

Highlights & *focus*

JULY 2022

A Note from the Pastor
July 2022

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Wow, hard to believe it is July! ½ of 2022 has passed already. Seems like it just got started. That also means we only have 9 weeks until the big 200 th celebration!!

July has always been a special month in our family. It started when I was a kid. I don't remember whether it was on the 4th or around the 4th of July, but we would pack up the old sedan with a big paper grocery sack of popcorn, iced tea in a 2-gallon Styrofoam covered jug, a couple blankets and pillows. Then we would head off to the drive-in. There would be a double feature that began on the big screen at dark. Then it happened—intermission and the fireworks!! We would sit on the hood of the car and watch the fireworks. It may not have been much by today's standards but it was spectacular for all the kids sitting on their parent's cars.

Sometime after I left town, Vincennes started a 4th of July festival centered around the Revolutionary War George Rogers Clark Memorial. My mom would put the pressure on us to come to her house so we could all enjoy the day at the festival and watch the fireworks. (I know it's hard to believe that a mother would pressure her children to gather together 🎆🎆).

Some of us, who don't have to get up early for work, still gather at Vincennes for the fireworks. We sit on the lawn of the George Rogers Clark Memorial and watch one of the best fireworks displays in the area launched from the Lincoln Memorial bridge.

Now it is a tradition for my bunch to gather for fireworks on the lake. We will cook out for supper and about 9:00 launch the boat. We will find a good spot, drop the anchor, sit on the pontoon and enjoy the show shot from the Raccoon State Park. I believe it is having the same effect on my grandkids as sitting on the hood at the drive-in had on me. By the way, if I seem a little groggy on Sunday morning after the fireworks, you will know why.



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Hopefully, you have noticed that I pray for our country and our leaders along with the soldiers every Sunday. I fully believe that we live in a country that was founded on Biblical principles and faith. I also believe the Providence of God (as George Washington called it) was involved in the formation of our great nation. I have had the opportunity to visit 5 other countries. None of them measure up to the freedoms and the personal rights of citizenry that we enjoy and too often take for granted. Freedom of Speech, Assembly, Religion, Press, along with the others, guarantee our ability to worship God in the way that is best for us. Displaying the American flag in church reminds us of those freedoms and how they support our worship of the father in heaven. (Watch the Facebook post on the church Facebook page or the YouTube video sent out to everyone to see my views on displaying a flag in church.)

Our nation is a special place. Are we perfect? No, not even close. We are, in my opinion, the best overall place to live on the entire planet. We need to always remember those who fought and died to make us free and to ensure our freedom today. We need to continually pray for those in office so that the Providence of God will continue to prevail. We need to remember and not take for granted the Rights provided for us by the Founding Fathers in our Constitution through the Providence of God!

God Bless you all and God Bless America!

Pastor Jon



WORSHIP AND PRAY

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Our Shut-Ins:

Diana Lows, Mary Alice Barnes, Sandy Buck

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: \$317,146.60. Total expenses: \$189,333.63. 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
6/05/2022		38	\$3,143.00
6/12/2022		44	\$2,252.35
6/19/2022		44	\$1,637.50
6/26/2022		52	\$1,707.10
June total to date:		178	\$8,739.95

Needed monthly to enable the church's ministries: \$8,468.14
2022 Average Worship Attendance: 52

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.)

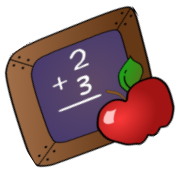
Rockville First United Methodist Church

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 2022-2023. 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 July 2022

3rd	Lu Ann Malone
10th	Carol Keller
17th	Lee Ann Malone
24th	Aaron Mathis Family
31st	Greg & Susan Harbison

AROUND THE CHURCH

The Dine with a Doc ® program for **July 7th** at 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. John Lee M.D. , Midwest Sight Foundation, NFP. 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 Kindred Hospice ,Terre Haute, 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!

July Birthdays

05 Bill Russell
 07 Aedon King
 08 Devin Akers
 09 Ross Akers
 11 Jeff Miller
 12 Linda Spelbring
 14 Karin Woodson

18 Jerry McMullen
 21 Maia Holaday
 27 Greg Harbison
 Isabella Krusely
 31 Elias Milligan



August Birthdays

01 Jennifer Ader
 Don Navel
 02 Mariana Ponce



01 Mark & Martha Holaday
 19 Bill & Stacey Bettis
 23 Pastor Jon & Gale Overbey
 28 Lloyd & Sally Zuber
 30 Dan & Kathy Price

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

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 Meets at the
Rockville First United Methodist Church
 every other **Wednesday**
 at **6:00 p.m.**
Next Meeting will be July 6th



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
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



Rockville First United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes
May 17, 2022

Ad Council members present: Rob Belcher, Mary Jane Evens, Diana Ruark, Mark Spelbring, Bill Becker, Randy Randall, Carol Keller, Alex Milligan

Absent: Maddie Belcher, Pastor Jon Overbey, Merideth McGill,

Council Business

Rob Belcher opened the meeting with prayer.

The April minutes were approved.

Interior Design committee: Elaine Waltz presented carpet samples and carpet ideas for the Council to consider. Elaine also discussed the idea of installing laminate in the Chapel and hallways which would raise the quote from \$25,000 to \$35,000. That quote would include the Sanctuary, Chapel and hallway. We have been “penciled in” by Patton’s for July installment.

OLD BUSINESS:

Handicap Ramp update: There is a discrepancy in the handrail quote. The contractor is wanting to raise the bid \$9800. The handrail is on hold until this discrepancy can be cleared up. Bill Becker will talk with Andy Willhite, City Welding, for suggestions of something cheaper.

Plaster update: There are 2 spots in need of repair, the balcony, north vestibule, water comes off the top of the tower. There is a drain there. Purdy, the brick contractor, will be here to check. Mark Downing will finish the plaster work once this is taken care of.

Classroom update: The exterior doors have been ordered. We cannot paint until we know what’s going to be done with the windows and electric is installed. We have approximately 10 panels to install for the other classrooms. All was in agreement to open the suggestion up to the congregation to “adopt” a panel. The cost would be approximately \$200 per panel.

Nursery update: Mark Downing will build or have built the framing for the new windows in the boy scout & nursery rooms and install the new windows.

Painting information: Bill Becker reported 12 contractors were contacted, out of 12, 7 responded. Out of 7 responses 2 bids were received. Mid-West Precision Coatings was chosen. They are required to use Sherwin Williams paint.

Stained glass glazing: [plexiglass covering] Bovart Studios, Fairfield, IA, was contacted. The glazing now in place was installed in 1996 for \$30,000, to replace the glazing with the same product is \$60,000. That would include some small repairs to the trim. Also, the bottom windows would be sealed shut. Rob Belcher will contact the Amish that own Eagle/Mid-West windows for a quote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leave Days: With all the family incidences going on between Pastor Jon and Kathy’s families, it was decided to give them time off needed, without make up days.

Mary Jane Evens will purchase wind chimes for Pastor Jon and Gale in memory of Jessica.

Ad Council Minutes, cont'd

Finance Report:

Mary Jane Evens gave the financial Report. Mark Spelbring reviewed the Budget. Martha Holaday is requesting an increase in the allotment for Fellowship Diner. The allotment has been increased \$25/month.

Staff Parish Relations Report:

Diana Ruark was welcomed as the SPRC-Chair. Diana has been in contact with various people of the West District conference to introduce herself. She has been signed up with the conference as Church Parish. There is no spring assessment for Clergy.

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

Randy Randall reported that the Illini 4000 Bikers will arrive June 7th and will depart on June 8th after a breakfast of pancakes and sausage. Randy requested \$50 to take the bikers to the fair grounds to shower. Celebrate Recovery inquired about having a garage sale in June or July. It was decided the garage sale could not be held at the church with all the remodeling taking place.

Bicentennial Committee:

The committee is continuing to work on the church history book. The newsletters through 2021 have been reviewed to pick out important events. The committee has a quote for printing from Staples of \$2300. The Bicentennial Committee has asked each program within the church will write a letter describing their program and it will be included in the next letter to be sent out for the 200th Anniversary. It was discussed to celebrate one of our programs each month in June/July/August with a meal. The last Sunday in June will be used as a kick-off for the 200th Anniversary.

Alex Milligan closed the meeting in prayer.

Next Ad Council Meeting will be June 21, 2022.



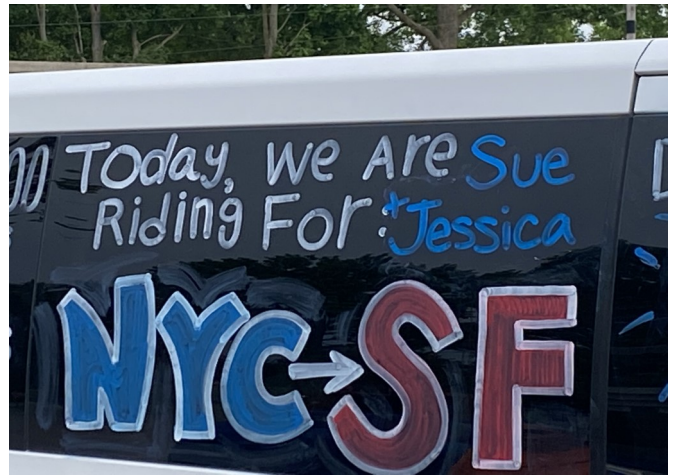
Installing the ceiling in the downstairs Janitorial Closet



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Congratulations Ashlynn and Emilia Softball Champs



Congratulations Aedon King Wabash River Conference





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Parke County Fair-Church sponsored booth in the Community Building!
At the Fairgrounds July 11, 2022. evenings of Monday-Thursday 5-8:00 p.m.**

Set up-Sunday July 10

Tear down after 8 p.m. Thursday, or Friday July 14.

Volunteer to greet visitors to the Community Building during the County Fair! The Church will have a booth set up to introduce visitors to the programs at our church. Please help us one evening! Contact the office, Pastor Jon or Mary Jane Evens to sign up! Thank you in advance! Office 569-5356.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Church sponsored games for the Main Street Block Party event!
Downtown July 30, 2022 5-9:00 P.M.**

The Rockville First United Methodist church is a member of Main Street Rockville who organizes events for the community and local merchants and organizations to interact. The church will be manning a couple games for this event and will need some volunteers to help! Please contact the church office or Mary Jane Evens to sign up! Thank You in advance for helping the church be a caring face of God in our community! Office 569-5356.

Rockville United Methodist Church

200th Anniversary Kickoff/Pitch-in Dinner





200th ANNIVERSARY CLOTHING

Hat \$17

T-shirt \$16

Golf shirt \$23

Shirts have a \$4 up charge
for XXL and larger



Do You Know Your Hymns?

Dentist's Hymn	. . .	Crown Him with Many Crowns.
Weatherman's Hymn	. . .	There Shall Be Showers of Blessings.
Contractor's Hymn	. . .	The Church's One Foundation.
Tailor's Hymn	. . .	Holy, Holy, Holy.
Golfer's Hymn	. . .	There's a Green Hill Far Away.
Politician's Hymn	. . .	Standing on the Promises!
Optometrist's Hymn.	. . .	Open My Eyes That I Might See.
IRS Agent's Hymn	. . .	I Surrender All.
Gossip's Hymn	. . .	Pass It On.
Electrician's Hymn	. . .	Send The Light..
Shopper's Hymn	. . .	Sweet Bye and Bye.
Realtor's Hymn	. . .	I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop.
Massage Therapist's Hymn.		He Touched Me.

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

55 mph	. . .	God Will Take Care of You
75 mph	. . .	Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph	. . .	This World Is Not My Home
95 mph	. . .	Lord, I'm Coming Home
100 mph	. . .	Precious Memories

Give me a sense of humor, Lord, Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life, And pass it on to other folks.

Some of the greatest lies
ever told by your children:

"I forgot "
"I'll pay you back later,"
and
"It was like that
when I found it."

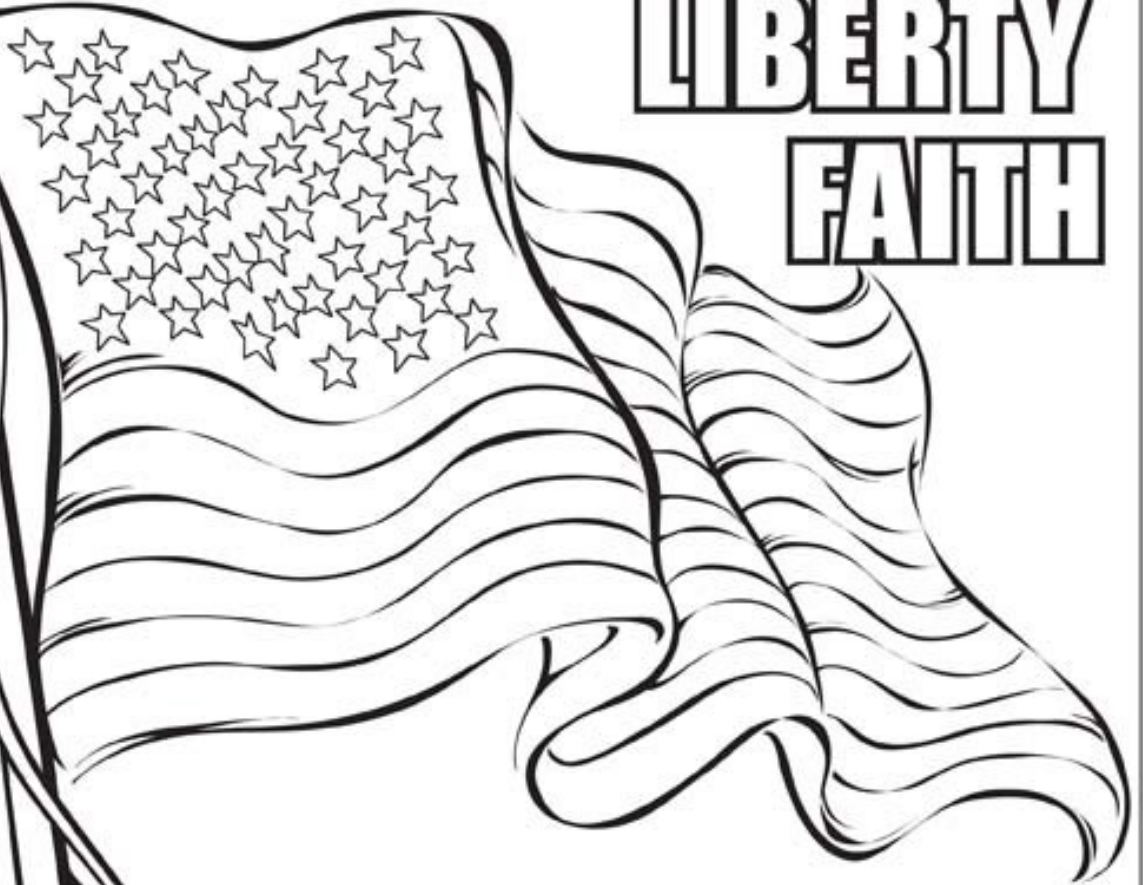
*Bill Cosby as
Cliff Huxtable on The Cosby Show*

**WHEN CHURCH
BECOMES
OPTIONAL TO YOU**

**IT WILL BECOME
UNNECESSARY TO YOUR
CHILDREN**



**FREEDOM
LIBERTY
FAITH**



AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

by Katherine Lee Bates

Oh beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties, Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea.

The Tea Party

The Tea Party calls upon our representatives to limit the government's role in everyday life, and to support people and businesses, but not demand from, control or over tax the people or businesses. The government should never become a burden in our lives. The Tea Party represents freedom, liberty, limited government and the ability to achieve success on an individual basis with economic freedom.



JULY 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 OFFICE CLOSED 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 6:00 p.m. CODA	7 11 a.m. Dine with a Doc 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	8	9
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ROCKVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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office.rockvilleumc@gmail.com
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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.

