

# Rockville First UMC Highlights

NOVEMBER  
2011

ROCKVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

## NOVEMBER'S "FELLOWSHIP DINER" TO BE THANKSGIVING DINNER



Once again this year our church will be offering a free dinner for the community on  
**Thanksgiving Day, November 24,  
 3-5 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.**

This full meal will provide a wonderful opportunity for us to come together with our neighbors and celebrate God's goodness in our lives. Your help is greatly needed and will be greatly appreciated in such areas as set-up, food prep, serving, clean-up, and general hospitality. If you'd like to share in this blessing, please contact **Chris Schlee** at 592-4762 or **Shara Schlee** at 592-6001. Thank you!

## Charge Conference— November 6th

- Our **Charge Conference** will be at Rosedale UMC, Sunday, November 6th, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Representatives of the churches in our Cluster will be in attendance. Salaries, benefits, the trustees' incorporation meeting, approval of lay speakers and approval of removing members from our roll are all bound at the Charge Conference. Any member may attend. The meeting will be followed with a meal.



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## Recent Prayer Concerns

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

***James 5:15***

Larry Abbott; Fred Nuetzel; Sue Abbott; Teresa Pipes; Tim Simic; Chris Schlee; Ayres family; John Wilson, brother-in-law of Jean Birch; Mike Funk family; Doug, Amy and Sam Powlen, friends of Norm and Catherine Thompson; Norton family; Atkinson family; Emily Gossett; Linda Koenig; Barker family; Jennifer Langdon; Jonnie Lou Overpeck, Guy Gregg’s sister; Klausmeier family missions; missionary Kevin Cauley, Africa; those unspoken; 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.



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

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



### **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

*Grandson of Don and Linda Navel:*

Nathan Muckerheide  
Afghanistan

*Friend of Milligan's:*

Adam Black,  
Afghanistan

*Friend of Darlene Ayres:*

Jamie Mack, Iraq

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

## Rockville 1st UMC Facts & Figures

Date	Sunday		Tithe & Offerings	Other Giving	Total Giving
	School Attendance	Worship Service Attendance			
10/02/2011	25	83	3760.00	177.00	3937.00
10/09/2011	21	75	3387.00	674.00	4061.00
10/16/2011	18	51	1631.00	2218.00	3849.00
10/23/2011	23	60	1383.00		1383.00
10/30/2011	23	89	2691.15	400.00	3091.15

**2011 Average Worship Attendance to Date: 76**

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

## A Word from Our Pastor

### THANK YOU!!

When I was a kid, there were a lot of times that I would ask for something, but I would forget to say "please", and my parents would immediately ask, "What's the magic word?" Then, if I would forget to say "thank you" they'd ask me, "Now, what do you say?"

Sometimes as *adults* we forget to say "thank you", too. And so, during this month of Thanksgiving, I want to first say some "thank you's" of my own, and then invite *you* to do likewise. So, here goes...

First, I want to say a huge "**THANK YOU!**" to all of the people who helped with the church's various outreach and fundraising activities during the Covered Bridge Festival. As the new pastor on the block, I have to tell you that it was a tremendous joy for me to see so many people working together to park cars, provide hospitality, make and serve meals and snacks, manage the rummage and book sales, and to generally extend a Christian welcome to festival goers. There are too many of you to name individually, but I hope you know how much your efforts are appreciated.

One of the out-of-state visitors I met at the Wednesday night soup supper said, "This is such a wonderful service that your church provides. We came here last year and felt so welcome that we decided to come back this year, too!"

OK, now I want to invite you to join me in saying thanks in another way. This being the month of Thanksgiving, you will find that, beginning on Sunday, November 6th, there will be two "thank you" bulletin boards at the church -- one in the front entryway and one at the top of the stairs -- each of which will have a pocket containing some small notes cards on which will be the words, "I thank God for \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_."

You're invited to take one or more of those cards and fill it in with the name of the person(s) for whom you are thankful and the reason why. For example, you might thank God for Jane Smith because of her faithful service to the church in a specific area. Then just pin the card(s) to the board so that others can see it and join you in giving thanks. It's a simple gesture, but it can be a wonderful way to bless an individual and the church.

Let's make November a full *month* of thankfulness. Above all, let's remember to thank God for the greatest gift of all -- Jesus. As the apostle Paul says in 2 Corinthians 9:15, "*Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!*"

*Pastor Dave*

## Service Circle



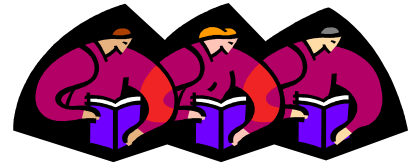
The Service Circle elected new officers at last month's meeting. They are Lois McGrannahan, President; Miriam Lash, Vice President; Marilou Cox, Secretary; and Roleen Pickard, Treasurer.

This quarter's Hostess Committee is Mary Anne Jones, Chairman; Alberta Butler; Connie Becker; Betty Lewis; and Roleen Pickard.

Mary Anne Jones will host the November 9 Circle meeting at her home on Virginia Street. Mary Alice Barnes will have devotions and Alberta Butler and Lois McGrannahan are hostesses.

## Women Needed as Witnesses for Prison Bible Study

Dave Lash needs 2-4 more women to act as witnesses during a prison Bible study at the Rockville Correction Center. The actual Bible study will be lead by Dave, meeting for 45-60 minutes weekly. If you can help please contact him at 765-592-0707.



## Church's Vision Retreat to be Held November 5

On Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m. - 12:00 noon, at the Parke County Extension Meeting Room (fairgrounds), our church will be having a "vision retreat". The goal of the retreat, which will be led by Steve Clouse (Associate Director of Church Development for the Indiana Conference of the UMC) will be to prayerfully discern two or three primary ministry goals for 2012 and to formulate initial strategies for achieving those goals. All members of the current Administrative Council, and those nominated for Administrative Council in 2012, are expected to attend. If you're not on the Council, but would like to participate, or if you'd simply like more information, please contact Greg Harbison or Pastor Dave. And whether you're attending or not, your prayers would be greatly appreciated, since this event will shape our ministry together for the next year.

## Basic Fall Lay Speaker Training November 5

### Basic Lay Speaker Training

November 5th (8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.), Clinton First UMC, 310 S. 4th Street, Clinton. There are no prerequisites for the Beginner Course, just a desire to serve in your church. However, prior to attending an Advanced Course, students must have obtained Local Church Lay Speaker status by completing the beginner course and submitting a Lay Speaker Application Form to the District.

**The cost of this class is \$40.00.**

The registration form is available in the church office and also on the district website at [www.inumc.org/westdistrict](http://www.inumc.org/westdistrict).

# November Service Seekers



## Altar Flowers

- 11/06 Diana Ruark
- 11/13 OPEN
- 11/20 Katie Edington
- 11/27 Maia & Martha Holaday

## Greeters



- 11/06 Joe & Martha Hartman
- 11/13 Darlene & Chris Ayres
- 11/20 Lois McGrannahan
- 11/27 Betty Lewis

## Fellowship

### Refreshments



- 10/02
- 10/09
- 10/16
- 10/23
- 10/30

OPEN



The food pantry item for the month of November is your choice.

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

## November Birthdays



01 Pastor Dave Marty	16 Diana Powers
Carolyn Weatherman	17 Bailey Hayes
Ruth Welch	21 Conner Hartman
02 Tony Nuetzel	22 Mark Holaday
Brad Bemis	24 Cathy Thompson
04 Mike Snapp	26 Justin Lien
06 Karen Kent	Jordan Hammontree
07 Kevin Mathis	Kelly Kimmell
Sandy Buck	29 Mike Tumey
08 Margaret Lash	Kristine Hawkins
Drew Kimmell	Sauter
13 Teresa Rigdon	

## 2011 Advent/Christmas Offering to Benefit Children Locally and Globally



For the past few years our church has designated its special Advent/Christmas offerings to be used in the local area. This year, though, you're invited to open your hearts to children both locally and around the world by giving generously to **"The Bishop's Christmas Offering for Children"**. This special offering, to be received from United Methodists throughout Indiana, will go to support the following ministries in the coming year:

- Indiana Conference Camping program will receive 20% to go to first-time campers and children in need;
  - Indiana United Methodist-related children and youth homes will receive 30%;
  - Indiana Conference-related "Operation Classroom" (in the African countries of Sierra Leone and Liberia) will receive 10%;
  - Local outreach projects will receive 20%;
  - Bishop's fund for emergency children's projects will receive 10%;
- United Methodist Advance Projects (to fund children's ministries both nationally and globally) will receive 10%.

These programs have been selected and endorsed by the Indiana Conference Special Offerings Committee. Your offering will bless the lives of many children, so please give what you can, using the special envelopes that will be available in the pews beginning November 27. And, as Bishop Mike Coyner often says, "Please pray for *all* the children of the world."

THANK YOU!

## Hanging of the Greens



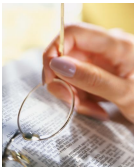
All hands are needed as we prepare  
the church  
for the Christmas Season.  
Join in the fellowship  
Sunday, November 27th.

## Poinsettia Orders



If you would like to order a Poinsettia to further beautify our Sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season, please fill out the form below along with \$7.00 and return to the office by **December 11th**. Those who purchase them may take them home after the Christmas Day service or as soon as possible thereafter.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_



## Worship Themes, Scriptures and Readers for November

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon</u>	<u>Scripture(s)</u>	<u>Other Features</u>
November 6 All Saints Sunday	<b>"In Remembrance"</b>	Heb. 11:1-13; 12:1-2 Luke 22:14-20 Reader: Dave Lash	Candle lighting and bell ringing in memory of loved ones; Communion
November 13	<b>"The Joy of Generosity"</b>	Psalm 112:5-10 2 Corinthians 9:6-12 Luke 6:30-38 Reader: Pat Ballinger	Filled "Pack-a-Sack" bags for Parke Co Food Pantry to be offered at altar
November 20 Christ the King Sun.	<b>"In Everything?"</b>	Psalm 57 1 Thess. 5:16-18 Luke 17:11-19 Reader: Mary Marty	
November 27 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	<b>Hanging of the Greens</b>	Psalm 118:19-29 Reader: Tom Potter	Come hear the stories and sing the songs of Christmas as the sanctuary is decorated for the season!

## Thank you from the District Office



### *From District Superintendent, Rev. Judi Purvis—*

I want to show my appreciation to the Rockville First United Methodist Church for the impressive increase in tithing that has been displayed this year. This commitment to the Lord and to the connection does not go unnoticed! The funds that Rockville tithes to the District and Conference do so much to increase the work in the United Methodist Church. Thank you for supporting the connection in this important way!

## Kids for Christ "Pack-a-Sack" Challenge



During worship on Sunday, October 30th, everyone in the congregation was invited to take home one or more grocery bags that had been decorated by the children participating in our church's "Kids for Christ" program. The challenge is to fill the bag(s) with non-perishable food supplies and return the filled bag(s) to the church on Sunday, November 13. The food will then be taken to the Parke County Food Pantry where it will help many struggling families to better experience the blessing of Thanksgiving. Additional decorated sacks are available at the church. Please accept the challenge, remembering the words of 2 Corinthians 9:12, *"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."*



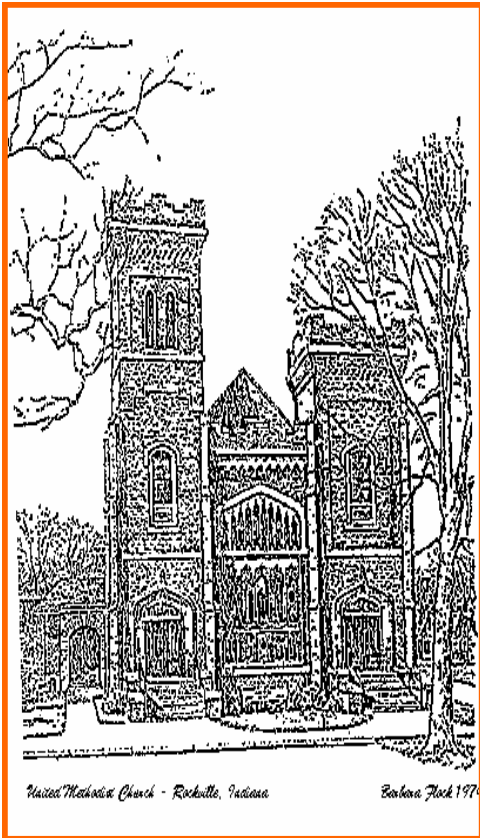
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Don't forget to set your  
Clocks back one hour Nov. 6



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 7 pm-Men's Bible Study 7 pm- Women's Bible Study	<b>2</b> 3:15-KFC 6:30 pm-Girl Sct. Ldr. Mtg.	<b>3</b> 3:15 trp.01638 6:30 Den mtg. 7 pm-Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00a.m.-12 noon Vision Retreat, Fairgrounds
<b>6</b> All Saints Communion 4 pm-Charge Conference, Rosedale UMC 5 pm-D. Lash Bible Study 7 pm-Pastor's Bible Study	<b>7</b> 3:15 pm-Cadet trp 10462 7 pm-Handbells	<b>8</b> 6:00 pm-Worship committee meeting 7 pm-Men's Bible Study 7 pm- Women's Bible Study	<b>9</b> 9:30 a.m.-Service Circle Mary Anne Jones' 3:15-KFC 6:30 pm-Trustee mtg.	<b>10</b> 3:15 trp.01638 7 pm-Choir	<b>11</b> Veterans Day	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Return Pack-A-Sacks 5 pm-D. Lash Bible Study 6 pm-Pastor's Bible Study	<b>14</b> 3:15 pm-Cadet trp 10462 7 pm-Handbells	<b>15</b> 7 pm-Men's Bible Study 7 pm- Women's Bible Study	<b>16</b> 3:15-KFC 6:30 pm-Administrative Council mtg.	<b>17</b> 3:15 trp.01638 6:30 Scout Cake Auction-Pack mtg 7 pm-Choir	<b>18</b> 5-6:30-Scout popcorn pick-up	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 5 pm-D. Lash Bible Study 6 pm-Pastor's Bible Study	<b>21</b> 3:15 pm-Cadet trp 10462 7 pm-Handbells	<b>22</b> 7 pm-Men's Bible Study 7 pm- Women's Bible Study	<b>23</b> No KFC	<b>24</b> Office closed 3-5 pm- Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner	<b>25</b> Office closed	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 1st Sun- day of Advent Hanging of the Greens 5 pm-D. Lash Bible Study 6 pm-Pastor's Bible Study	<b>28</b> 3:15 pm-Cadet trp 10462 7 pm-Handbells	<b>29</b> Girl Sct. Candy/nut delivery 7 pm-Men's Bible Study	<b>30</b> 3:15-KFC			





# Rockville First United Methodist Church

Dave Marty, Pastor

**November  
2011**

## **Regular Church School and Worship Schedule:**

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

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