

Rockville First UMC Highlights

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ROCKVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world...”

Children’s Bureau Back to School Clothing Exchange/Giveaway



Children’s Bureau Back to School Clothing Exchange/Giveaway will be Wednesday., August 3rd, 10 a.m.—1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Donate, exchange and receive school clothes. Everyone welcome. Questions should be directed to Sandy Waldrige, Community Partners for Child Safety Region 8 Office at (812) 231-8607, toll free (877) 731-8607 or email her at swaldrige@childrensbureau.org. The Children’s Bureau is a United Way Community Partner.



Fellowship Diner Friday, August 5th

6:00-8:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Bring a friend or neighbor!
Come visit with our guests!
Free meal for all!



Kids for Christ Club

Begins September 7th!

Contact Judy Nuetzel, 569-5448
if you would like to help with
this amazing ministry.



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Recent Prayer Concerns

“And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well.”

James 5:15

Family of Jean Scott; Louise Michael; Rick Peacock; Alta Pickett; Charles Shelton; Larry Abbott; Tony Allison; Sarah; John Lawson and family, friend of Steve Waltz; Jonnie Lou Overpeck, Guy Gregg’s sister; the family of Daniel Farrell, friend of Randy Randall; Chris Ayres; Mark Tilton; Barbara Cooke; David Powers; Rose Wilson; Mary Williamson; Dwayne Carpenter; George & Cindy Anthony; Larry Capps; Kathy Barker; Betty Adams; Tim Gioli and sister; Klausmeier family missions; those unspoken; the people of Norway; our church for growth, strength, perseverance; our schools; community and government leaders; the children of Parke Co; our U.S. military; residents & staff of Lee Alan Bryant; inmates & staff of Rockville Women’s Correctional Center; those having financial difficulties; peace on

earth.

Please remember: All prayer requests printed in the bulletin and newsletter will be automatically removed in one month unless further notified. Thank you.



Active Military In our Prayers:

Son-in-law of Diana Ruark

Major Michael J. Simek, Marines, Afghanistan

Cousins of Randy Randall:

Josh Colaglia, Afghanistan

Justin Hussey, Marines Japan

Michael Anderson, Persian Gulf

Nephew of Randy Roswell:

Justin Roswell

Spec. Richard Bartlett, Afghanistan

Remember Our Shut-ins



Larry Abbott; Jennie Anstead; Ellen Fowler; Minerva Funke; Jennie Jerome; Margaret Lash; Leoma Nelson; Alta Pickett; Pat Reeder; Tom Selz; Charles Shelton; Mary Shockley; Ruth Welch

Rockville 1st UMC Facts & Figures

Sunday

Date	School Attendance	Worship Service Attendance	Tithe & Offerings	Other Giving	Total Giving
07/03/2011	25	95	3070.00	165.00	3235.00
07/10/2011	24	100	3386.56		3386.56
07/17/2011	18	67	1873.00		1873.00
07/24/2011	24	69	1944.00		1944.00

2011 Average Worship Attendance to Date: 74

2011 Average Sunday School Attendance to Date: 23

A Word from Our Pastor

"I thank God... when I remember you constantly in my prayers." (1 Timothy 1:3)

THANKFUL PRAYING

One of the things I so appreciate about the apostle Paul's letters in the Bible is how often he mixes thankfulness with his prayers. As he saw it, prayer was (and *is*) essential to the Christian life, but he almost always made sure that his prayer included a word of thanks to God, especially for the people to whom he was writing.

Well, following his example, I want to start by saying how very thankful Mary and I are for the wonderfully warm welcome (and I'm not referring to the weather!) that we've received since moving to this community. Even before we got here we received notes from some of you telling us how much you were looking forward to our arrival and that you were praying for us. What a blessing!

Then when we got here we were delighted to see all the work that had been put into the parsonage—the newly finished hardwood floors, the fresh paint, the new bathroom tile, the beautiful flowers, the neatly mown and trimmed yard, and so much more. We were also greatly blessed by all the food that people shared with us, from individual meals brought to the house to the big potluck "welcome lunch" at church on July 10th. Add to that all the other little favors that people have done for us, and all we can say is, "***We thank God for you!***"

Having said that, now I want to shift gears a little.

If you've been in worship any of the last few Sundays, you know that in my sermons I've been talking about prayer and how essential it is to build the church on a foundation of prayer. Using "The Lord's Prayer" as a model for our praying, I've been inviting the people of the church to begin our new season of ministry together by entering into a new "season of prayer". In keeping with that, I want to again invite you (if you haven't already done so) to consider making a prayer promise for the next three months.

Adjacent please find a "Prayer Promise Card" like the ones that are currently in the pews at church. On that card are three options for how you can pray for our church, our community and our world. Again, if you haven't already done so, I encourage you to ask God if one or more of these might be a way in which *you* can be involved. The Bible says that God works through the prayers of his people, and I believe great things are possible if we start with prayer and *continue* in prayer.

If you'd like to be part of this prayer commitment, please complete one of these cards and either turn it into the office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Then, depending on what option(s) you choose, join with others as we: 1) pray together in the office on **Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m.**; 2) **pray privately for the church on at least a once-a-week basis** (in which case you'll get a weekly prayer update); and/or 3) pray together **monthly at the church**. The first monthly prayer gatherings at church (which include both a morning and evening option) will be **Wednesday, August 3, at 6 p.m.** and **Thursday, August 4, at 10:30 a.m.**

I look forward to seeing how God will move in and through us as we offer ourselves in prayer!

Pastor Dave

Rockville First United Methodist Church
Prayer Promise Card

With God's help I will, as often as possible for the next 3 months:

Pray for the worship service participants and leaders at 9:45 each Sunday.

Pray privately at least once per week for the church, its ministries and its leadership.

Come together once each month for an hour of prayer for our church, our community, our our nation and our world.

The best day(s) and time(s) for me are:

Name: _____

Phone(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Date: _____

August Service Seekers



Altar Flowers

- 08/07 Larry and Paula Stites
- 08/14 open
- 08/21 open
- 08/28 open

Greeters



- 08/07 Imogene Rahn
- 08/14 Judy and Keith Estell
- 08/21 Dale and Mary Alice Barnes
- 08/28 Don and Linda Navel

Fellowship Refreshments



- 08/07
- 08/14
- 08/21
- 08/28

OPEN



The food pantry item for the month of August will be your choice.

The need is great! Please leave your contributions in the Food Pantry tubs located in the Fellowship Hall. Thank You!

August Birthdays



01 Jennifer Ader	17 Lucas Hayes
Don Navel	Florence Clark
05 Marilou Cox	Sally Zuber
06 Mary Marty	19 Brecken Lewis
Martha Holaday	20 Emily Hayes
Rebecca Dunn	24 George Waltz
07 Katie Edington	27 Daniel Milligan
Amy Handley	Helen Graham
10 Michael Stites	Michael Runyan
Sean Stites	28 Cheri Peacock
13 Dale Lynn Lee	30 Natalie Geiger
15 Charles Shelton	

In Memory of Jean Scott



Jeanetta "Jean" Scott, 91 of Elkhart, IN and formerly of Rockville died July 15th. She was preceded in death by her husband Wendell L. Scott and a son, Steve L. Scott. She had been an office employee for the Town of Rockville and was a house-mother for Chi Omega Sorority at Purdue.

She was a 1938 graduate of Rockville High School and Terre Haute Commercial College. She had been a member of Rockville First UMC since 1934 and an associate of Gamma Sigma Chapter of Rockville Tri-Kappa.

Survivors include daughters, Carol (Casimer) Rounds of Elkhart, IN and Julie (Daryl) Hobson of Crawfordsville, IN; eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Services were July 19th followed by burial in Memory Garden Cemetery.

Service Circle



The quarterly hostess committee includes Marilou Cox (Chairperson), Mary Alice Barnes, Sue North, Sally Zuber and Phyllis Akers. Their next scheduled meeting is September 14, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., held at Lois McGrannahan's. Devotions by Roleen Pickard. Hostesses are Jean Birch, Pat Davies and Mary Louise Norman

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Shara Schlee, recipient of 2010-2011 Parke-Vermillion GED Diploma. Graduation ceremonies were June 23rd at Riverton Parke High School. Shara was inducted into the Parke-Vermillion National Adult Education Honor Society at the ceremony.




*August Men's Tuesday Night Bible Study will be held
At Alex Milligan's (569-2201), 29 S. Meadow Lane, Rockville*

Your Church Website and Facebook Page



The church website, continues to be updated regularly and includes lots of information, including the church newsletter. There will be a limited number of paper copies of the newsletter available at the church. Contact Diana in the church office, rockvilleumc@sbcglobal.net, if you want your newsletter sent by email and for any additions or updates for either the newsletter or the website. The website is available at: www.rockvilleumc.net. Also, don't forget to become a member of our Facebook page. Feel free to post anytime and check for new posts.



July 25, 2011

Greetings,

I have been on sabbatical for three weeks now. I am having the privilege to read my Bible and inspiration material without having to close my books because of the upcoming work of the day. I can read and read and read and pray and pray and pray. As I do, I feel uplifted and encouraged. As I do, I sense the longing to grow closer and closer to God as never before. As I do, I lament that this expanded time to read and pray is limited to my time on sabbatical. (I wonder why that is? Why have I let that be so?) I admit that at first I felt sheepish and a bit guilty that I could have three months to contemplate upon the things of the Spirit and be away, for the most part, from the work of the superintendency. The time, however, has been provided to me, and I thank God every day for the experience.

As I have read and prayed these past weeks, one reoccurring theme has come to my mind. That theme is the church and its need to be that place of peace and holiness that it is intended to be - that microcosm of the Kingdom of God.

In sermon 7: "The Way to the Kingdom," John Wesley acknowledges that outward forms of worship have limited value as "occasional helps to human weakness" (Para 1.4). He opposed any attempt to substitute congregations see the rituals we practice - worship, Bible study, dinners, food pantries, as the church. In his days at Oxford, Wesley insisted that members of the Holy Club follow a stringent discipline of study, prayer, and good works (rituals). He discovered, however, that those celebrations of time-honored traditions and orthodoxy proved insufficient in and of themselves to bring forth the Kingdom of God. A serious contemplation upon earlier reliance on "forms and practices" led to Wesley's conviction that true religion is a matter of the heart. His famous public declaration that his heart was 'strangely warmed' at Aldersgate witnesses to his personal experience of the Kingdom of God. True religion, according to Wesley, is characteristic by Spirit-inspired joy, holiness, and peace. He believed they are the incontrovertible marks of the Kingdom of God.

If we clergy were to examine our congregations, could we find Spirit-inspired joy, holiness, and peace? Could we say that our congregations are microcosms of the Kingdom of God?

If not, are there people or things that divert us from leading our congregations into that place of the heart that manifests itself in Spirit-inspired joy, holiness, and peace? I pray every day for you and for your call and commitment to lead your congregations to become those people and that place of Spirit-inspired joy, holiness, and peace - the incontrovertible marks of the Kingdom of God.

May the joy, hope, peace and love of Christ be yours this day,



Rev Jai Purvis

SUMMER BUDDY BAGS/FEEDING THE FUTURE UPDATES

July 27, 2011

Hello friends. And praise to God for His amazing love, generosity, and guidance! I have been so blessed and forever changed by Him. One way He has changed me is by putting some wonderful children and families in my path this summer.

As I write this, we are ending our 8th week of summer buddy bags. Our final distribution date for the 10-week summer program will be 8/10/11. Do you believe how fast the summer has gone?

We began this summer serving 36 kids and have now grown to 68 buddy bags each week. Thanks to all of you who have helped to spread the word this summer, and we also had a nice story in the Parke County Sentinel. These kids are not able to eat meals at school during the summer break so, with God's help, we have been able to provide some family-sized packages of food and more servings in larger bags this summer.

Kids all over Parke County are being served, from Montezuma to Ferndale. About half the families have been able to come to the church to pick up their food and the rest are delivered by volunteers. Special thanks to Pastor J. and Fredene Daeschner for covering the eastern part of the county!

Speaking of volunteers, we have had wonderful helpers this summer, from 4th graders to retired folks in their 70s and all ages in between. Thanks to everyone who has helped to obtain the food, to do the heavy lifting, to pack the bags on Tuesdays and to distribute them on Wednesdays.

Many of you know that buddy bags are being distributed at the church from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM each Wednesday. During those same hours, a healthy lunch is provided for kids and their families, with the food coming from a program called Feeding the Future. Many thanks to Darlene Ayres for doing the research, completing the paperwork, obtaining the food, planning the menus, and doing the cooking for our young guests. Darlene is the heart and soul of Feeding the Future here at Rockville First and she does a difficult job beautifully. (If you want to learn about multi-tasking, see Darlene.)

The food on the menu is nutritious but kid-friendly, such as macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, tacos, and even "breakfast for lunch." Along with these favorites, the kids are served vegetables, fruit, milk, and juice. Special thanks also to Martha Holaday for subbing in the kitchen while Darlene recently took a well-deserved vacation with her family.

Some of our young friends come to the church directly from the free Wednesday children's film series at the Ritz Theater. These young people are so bright, funny, energetic, and polite; it is a pleasure to spend time with them. There may be a few budding film critics in the group as well. We get to hear their reviews and very definite opinions of the film they have just seen. Shrek seems to be a favorite so far.

Another fun thing is that our friends at Pizza Hut have generously provided coupons for free personal pan pizzas for buddy bag kids this summer. Thanks to Mark Myers, Rockville Pizza Hut Manager, for accomplishing this for the kids! You have made a lot of children very happy and have given their families some special memories this summer.

In conclusion, we all know that children need adequate amounts of nutritious food to develop their bodies and their brains, to grow and to learn. It is a pleasure and a privilege to know these kids and to be a part of the buddy bag ministry. I do believe their future is bright.

Please keep this ministry in your prayers as it grows and evolves. I cannot wait to see what God has planned for us. It has been amazing so far.

Katie Edington

PS: It is also my pleasure to tell you that members of Clinton First United Methodist Church are starting their buddy bag program at Central Elementary School this fall, after a successful pilot in May. There will be more great news soon about more buddy bag ministries beginning in this area.

Mission Committee Collecting School Supplies

The following school supplies are being collected by the Mission Committee for Rockville students. Please place in the tub in the fellowship hall. Thanks you for your help!

Scissors (pointed metal)
 3/5 index cards pencil boxes (caring cases)
 3-ring binders/folders w/pockets
 ruler (inches & metric)
 college rule filler paper
 handwriting tablets: Kindergarten/Pre-K; Grade 1; Grade 2; Grade 3
 8-pack markers/highlighters
 12-pack colored pencils
 48-pack crayons
 6-pack ball point pens (blue or black ink)
 #2 pencils/Erasers
 wide-ruled spiral bound notebooks/ college-ruled spiral bound notebooks
 glue (bottle or stick)
 tissue (facial) compasses
 protractors
 graph paper

Area churches plan events

August 6, 2011— First Baptist Church, 1250 S. US Hwy 41, Rockville. Area Wide Men's Prayer Breakfast. Food, prayer and transformational friendships. Father's, bring your sons. Breakfast served at 8:00 a.m.

August 14, 2011—Marshall Federated Church, Marshall. Back-to-School Blow-Out. Food, games, movie and worship. 6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blanket, jacket and wear play clothes. Everyone welcome, contact Candi Reynolds (765) 376-6476.

FAMILY FUN PICNIC

Saturday, August 27, 2011

10:30 a.m. - ???

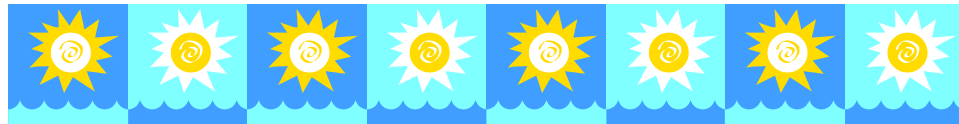
Forest Park in Brazil, IN



Benefits the 14th & Chestnut Community Center

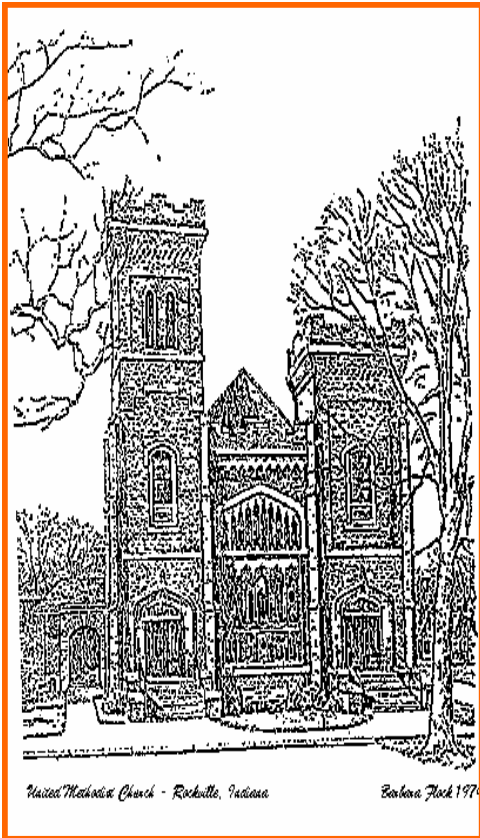


United Methodist Women of the West District invite you to lasso your husband, kids, grandkids, and friends, and come to our Family Fun Picnic! Gallop in to help stock the chuckwagon (food pantry) to benefit the 14th & Chestnut Community Center in Terre Haute. Each Local Church UMW Unit needs to round-up canned goods, paper products, cash donations, or food store gift certificates (Kroger, IGA, WalMart). Bring a covered dish(es) and dessert to share. Special music by P 150 plus a DJ & Line dancing. We'll horse around and play games, so bring your cards, lawn games, & board games. Two Corn Hole games will be available. A prize will be given for the best decorated Cowgirl hat. Plus there will be drawings for other prizes. Let's all saddle up for a great ride of fun and fellowship!

August



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study	3 11-1:00 p.m.- Buddy Bag Pickup & Feeding the Future 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.-Children's Bureau Clothing Exchange 6 p.m.-Prayer Partners	4 10:30 a.m.- Prayer Partners	5  6-8 p.m.- Fellowship Diner	6 10 a.m.-4 p.m.- Private Shower
7 Communion 9:45 a.m.- Prayer Partners, office	8 6 p.m.-West Dist. Clergy Picnic- Deming Park	9 7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study	10 11-1:00 p.m.- Buddy Bag Pickup & Feeding the Future 6:30 p.m.-Trustee Meeting 7:30 p.m.-Worship planning mtg.	11 6 p.m.-Staff Parish, Boundary Training	12	13
14 9:45 a.m.- Prayer Partners, office	15	16 12noon Finance Comm. Mtg. 7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study	17 6:30 p.m.- Ad Council Meeting	18	19	20
21 9:45 a.m.- Prayer Partners, office	22	23 7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study	24	25	26 6-8 p.m.- Fellowship Diner 	27 11 a.m. Mission Committee meeting At Shelly Gregg's
28 9:45 a.m.-Prayer Partners, office 2 p.m.-W. Dist. Conf. Brazil 1st UMC	29	30 7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study	31			



Rockville First United Methodist Church

Dave Marty, Pastor



August 2011

Regular Church School and Worship Schedule:

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

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