

Highlights & *focus*

SEPTEMBER 2022

A Note from the Pastor September 2022

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200 years!! What a great thing to celebrate! And celebrate we did too. We started the planning a whole year before the Grand Celebration. It seemed so far away when we started and then it was here so fast. There were 141 of us singing together, celebrating together, praying together, worshipping together, and sharing communion together in the morning worship service. The joy of those present and the sound of their voices was almost overwhelming. You could feel the Holy Spirit in the church.

As I stepped into the pulpit watching the children light the candles, the honor and privilege of leading that service came upon me in a special way. I cannot tell you how much it meant to be in the pulpit of the Rockville First United Methodist Church congregation that day. The church was so beautiful with the new paint and floor coverings. Seeing the pews full, (although the front center pew still had plenty of room) was even more beautiful than the renovated Sanctuary. Then, to hear the voices that joined in the old songs of praise as the 10-member Praise Team led us was magnificent. Miriam's flowers on the alter table and in the fellowship hall brought an added beauty from the arrangements and knowing they came from the garden of one of our church families. It was truly a worship service worthy of the 200-year celebration.

Seeing the fellowship of everyone in the packed Fellowship Hall for the meal was impressive. The history items on display touched a lot of memories and interest.

The Celebration Service was a joy to behold and a joy as we all participated in the singing and other events. It was a lot of fun to present the history. Pat Dixon's memories touched us all. The Bell Choir music rang through the room and our spirits. One of the highlights for me was reading the letter from 100-year-old Pastor Chet. It been more than 60 years since pastor Chet served here, which is more than many at the service have been alive, and he remembered the specialness of this congregation.

None of what occurred on that glorious day would have been possible without the work of a lot of people. The fist to be thanked are Alex Milligan and Alan Adar. They were the co-chairs (the A-Team) of the 200 th Celebration committee. They kept us organized, on schedule, and focused. There were several sub-committees that took on specific parts of the activities for the day.

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A Note from the Pastor Continued

History—Susan Harbison, Karin Woodson, and Diana Ruark. They went through archives, old newsletters from the past 20+ years, arranged the artifacts in the Chapel, and brought the church history book up to date so the new version could be printed.

Promotion—Mark Spelbring and Elaine Waltz. Designed the logo used on shirts, hats, church presentation slides, post cards and a lot of other stuff. They took care of the newspaper articles, pictures, and advertisements. The pens and magnets came from them.

Food—Martha Holaday and Randy Randall. Planned the menu, bought and prepared the food, coordinated the donated food, organized the kitchen help, and cleaned the kitchen. I also know there were many volunteers who assisted in the preparation, serving and cleaning of the kitchen—thanks to you also.

Worship and Celebration order—Pastor Jon, Carol Milligan, Diana Adar. Found good communion cups, picked music for both services, laid out the order of events, coordinated the organ and piano music.

Countless hours went into all of this preparation. Additionally, there were many hours the Praise Team and Bell Choir spent in practices.

I want to also thank Aaron Mathis for the efforts he put into getting the sound system going again and fine tuning it to the varying needs of the service and celebration.

Janie Pound back on the Sanctuary piano is always a blessing.

Amanda Lee was unseen, as usual, because she was watching children in the nursery. Very much appreciated.

Kathy Price put in a lot of hours to get the “behind the scenes” things done. We could not have done what we did without her.

Russ Hall, our custodian, needs a special thanks. Not only did Russ set up the Fellowship Hall each week we had to worship in there, but he also kept everything clean and ready along the way. The special thanks come from what you didn't see. Our plumbing started acting up Friday before the celebration. Starting with the celebration worship service, and especially during the lunch, Russ was in the lower level of the Fellowship Hall mopping up the sewage that kept backing up into the floor. He kept at it all day Sunday until the mess stopped flowing.

What many of you may not be aware of is the unseen efforts of many trying to get the church building up to snuff for the celebration. We started the Capital Campaign efforts in 2019 hoping to be a little faster along than we are in the building repair process. You may recall that Covid hit us just a couple of weeks after we first rolled out the Capital Campaign plan. It not only set us back, but it also delayed getting anything from contractors including, quotes, material, and work. There will be more about all of that in another newsletter. However, I do want to mention a couple of things. First is that we were delayed a bunch by our painter. He said they would be done in 2 ½ weeks. That timeframe would have given us a couple of weeks for the carpet installation and at least a month for us to finish what we needed to do. Instead of 2 ½ weeks we are at about the 3rd month, and he is still not finished. We had to get him to a stopping point so we could get the carpet installed before the celebration. We were scrambling the past couple of weeks to get many, many things done. Alan Adar got the organ playing.

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Because of the squeeze for time, we had to hire a company to clean the church on Friday. Mark Holaday reconnected the projection system and the projection system was finally up and running on Saturday afternoon just hours before we needed it. WE were doing touch up painting Saturday evening. We were removing doors, hanging doors, refinishing 150 year old doors, painting foundations, cleaning up wood on the outside of the church, readjusting the ceiling spot lights, repainting the main floor restrooms, and a bunch of other things. There were so many of us trying to get things presentable that I would have a hard time listing all of them. Thanks to you all!!!

One of the greatest things that became apparent through the preparation for this event is the life of the church. During our preparations we realized there are over 20 active ministries of the church. Some happen weekly, some monthly, some annually and others as needed. The demonstration of the grace of God in this church, the love of Christ in this church, and the work of the Spirit in this church are living testimonies of the life of the this church. Looking at the history, the witness of this congregation has always been strong. That witness continues with strength and vigor today. That was how we came up with the slogan of the celebration, "200 Years of Serving Christ." May we, and all who come after us, continue to serve Christ by serving those around us with strength and vigor until He returns.

Thanks for the blessing I get from being your Pastor!!

Pastor Jon



WORSHIP AND PRAY

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS!

Our Shut-Ins:

Diana Lows, 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: \$318,793.60. Total expenses: \$246,378.59. 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
8/07/2022		54	\$3,323.43
8/14/2022		50	\$2,008.75
8/21/2022		48	\$2,255.00
8/28/2022		50	\$1,344.00
August total to date:		202	\$8,931.18

Needed monthly to enable the church's ministries: \$8,468.14
2022 Average Worship Attendance: 50

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.)

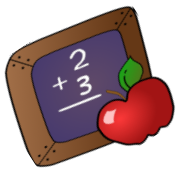
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128 N. Market St., Rockville, IN

(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.



***Greeters for
September 2022***

4th Susan Harbison, Steve Waltz & Kent Langdoc
11th Amanda Lee
18th Stacey & Ashlynn Bettis
25th Alan & Diana Ader

AROUND THE CHURCH

The Dine with a Doc[®] program for **September 1st** 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: Leslie Batty FNP-C, Valley Professionals Community Health Center, Rockville. 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 Clinton Gardens, Clinton, 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!

September Birthdays

01 Aaron Mathis
04 Caleb Swinehart
10 Liverio Ponce
12 Michael Milligan
13 Doug Dixon
19 Lloyd Zuber
20 Louise Norman
21 Taunnie Russell
25 Ashlynn Jane Bettis
27 Miriam Lash



26 Greg & Susan Harbison

October Birthdays

03 Logan Carlton
04 Kapria Collings
05 Charles Allen Miller
06 Nick Waltz

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 September 21st



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 have ink pens,
magnets and
history books
available

See a council member
or see Kathy in the
office.







What a celebration . . . 200 years of serving Christ





July 19, 2022 RFUMC Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Rob Belcher, Maddie Belcher and Merideth McGill

The meeting was brought to order and a prayer was given by Alex Milligan.

Minutes from the June 21, 2022 meeting were read and approved.

Committee Updates

Trustees Items:

1. Painting in Sanctuary and Chapel-Sanctuary is not yet completed. Bill Becker reported Midwest Precision Coatings are behind on their project. Bill will contact the contractor for a projected finish date. The Chapel has not been started. Painters are to remove and dispose of curtains.

Pastor Jon has started stripping and repairing the outside doors. The doors are pine not oak.

2. Tower Final Plaster Repair-The leak in the tower has been repaired. We had no leaks after our last heavy rain.

3. Carpet-Feld's of Greencastle has been chosen for the carpet. They will also be responsible for moving the furniture. Council discussed repairing weak spots in the floor before laying carpet. Also discussed placing shorter pews in the two front rows and two back rows for wheelchair accessibility.

Mary Jane Evens made a motion to accept the Feld's bid. Bill Becker 2nd. All in favor.

4. Ramp Handrail Update-Reviewed Purdy contract and pricing. The original railing bid did not have the extra piece of railing, it was added later. Bill Becker has talked with Andy at City Welding. Rob Belcher talked with Purdy, the contractor.

5. Basement Update -Electrical still needs installed in Martha's classroom.

Bill Becker spoke with Mark Downing. He will install classroom windows when he replaces the doors.

Janitor closet-The plumbing and sink will be moved to the back of the room.

The stained-glass window covering quote at \$60,000 is two years old. We need to obtain another quote.

6. Painting to be Addressed-Fellowship Hall, York Street entry.

7. Administrative Council Update-Rusty Akers has been chosen as the Men's Representative.

8.PASTOR REPORT: Block Party-Main Street sponsored event July 30, 2022. RFUMC as a Main-street member and has been asked to man the game Candy Land and Martha will have tables for rock painting. We will need people to volunteer to help with this event.

Pastor Jon and Gale will be on vacation starting August 7th after the morning service through August 16th. Alex Milligan will speak on August 14th.

Pastor Jon reminded council in order to vote on anything pertaining to the church, you must be a professing member of the church.

Pastor Jon discussed N/A [Tammy George] holding their meeting here for one hour on Wednesday evenings , 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. They will pay \$20 toward the utilities. Randy Randall will unlock for them. All in favor.

Simple safe needs to be activated.

9. Finance Report-Mary Jane Evens gave the financial report. It was suggested to include a breakdown of all expenditures of the Capital Improvement fund in the newsletter. Mark Spelbring reported of another grant he will be applying for in the fall. Alex Milligan reported Food Security Alliance has reimbursed the Buddy Bag program approximately \$9000.

10. Centennial Celebration- Apparel has been printed. History book will be ready for the printers by the end of July. Celebration meal is planned. Program is being finalized.

11. Staff Parish-Diana Ruark handed out assessments of the pastor's use of time to each council member to prepare for Pastor's evaluation.

Next meeting is August 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.



Fun Day at the Water Park
RFUMC



Murphy
Aquatic
Park



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SEPTEMBER 2022

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11 a.m. Dine with a Doc 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	2	3
4 10 a.m. Worship Holy Communion	5 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	6	7 6:00 p.m. CODA 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	8 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	9	10
11 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	12 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	13 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast	14 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	15 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	16	17
18 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study "Bus Bunch"	19 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	20 6:30 p.m. Ad Council Meeting	21 6:00 p.m. CODA 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	22 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	23	27
25 10 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Bible Study	26 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	27	28 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	29 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	30 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Diner	

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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.