

# Highlights & *focus*

AUGUST 2022

## A Note from the Pastor August 2022

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It doesn't seem like it has been almost a year since we had the kickoff for the 200<sup>th</sup> celebration and started our 52-week countdown. We are now 4 Sundays away from the big day. Sometimes I don't know if I'm excited or concerned or both. The painting has taken twice as long as we were told, and they are not done yet. What is done is beautiful. There was concern about the walls being too dark, the contrast between the types of lighting, and some anxiety about a "new" color scheme. But it looks wonderful. A very BIG THANK YOU to Elaine for coordinating the ceiling, wall, woodwork, and carpet colors. The white accent around the cross is striking. I think you will all like it very much. You are welcome to go in anytime and look around, although I want to remind you it is still a mess. Bill Becker has been coordinating the work and he is doing his best to keep it moving.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the "A" (Alan and Alex) team for coordinating the celebration. They have shared the chair of the committee and worked diligently to pull it all together. The whole committee has been great and put in a lot of hard work to make this event as special as it should be when a church is celebrating 200 years.

August is one of my favorite months. Hot weather doesn't bother me so that's not an issue. But what I like about August is the landscape. As I travel down the road in my 3-wheeler, the van, or one of the trucks I like to look at the landscape. I also like the smell of the corn as it tassels. It seems all things that grow, trees, corn, beans, meadows, pastures, are at their greenest and fullest. In September the browning and fading starts as we move into autumn. But, in August we get to enjoy the beauty of the vibrant green world the LORD had created.

August is also when we go to visit our friends in Montana. After church on the 7<sup>th</sup> we have the last church dinner to mark we are 4 weeks from the 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration. When the meal is over, and we have changed our clothes, Gale and I will be piling in the van and heading west. It takes about 24 hours of driving time to get to the city of Nye, population 272. It will take us a bit longer because we like to stop and enjoy some of the sites along the way. Last year as we were about to return Bill & Taunnie sent us a text with some pictures suggesting we check out Sioux Falls (both the city and the falls).

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## A Note from the Pastor Continued

It was well worth the extra time. We usually stop at the Corn Palace in Mitchell, SD on the way out. Its kind of a corny place . 😊

No, it really is a corny place. They sell all kinds of corn food, crafts, and memorabilia. The best part though, is the mural making up 2 sides of the corner building. Everything on the mural is from corn. They have over 25 different colors of kernels. They use the silks, the husks, and the stalks also. Every year the mural changes so we make a pass by the building.



We also have to stop by Wall Drug in Wall, SD to get some free ice water. (If you have every been out northwest you start seeing billboards and Burma Shave type signs advertising free ice water starting about 400 miles in advance of Wall.) We generally find ourselves with some of the homemade ice cream before we leave the store. You know you are out west when you walk into the leather goods section of the store and not only do you see a lot of cowboy boots and hats, but there are many chaps, and all kinds of real gun belts. And people are buying them!

August is also the time for the State Fair. When we get back we will be going to the State Fair with Norah, our grand daughter. Her photography entry in the Hendricks County Fair gained her the Grand Champion Ribbon. We will go with her and the family to see how she made out with the state level competition. I'm sure grandma and grandpa will be springing for some rides and fair food while we are there.



What ever you have planned this month celebrate it with the goodness God places in every month.

And make sure you plan to be at the great 200<sup>th</sup> Celebration on September 4 for Worship service and the Special service that follows after lunch!!

Be blessed through the month ahead and be sure you are a blessing to others.

Love you all,

*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:** \$317,518.60. Total expenses: \$209,833.63. 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
7/03/2022		50	\$3,085.50
7/10/2022		57	\$2,417.35
7/17/2022		30	\$1,355.00
7/24/2022		35	\$1,593.25
7/31/2022		42	\$2,578.61
<b>July total to date:</b>		<b>214</b>	<b>\$11,029.71</b>

**Needed monthly to enable the church's ministries: \$8,468.14**  
**2022 Average Worship Attendance: 43**

## 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.)*

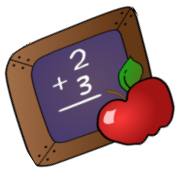
**Rockville First United Methodist Church**

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 August 2022***

7th Larry & Charla Malone  
14th Mark & Martha Holaday  
21st Myrna Rose  
28th Bill & Taunnie Russell

## AROUND THE CHURCH

The Dine with a Doc® program for **August 4th** 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. Christine Toevs MD., Terre Haute Regional Hospital. 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 Elara Caring, 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!

### August Birthdays

01 Jennifer Ader  
Don Navel  
Vivian Waltz  
02 Mariana Ponce  
06 Martha Holaday  
17 Sally Zuber  
27 Daniel Milligan  
29 Jacob Brown  
30 Natalie Geiger



17 Mike & Diana Ruark

### September Birthdays

01 Aaron Mathis  
04 Caleb Swinehart

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 6:00 p.m.**  
**Next Meeting will be August 17th**



**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

Rusty Akers, 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



*We will be celebrating September 4, 2022.  
Make your plans to join in our celebration.*



Our order of Worship will be the same.

The day will also include:

Special music and special readings throughout the day

Activities for the kids



Bell Choir will perform



Historic Memorabilia will be available

11:30—12:45 p.m. Dinner will be served

1:00 p.m. A special service with guest speaker:  
Dr. Aleze Fulbright, Conference Superintendent serving the  
West District



Join us for the day of worship, fellowship, reminiscing and  
praising our Lord and Savior

## **Rockville First United Methodist Church Administrative Council Minutes** **June 21, 2022**

Present-R. Belcher, D. Ruark, M. Spelbring, M.J. Evens, R. Randall, A. Milligan, C. Keller, M. Belcher, J. Overbey.

The meeting was brought to order and a prayer was given by R. Belcher.

Minutes from the May 17, 2022 meeting were read and approved.

### **Committee Updates**

#### **Trustees Items:**

- 1. Interior Design**-Sanctuary Paint colors are chosen. Sanctuary carpet selection has been made. We need written quotes from Patton's in Kingman and Feld's in Greencastle.
- 2. Ramp Handrail Update**-Reviewed Purdy contract and pricing. Original rail quote was \$9,200, now it is \$9,800. Cost of railing direct with City Welding, \$16,500. We are currently withholding last payment of \$7,000.00 from Purdy. Final decision and action needs taken.
- 3. Tower Final Plaster Repair**-this will be completed after Purdy makes final repairs in north tower.
- 4. Basement Update** -Painting-after discussion the board decided to keep the wall color uniform in all classrooms. Other proposed wall colors will need to be brought to the Board for approval. Nursery room is finished-repainted. Waiting on window repair in nursery and exterior door replacement in west classrooms. Janitor closet-ceiling to be drywalled but not completely finished to allow access to plumbing; holes will be repaired, walls painted, sink replaced, water main-shut off to be clearly marked.
- 5. Painting in Sanctuary and Chapel**-Midwest Precision Coatings, Rosedale will start June 27. A decision for removing drapes, tables and chairs needs to be made and action taken. A down payment has been made.
- 6. Painting to be Addressed**-Fellowship Hall, York Street entry.
- 7. Administrative Council Update**-still need a men's representative to the council.
- 8. Secretary Coverage**-We need coverage in the office for 10 days while Kathy's husband, Dan, has surgery and recovery beginning 6/29. Kathy will be in periodically. Our prayers for them.
- 9. Dinner after Church** June 26, 2022-This is a Pre-200 Celebration Dinner. Meat will be provided. Bring a covered dish and enjoy fellowship.
- 8. Update on Conference-Pastor's Report**- Information was given by Pastor Jon.
- 9. Block Party-Main Street sponsored event** July 30, 2022. FUMC is a Mainstreet member and has been asked to man games for this event. Main Street contact person is Cassidy Helms 765-365-2574 for clarification on games. We will need people to volunteer to help with this event, as well as County Fair booth in the Commercial Building for Monday-Thursday evenings.
- 10. Finance Report**-Low on Budgeted Funding-Paid painters down payment has offset the budget. Some items are becoming harder to order ie: copy paper. Stamps will go up again this summer.
- 11. Staff Parish**-No report.
- 12. Illini 4000 Report**-Update from R. Randall. This sponsored event went well. Thanks to Bill Becker for housing 4 riders. Thanks to all who helped, cooked, donated snacks and Randy for dedicated organization.
- 13. Centennial Celebration**-Reservation Letters have been mailed. Apparel will soon be ordered. Information on cost of printing a history book is being gathered. Celebration meal is planned. Program is being finalized.

Next meeting is July 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Jon closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting was dismissed.





Painting has begun . . . . Progress being made . . . . .





There are many capital improvements projects going on this year. There are also some private projects such as the fellowship hall basement improvements that different people in the church have taken on. There are two projects that have not been completed because funding the projects have not been completely funded.

The first project is the basement wall panels. There are still about ten panels that need funding. Each panel cost is \$200.00.

The second project is the updating to the fellowship hall upstairs women's bathroom. The sink needs to be replaced and a new baby changing station needs to be installed. This project needs about \$500.00 to \$600.00 funding.

If you would like to help fund either of these two projects just attach a note to your donation as to what project you wish to help fund.

Thanks



## Phone Number Change

Marty and Mary Jane Evens  
No longer have a land line

Marty's cell: 765-721-7800  
Mary Jane's cell: 765-721-7601

RFUMC has been invited to participate.  
Carol Milligan and Mary Jane Evens  
will be contacting people to see if you would like  
to help serve or make a dessert.



## Benefit for Dan and Kathy Price

### Chicken Noodle Dinner

\$10 per person

Saturday, August 27, 2022

\* 4-8 PM

Montezuma Community Center  
800 Jackson St.; Montezuma, IN

Hosted by Immanuel So. Baptist Church  
For Information Call 765-569-7303



Rockville First United Methodist Church  
joined the  
BLOCK PARTY





## 200th ANNIVERSARY CLOTHING

Hat \$17

T-shirt \$16

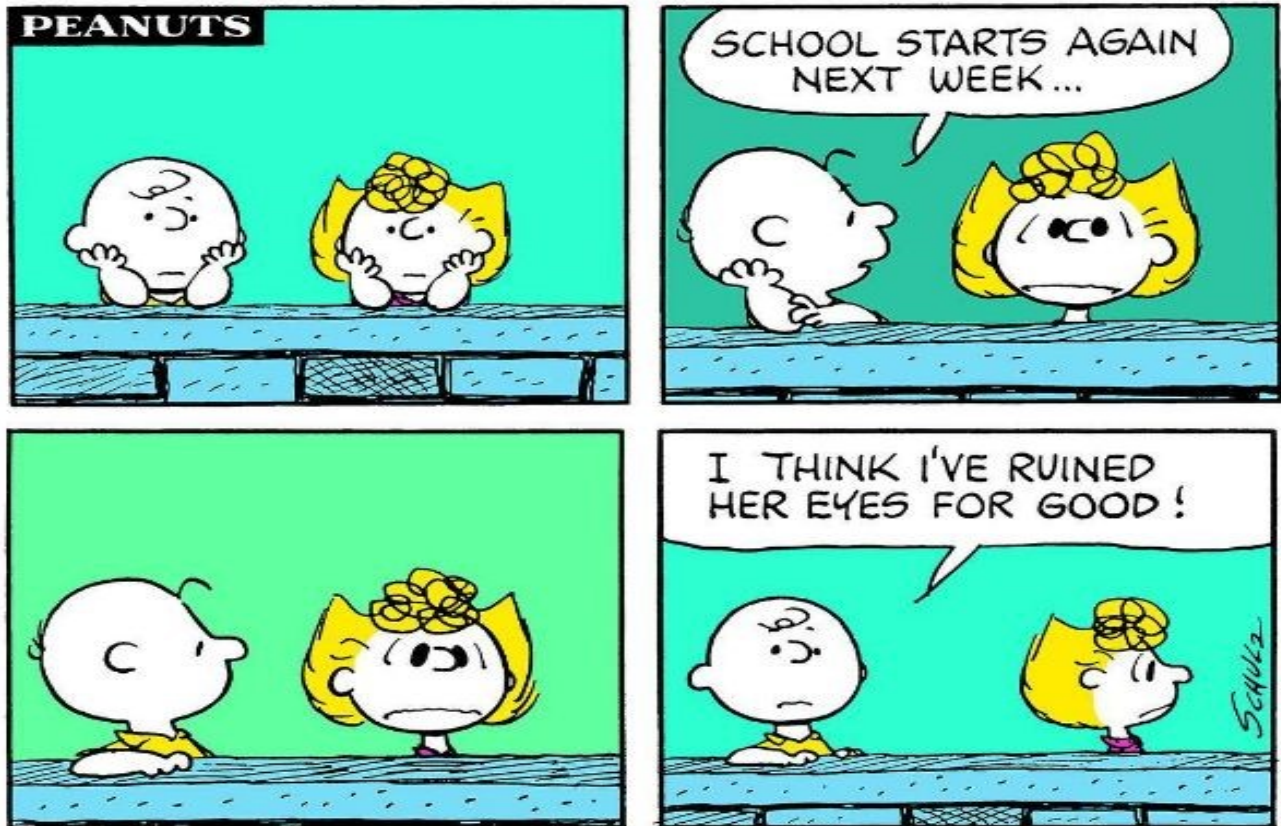
Golf shirt \$23

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



"A Christian is: a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, and a hand through which Christ helps." ~ Saint Augustine

"Let your life reflect the faith you have in God. Fear nothing and pray about everything. Be strong, trust God's word, and trust the process."



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# AUGUST 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	2 6:30-8 p.m. Rock Painting	3 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	4 11 a.m. Dine with a Doc 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	5	6
7 10 a.m. Worship Holy Communion 6 p.m. Bible Study 200th Kick-off Dinner	8 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells <u>Back to School Riverton Parke</u>	9 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 6:30-8 p.m. Rock Painting <u>Back to School Parke Heritage</u>	10 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	11 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	12	13
14 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	15 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	16 6:30 p.m. Ad Council Meeting 6:30-8 p.m. Rock Painting	17 6:00 p.m. CODA 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	18 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	19	20
21 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study <b>"Bus Bunch"</b>	22 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	23 6:30-8 p.m. Rock Painting	24 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	25 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	26 6 p.m. Fellowship Diner	27
28 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	29 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	30 6:30-8 p.m. Rock Painting	31 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat			

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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](mailto: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.

