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ROCKVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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A Note from the Pastor May 2022

Here it is May already. A month loaded with a lot of activities. There is Mother's Day, Pentecost, Memorial Day, graduations, school closing for summer, among other things.

May is the month that sees the summer flowers really start to bloom. The trees fill out with leaves. The grass starts growing and we start mowing. I usually look forward to the first cutting of lawns. The smell of fresh cut grass in spring is refreshing after a long winter. When I was younger, the first smell of fresh cut grass often smelled like the wild onions that seemed to grow in everyone's yards. The only thing I do not look forward to doing is picking up the sticks. Living in the woods means that sticks are constantly falling. The winds of winter and the weight of the snow tend to make a lot of sticks fall out of the trees. We usually spend a whole day picking up sticks before we get to the first mowing. I tried something new this year. I called my sons and informed them I would pay the grandsons to pick up sticks. The 6, 8, and 9 year old boys jumped at the chance to make some money. They came over one Saturday to make their fortune. It started off well, then as boys tend to do, they became more interested in sword fights and throwing sticks than picking them up. I got 2 good hours from the 3 of them which meant it reduced my work by about an hour and a half. The rest of the day we all just enjoyed being outside.

Hopefully, by the end of the month we will have the interior painting contract signed and be on the list to have the Sanctuary and Chapel very soon. Bill Becker has been hard at work meeting painters and gathering estimates. The Ad Council should be making a decision at the May meeting to move forward. Following the painting, the plan is to replace the carpeting. That should complete the inside of the building. All that will remain is the repair of the exterior trim on some of the stained-glass windows. The protective covering over the stained-glass windows also needs to be replaced. It has yellowed, is brittle and provides very little protection for the windows should an object strike one of them.

The handrailing for the exterior stairs and the ramp are in the process of being fabricated. As soon as they are manufactured at City Welding the brick company will be back to install them. Miriam and Elaine have been putting together a plan to landscape around the front of the church, the ramp, and the courtyard between the buildings. If you would like to help or have ideas to offer, they would love to hear from you.

A Note from the Pastor Continued

I apologize for this edition coming out so late. Kathy had most of it completed and was waiting on this note to send it out. You all know the issues our family has been going through the past couple of weeks. We cannot say how much we appreciate your love, prayers, and support during this time. Please keep them coming! I don't know how we could have gotten through this far without you all by our sides. We feel blessed to be a part of this family called Rockville First United Methodist.

Bless you all!!





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.

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

Date	Sunday School Attendance	Worship Attendance	Tithes & Offerings
4/03/2022		43	\$2,331.00
4/10/2022		61	\$2,746.00
4/17/2022		74	\$1,571.00
4/24/2022		43	\$6, 866.00
April total to date:			\$13,514.00

FACTS & FIGURES

Needed <u>monthly</u> to enable the church's ministries: \$8,468.14 2022 Average Worship Attendance: 55

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, I and how to grow in discipleship: <u>Adult and Children Sunday School 9:00 a.m.</u> <u>I Sunday mornings 10:00 a.m. Inside service; Facebook Live, distributed later on I YouTube; and radio station 92.3; and Facebook live. Sunday evening Bible Study I 6 p.m.; "Midweek Chat" Wednesdays at 7:00 p..m.</u>

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.



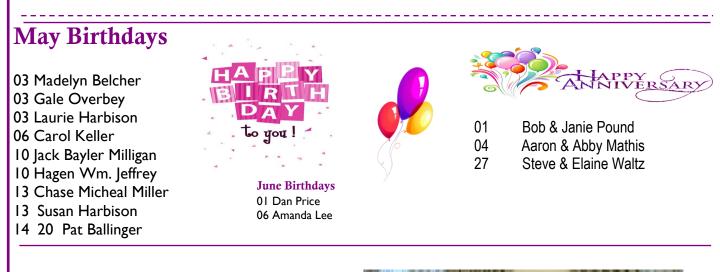


Greeters for May 2022

- 1st Carol Keller
- 8th Louise Norman & Becky Black
- 15th Aaron Mathis Family
- 22nd Greg & Susan Harbison
- 29th Larry & Charla Malone

AROUND THE CHURCH

The Dine with a Doc ® program for **MAY** is cancelled due to National Day of Prayer, May 5th. 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!



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 May 4th



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEMEBERS 2022

Rob Belcher, Council Chair Diana Ruark, 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 I: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



Rockville First United Methodist Church

presents a check to The Parke County Community Foundation for the ambulance service fire.





Sunrise Breakfast

A huge thank you to everyone who provided donuts, muffins, coffee cakes, fruit salad, pies, milk and juice for our breakfast. We had a very nice assortment and everyone attending enjoyed the goodies.



Mary Jane

Congratulations Maddie

on being inducted into the National Honor Society Riverton Parke High School







OUR TEAM





Placing of the Palms











ROCKVILLE UMC

EASTER SERVICE















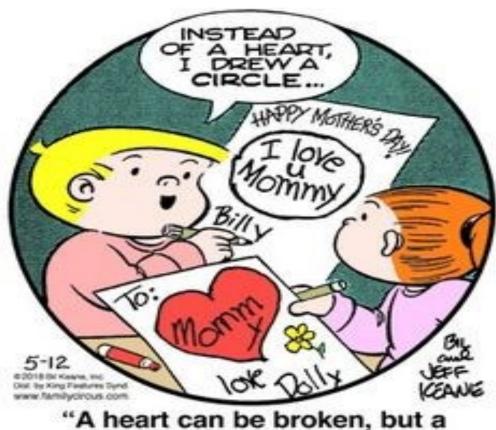




"This leaf was in the Bible. Maybe it's the one Adam wore!"



"God knows all our sins 'cause they're stored in His cloud."



"A heart can be broken, but a circle goes on forever."

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"You're doing a good job as an usher, but its called an offering, not a sin tax."

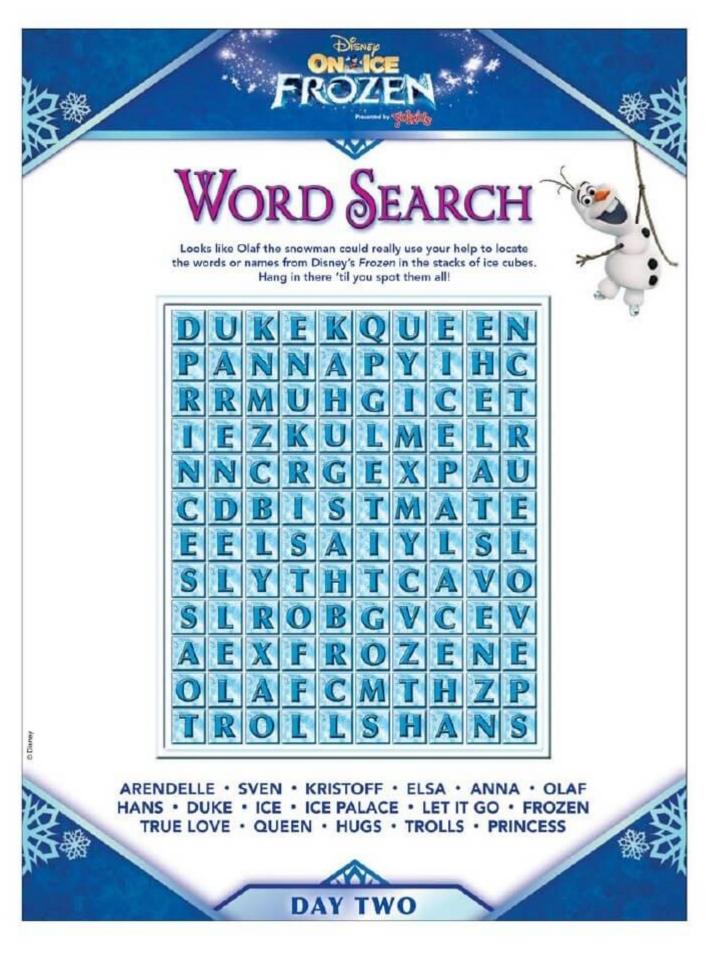


Ten minutes late, kids are fighting, parents are fuming., it's the time honored DRIVE TO CHURCH!





"...and just so you know, I had a very good day today, so I'd like more of the same tomorrow."



MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
I	2	3	4	5 Nat'l Day of Prayer	6	7
10 a.m. Worship	5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice	6:30-8 p.m.	7:00 p.m. Mid- week Chat	I-5 p.m. Clothes Closet		
Holy Communion 6 p.m. Bible Study	6:45 p.m. Handbells	Rock Painting	I2:30 p.m. CODA	6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. C.R.		
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8	9	10	П	12	13	14
10 a.m. Worship	5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice	9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast	7:00 p.m. Mid- week Chat	I-5 p.m. Clothes Closet		
6 p.m. Bible Study	6:45 p.m.	6:30-8 p.m.		6 p.m. Buddy Bags		
Mother's Day	Handbells	Rock Painting		7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery		
15	16	17	18	19 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet	20	21
10 a.m. Worship	5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice	6:30 p.m. Ad Council Meeting	7:00 p.m. Mid- week Chat	6 p.m. Buddy Bags		
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
10 a.m. Worship	5:30 p.m. Praise	6:30-8 p.m.	7:00 p.m. Mid- week Chat	I-5 p.m. Clothes Closet	6:00 pm. Fellowship Diner	
6 p.m. Bible Study	Team Practice	Rock Painting	week Chat	6 p.m. Buddy Bags		
	6:45 p.m. Handbells			7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery		
29	30 Office closed	31				
10 a.m. Worship	5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice	6:30-8 p.m. Rock Painting				
6 p.m. Bible Study	6:45 p.m. Handbells					
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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.



Remember our fallen heros. They are the reason that we are free.