

Rockville First UMC Highlights

OCTOBER
2011

ROCKVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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



Harvest Soup Dinner

Mon. & Wed. Oct. 17 & 19,
5–7:00 p.m.

A bowl of homemade soup, crackers,
beverage, and a homemade dessert,
all for

\$6.00

Rockville First United Methodist Church

1 block N.W. of courthouse/corner
of Market & York

Covered Bridge Festival Parking Attendants Needed

P Parking attendants are needed during the Parke County Covered Bridge Festival each day beginning October 14th through October 23rd. The trustees are asking for two attendants per shift. Each shift is four hours running from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. and from 12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. Parking will be behind the “36” restaurant. The sign-up chart will be just outside the Fellowship Hall. This is the Trustee’s main fund raising event and they would very much appreciate your help.



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Recent Prayer Concerns

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

James 5:15

Larry Abbott; Chris Schlee; the Ader family; Tim Simic; Don Swaim; Abby Nuetzel; Jennifer Odom, daughter of Linda Spelbring; Mark Spelbring on the death of his mother, Virginia; Austin Schlee; family of Doug Hamilton; Ken Simpson, son-in-law of Helen Graham; Lori, niece of Jim & Keitha Swaim; Teddy Acklin; Rodger Ice; Alfie Hall; Freida Kerr McGrannahan; Pam, great niece of Dorothy Smith; Tammy Carr-Bailey; Gloria Stiffey; John Lawson and family, friend of Steve Waltz; Jonnie Lou Overpeck, Guy Gregg’s sister; family of Kevin Carrington; Craig Cassity, Shelly Gregg’s brother; Mary Woods; Adrienne Hess; John Meadows; Mark Tilton; Jeff Martin; Will Sorrells; Chatell Warren; Klausmeier family missions; missionary Kevin Cauley, Africa; those unspoken; hurricane and flood victims; 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

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

Rockville 1st UMC Facts & Figures

Date	Sunday	Worship Service Attendance	Tithe & Offerings	Other Giving	Total Giving
	School Attendance				
09/04/2011	29	91	3605.26	449.55	4054.81
09/11/2011	20	95	1620.00	150.00	1770.00
09/18/2011	16	83	1477.00	178.00	1655.00
09/25/2011	20	77	2082.55	94.00	2176.55

2011 Average Worship Attendance to Date: 76

2011 Average Sunday School Attendance to Date: 24

A Word from Our Pastor

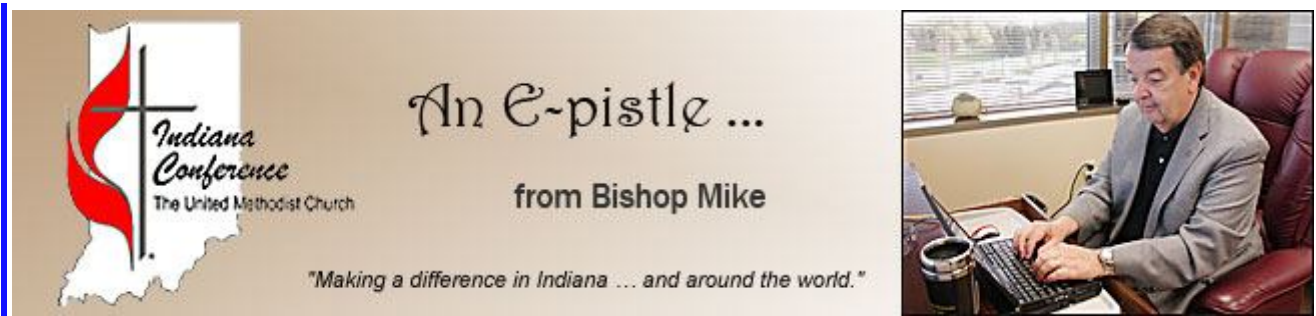
Dear First UMC friends,

As most of you know, over the past few Sundays I've been preaching a series of sermons that I've entitled "Breaking Free: Overcoming the Seven Deadly Sins". Several of you have commented to me that you've found some of the messages particularly helpful or challenging; but the one that seems to have generated the most response is the one on anger.

In light of that, I found it particularly interesting when, on September 26th, I opened my e-mail to find the following open letter from our Bishop, Rev. Michael Coyner, who is just returning to work after a 3-month renewal leave. In my opinion, he offers very wise insight about how we, as followers of Jesus Christ, can best witness for him in a political climate (even a *church* climate) that can sometimes be characterized by all too much anger.

So, instead of writing my own pastor's article for this newsletter, I decided to defer to Bishop Coyner. I hope you'll take time not only to read his insights, but also to follow his counsel to PRAY, remembering what the apostle Paul says in 1 Timothy 2:1-4: ***"First of all, I urge that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone--for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."***

In Christ,
Pastor Dave



Angry Birds

During my renewal leave I was introduced to the computer game called "Angry Birds" – a game in which the player launches various "birds" to attack and destroy the "pigs" who have stolen the eggs of the birds. The purpose of each level is to destroy the buildings and fortresses where the pigs are hiding by using a slingshot to launch birds, bombs, and exploding grenades against the pigs. Each level gets more complex, and many players find the game to be almost addictive. I now have the game loaded on my Droid phone as well as my laptop, and I admit that playing the game does provide a nice, rather mindless, break in which I am challenged to work my way through all of the levels (yes, I have done all of the levels). It is a fun game, but it causes me to reflect upon other "angry birds" that I am encountering.

As we approach General Conference of 2012, it seems that the "angry birds" who are upset about our UMC are flying high and fast. Some want the church to change its stance on homosexuality, others want to make sure that stance is not changed. Some want the general agencies of the denomination to be down-sized, eliminated, or combined; others are quick to defend those agencies. Some want the church to do more social action, others want the church to do more evangelism. Some want the US church to be more like the church overseas in terms of its growth and enthusiasm, others want to keep the resources of the US church home to do good work here. Lots of "angry
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Epistle from Bishop Coyner, Continued

birds" are flying around in the form of e-mails, letters, chain letters, press releases, and the like. Some of those can get rather nasty and threatening, especially the threat that "if the church does not take the action I propose, then I will leave the church."

It happens every four years, and in the US it coincides with the Presidential elections when other angry birds are flying around, arguing about the future of the US, and spending millions of dollars on negative ads.

It makes for an interesting time for anyone who wants to be centered and focused upon our mission. That is how I would describe myself, and frankly I get a little irritated with all the angry birds who seem to want to attack, tear down, and demean either our UMC or the US. It is fine to debate our future, to propose changes, and to work for any particular political agenda. However, when those actions and ideas are turned into "angry birds" which fly around seeking to destroy, then it is no longer a game I want to play.

Here is my counter proposal to the "angry birds" game of complaining about the church or our country: Instead of playing, how about praying? How about praying for our leaders? How about praying for God to guide us? How about praying for peaceful solutions? How about praying that each of us might be agents of reconciliation rather being agents of destruction? I note that one symbol for the Spirit of God is the dove of peace – not the angry bird of a computer game. May we all keep focused upon praying for the heavenly dove, rather than playing the political games of angry birds.

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.

October Service Seekers



Altar Flowers

- 10/02 Sharon Cloyd
- 10/09 open
- 10/16 Holaday family
- 10/23 open
- 10/30 open

Greeters



- 10/02 Jim and Robbin Swinehart
- 10/09 Chris and Shara Schlee
- 10/16 Betty Lewis
- 10/23 Roleen Pickard
- 10/30 Brenda Schreiner

Fellowship

Refreshments



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

OPEN



The food pantry item for the month of October is canned soup .

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

October Birthdays



01 Raegan Eddy	12 Don Swaim
02 Bill Swern	15 Teresa Pipes
Benjamin Jones	17 Warren Ayres
03 Logan Carlton	18 Karen White
Cindy Miller	19 Elizabeth Armstrong
04 Kapria Collings	21 Clara Jack
06 Nick Waltz	22 Jacob Bryant
Darlene Ayres	24 Nathan Rigdon
07 Norman Lowery	Ron Black
08 Dave Lash	26 Jeff Lewis
Richard Keller	28 Kinley Noelle Geiger
10 Clarice Lawyer	29 Mary Shockley
Scott Kimmell	31 Imogene Rahn
Cindy Berry	Mary Jane Evens
11 Colton McMullen	

Covered Bridge Festival Hospitality Center Needs Attendants



Our Hospitality Center at the church during Covered Bridge Festival went over very well the last two years. We will be doing it again this year. The shifts will be about 2-3 hours at a time. Most people signed up for 1 or 2 shifts, but if you can do more that would be great. Cookies, coffee, and bottled water are provided for our guests. Your job is to offer those to people who come in, offer restrooms or just a place to take a break and share thoughts. The sign-up chart is just inside the Fellowship Hall.

Service Circle



Sixteen Service Circle members signed a card of thanks last month for Pat Ballinger for selling our cookbooks at Aunt Patty's. Cookbooks are also available for \$10 at the Rockville Library and church office.

Mary Ann Jones will have devotions for the October 12 meeting at Mary Alice Barnes on Summerset Drive. Joyce McMullen and Martha Hartman are hostesses.

Extra Library Books and Tapes For Sale Millie DesEnfants Authors Second Book



Librarian, Betty Lewis, has extra books and tapes available to sell from our library. She will be available the first Monday of the month, 9 a.m.-12:00 noon. Contact Betty, 592-0727, for other times she can meet with you.

Last month we told you of the new children's book "Long Ago Sally" presented to our library from past office secretary Millie DesEnfants. Millie authored that book to let children know what it was like growing up during the depression. Now she has had a second book released. "Giggles and Tears", a memoir on a touching and inspirational literary trip as she relates her mother's journey with Alzheimer's disease. The book is an honest and vivid portrayal of a daughter and her husband's love for her mother suffering from this disease. Those interested can call 888-795-4274 or contact the church office for Millie's contact information.

Your Church Website and Facebook Page



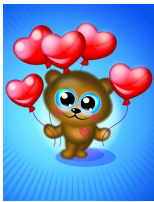
The church website, continues to be updated regularly and includes lots of information, including the church newsletter. There will be a limited number of paper copies of the newsletter available at the church. Contact Diana in the church office, rockvilleumc@sbcglobal.net, if you want your newsletter 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.

Church Rummage Sale Taking Place During Covered Bridge



Randy Randall is asking everyone to clean their closets, garages and attics in preparation for a church rummage sale during the Covered Bridge Festival. He plans to be at the church late afternoon Thursday (October 13th) to receive your articles and tag them. He asks that no large articles be brought to the sale (refrigerators, etc.). He will be working the sale all 10 days of the festival. Be sure to drop in to say hello and shop.

Afghanistan Hearts and Love Mission



Don and Linda Navel's grandson is serving in Afghanistan in the Utah National Guard. He is in charge of the Hearts and Love Mission which collects stuffed animals to hand out to the children affected by this war. He has asked for our help. Anyone wanting to donate stuffed animals may leave them in the collection box in the front vestibule or you may contact Linda at 569-6510. The Navels will see that they get mailed to their grandson.

"Through the Bible" Bible Study



Many people have never really understood the Bible or have the time to read the Bible.

Each Sunday night at 7:30 PM at our church is a new Bible Study that does not last very long. In fact it can be as short as 30 minutes or a little longer if someone wants to ask a question. But, you can leave whenever you want to leave.

From this Bible Study, you will have a whole new understanding of what the Bible is all about, your place in history and how you relate to the Bible. Better yet, you are not forced to spend the rest of your life in a Bible Study because this same study is offered on television and you can listen to it in the comfort of your own home.

Dave Lash, member of our church, has used this Bible Study to prepare himself to do many things in our church. Have you ever noticed how easy it is for him to get up to the lectern in church, read scripture, say public prayers, give a sermon, teach Sunday School, teach Bible School and a host of other related activities? Once Dave got started learning what the Bible was all about, God has used him in so many ways in our community.

Reading the Bible is not just something else to do when you find the time. It is a way of life that gives you a better understanding of what God is all about, why He does what he does, who He really is and how you can improve your relationship with Him. The problem with Bible is that it can be hard to understand, confusing and even contradictory in places. Once you understand the "big picture", the parts begin to make sense. All you need is a slight push from God and you will do fine.

Again, the series is called Through the Bible and it begins right after Pastor Dave's Bible study at 7:30 in the Chapel of our church on Sunday night. There is no money involved, you don't have to buy materials and there is no "catch". See you at 7:30 PM on Sunday nights. There will be a recess during the Covered Bridge Festival and then we're right back into it. Your friends will be surprised by saying: "Where did you find that in the Bible?"

John Wesley Study

Mark your calendars now!

The West District will be offering classes this fall to all clergy and lay in our district churches. This two-hour study (facilitated by Sandra Ruby) will provide:



- A glimpse of John Wesley's life as a scholar, preacher, missionary, organizer, social activist and founder of the Methodist Movement.
- A review of methods and new ways for ministry that John Wesley developed to witness and evangelize.
- Main theological tenets of Wesley: grace, social holiness, guidelines for belief
- A look at the legacy of Wesley's Methodist Movement, which remains as the foundation for The United Methodist Church today: our beliefs, our rituals, our ministries, our outreach
- A challenge to us as United Methodists today, to continue in the Wesleyan tradition to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

The John Wesley study will be offered on following dates (the same material will be offered each time):

Tuesday, September 27 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Ellettsville UMC
803 W. Temperance Street, Ellettsville

Sunday, October 2 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Maple Avenue UMC
1203 Maple Avenue, Terre Haute

Sunday, October 9 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Rockville First UMC
128 N. Market Street, Rockville

Tuesday, October 11 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Gobin Memorial UMC
307 Simpson, Greencastle

Sunday, October 23 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Crawfordsville First UMC
212 E. Wabash Avenue, Crawfordsville

These classes are offered to clergy and lay in the West District free of charge! Attendees are only required to contact Katie Swisher to reserve enough space for those coming from your church. Contact Katie via e-mail at west.district@inumc.org or by telephone at 765-276-4797. Please be sure to take advantage of this great learning opportunity!

Spiritual Care Team Volunteers Needed

The Spiritual Care Team of Union Hospital Clinton is looking for volunteer chaplains to help their team meet the spiritual and emotional needs of their patients and their families. Their team began in June, 2008 and had 13 volunteers. Some were pastors, but others were volunteers from churches who felt the need to minister in this way in our hospital. It has been a very successful team and has seen a lot of good from the visits made to those who are ill and their loved ones. We know that pastors are very busy and sometimes it is very hard to be everywhere at once! We welcome those from your church who are not "pastors" but want to serve in a way that touches lives.

We will have an orientation for any new chaplains that is held here at the hospital. Feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions. We have applications for chaplains and I can send them out whenever someone would like to join our team. Thank you for your time and for sharing this with your church, we appreciate your support! God Bless you.

Sincerely,

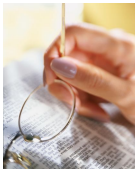
Jeff Russell, Chaplain Coordinator

UHC Spiritual Care Team 765-832-1311

Tid Bits

- Trustee's will be needing plastic containers for take-outs for their Harvest Soup Diner. They can be left in the kitchen. Thanks!
- The movie **COURAGEOUS** will be showing October 3rd at the Showplace 12 Cinema in Terre Haute. As vividly illustrated in **COURAGEOUS**, the impact of fathers in the lives of their children is immense. This powerful film is the starting point for a movement of fathers creating a legacy of Godly families. If anybody wants to see the trailer or sample scenes go to www.courageousthemovie.com.
- Congratulations to Alicia Lewis on her recent marriage to Andrew R. Thompson, September 3rd in our church sanctuary. Pastor Dave officiated at the service. The newly weds make their home in Minot, North Dakota.
- Congratulations to Tony and Kathy Allison, Tom and Katie Potter, and Mary Jane and Marty Evens on the births of their granddaughters!
- Mission committee will be needing parking attendants on the weekends of the Covered Bridge Festival. Call Shelly Gregg if you can help or have questions.
- Kudos to the Service Circle who recently gave Kids for Christ \$500 for programming costs and \$2,000 to the Trustees towards new flooring for the Fellowship Hall!
- Also, thanks to the Parke County Community Foundation for their recent grant of \$2,000 for the Fellowship Diner!
- Buddy Bag numbers have climbed to almost 100! Thanks to all who help with this mission.
- A big thanks to Cathy Flock Thompson and her husband Norm who recently polished our candelabra and altar candle holders in preparation for Alicia's wedding. They look beautiful.
- Thanks to Jim Swinehart, Richard Keller and Randy Roswell who were instrumental in the redo of the men's washroom downstairs. A nice improvement!
- Thanks to everyone who made the Stone Soup Drama during worship September 25th so enjoyable. Special thanks to head chef Robbin Swinehart for the delicious "stone" soup and for all who attended, bringing full baskets and warm fellowship!

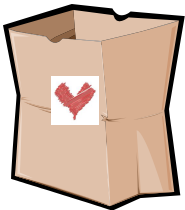




Worship Themes, Scriptures and Readers for October

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sermon Title</u>	<u>Scripture(s)</u>
October 2	"A Story to Change the World"	Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 1:1-9; John 15:12-20 Reader: Carol Keller
October 9	"Overcoming Jealousy" (5th in series: "Breaking Free")	1 Samuel 18:6-11; James 4:1-6; Matthew 27:11-23 Reader: Diana Ader
October 16	"Overcoming Gluttony" (6th in series: "Breaking Free")	Proverbs 23:19-21; Philippians 3:17-21; Matthew 6:16-21 Reader: Tom Potter
October 23	"Overcoming Lust" (Last in series: "Breaking Free")	2 Samuel 11:1-5, 14-17; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 5:27-30 Reader: OPEN
October 30	LAITY SUNDAY	

October 30-Kids for Christ Issue "Pack-a-Sack" Challenge



During worship on Sunday, October 30th, everyone in the congregation will be invited to take home one or more grocery bags that have been decorated by the children participating in our church's "Kids for Christ" program. The challenge will then be 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. 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."*

Kids for Christ Club

Volunteers needed!



The after-school program, Kids for Christ Club resumed Wednesday, September 7th.. On Wednesday, September 14th a total of **48** children attended! This ministry takes **many** volunteers to run successfully and the generosity and love for children this congregation demonstrates will provide us with the volunteers needed. If God has placed upon your heart to support this ministry, please contact either the church office 569-5356 or Judy Nuetzel 592-0251. Through God, all things are possible!



**Enjoy the
Parke County
Covered Bridge Festival
October 14th—October 23rd**

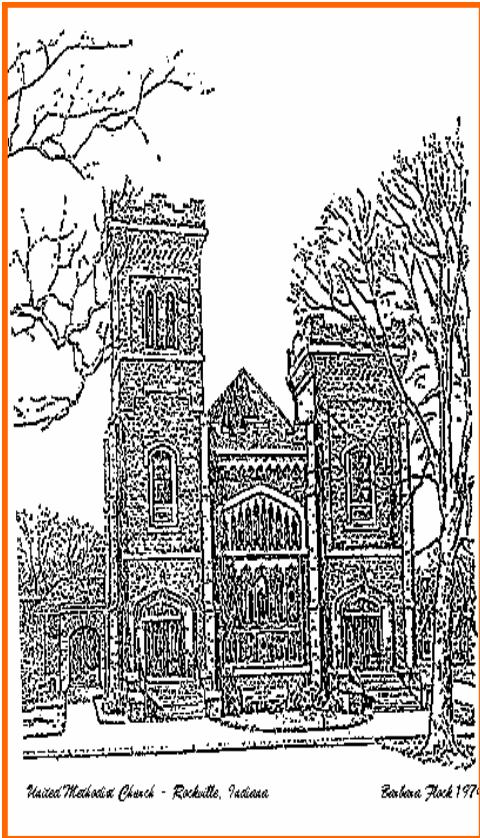


October 2011



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 9-4 Advanced Lay Spkr. Class- Spencer UMC
2 World Communion 6 pm-Pastor's Bible Study 7:30 pm-D. Lash's Bible Study	3 9 am-Library Sale 3:15pm-Cadets 7pm-Handbells	4 6pm-Daisys 7 pm- Men's Bible Study 7 pm-Women's Bible Study	5 3:15 KFC 6 pm-Staff Parish meeting 6:30 pm-GS Ldr 7 pm-Prayer Partners	6 10:30 am- Prayer Partners 3:15 Jr. Troop 7:00 pm- Choir	7	8
9 2-4 pm- John Wesley Study-here 6 pm-Pastor's Bible Study 7:30 pm-D. Lash's Bible Study	10 3:15pm-Cadets 7pm-Handbells	11 6pm-Daisys 7 pm- Men's Bible Study 7 pm-Women's Bible Study	12 9:30 am- Service Circle 3:15 KFC 6pm-Finance mtg 7 pm-Admin. Council mtg.	13 3:15 Jr. trp 6:30 Den mtg. Pm-Rummage sale items in 7:00 pm-Choir	14 Covered Bridge Festival Begins Church Rummage Sale →	15 Charge Conference Forms Due into the District Office
16 Rummage Sale	17 3:15pm- Cadets 5-7 Trustee Soup Supper	18 7 pm- Men's Bible Study 7 pm-Women's Bible Study	19 No KFC 5-7 Trustee Soup Supper	20 3:15 Jr. troop 7 pm- R. Harney mtg. 7:00 pm-Choir	21	22
23 Rummage Sale ends	24 3:15pm-Cadets 7pm-Handbells	25 7 pm- Men's Bible Study 7 pm-Women's Bible Study	26 3:15 KFC 6:30 pm-Trustee meeting	27 3:15 Jr. troop 6:30 Den mtg. 7:00 pm-Choir	28	29
30 Laity Sunday KFC Pack-a-Sack 6 pm-Pastor's Bible Study 7:30 pm-D. Lash's Bible Study	31 3:15pm-Cadets 7pm-Handbells					



Rockville First United Methodist Church

Dave Marty, Pastor



October 2011

Regular Church School and Worship Schedule:

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

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