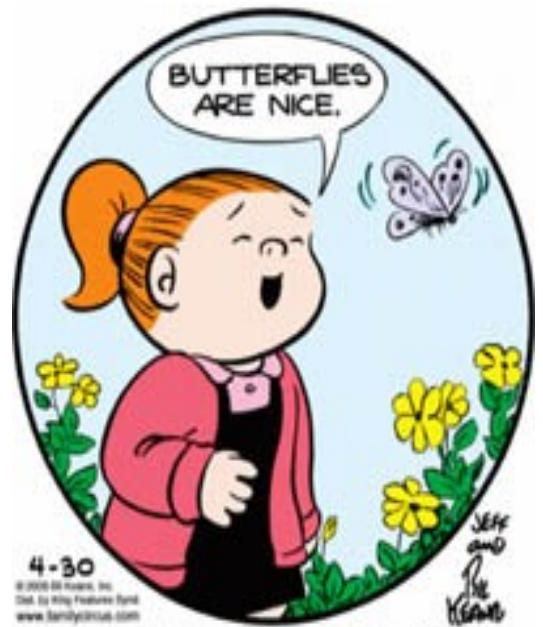


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"We finished dying all the eggs,
so now we're decoratin'
Daddy's golf balls."

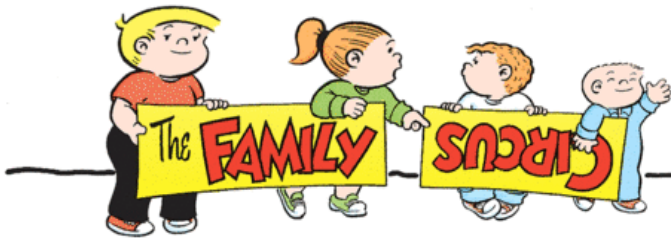


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"They don't bite or sting. They
just flutter."



By Bill Keane



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HAPPY SPRING





APRIL 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10 a.m. Worship Holy Communion 6 p.m. Bible Study	4 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	5 6:30-8 p.m. Rock Painting	6 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat 12:30 p.m. CODA	7 11 a.m. Dine with a Doc 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. C.R.	8	9
10 Palm Sunday 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	11 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	12 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 6:30-8 p.m. Rock Painting	13 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	14 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	15 7 p.m. Good Friday service	16
17 Easter Sunday 7a.m. Sunrise Service & Breakfast 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	18 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	19 6:30 p.m. Ad Council Meeting 6:30-8 p.m. Rock Painting	20 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat 12:30 p.m. CODA	21 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	22	23
24 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	25 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	26 6:30-8 p.m. Rock Painting	27 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	28 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	29 6:00 pm. Fellowship Diner	30 Walk fo Life

ROCKVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Church Website:
rockvilleumc.net
Facebook:
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.

