

# Rockville First UMC Highlights

JULY  
2011

ROCKVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

## Our New Pastor and Wife Pastor Dave and Mary Marty



## Come to the Welcoming Pitch-In Dinner July 10, 2011 Following the Worship Service

Bring a well-filled basket to share as we celebrate Pastor Dave's new ministry with us at Rockville First UMC



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## Recent Prayer Concerns

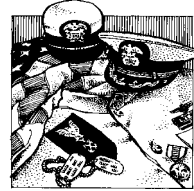
***“And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well.”***

***James 5:15***

Family and friends of Avis Plummer, Lois McGrannahan on the death of her brother, Jack Wilson; Charles Shelton; Larry Abbott; Tony; Sarah; Clara Jack; Brenda Schreiner; Feeding Our Future program; Creasy family; the Owens/Parsley family; David Powers; Rose Wilson; George & Cindy Anthony; Larry Capps; Mark Tilton; Debbie Winkler; Janice Gray; LaVeta Edmunds; Tim Gioli and sister; John Meadows & family; Mike Wirth; Illini 4000; Klausmeier family missions; those unspoken; 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; the tornado victims; the people and relief workers of Japan; the people of Haiti; those who have lost their jobs; those having financial difficulties; peace on earth.

*Our shut-ins:* Jennie Anstead; Ellen Fowler; Minerva Funke; Pauline Haughee; Jennie Jerome; Margaret Lash; Leoma Nelson; Alta Pickett; Pat Reeder; Tom Selz; Charles Shelton; Mary Shockley; Ruth Welch

### ***Military In our Prayers:***



*Cousins of Randy Randall:*  
Justin Hussey, Japan,  
Marines

Josh Colagia, Afghanistan

Michael Anderson,  
Persian Gulf

*Nephew of Randy Roswell:*  
Justin Roswell

*Son-in-law of Diana Ruark*  
Major Michael J. Simek,  
Marines

Spec. Richard Bartlett,  
Afghanistan

*Those stateside:*

LTC Scott Kimmell

Ronnie Kent

Aaron Mathis

Sgt. Thomas Brock

Capt. Jason Neumann

Timothy Simic

Robert Graham

Russell Graham

J.T. Roswell

Eric Martin

Michael Hussey, Jr.

Christopher Winkler

Matt Kinsey

Jon Goddard

Tyler Depoy

Jacob Podgurski

Jeff Elliot

Jeffery Smithsons

Edwin Santigo

Will Robertson

## Rockville 1st UMC Facts & Figures

### **Sunday**

<b>Date</b>	<b>School Attendance</b>	<b>Worship Service Attendance</b>	<b>Tithe &amp; Offerings</b>	<b>Other Giving</b>	<b>Total Giving</b>
06/05/2011	22	80	2657.00	100.00	2757.00
06/12/2011	22	56	1726.67	40.00	1766.67
06/19/2011	17	68	2215.00	186.00	2401.00
06/26/2011	26	101	1667.00	20.00	1687.00

**2011 Average Worship Attendance to Date: 72**

**2011 Average Sunday School Attendance to Date: 23**

## A Word from Our Pastor

Dear First UMC friends in Christ,

You know, it's a little strange sitting here in my living room in tiny Goblesville, Indiana (just north of Huntington) writing a letter to a whole bunch of people, most of whom I've never met. I wonder if this is a little bit how the apostle Paul felt as he wrote his letter to the Romans in anticipation of his eventual travels to Rome.

Well, I'm *not* the apostle Paul, and Rockville certainly isn't Rome, and I'm sure not going to write anything as lengthy as Paul's letter to the Romans; but I do want to tell you how much Mary and I are looking forward to getting to know each of you and beginning ministry with you! Rockville First UMC has a long and proud history and, I believe, a very bright future. So we're anxious to get started.

My hope is to visit with each of you individually over the next several weeks and months, and I'd much rather hear about you than to tell you about us; but I've been asked to share a bit of biographical info, so here goes...

I was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, and Mary was born and raised just outside the small village of White Cottage, Ohio, near Zanesville. Both of us were raised in Christian homes and have been very much a part of the Church all our lives. In fact, we met at my home church on the east side of Columbus when Mary was attending Ohio State University back in 1977. (Yes, you may as well know that we're Buckeye fans, in spite of the Jim Tressel mess.) The next year we were married and this year celebrated our 33rd anniversary.

We have two adult daughters. Jen, our oldest, lives near Dayton, Ohio, with her husband, Jeff, and their two children -- Char-lize, aka "Charli", who will turn four in July, and her little brother Daxton, who turned one in March. Our younger daughter, Sarah, lives with her husband, Ben, in Tremont, Illinois, where they just bought a house that's even older than the Rockville parsonage!

As for us, Mary is the Associate Director of Admissions with Ivy Tech Community College in Warsaw, Indiana, where she has worked for 25 years and where, as it looks now, she will continue working until the end of September, splitting her time between Rockville and Warsaw. Mary is a creative and energetic person who, in her spare time, enjoys cooking, canning, sewing, and being involved in special church projects.

And me? Well, I've taken a much more roundabout career path. Having started into seminary fresh out of college in 1978, I quickly abandoned that direction and decided instead to go into social services. From 1979-1984 I directed a two-county residential program for adults with developmental disabilities, while at the same time completing a Master of Social Work degree.

In a rather surprising turn of events, in 1984 I ended up being hired as the director of Epworth Forest Conference Center -- a large United Methodist camp and conference center in the northcentral part of the state. After serving there for seven years I went back into social services, doing counseling work for a few years, followed by a brief stint as a social service consultant for a nursing home chain and then as the director of the Healthy Families collaborative in Fort Wayne.

The biggest surprise of all for me, though, was when I experienced a call *back* into ministry in 1997. After serving as Director of Family Ministries (with primary responsibility for youth ministry) at Calvary UMC in Syracuse, I then served as Associate Pastor there for a couple of years before being appointed to Fulton UMC between Rochester and Logansport. I was then appointed to Faith Chapel UMC north of Huntington; and now, as I already said, I'm looking forward to becoming *your* pastor.

By the way, my interests include gardening, bicycling, unicycling, canoeing, artwork, acting and singing. Oh, and both of us like to play Euchre. I guess that's all for now. Like I said, I don't want this to get too long. We'll see you soon, and may the Lord grant us many fruitful years of friendship and ministry together!

In Christ,

**Pastor Dave**

# July Service Seekers



## Altar Flowers

- 07/03 Tulie Jadzak
- 07/10 open
- 07/17 Mark & Martha Holaday
- 07/24 The Greggs
- 07/31 open

## Greeters

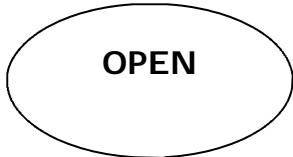


- 07/03 Betty Lewis
- 07/10 Dean Matthews
- 07/17 Dave & Miriam Lash
- 07/24 Mary Lou Cox
- 07/31 Dorothy Smith

## Fellowship Refreshments



- 07/03 Diana Ader/Diana Ruark
- 07/10
- 07/17
- 07/24
- 07/31



The food pantry item for the month of July will be canned ravioli/spaghetti products. The need is great! Please leave your contributions in the Food Pantry tubs located in the Fellowship Hall. Thank You!

## July Birthdays



02 Pat Davies	Abby Nuetzel
04 Hannah Runyan	Kelsey Hartman
05 Bill Russell	Shelby Insley
Betty Carrington	20 Dorothy Smith
07 Patrick Ayres	21 Larry Stites
08 Devin Akers	Maia Holaday
09 Ross Akers	23 Shelly Gregg
Mackenzie Runyan	Sherry Tumey
10 Ray Harney	25 Mark Barnes
11 Patty Fisher	Louise Michael
12 Linda Spelbring	Melissa Dunn
Minerva Funke	27 Greg Harbison
14 Karin Woodson	Isabella Krusely
15 Guy Gregg	28 Brett McMullen
16 Madi Hammontree	30 Lindsey Fisher
18 Jerry McMullen	31 Elias Milligan

## 2011 Indiana Annual Conference Summary

"Do justice; Love kindness; Walk humbly with God" from Micah 6:8 was the theme of the Third Session of the Indiana Conference held at Ball State University in Muncie June 8-11. Worship specialist Marcia McFee of Truckee, Calif., opened the conference with a two-hour teaching session about "Life Changing Worship." She mixed music, videos, stories and words engaging an audience of more than 2,200 members and guests in Emens Auditorium. She said worship needs to be transforming... and we should expect something to happen to us spiritually. Worship should be meaningful and memorable. She also worked with the worship planning team in designing and leading retiree recognition, memorial and ordination-commissioning worship services.

Indiana Bishop Michael J. Coyner, led two Bible studies, one on the conference theme verse and one on Acts 1 about the selection of the disciple to take the place of Judas. He applied Acts 1 to the selection of delegates by the conference saying we have more good people than we have spots for them (as delegates), even though Indiana is now the fourth largest conference.

The conference celebrates some firsts. The leading one was that both membership and average worship attendance grew rather than declined. This is the first time in more than 30 years. That is somewhat credited to the new emphasis on church growth and development and the first full year of a Conference Church Development team with five full-time staff members deployed across the state. More than 60 congregations have been enrolled in the Fruitful Congregations program. Fifty more congregations will begin the program in September.

Another first was the building of the first lodge in 43 years at Epworth Forest Conference Center in North Webster. Bishop Coyner dedicated it June 4. The lodge was named in honor of retired Bishop and Mrs. Sheldon Duecker of Fort Wayne. Another lodge is under construction; there are plans for four more lodges, each one housing 32 campers. In 2010, the seven conference camping sites received 3,206 summer campers of which 495 made professions of faith and 213 high school students responded to a call of vocational ministry.

Indiana continues to lead the North Central Jurisdiction in volunteers in mission and raised more than \$3 million dollars in 2010 for mission and Advance Specials giving. In 2010, more than 5,000 volunteers-in-mission served 3,372 days of service valued at \$3.4 million. The conference approved 73 Conference Advanced Special programs across the state.

The conference approved a \$15.8 million budget for 2012 of which \$5.6 million is for General Church and Jurisdictional apportionments. The conference plans to pay its General Church apportionments in full having paid only 84 percent of them the previous year.

During the conference, 20 elders and four deacons were ordained, and four provisional elders were commissioned. The conference celebrated the ministries of 50 retiring clergy representing 1,161 years of ministry.

Nine laity were elected to General Conference including: Ed Fenstermacher (Fort Wayne), Kayc Mykrantz (Logansport), James Ottjes (Thorntown), Patricia Miller (Indianapolis), Ike Williams (Carmel), Rita Gaither-Gant (Indianapolis), Carolyn Johnson (W. Lafayette), Douglas Worthington (Fort Wayne) and Ken Adams (South Bend). North Central Jurisdictional delegates elected are: Doris Clark (Indianapolis), Anne Bunch (Terre Haute), Jeananne Park (Lagrange), Melissa Zimmerman (Greentown), Manet Shettle (Alexandria), Ruth Ellen Stone (Clayton), Ashley Moreland (Fort Wayne) and Megan Manning (Claypool) and Benjamin Boruff (Churubusco). Three reserves elected are: Kenneth Hudgins, Jr. (Valparaiso), Roger Summers (Fort Wayne) and Gregory Cook (Franklin).

Nine clergy were elected to General Conference including: Frank Beard (Kokomo), Kimberly Reisman (West Lafayette), Russ Abel (Fort Wayne), Gregory McGarvey (Fishers), Beth Ann Cook (Bedford), Michael Dominick (Dayton), Mark Dicken (Elkhart), Cindy Reynolds (Valparaiso) and Chris Nunley (Newburgh).

North Central Jurisdictional delegates elected are: Lisa Schubert (Princeton), Andy Kinsey (Franklin), Brian Durand (Fishers), Mark Fenstermacher (Bloomington), Raymond Wilkins (Clinton), Gregg Pimlott (Greenfield), Ida Easley (Jeffersonville), Glenn Howell (Newburgh), Taylor Burton-Edwards (Nashville, Tenn.). Three reserves elected are: Shalimar Holderly (Fort Wayne), Chris Roberts (Indianapolis), Sandy Harlan (Indianapolis). The delegation will elect a head delegate when they meet later this year.

The conference approved one petition asking the General Conference to change Ministerial Education Funding from 75 to 50 percent for theological schools in the U.S. and delegate 25 percent for theological schools and MEF programs in central conferences. Two other petitions were referred to the Indiana Conference Leadership Table.

Membership stands at 200,620 members up 3,271 from the previous year. Worship attendance stands at 117,750 members up 1,013. Church school attendance stands at 38,125 down 1,217.

*Daniel R. Gangler, Director of Communication, Indiana Conference*

## Mission Committee Collecting Items for 14th and Chestnut Community Center

The RFUMC Mission Committee is assembling school supplies for the 14<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut Community Center in Terre Haute. For more information about 14<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut go to [www.14thandchestnut.weebly.com](http://www.14thandchestnut.weebly.com)

The following supplies are needed back to the church by July 17<sup>th</sup>. The Mission Committee 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      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      highlighters  
 graph paper      shoes for kids ages 5-18

## Tid Bits

- Thanks to all the VBS “disciples” who helped in so many ways teaching the love of Jesus to so many children!
- Many were able to see Parke Players’ summer musical “Sound of Music” and reviews were all fantastic. Congratulations to our own Kara Hayes who played one of the seven children. Nice job!
- New church directories for the year will be available soon. Check the racks at each entrance for your latest copy when they are completed.
- Congratulations to Roleen Pickard who was named the recipient of the 2011 President’s Award by the Indiana Retired Teachers Association. She was honored for her outstanding work and dedication to the Association. Congratulations Roleen!

## 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](mailto: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](http://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.

## In Loving Memory of Avis Plummer



**A vis Plummer** died Saturday, June 4, 2011. Avis was born August 20, 1917 in Jefferson Township, Putnam County, Indiana. Her husband of 54 years, Russel Plummer, whom she married in 1936 died November, 1990. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Roberta Sue Hudson in August, 2008.

Survivors include daughter, Carolyn Weatherman (Phil), Rockville; son-in-law John Hudson, Crawfordsville, IN; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Avis was a graduate of Belle Union High School in Putnam Co., Indiana. She was an associate of Gamma Sigma Chapter of Rockville Tri-Kappa sorority and an active member of Rockville First UMC since February, 1944, serving many years in the Service Circle.

Services were June 7, 2011 at Gooch Funeral Home with Pastor Ed Fisher officiating. Burial followed the services in Memory Garden Cemetery at Rockville.

## Bailey Hayes Becomes our Newest Member



Bailey Hayes, daughter of Andy and Laura Hayes, became a member of our church during services on June 5, 2011. Bailey recently completed her confirmation classes. She has been serving as acolyte and assisting with communion service as well. We're very glad to welcome Bailey in Christian love and as a member of Rockville First United Methodist Church.

## Summer Special Music is Needed.



Special music during our worship service is now needed for this summer while the Chancel Choir takes a well deserved break. If you or someone you know can bless our service with their musical talents, please sign up on the chart that is located in the Chapel.

## Fellowship Diner



## Next Fellowship Diner Friday, August 5th

6-8:00 p.m.

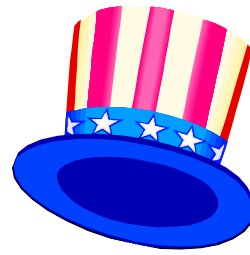
Fellowship Hall

Bring a friend or neighbor!

Free meal for all.

Darlene Ayres, 569-5179

# July 2011



Happy Independence Day , July 4th



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



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2 Haitian  
Mission Break-  
fast , 7-11 am,  
Center Pt. UMC

3 Communion  
Pastor Dave  
Marty in the pulpit

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Office Closed

5 7 pm-Men's  
Bible Study

6 11-1 pm-  
Buddy Bag pickup &  
Feeding the Future

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9 6 pm-  
PCMA's Gospel  
Concert, Home-  
ward Bound  
R.H.S. -Free  
Will offering

10 Welcome  
Pitch-in for Pastor  
Dave and Mary

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12 7 pm-Men's  
Bible Study

13 11-1 pm-  
Buddy Bag pickup &  
Feeding the Future  
6:30 Trustee mtg

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19 7 pm-Men's  
Bible Study

20 11-1 pm-  
Buddy Bag pickup &  
Feeding the Future  
6:30 Ad Council mtg.

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23 11:30-  
3:00-Fair  
Queen mtg.

24 7 pm-  
Vespers Service,  
Fairgrounds

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26 7 pm-Men's  
Bible Study

27 11-1 pm-  
Buddy Bag pickup &  
Feeding the Future

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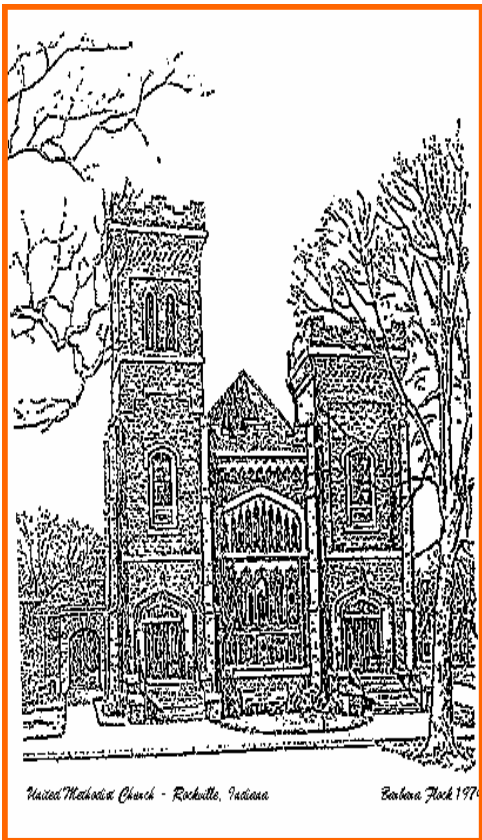
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Dave Marty, Pastor



# July 2011

## Regular Church School and Worship Schedule:

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

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