

# Rockville First UMC Highlights

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2012

ROCKVILLE, IN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

## RFUMC Named Parke County Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year 2011



The Parke County Chamber Member of the Year award for 2011 went to Rockville First United Methodist Church during the Chamber's Annual Meeting January 24th at Turkey Run Inn.

We were recognized for outstanding service to Parke County and its citizens for our Kids for Christ program, Buddy Bags children's nutrition assistance program and Fellowship Diners community meals for the hungry.

Present to accept the award were: (in front L-R) Fred Nuetzel, Judy Nuetzel, Robbin Swinehart, Katie Edington, Darlene Ayres and Linda Spelbring. In back are (L-R) Mary Marty and Tracy Sasin.



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rockvilleumc@sbcglobal.net.

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## Recent Prayer Concerns

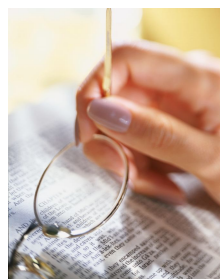
***“And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well.”***

***James 5:15***

**Prayer Concerns:** Sue Abbott, family and friends on the death of Larry Abbott; Guy Gregg and family on the death of his sister, Jonnie Lou Overpeck; family and friends of Ruth Welch upon her death; Macey Crum family and friends; Andrew Thompson II, newborn son of Alicia (Lewis) and Andrew Thompson; Lois McGrannahan; Teresa Pipes; Abigail Dunn; Sarah Ayres; Tony Nuetzel; Rich Keller; Paul (Mike) Keller, uncle of Rich Keller; Sue Busenbark, sister of Betty Lewis; Louise Woods; Corey Hall & Amber Brooks; Aaron & Holly Keene; Floyd and Juanita Thompson, parents of Norm Thompson; Tina Redman; Canton family; Betty Adams; Hayward family; Brian Buchanan; Mitch Leonard; Nancy Thompson; Barbara Cook; Regina Spangler; Mike Sorter; Teddy Acklin; the Hambricks; Wilcox baby; those unspoken; Klausmeier family missions; missionary Kevin Cauley, Africa; Dr. Trina Helderman, missionary, Africa; our church for growth, strength, perseverance; our schools; community and government leaders; the children of Parke Co; our U.S. military; 14th & Chestnut Community Center;

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.*



### **Remember Our Shut-ins**

Jennie Anstead; Jennie Jerome; Margaret Lash; Leoma Nelson; Pat Reeder; Tom Selz; Charles Shelton; Mary Shockley

**Active Military In our Prayers:**



Grandson of Don and Linda Navel:  
Nathan Muckerheide  
Afghanistan

Friend of Milligan's:  
Adam Black,  
Afghanistan

### **Praise!**

Major Michael J. Simek, son-in-law of Diana Ruark is now on U.S. soil having returned from Afghanistan.

## Rockville 1st UMC Facts & Figures

Date	Sunday		Tithe & Offerings	Other Giving	Total Giving
	School Attendance	Worship Service Attendance			
01/01/2012	22	40	1382.00	105.00	1487.00
01/08/2012	30	77	4246.00	110.00	4356.00
01/15/2012	20	72	2916.49	173.00	3089.49
01/22/2012	25	98	3081.00	10.00	3091.00
01/29/2012	27	72	1370.00	55.00	1425.00

**2012 Average Worship Attendance to Date: 72    2012 Average Sunday School Attendance to Date: 24**

## A Word from Our Pastor

*“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: that to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”* (Jesus, as quoted in John 15:12-13)

### LENT: CELEBRATING LOVE OF A DIFFERENT KIND

Ah, Valentine’s Day—a day to celebrate love, especially *romantic* love!

Don’t get me wrong; I have nothing against that kind of love. After all, the Bible has some beautiful things to say about it, seeing as how it was God’s idea in the first place; and I certainly treasure the romantic love that my wife and I share. But this month is also a time for celebrating a different kind of love.

On Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> (Ash Wednesday), we will begin the annual observance of Lent—the six weeks leading up to Easter. It’s a time when we’re invited to think seriously about the kind of sacrificial love that Jesus not only talked about (see the passage above), but that he showed most clearly in giving his life for us on the cross.

In the original Greek language of the New Testament, the word used for that kind of love is “*agape*”. It refers to a love that is other-centered. In other words, it’s the kind of love that thinks of what’s best for the *other* person before it thinks about its *own* needs. That makes it a very different kind of love from what we see most commonly in our culture today, the kind of love that asks first, “What’s in it for me?”

This Lenten season I hope you’ll take advantage of some of the opportunities the church offers to reflect on the kind of love that Jesus has shared with us, such as the Ash Wednesday worship services on February 22 and the Maundy Thursday “seder” meal on April 5, based on the traditional Jewish Passover celebration (see related articles in this newsletter). More importantly, though, I hope you’ll ask God to show you how you can personally demonstrate “agape love” to others, not only during the season of Lent, but all year long.

In Christ’s love,

*Pastor Dave*

## Buddy Bag Update

I am happy to report that, for the 2011 calendar year, 3240 buddy bags were distributed through our program at Rockville First United Methodist Church, with the assistance of the Covered Bridge Cluster. We are currently serving 100 children each week.

This year, we are again planning a bake sale as a fundraiser during the two weekends of the Parke County Maple Fair.

Thanks so much to everyone who supports this project with your prayers, your donations, and your time and hard work. Volunteers range from Cub Scouts to senior citizens.

Katie Edington

## Parke County Casa Program

The Parke County Casa program was founded by Rockville U.M.C. members Paula Stites, Tulie Jadzak, and Mary Pierce in collaboration with the Parke Circuit Court in 2005. The purpose of the program is to provide especially trained community volunteers to advocate for the best interests of children 0-18 years, who through no fault of their own are caught up in the court system.

Other members of Rockville U.M.C. who have served as volunteers are Lindsey Hammontree and Cindy Siddens. CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. The Program is volunteer driven and includes members of local Catholic, Baptist, Christian, Quaker, and other Christian congregations. Paula Stites has served several years as program administrator and has now stepped down to serve on the board and as a training consultant. Mary Pierce has served as legal consultant and board member. Mary has taken a job as a Public Welfare Attorney in an adjoining county, and her husband, John Pierce (attende of Rockville U.M.C.) is the attorney for the program. Tulie Jadzak continues to serve as both a child advocate and a board member. Lindsey Hammontree of Rockville U.M.C. is the new program director. Cindy Siddens is also an advocate and develops public information for the program. In 2010 volunteers provided quality advocacy to 65 children.

In 2011 sixty-eight children received services. In any given year 86-95% of cases end in court due to substance abuse and 30-40% involve sexual abuse. The volunteers appear in court sharing factual information gathered and make recommendations to Judges which are in the best interest of the child. Program philosophy believes that the "Great Commission" includes an obligation to support these most vulnerable members of our society and urges Christians everywhere to get involved in similar child advocacy programs.

Paula Stites

## Christian Outreach Ministry

Now accepting donations for Christian Outreach Ministry for Rockville Women's Correctional Ctr. & Beyond until February 26th: SKEINS OF YARN so the ladies may make their own bedspreads; CHILDREN'S BOOKS so the ladies may read to their youngsters—cloth books and picture books and children's Bible stories; Children's DVDs so the ladies can enjoy them with their youngsters—VEGGIE TALES preferred, other short DVDs accepted (sorry, no VHS tapes); PAPERBACK books for the ladies' library—preferably Christian fiction or Christian non-fiction, but other appropriate paperback books accepted—Good condition, front and back cover intact, no violent or romance books. Contact Sally Livengood Zuber, 765-569-5141 to donate postage stamps for mailing to inmates or to find out more about this program.

# February Service Seekers



## Altar Flowers

- 05 Richard and Carol Keller
- 12 Pat Davies
- 19 Michael and Diana Ruark
- 26 Cyndi Whittier

## Greeters



- 02/05 Jim and Robbin Swinehart
- 02/12 Louise Norman
- 02/19 Fred and Judy Nuetzel
- 02/26 Richard and Carol Keller



## Scripture Readers

- 05 Cyndi Whittier
- 12 Boy Scouts
- 19 Judy Nuetzel
- 26 Greg Harbison



The food pantry item for the month of February is canned soups. The need is great! Please leave your contributions in the Food Pantry tubs located in the Fellowship Hall.

## February Birthdays



04 Rusty Akers	14 Cameron Huntzinger
05 Becky Black	Gretchen Potter
06 Sharon Cloyd	15 Jan Bettis
Frank Clark	Lance Potter
08 Heather Carver	David Powers
Shara Schlee	17 Brent Russell
09 Rachel Harbison	19 Derek Jones
Cyndi Whittier	22 Kathy Allison
11 Tommy Bruner	Mary Insley
	24 Molly Insley



**Larry Dean Abbott**, 62, passed away Sunday, January 8. He was born March 15, 1949 in Omaha, Nebraska. His wife, Susan Atkinson Abbott, whom he married in 1976, survives. He was a U.S. Marine, serving in Vietnam. He served an additional 13 years in the National Guard in Brazil and Terre Haute. He retired from the Indianapolis Zoo. He had been a member of Rockville First United Methodist Church since July of 2009.

Survivors include two daughters, Peggy Keith of Marshall and JoAnna Robertson of Rose-dale; one son Madden Robertson of Rose dale; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services were held January 14th at the church with Pastor Dave Marty officiating. Military Honors were performed by the Parke County Veterans Association following the services. There will be a cremation burial in the Spring of 2012 in Memory Garden Cemetery.

**Rebekah R. Welch**, 98, passed away peacefully in her home of 67 years January 30th, 2012. At the time of her passing, she was surrounded by her two loving daughters, Susie Welch and Mary Rankin, her devoted caretakers, Kim Laughlin, Eva Ritchey, Amber Cooper, Ursula Keller, Jamie Laughlin, Mary Phipps, Kathy Bigger and the stories and laughter of her life. She was born November 1, 1913 in Orleans and married Max Homer Welch in 1944. Ruth graduated from Taylor University in 1932. She taught chemistry and home economics at Rockville High School.

She will be remembered and celebrated for her quick wit, spirited tenacity, unwavering faith and beautiful heart. Ruth had been a faithful member of the Rockville First United Methodist Church since 1946.

Survivors include two daughters, Susie Welch and Mark Rankin; one son-in-law, Stephen Rankin; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Services will be Friday, February 3 at 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Visitation will be Thursday, February 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. Pastor Dave Marty is the officiate. Memorial contributions may be made to The Parke County Food Pantry or the First United Methodist Church of Rockville.

## Alternative Worship Service "First Sunday"



Welcome to First Sunday. We are adding an additional Worship Service on the first Sunday of the month for March 4, April 1, and May 6. The service will be on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. (and be very casual) and will be more of a contemporary flair. Nursery care for children five and under and Children's Church for 1st through 3rd grade will be available.

Please join us and invite your friends. Help us to make disciples of Jesus Christ through the transformation of the world.



**There will be an Israel Trip Information Meeting  
Sunday, February 12th, 5:00 p.m. at the Church  
Anyone interested in Pastor Dave and Mary's planned  
trip in November are welcome to attend.**

*—check out the trip information on page 8—*

## WORSHIP THEMES AND FEATURES FOR FEBRUARY

This month marks the beginning of the season of Lent, starting with Ash Wednesday on February 22 and continuing until Easter. The unifying theme for the season will be **“A Journey to Hope”**, which will trace Jesus’ own journey to the cross, helping us to discover along the way that hope can be found even as we encounter some of life’s most difficult circumstances.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon Title</u>	<u>Key Scriptures</u>	<u>Other Features</u>
<b>February 5</b> Super Bowl Sun.	<b>“Overcoming Our Differences”</b> (Last in a series: “Game Changers”)	John 17: 1, 6-11, 20-23; Philippians 4:1-3	Holy Communion
<b>February 12</b> Boy Scout Sunday	<b>“Love That Lasts”</b>	John 13:1-17; Ephesians 5:1-2, 21-33	Boy Scouts will serve as greeters, ushers, readers
<b>February 19</b>			
<b>February 22</b> Ash Wednesday 6:30am – Service 7 am – Breakfast 7pm – Evening Service	<b>“Faces Set toward Jerusalem”</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> in series: “A Journey to Hope”)	Mark 8:31-37	At both the morning and evening service participants will have the option of receiving ashes as a symbol of repentance.
<b>February 26</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>“Who’s Blockin’; Who’s Walkin’?”</b>	Mark 10:13-16; Hebrews 12:1-2	

### Depression Support Group Available

Depression is an illness that affects people of all ages, races and social status. It can have a profound impact on all aspects of a person’s life—physical, emotional, spiritual and more. It can also cause a person to withdraw from vital relationships with others at the very time when those relationships may be most needed. In light of this fact, a new Depression Support Group has been formed in the Rockville area.

The group, which is open to adults 18 and older who struggle with depression, but limited to only 10 participants, meets the second Monday of each month, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Rockville (next to the public library). The group will be co-facilitated by Dave Marty, who is the pastor of First UMC and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and Ronda Church, a local resident—both of whom have themselves battled depression.

Persons interested in being part of the group will need to fill out a brief application before participating in the group. For an application, or for more information, please contact the church now at (765) 569-5356 in order to allow time for processing of the application.



## PASTOR DAVE & MARY INVITE YOU TO JOURNEY WITH THEM TO ISRAEL

*November 12-21, 2012*

If you've ever dreamed of walking in the footsteps of Jesus and of having the Bible come alive for you in ways you've never known before, then Mary and I would like to invite you to join us on an amazing 10-day pilgrimage to Israel next November.

### **Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives**

This once-in-a-lifetime journey will begin with a flight out of Indianapolis that will land us in Israel on November 13, where we'll settle into our hotel in Bethlehem. From that point on, our itinerary will look like this:

#### **Day 3 – Bethlehem, the Herodion, and Jerusalem**

We'll visit the Church of the Nativity, including the cave where tradition holds that Jesus was born, along with Shepherds' Field where angels spread the Good News. Next we'll travel to the Herodion, the fortified palace and final resting place of Herod the Great. Then we'll explore the excavations of the ancient "City of David" in Jerusalem, plus several other historic sites before returning to Bethlehem.

#### **Day 4 – Judean Wilderness, Qumran, Dead Sea, Jordan River Baptismal Site, and Jericho**

After traveling through the wilderness where Jesus was tempted, we'll visit the ruins of the mysterious community of the Essenes and see the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. After a brief stop at the Dead Sea (floating anyone?), we'll head to the traditional site of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, then to Jericho, the oldest city in the world. Then we'll return to Bethlehem for our last night there.

#### **Day 5 – Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Tabgha, and Wadi Hamman**

Our day will begin on the peaceful Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus preached his famous "Sermon on the Mount". Then we'll enjoy a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, the center of Jesus' ministry around Galilee, and visit the ancient synagogue that stands on the foundation of the one in which Jesus himself taught. We'll also see the site where tradition says that Jesus fed the 5,000; then we'll visit a Bedouin village at the base of Mt. Arbel, ending our day at a hotel in Tiberias, beside the Sea of Galilee.

#### **Day 6 – Upper Galilee, Caesarea Philippi, Tel Dan, and the Golan Heights**

First, we'll journey to Caesarea Philippi, where Peter proclaimed, "You are the Christ", then to Tel Dan, a large mound containing the ruins of several ancient communities, including an altar built by King Jereboam (1 Kings 12:25-30). The trip back to our hotel in Tiberias will then take us along the rocky plateau of the Golan Heights.

#### **Day 7 – Lower Galilee, Sepphoris, Nazareth, Jezreel Valley, and Caesarea Maritima**

Starting with Sepphoris, once the Roman capital of Galilee and the traditional birthplace of Mary, we'll then travel to Jesus' boyhood home of Nazareth. Next, we head to Caesarea Maritima by the Mediterranean Sea, where Peter baptized the Roman centurion Cornelius. Then it's on to our hotel in Jerusalem!

#### **Day 8 – Jerusalem, Mt. of Olives, Gethsemane, Mt. Zion, Upper Room, Caiaphas' home**

This full day will take us to the places where Jesus walked, taught, ate, prayed, was arrested, and perhaps even imprisoned during his final week in Jerusalem. Then we'll rest again at our hotel in Jerusalem before...

#### **Day 9 – Way of the Cross, Temple Mount, Garden Tomb, Church of the Holy Sepulchre & more**

We'll walk the route that tradition says Jesus walked to Calvary, see two sites where he may have been crucified and buried, and celebrate his death and resurrection in Holy Communion. Finally, we'll pray at the Western ("Wailing") Wall before ending our journey on the "Teaching Steps" of the Temple, where Jesus finished his public ministry. Then we'll return home on Day 10 to share our transforming journey with others.

**The total cost for this entire pilgrimage is only \$3,098**, which includes round-trip airfare from Indianapolis, bus fares, first-class hotel accommodations, breakfast and supper each day, guide and driver fees, and all taxes and tips. Not included are lunches, travel insurance, and personal expenses.

For a complete brochure and other details contact Pastor Dave.



# Fellowship Diner

## Rockville 1st UMC

**Friday, February 24th, 6-8:00 p.m.**

**Everyone Welcome!**

*Volunteers please contact Fred or Judy Nuetzel if you can help, 569-5448 or 592-0251.*

**FREE Meal Being Served at the Church  
Bring a Friend or Neighbor!**



## " Game Shows" Jr.-Sr. High Lock-in

February 18th

12 Noon

go to [www.rockvilleumc.net](http://www.rockvilleumc.net) for registration form



Congratulations to Alicia and Andrew Thompson on the birth of their new son Andrew Thompson, Jr. on January 15th, 2012.

Grandparents are Cathy and Norm Thompson and  
Delbert and Tori Lewis

Great-grandmother is Betty Lewis

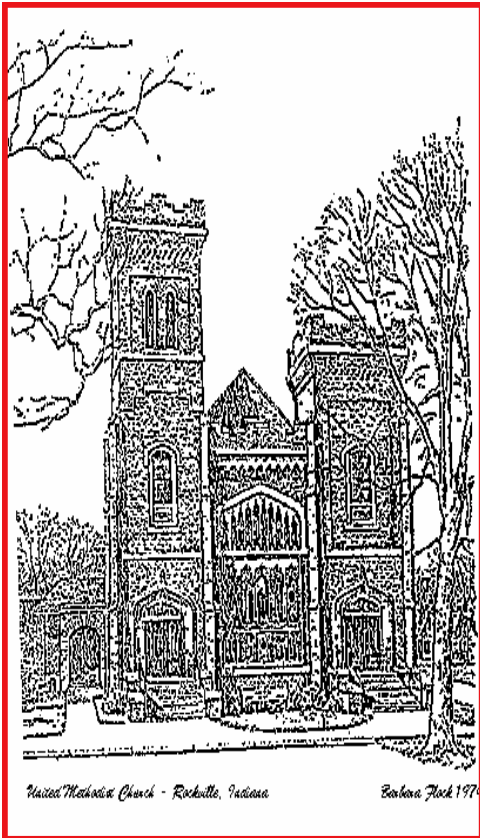


# February 2012

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat



			<b>1</b> 7 p.m.— "First Sunday" mtg. 3 pm-KFC 6:30 pm G.S. Ldrs	<b>2</b> 3:15 Jr. Trp. 01638 6 pm-Worship Mtg. 7:15 pm-Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7 pm- Fellowship Diner mtg. 7 pm-Handbells	<b>7</b> 3:15- Cadet 10462 7pm-Women's Bible Study 7pm-Men's Bible Study	<b>8</b> 3 p.m.-KFC 6:30pm-Trustee Comm. Mtg.	<b>9</b> 3:15 Jr. Trp. 01638 6:30 Den Mtg. 7 pm-Choir	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Boy Scout Sunday 5:00 pm-Israel Trip Info meeting	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm- Depression Support Group 7 pm-Handbells	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day 3:15-Cadet 10462 7pm-Men's Bible Study	<b>15</b> 3 p.m.-KFC 6:30 Ad Council mtg.	<b>16</b> 3:15 Jr. Trp. 01638 7 pm-Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:00 a.m.— Mission mtg., Shelly Gregg's 12noon—Jr. Sr. High Lock-in
<b>19</b> Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday	<b>20</b> President's Day 7 pm-Handbells	<b>21</b> 3:15- Cadet 10462 7pm-Men's Bible Study 7 pm— Education Comm. Mtg.	<b>22</b> 6:30 a.m. — Ash Wed. Service 7 a.m.-breakfast 3 p.m.-KFC 7p.m.-Ash Wed. Service	<b>23</b> 3:15 Jr. Trp. 01638 6:30 p.m.-Den meeting 7 pm-Choir	<b>24</b> 6:00-8:00 p.m.— Fellowship Diner	<b>25</b> 8:00 a.m.—Friends of Scouting breakfast
<b>26</b> 1st Sunday in Lent	<b>27</b> 7 pm-Handbells	<b>28</b> 3:15- Cadet 10462 7pm-Men's Bible Study	<b>29</b> 3 p.m.-KFC			



# Rockville First United Methodist Church



**February  
2012**

**Regular Church School and Worship Schedule:**  
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.    Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

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