

Highlights & *focus*

NOVEMBER 2022

A Note from the Pastor November 2022

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As I was sitting at the computer thinking about what to write this month, I looked out the window. To my amazement there were several robins in the yard. They were here for 3 days. Either we are having a VERY EARLY spring, or they were really off on their timing to go south. I would like to think the first is correct, but I feel like they were just messed up this year. Just so you know I am in my right mind, (I know some of you may wonder about that at times) 😊 I had Gale look out there also. I tried to get a picture of the only one that was close enough to capture on my iPhone. Just as I hit the button, it turned the other way. I got a good picture of his back.

I do have to say this has been a beautiful autumn. The leaves were extremely beautiful this year. The weather for the Covered Bridge Festival was about as good as I have seen it in the past 20 years. For several years we have hosted an October family day. My siblings and their families, along with all of my bunch gather at the house for a day of fun. Julius brought a bunch of his family and friends that are now all a part of our family. We had about 50 people. The weather was so warm we were in T- shirts, we took rides on the pontoon boat, and the hayride at the end of the day only required a light jacket.

I want to thank everyone who helped around the church for all of the festival activities. Those who helped park cars, the Hospitality Center volunteers, those who brought stuff and worked the 'yard sale' in the fellowship hall, and a couple even gave tours of the church to those who asked to see the sanctuary. Randy had a goal of \$1500 for the "yard sale" and exceeded \$2000. He had less items this year yet made more money. What a great reason to praise. It looks like the parking lot will be about the same because there are only so many spots to be filled. The Festival is always a lot of work, but it benefits the church, and other nonprofits with much needed funds.

The month of November is always packed full of special days within the church. November 1 is All Saints Day, the Memorial Day of the church. We, like many congregations, celebrate on the first Sunday of the month. We will honor and remember the saints of our congregation and our families on that day. Election day is on Tuesday the 8th . It is important for people in the Church to vote to keep the Nation free and ensure our freedoms. November 11 is Veteran's Day. We will honor our veterans who keep our freedoms and ensure our security on Sunday November 13. If you are a veteran, please be sure to attend that day. If you know a veteran, invite them to come and be honored that day.

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November 20th is Christ the King Day. It is a day we remember that Jesus is the King of kings and LORD of us all. November 20th is also the day we collect shoeboxes packed with items to give in Christ's Name to children all over the world who have never heard the Gospel. It opens the door to change their lives and the lives of their villages. For many of these children this will be the only gift they receive in their entire life.

We all know that Thanksgiving is coming on the 4th Thursday of the month. It is the time in our nation, more than any other, in which we gather as families. As we gather, we remember the Grace of God that has blessed us with so many things over the previous year. We feast, we visit, we renew the bonds of love that bind us together.

The last Sunday of November is the New Years Day of the Church. Advent is the first day of the Christian year. It is the day we start the count down to Christmas. It is a special day for us in our special congregation and we celebrate the "Hanging of the Greens." The Sanctuary is decorated for the Christmas Season as we remember the meanings of our Christmas, Christian symbols. The beauty of the Sanctuary always impresses me. It is so beautiful!

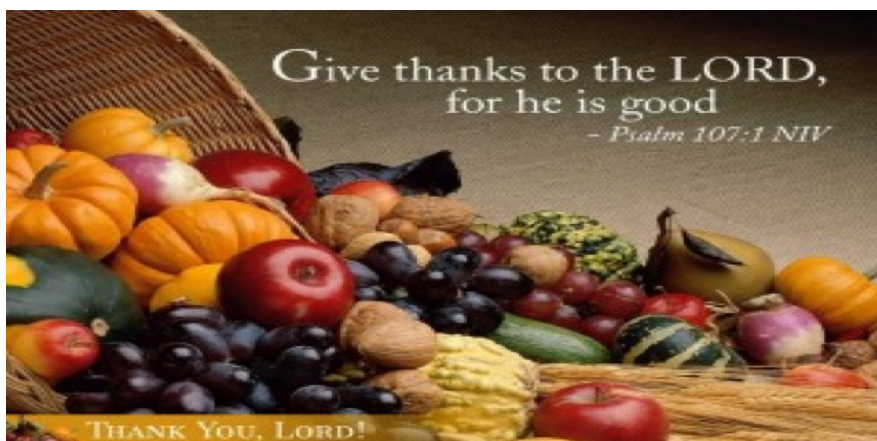
Our family always gathers on Friday or Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend at a tree farm to cut our family Christmas tree. Some of the grandkids now take turns using the saw to cut down the tree. We then go to our house to place the tree in our family room. The 2 boys, now dads, assist in mounting the tree. The grandkids and I hang the lights. From the time my kids were old enough to hang ornaments, we have gathered special ornaments commemorating certain things in their lives. Each year they place their ornaments on the family tree. As they married, we added ornaments for our new family members. Grandma has made sure the grandkids have ornaments of their own to hang now also. The grandkids love hanging their ornaments and wherever they place them, that is where they stay. As you can imagine there are a lot of ornaments on the lower ½ of the tree. Other than Christmas itself, this day is the most significant day of the year for us. This year will be tough. This will be the first Christmas in 44 years that Jessica was not with us to decorate the tree. Julius will be with us and that will soften the loss somewhat.

For all of the reasons above, November gives us so many reasons to be thankful. The saints that made it possible for us to be the church we have become. The veterans that served to keep us free and safe. The Christ that is King overall. The opportunity to share Christ's love with children around the world. Our families, friends and blessings. The beginning of the anticipation for the Christ Child that will be celebrated a few weeks later.

For me it is another month to be thankful to be your pastor.

May November be a month of special blessings to you all. May it also give you an opportunity to bless others in the Name of Jesus Christ!

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.

FACTS & FIGURES

Date	Sunday School Attendance	Worship Attendance	Tithes & Offerings
10/02/2022		51	\$3,013.00
10/09/2022		44	\$2,441.32
10/16/2022		36	\$1,352.00
10/23/2022		40	\$ 959.00
10/30/2022		40	\$2077.00
September total to date:		211	\$9,842.32

Needed monthly to enable the church's ministries: \$8,468.14
2022 Average Worship Attendance: 42

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.)

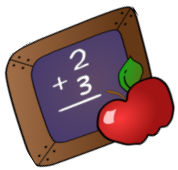
Rockville First United Methodist Church

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 Larry or Charla Malone.



The 2nd Tuesday of every month.
9:00 a.m.



***Greeters for
November 2022***

6th	Jamie Bunch
13th	Mark & Linda Spelbring
20th	Doug Dixon
27th	Kathy Allison

AROUND THE CHURCH

The Dine with a Doc ® program for **November 3rd** 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. Tom Nicholas (Family Practice). 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. *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!

November Birthdays

06 Karen Kent
12 Avery Lee Harbison
16 Mason Woody
17 Kathy Price
22 Mark Holaday
23 Abby Mathis
24 Cathy Flock Thompson
Emilia Ponce
30 Maryssa King



09 Bill & Taunnie Russell

December Birthdays

06 Mark Spelbring
07 Carol Milligan
08 Tony Allison

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
on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
Next Meeting will be December 14th



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 Administrative Council Minutes September 20, 2022

Present- M.J. Evens, R. Randall, A. Milligan, C. Keller, B. Becker, Pastor Jon Overbey

Absent: Rob Belcher, Maddie Belcher, D. Ruark, M. Spelbring, M. McGill

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

Minutes from the August 16, 2022 meeting were read and approved with corrections.

Committee Updates

Trustees Items:

1. Mid-West Precision met with the council. Pastor Jon took the representative on a walk through for items that need attention. We will make a punch list and Mid-West Precision will be back.

2. **Bi-Centennial** – Alex reported the 200th Celebration went well, with the exception of the bathrooms backing up during the afternoon services. Council agreed Russ went above and beyond working in the basement cleaning up during the afternoon festivities. It was confirmed to be sewage. The council agreed to get Russ a gift card for all his work. Also acknowledged Pat Dixon for a job well done reciting the history of the church.

3. **Ramp Handrail Update** – Bill Becker will check with Rob Belcher to see if rails have been made at City Welding. At one point, Purdy (the contractor), said he was going ahead with the rails.

4. **Classroom Update** -Fireplace room is done with the exception of one receptacle needs replaced, also trim still needs painted/stained. Still waiting on Mark Downing to install both new doors.

The Early Elementary room needs electrical work done. The classrooms have been given new names:

Room 1: Early Elementary Room; Room 2: Pre-Teen; Room 3: Fireplace Room; Room 4: Nursery; Room 5: Big room nursery; Room 6: Connection/Collection (old Cub Scout Room).

Paitson Glass came to give an estimate on replacing the windows in the Nurseries and the Connecton/Collection rooms. Layton's has ordered the part for the heater/AC in the Fireplace room. The piano has been tuned in the Fireplace room, so please do not move it.

5. **Classroom Security door** – not here yet

6. **Stained glass glazing** -Current quote is 2 years old. Rusty Akers will contact Professional Glass in Clinton for a quote. Professional Glass is not interested. Paitson's are not interested. The contractor from Iowa will be contacted.

New Business

iPad Purchase – Pastor Jon will purchase the iPad and the church will reimburse him.

Nomination Committee – Merideth McGill and Maddie Belcher will come off. No one has volunteered for this committee. We will have to recruit people.

Trustee's Report

The last rain did not flood the nursery from the windows but came from down low. It looks like the drainage from the Library drains into this area, saturating the ground.

Feld's carpet will be here on Friday, September 23rd to look at the carpet. Pastor Jon will meet with them.

Beverly's scoped the sewer lines and found blockage 10.5 feet deep which turned out to be a piece of concrete which toilet paper was catching on. They were able to knock it loose and eventually went to the septic in the middle of the street.

We need 2 more bids for the windows in the classrooms downstairs. The guttering on the south side has been repaired. We need to get someone on top of the towers to check the roofing.

Pastor's Report

Covered Bridge activities went well, Parking, Soup Supper and Rummage Sale. Martha asked to raise the price of the soups this year. Council agreed.

Due to Covered Bridge Festival the next meeting will be moved to October 25th.

The Water Park outing was a success, the youth really enjoyed and are ready to go again. The next outing is Hog Wallow Farm in October. We are making plans for more outings with the bus. The Charge Conference will be here soon. We will find out if it is open to the public this year. We need officers selected 2 weeks prior as they will be voted on during the conference. We are not near done with our Capital Improvement fund. We need to remind the congregation that it is still in effect. The Parking Lot proceeds will go into the Capital Improvement Fund.

Finance Report

Mary Jane Evens gave the financial report. We are still taking donations for the walls downstairs, \$200 per section.

Staff Parish

Feld's carpeting sent a gorgeous \$150 center piece in recognition of our 200th Celebration. Diana Ruark (per telephone) discussed survey on assessments of the pastor's use of time and priorities with council members. The assessments have to be filled out by our next meeting, so we can discuss our answers at that time. Elaine Waltz and Diana Ruark will put an ad in the newspaper for Pastor Appreciation month. They will also purchase a card and insert a love gift of \$200.

Pastor Jon closed in prayer.

Next meeting is October 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.



Congratulations

Madelyn Belcher

Winner of the
Heisman High School
Scholarship





As You Prayerfully Prepare To PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT...

Please remember that your shoebox gift will be an expression of God's love to a child. In fact, it may be the only gift the child receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last, **and don't forget to make it FUN!**

- 1 SHOEBOX:** Get a standard-size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted shoeboxes are available on our website.

- 2 "WOW" ITEM:** Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.

- 3 OTHER GIFTS:** Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

- 4 PRAY:** Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of a child.



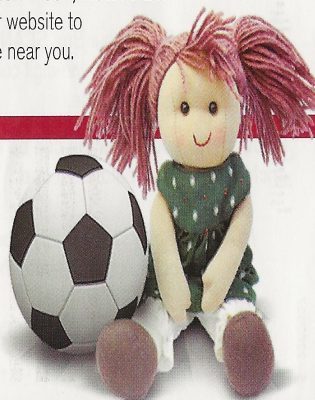
- 5 DONATE \$10 PER BOX:** A donation of \$10 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online, or give by check using the attached postage-paid envelope. If you make your donation using the **Follow Your Box** feature on the label in this brochure, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!



- 6 DROP OFF:** Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, Nov. 14-21**. Visit our website to find one near you.



Through **Build a Shoebox Online**, you can send the Gospel to the ends of the earth without leaving home! Scan this QR code or visit samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to get started.



SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

"WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



TOYS



- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/OCC

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>



IN REMEMBRANCE

PATRICIA GAYLE CRAYS DIXON

JUNE 28, 1930 - OCTOBER 24, 2022





KAIROS MINISTRY

November 4th & 5th



Fun on the Square with the First United Methodist Church Family



Trick or Treat





HALLOWEEN
ON THE
SQUARE
2022

More Halloween Fun
For
RFUMC



Covered Bridge Festival 2022



We are
Parkin'
Cars



Covered Bridge "Soup Supper"



Rummage Sale

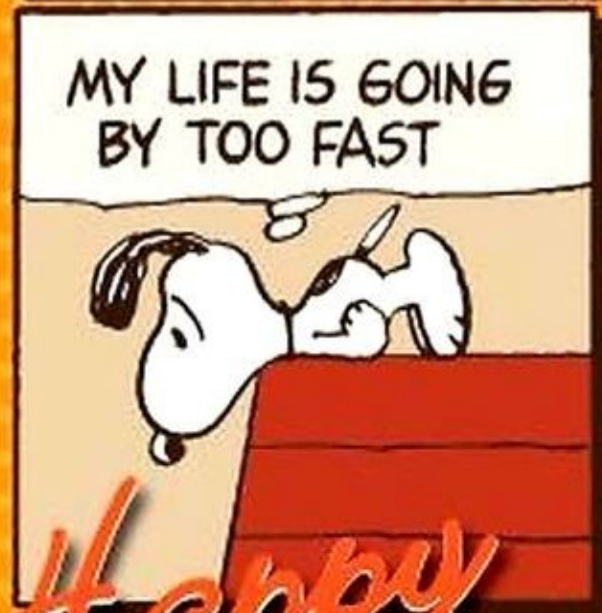




"I see co-hosts. I see commercials. I see Broadway shows. I don't see a Thanksgiving Day Parade."



Now that November is here,
we can focus on the important
stuff.



Happy

NOVEMBER!

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:00 p.m. CODA 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	3 Dine with a Doc 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	4	5 Kairos
6 10 a.m. Worship Holy Communion	7 5:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice 6:45 p.m. Handbells	8 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast	9 7:00 p.m. Mid-week Chat	10 1-5 p.m. Clothes Closet 6 p.m. Buddy Bags 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	11 	12
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~Pastor Jon Overbey~

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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.



THANK YOU VETERANS

VETERANS DAY - NOVEMBER 11