

Rockville First UMC Highlights

JUNE
2011

ROCKVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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



To Pastor Ed, Patty, Lindsey and Sarah,

Thanks for the memories—giving us the memories of your sermons that shows your energy, passion and love for God.

One word that comes to mind about your tenure here at Rockville is your prodding. Your sermon and your teaching of classes, but especially your prodding to do what God has called us to do. The new programs we have started have all been from the prayers about our calling. We thank you for the countless prayers you have prayed for our calling and for our lives. You have made a difference to the people of our church and community. The seeds that you planted here will be growing and growing.

So we again say thanks for all that Sarah, Lindsey, Patty and you have brought to Rockville and all that you left here.

We say “May the Peace of the Lord be with you—Always.”



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Vacation Bible School



Kindergarten through Sixth Grade

June 13th-June 17th

5:30-8:30 p.m., Dinner-5:00 p.m.

Donations and helpers are needed for the dinner and with the children

Call Judy Nuetzel, 569-5448 or Robbin Swinehart, 569-1042

Please save your cardboard inserts from paper towels!

Go to www.rockvilleumc.net for registration form.

Recent Prayer Concerns

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

James 5:15

The families of the tornado victims and those who have lost their homes and businesses; Mary Sherrill & family on the death of her daughter, Sheila Weer; Roger & Sandra Ice family on the death of Roger’s father; Larry Abbott; Clara Jack; Margaret Lash; Pete Corsaro; LaVeta Edmunds; Howard Henry family; Phillip Gregg; Don Keller; Tim Gioli and sister; Vickie Huxford; Bob Bacon and family; T.G. Acklin; Kim McAnnally; Bob Turner; Shelly Wirth; Linda Koenig; Mike Wirth; Flo Gosser; Sue & Terry; Martha & Michael; Steve Buchanan; Lester Jones, father of Patty Fisher; Ed Fisher, Sr. and wife, Barbara; Klausmeier family missions; Rev. and Mrs. John O’Neal; the Rev. and Mrs. Leon Myers; Rev. and Mrs. J. Daeshner; the Rev. and Mr. Linda Smock; Rev. and Mrs. Dale Payne; Rob Fisher; those unspoken; our church for growth, strength, perseverance, and as we wait for our new minister; our U.S. military; our schools; community and government leaders; the children of Parke Co; healing for those with cancer; residents & staff of Lee Alan Bryant; inmates & staff of the Rockville Correctional Center; 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; Leoma Nelson; Alta Pickett; Avis Plummer; Pat Reeder; Tom Selz; Charles Shelton; Mary Shockley; Ruth Welch

Military

In our Prayers:

Cousins of Randy Randall:
Justin Hussey, Japan, Marines

Nephew of Randy Roswell:
Justin Roswell

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

Friends of Pastor Ed:
Lt. Olu Baker, Afghanistan
Ricardo May, Afghanistan

Spec. Richard Bartlett
Afghanistan

Richard Jacobs
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
Michael Anderson

Rockville 1st UMC Facts & Figures

Sunday

Date	School Attendance	Worship Service Attendance	Tithe & Offerings	Trustee Giving	Other Giving	Total Giving
05/01/2011	25	61	2735.69		40.00	2775.69
05/08/2011	21	68	2713.00		52.00	2765.00
05/15/2011	15	51	1224.10		800.00	2024.10
05/22/2011	24	59	1881.99			1881.99
05/29/2011	21	87	2888.00		323.50	3211.50

2011 Average Worship Attendance to Date: 72

2011 Average Sunday School Attendance to Date: 23

A Word from the Pastor

June 2, 2011

*"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."
(Psalm 118:24)*

May the Grace and Peace of a Risen Savior be upon you and keep you.

This is my last newsletter article that I will be writing as your pastor. As my family and I begin the process of departing Rockville and the community of faith here; we find ourselves looking back at the last three years and remembering the ministry which has taken place. We have laughed and cried; loved and mourned; have been embraced and have been rejected; but in all things, places and times, we have been witness to the power of the Holy Spirit working through those who have been called by God to bring life to God's word.

It has been a blessing to witness to the ministries which have been begun, continued and even those which have ceased. They have made God's word alive in both individual and communal activities. The spiritual growth of many of the faith community has been phenomenal. From the Hospitality Stations at the Covered Bridge Festival to the Emmaus Walks and the numerous 'pitch-ins', 'Family Nights', and Fellowship Dinners; growing in our faith has taken on new dimensions.

We also celebrate the wonderful ministries for the children of Parke County which address the issues of poverty. It has been a privilege to see Kids for Christ continuing and to be a small part of the creation process for the Buddy Bags which makes such a tremendous difference in the lives of children. There are other moments and ministries which have shaped many more lives than we can possibly count. I am grateful for this opportunity to be a part of these ministries.

My family and I also remember those who we have lost over the last three years. Although we have not been here long, the loss of the many friends, neighbors, loved ones is not forgotten. In our leaving, we still carry the memory of many of these loved ones with us. From the time spent on the porch at Halloween to the evenings spent playing board games, these memories are cherished.

In closing, we leave for Whiteland filled with hope and knowing that God is already there waiting. As we leave, my prayer is for Pastor Dave and Mary Marty and the community of faith here in Rockville that their ministry together is both blessed and fruitful.

Peace be with you...

Pastor Ed

June Service Seekers



Altar Flowers

- 06/05 open
- 06/12 open
- 06/19 Tom & Katie Potter
- 06/26 open



Greeters

- 06/05 Imogene Rahn
- 06/12 Mark and Martha Holaday
- 06/19 Richard and Carol Keller
- 06/26 Lloyd and Sally Zuber

Fellowship Refreshments



- 06/05 Harbisons
- 06/12 open
- 06/19 Abbotts
- 06/26 open



The food pantry item for the month of June will be personal hygiene products such as bath soaps, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste/brushes.

Thirty-one pounds of food was taken in last month. The need is great! Please leave your contributions in the Food Pantry tubs located in the Fellowship Hall.

June Birthdays



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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 01 Mary Sherrill | 20 Norval Dixon |
| 03 Diane Green | Ann Jones |
| Charles Bemis | 21 Judy Estell |
| 06 Amanda Lee | 22 Jean Birch |
| 07 Ellen Fowler | Jenifer George |
| Sharon Kent | Olivia Smith |
| 08 Evelyn Swaim | 24 Alta Pickett |
| 13 Liddy Wright | 24 Shelby Blair |
| 14 Shelly Akers | 26 John Hartman |
| 16 Mary Alice Barnes | 27 Martin Evens |
| 17 Padraic Wright | 28 Pat Dixon |
| 18 Olivia Rose Swinehart | Diana Ruark |
| 19 Collin Harbison | Nicholas Perry |

Relay For Life



Relay for Life will be held at the Parke County Fairgrounds June 4th and 5th. Our church chairman this year is Teresa Pipes. Contact Teresa for more information or if you would like to become a member of our church's team or be a relief walker. She can be contacted at 569-3645 or 592-5316.

Parke County Handbell Choir will be performing at approximately 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. Luminaries are available for sale and the lighting will be held at 10:00 p.m. Saturday.

There will be a Survivor & Caregiver Reception at the event. For more information or to RSVP contact Survivor Chair, Marjorie Hayes: Marjorie.hays@att.net or 765.569.6204.

District Superintendent Preaching

**District Superintendent,
Rev. Judi Purvis will be preaching
from our pulpit on
Sunday, June 5th, 10:00 a.m.
A pitch-in lunch will follow.**

2011 Indiana Annual Conference

"Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with God" is the theme for the 2011 Indiana Annual Conference Session to be held at Ball State University in Muncie, Wednesday, June 8 through Saturday afternoon, June 11. Plenary sessions will be held in Emen's Auditorium. For further information on Annual Conference details visit the Indiana United Methodist Conference website at: www.inumc.org/pages/detail/581.

Please pray for Randy Randall, our Lay Member of Annual Conference, as he represents our church at this year's Conference. Pray God's blessing and wisdom for all pastors and lay members who will be attending, and ask for an outpouring of God's Spirit and generous provision of grace over every aspect the Annual Conference. May God be glorified!

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 for any additions or updates you may have at rockvilleumc@sbcglobal.net. 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.



Mission Committee Collecting Flood Bucket Items

Missions Committee is wanting to assemble five Flood Buckets to help with recent flooding and tornado relief. Contact Shelly Gregg, 569-0269 for donations or questions.

Flood Bucket Kit Items—Suggested Shipping Donation \$5.00

- ✦ 5-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid (clean)
- ✦ Bleach--1/2 or 3/4 gal.
- ✦ Liquid laundry detergent (50 oz. bottle)
- ✦ Household cleaner, 12-16 oz. bottle
- ✦ Antibacterial dish soap, 16-28 oz. bottle
- ✦ Air freshener, 8 or 9 oz. can (aerosol cans must have protective caps)
- ✦ Insect repellent (not killer) 6-14 oz. can (* *Off, Cutter*) aerosol cans must have protective caps.
- ✦ 5 scouring pads (not steel wool)
- ✦ 1 scrub brush
- ✦ 18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes)
- ✦ Sponges—7 pack, assorted sizes
- ✦ 50 clothes pins (snap)
- ✦ Clothesline (cotton) approx. 3/16" diameter x 100 ft.
- ✦ Dust masks—5 pack (disposable) (sealed in a bag)
- ✦ Latex gloves—package of 2 pair (Premier)
- ✦ Work gloves—(Wells Lamont, Canvas Dot) 1 pair
- ✦ Trash bags—(*Glad* tie, approx. 30 gallon or larger) (rolled into 2 sets of 12)

Secure product lids. Place all items in bucket. Sizes are important as all items must fit in bucket. Put list on outside and seal bucket and bring to the office.



Tid Bits

- Congratulations to Dale Barnes and Richard Keller who were recently honored with Quilts of Valor from the Quilts of Valor organization. Over 30,000 quilts have been presented, since 2003, to all combat veterans from any conflict.
- Congratulations to Morgan Pierce for her recent awards in the DAR American History Essay Contest. She competed at the state level, winning fourth in the state.
- Congratulations to Nick Waltz who was recently inducted into the National Honor Society.
- Deven Stites recently attended Chrysalis, a spiritual renewal for young people through a three-day experience.
- Congratulations to Mark and Linda Spelbring, who have a new great-grandson, Hagen William. He was born May 10th and is the son of Brittany Bryant and Travis Jeffrey.
- Congratulations to Tommy Bruner who will be married June 18th to Kendall Seward.
- Thanks to Roleen Pickard for the flowers she planted in our outside urns.

Our Thanks to the Choir. Summer Special Music is Needed.



Our thanks to the Chancel Choir members for their beautiful gifts of inspirational vocal music. Special music during our worship service is now needed for this summer while the Chancel Choir takes a well deserved break. Beginning with worship on June 5th, 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.

VBS Needing Donations of Food

VBS is needing your help in obtaining food, enough for 50 people. The list of items needed for snacks are:

- Pita bread, flatbread or small tortillas
- 2 large containers of plain yogurt
- 4 cans pineapple (not crushed)
- Strawberries
- Bananas
- 2 boxes Golden Graham cereal
- 2 boxes Chex cereal
- 1 box cheerios
- 2 bags oyster crackers
- 2 boxes raisins
- Grapes
- 4 large pkgs. vanilla instant pudding
- Apples
- Oatmeal Cookies
- Ice Cream
- 3 gallons of milk
- Juice



Simple round, plain sugar
cookies
are also needed.
Give Robbin Swinehart a call
if you can help.
569-1042

Please contact Kathy Allison, 569-3914, to let her know how you can help.

**Please mark your donated items "VBS" and bring to the church
by June 12th. Thank you!**

Church Histories Still Available

Church Histories can still be purchased for \$10.00 from the office or from Betty Lewis, Co-Church Historian.



Buddy Bag Update

As of the end of the school year, the Buddy Bag Ministry will have distributed over 1,500 buddy bags to eligible students at Rockville Elementary School. Because those students also receive free or reduced-cost meals at school, we reasoned that they will need a weekly buddy bag as much or more during the summer months as during the school year. Therefore, we have decided to continue this effort with the Summer Buddy Bag Ministry.

Eligible students have enrolled through Rockville Elementary School and the first distribution will be June 8th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the church. If families cannot get to the church to pick up the bags, delivery can be arranged.

If you know of a family needing help with feeding their children this summer and they have not already registered for the Summer Buddy Bag Ministry, ask them to come to the church to register on June 8th, between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. If that is not possible, ask them to call the church office or Katie Edington at 765-562-2315.

We will need several volunteers to help with buddy bags this summer. Volunteers will pack the bags, distribute bags at the church on Wednesdays and/or deliver the bags, shop for food, and have some fun while also helping kids. If that sounds like something you might like to do, please call Katie at 562-2315 whether you can help one-time-only or every week. Most of our volunteers find it a way to meet new people or renew old friendships, while having fun, getting a little exercise, and doing something important for some great kids.

Also, many of you heard about the Zumbathon fund-raiser for the Buddy Bag Ministry which took place on 4/23/11. We especially thank Zumba instructors Becky Anders and Kim White who worked long and hard to put this event together, everyone who bought tickets and merchandise, and all the Zumba participants, including all the exercisers and the six instructors from all over the Wabash Valley. Many thousands of calories were burned and a great time was had by all. Over \$1,400 was raised to provide food for some wonderful Parke County kids.

In case you don't know, we administer the Buddy Bag Ministry without spending any money from the church budget or treasury. We accomplish this by doing our own fund-raising, with the tremendous help of many community sponsors and friends of the ministry. Many people have given a one-time-only donation and some other individuals and groups give a monthly or periodic amount. In addition to the Zumbathon, Benjamin's II did a very successful drink-card fund raiser for us, and the Covered Bridge Cluster of United Methodist Churches (Beech Grove, Bloomingdale, Bridgeton, Linebarger Chapel, Otterbein, Rockville First, and Rosedale) worked hard for a bake sale during the Maple Fair. Special thanks also to Bridgeton United Methodist Church, the Daeschners, Rockville Women's Prison and Pizza Hut for their recent generous donations.

We hope to have news soon about a second fund-raiser from Benjamin's II, so keep listening for that. We also will have news later this summer about expanding the ministry to a second Parke County School in September. Most importantly, please keep the Buddy Bag Ministry in your prayers.

Buddy Bag Update-continued

The following is a list of sponsors for the 4/23/11 Zumbathon. Please support these businesses when you can and, if you know these people, thank them for their help with the Buddy Bag Ministry.

Energy Unlimited-Natalie
Montgomery

Unlimited Green

WAXI 104.9

AET Films

Dale Warnick Chevrolet

The Andy Hayes Family

First Financial Bank

Irv Pinkson

Nancy Zeman

Judy Green

Coon Holler Kids

Rockville Casey's

Neva's Downtown Mall

Rockville Valero

Clinton Wal-Mart

Fountain Trust Bank

Rockville Swimming Pool

Ruth's Flowers

Roxann Dreher

Brian's Laser Wash

Sabrina Bassett

Rockville Pizza Hut

Child Adult Resource Services

Family Chiropractic

Reva Oellig

Ritz Theater

Rockville CVS

Bob and Denice Shryock

Parke County Community

Foundation

J.E.M. Photography

The Secret

Kim Huffman

Laura Shryock

Montezuma Fish & Game Club

Rockville IGA

Rockville Pamida

Scott Pet Products

Benjamin's II Family Restaurant

36 Restaurant

Uptown Salon-Tammy Hinkle

Garfield's Restaurant

Kountry Kreations-Donna Leonard

31 Gifts-Carol Delp

Angie Davern

Barbara Pefley--Philbar, Inc.

Cakes by Jana

Scentsy-Holly Hazzard

JR Pharmacy-employees &
customers

Celebrating Home-Elayna Lacy

Terre Haute Pilot Gas Station

Donna and Dean Andrews

Upper Case Living-Kathy Wirth

Katie Edington

May 25, 2011

Men's Bible Study

During the month of June the Men's Bible Study will meet at Dave Lash's, 215 S. Michigan, under his screened gazebo.

ILLINI 4000 Bicyclists to Visit



Our church will once again host the Illini 4000 bicyclist group June 5th-6th. They are expected to arrive around 3:00 p.m., Sunday June 5th and will depart Monday morning. We will be providing dinner, breakfast and snacks. To help with this program please contact Randy Randall, 569-3107. We hosted this group last year, which proved to be a wonderful blessing for all. Be sure to take the opportunity to visit with these dedicated individuals. The organization is a non-profit dedicated to the fight against cancer, the support of those affected by cancer, and the documentation of how cancer impacts the lives of Americans. Through their annual cross-country bike ride, they reach out to new communities and new individuals each year spreading their message of hope and awareness. For more information go to www.illini4000.org. *Thanks to Randy, donors, and volunteers for their help in this hosting!*

Fellowship Diner



Fellowship Diner

Friday, June 24th

6-8:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Bring a friend or neighbor!

Free meal for all.

Darlene Ayres, 569-5179

Feeding the Future

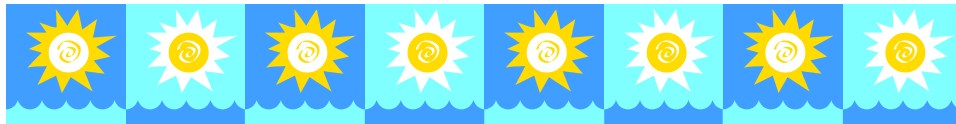


There is a new program this summer called "Feeding the Future" which will provide free lunches for kids at the church every Wed. from 11:00 to 1:00. We chose this time because there is a free movie for kids every Wed. morning at the Ritz Theater. So, if you wish, the kids can see a movie, get lunch afterward, and pick up a buddy bag. To help with this program, contact Darlene Ayres, 569- 5179.

June 2011



Happy Father's Day June 19th!



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

2 Ascension of the Lord
6:30-Handbell practice

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4 12 noon-Relay for Life, fairgrounds
10 am-Smashed penny meeting

5 Rev. Judi Purvis, D.S preaching, pitch in following
ILLINI 4000
6pm-Dist. Cluster Ldr. meeting

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7 12 noon- Pastor's Bible Study
7pm-Men's Bible Study, Dave Lash's
6 pm-Tri Kappa

8 11-1-Buddy Bags distributed
11-1-Feeding the Future
6:30 Trustee mtg

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← Annual conference Ball State University →

12 Pentecost
Tony Allison speaking

13 Shake it Up
VBS
5:30-8:30

14 12 noon- Pastor's Bible Study
7pm-Men's Bible Study, Dave Lash's

15 11-1- Buddy Bags distributed
11-1-Feeding the Future

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19 Trinity Sun./ Peace with Justice Offering
Father's Day
Pat Ballinger speaking

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21 12 noon- Pastor's Bible Study
7pm-Men's Bible Study, Dave Lash's

22 11-1- Buddy Bags distributed
11-1-Feeding the Future
7pm-Ad Council

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24 Fellowship Diner, 6-8 p.m.

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26 Pitch-in Farwell
Celebration for Pastor Ed

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28 12 noon- Pastor's Bible Study
7pm-Men's Bible Study, Lash's

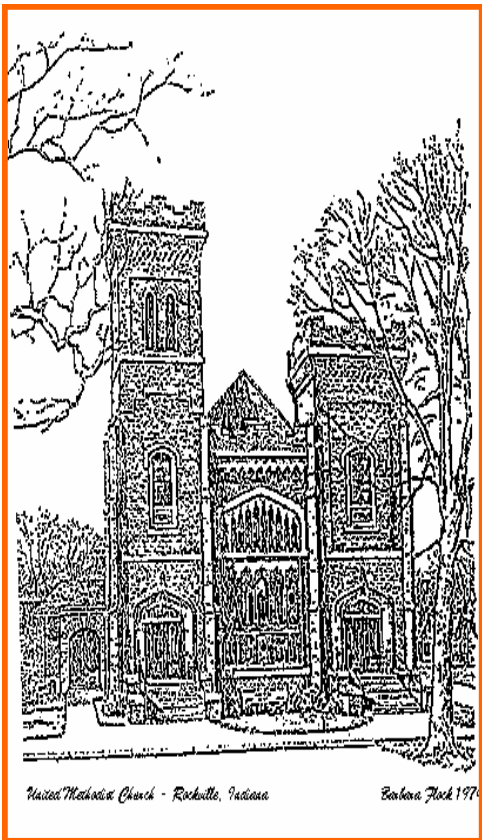
29 11-1- Buddy Bags distributed
11-1-Feeding the Future

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

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