

Save the Date: Women of Worship

Women Of Worship will be a time of worship and learning what hinders us from worshiping, worshiping dur-

ing trials and who we worship. Friday night from 7-9 and Saturday 9-2 is set aside to focus on God.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office for a reservation. The cost for the gathering is just \$10! If you know someone who might be interested or benefit, give them a registration! Invite your friends and family to join us.

Lunch will be provided on Saturday. Registrations will be

due by September 26. Questions? Contact Becky Brown or Marsha Boyanowski. Watch for more information to come!

Great Lakes Annual Conference 2025 By Becky Brown

It is Saturday morning after just coming home from the Great Lakes Annual Conference 2025. I've just spent four days in Spring Arbor, MI, at Spring Arbor University. I am at a loss for words (if you can believe that). These past four days were amazing. Approximately 85% of our time spent there was dedicated to teaching, preaching, and worshipping God. The other 15% was conducting business on behalf of the Conference. In the business meeting, we voted for delegates and worked on bylaws (minor grammatical changes) and our annual budget. I am pleased to report that all churches in our Conference are current in their giving to the Conference, and some have made contributions for the entire year. We are in good standing for 2025.

We heard the term "scriptural holiness" many times this week. I am praying that Pastor John will do a sermon on what this is all about in terms of scriptural holiness. In

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Christmas in July By Becky Brown

This month is July! We will be kicking off our "Christmas in July" program for missions. We get to be Santa's helpers.

As a reminder, we will be collecting new toys from now until October to be taken to the Henderson Settlement in Kentucky. We have a pickup truck that is ready to be loaded and ready to pick them up and deliver them in October. If necessary, we have another truck prepared to accompany us.

As Christians, we are called to help our brothers and sisters in times of need.

Another reminder: toys or gifts from birth to eighteen will be accepted. These items are NOT to be wrapped. We all remember that gift we opened or our children opened that showed a look of surprise and happiness. We want that for the children in the Henderson community. Won't you help us by giving a gift or two of happiness and joy to these precious young people?

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Pastor John, Marsha, or anyone who went to Henderson in the Spring.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

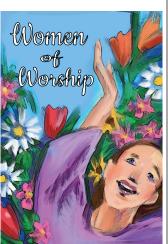
"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done." Proverbs 19:17

SOS Pictures Wanted

The SOS group is observing their 40th anniversary this year. There will be an anniversary celebration held on Saturday, September 6, at 2:00 p.m., at the church. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

If you are a past or present member and have any pictures you would like to share, please send them to the office (Solid Rock Church of Warren, P.O. Box 322, Warren, IN 46792) or Susan Mills, 79 E 400 S, Huntington, IN 46750. These will be included in our scrapbooks, so be sure to send copies, if it is a picture you want to keep.

We hope to see many past and present members at our celebration! Keep watching the newsletter for more details!





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simple terms, scriptural holiness is returning to the Word of God and allowing His holiness to fill us in such a way that there is no worldly holiness in us. I believe we have allowed the world to dictate to us what holiness is and what it should look like, but God has a different definition of holiness. As a Global Methodist church, we are called to a life of scripture holiness in our lives, churches, and conferences.

The theme this year was "Equip." I believe during these four days, Marsha, John, and I feel we've been equipped and called to do ministry to serve Solid Rock in a way that glorifies God. We are called to reach our neighbors, share what Christ has done for us and will continue to do through us, and bring others to Christ.

This year, we saw the outpouring of the Holy Spirit come and fill the auditorium with His presence. All I could think of was Acts 2, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and other disciples. It was a moving and

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Newsletter Reporter: Becky Brown becky@solidrockwarren.org freeing experience I haven't seen in a long time. Personally, it was a time of letting go of some things I've held on to, resetting some brokenness, and rekindling a new Spirit within me. I want you all to know God is on the MOVE in this Global Methodist Conference, in this District, and in this church. Be ready! God has *great* things in store for us all.

I would be selfish in saying, "I hope I am your delegate for 2026 to the Great Lakes Annual Conference 2026." If there is anyone who would love to share this experience, go for it. Even if you would not like to go as a delegate for our church, you are still welcome to come with us and share in a most memorable and moving experience. It is more a time for renewal, seeing what the Holy Spirit has in store, and coming back refreshed and renewed.

There is so much more I could share with you, but I want to thank each of you for allowing me to represent Solid Rock and for allowing me to share these experiences with you. I look forward to seeing where God leads us into the future.

If I've piqued your interest, pull me aside and talk with me, Marsha, or John. We'd love to share our experience with you.

The Elisha Project

The Elisha Project - This is a new program designed for discipleship, not only for those wanting to be discipled, but also for those who want to disciple others. Although this is designed for spiritual growth and discipleship, it's also expanded for everyday things: Example: Older couples mentoring younger couples on marriage/family, musicians mentoring others in learning how to play instruments or sing, etc.

If you want to be part of The Elisha Project, the group will begin on July 30th at 6:30 p.m. at Solid Rock Church of Warren. If you have people who would benefit from such a group, or if God is placing someone on your heart, bring them along! For more information, please get in touch with Pastor John at the church.



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To begin, let us start with the most important aspect of responding: seeking God's counsel. To have God guide us and empower us is to have the firmest foundation for our preparedness. God speaks to us in several ways:

- Through Prayer When we pray, do we take time to listen to Him and for Him to speak, or do we simply give Him our "Hunny to do" list? Take time in silence and listen for God to speak.
- The Scriptures God's voice, via the Holy Spirit, speaks to us as we read the Scriptures. They reveal the history of our faith and those involved. We learn from their examples, and God shows us how to use their experiences in our daily lives.
- Dreams and Visions We just went through this in our recent sermon series.
- Through Others God will send people into our lives to help us discover our gifts and talents, to disciple us, and to encourage us to understand God's callings for our lives.
- Through the World Events There are times when God uses the things of this world to motivate us to action: natural disasters, injustices, conflicts, and so on. God doesn't cause these events, but will use them to move us to step up. A good example is when Moses was trying to protect the Hebrew people in Egypt from the guard who was abusing them.

Once we have established our foundation in God, we must gather the required equipment for the task at hand. What does the situation call for? How do we save them from the perils they face? Can we reach them in time? Do they want to be rescued? I recall working on a project (yes, I have in the past worked on various things), and I began the task only to discover that I was lacking certain tools and parts necessary to complete it. I had to leave the project, gather what was missing, and return to the task. Because I was unprepared, it took twice as long to complete it, and, in some cases, I couldn't complete it.

In addition to having the right equipment, we must also do a self-evaluation of our abilities. I have often preached that I am not the greatest when it comes to mechanics. Therefore, I refer it to those who are gifted in this area. At the same time, where I am gifted, I serve wholeheartedly. I will work until the task is completed. That is what I'm called to do – and so are you.

Sadly, in today's mindset, evangelism and discipleship are becoming a lost art. Yes, people are willing to help others, only if they come to us instead of us going where the need is. People will send funds and appoint others to do the work God is calling them to do. They "don't want to get their hands dirty," or they are afraid that it will be too emotionally draining on them. This mindset is the same as thinking that "We'll save those who are shipwrecked, but we'll wait until they reach the shores...." We don't realize that the majority of those involved with shipwrecks who reach the shores are often dead bodies tragically lost at sea (their lives). Friends, we must go to them if we hope to save their lives. Timing is of the essence.

Jesus didn't wait for the people to come to Him in the temples and synagogues; He went to where the broken people were, and He rescued them where they were. This is what we must do as well. He didn't wait until the storms were over before He sought to rescue them. Jesus went during their storms and protected them, bringing them safely to shore. We are called to do the same.

If you are feeling called to be a rescuer, but lack in abilities or confidence, seek God. Also, we have an AWE-SOME group of people here at church that can come along side of you to assist you to go to the shipwrecks in your life and rescue all involved. Use us as a resource for your ministry and see how many lives will be able to safely return to shore!

WAMA Vacation Bible School 2025

What an amazing time we had together at the Church of Christ in Warren from June 2-6! The theme this year was Oceans of Praise. We learned about the coral reef and how

God made everything beautiful in his creation, praising when we had a lot, a little, even during tough times we can praise God. We used stories from the Bible such as creation, the woman spilling her expensive perfume on Jesus, the widow's mite, Paul and Silas praising



while in jail, and wrapping up our week with the ability to have new life with Jesus.

There were about 65 kids that made this week awesome including raising money for the By the Book trailer at the Salamonie school. Thanks for all those who helped out during this week! Pray for the kids that came through that they continue their relationship/make a new relationship with Jesus.



Shepherding Moments

by Pastor John Boyanowski

Responding to Shipwrecks

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:12-17; ESV

At our most recent Annual Conference for the Great Lakes Global Methodist District, both Bishop Mark Webb and Conference Superintendent Scott Pattison gave worship sessions that referenced shipwrecks, lighthouses, and icebergs. One listed that shipwrecks can occur at any given time and place, giving the example of the sinking of the Edmond Fitzgerald on the Great Lakes. The other shared that it wasn't the iceberg that the Titanic saw above

the surface that sank the ship; it was the 90% of the submerged iceberg that the ship's navigators didn't see that sank the "unsinkable" ship.

This got me thinking about the spiritually shipwrecked people in our midst: How many have perished because there was no one to rescue them? As both went on with the different



stories and messages, the sharing of the statistics, and so on, God was placing on my heart of those who were part of the "shipwreck" and how many souls perished because they were either not prepared or we were not prepared to rescue them. It's sad to say this, but if we are being real, we need to confess our lack of knowledge on responding to people (or ourselves) who are in crisis. Let's change this.

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Firework Displays in the Area

Huntington - July 4th Markle - July 4th Roanoke - July 5th Warren - July 6th

"At Dusk"

Men's Fellowship Breakfast 2nd Saturday each month at 8 a.m. in Solid Rock Church kitchen All men welcome!

Women's Fellowship will be taking a summer break until Saturday September 27th

Weekly offerings not only feed our church, but also our community and much more. In return souls are fed. Give as you can and may your hearts and minds be filled with the love of God in all you do. Women's Widows Care & Share

Meet every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.





Weekly Bible Study Monday mornings at 10 a.m.

NOTE: Check the calendar for any changes.

ASK THE PASTOR

Any questions of faith, topics or just questions you may have, please leave a note in the box in the Narthex or for those at home, send a brief note to the church. These will be read by the pastor only. If you would like to be contacted privately leave your name and number on the paper, otherwise it is not necessary. You can call Pastor John at any time with any thoughts or concerns.

July Helpers

Liturgists

- 6 Service at Riverside Park 10 a.m.
- 13 Mindy Rider
- 20 Outdoor Worship
- 27 Billie Horrell

Greeter

- 6 Service at Riverside Park 10 a.m.
- 13 Linda Howell
- 20 Outdoor Worship
- 27 Greg & Becky Brown

Nursery 10 a.m.

- 6 Service at Riverside Park 10 a.m.
- 13 Jane Hitzfield
- 20 Outdoor Worship
- 27 Linda Howell

Children's S. S. Teachers

- 6 Service at Riverside Park 10 a.m.
- 13 Brenda Conner
- 20 LeAnn Buzzard
- 27 Marie DeWeese

Snacks

- 6 Service at Riverside Park 10 a.m.
- 13 Greg & Becky Brown
- 20 Outdoor Worship
- 27 Todd & Shelley Preston

Acolytes

- 6 Service at Riverside Park 10 a.m.
- 13 Kaley Campbell & Malcolm Voght
- 20 Outdoor Worship
- 27 Kalin Elliot & Kerrigan Goodspeed

Please contact the church office at 375-3873 by Thursday prior to Sunday, if you are unable to do any above activities. Thank you!

Thank you!

Solid Rock Participating Dates at the Bread of Life Food Pantry for 2025

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August 6 October 29 September 17 January 21, 2025

July



Cereal - Mac & Cheese Canned Ravioli - Pop Corn Small Candy Bars - Snack Crackers Pudding Snacks - Chicken Noodle Soup

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Monetary gifts through Solid Rock are always appreciated.



- 7/3 Lindsey Blinn
- 7/4 David Keller
- 7/7 Aletta Heath
- Jo Keller
- 7/9 Jeri Douglas7/12 Alexa Lichtenberger
- 7/14 Mindy Rider
- 7/16 Donnie Plummer
- 7/20 Lyvonne Nightenhelser7/27 David Plummer
- 7/31 Tom Bolinger-Hope



- 7/2 Ted & Sharon Williams
- 7/6 Gordon & Martina Cocklin
- 7/10 John & Susan Mills
- 7/13 Dale & Norma Smith Mike & Rita Bolinger Travis & Emily Schortgen
- 7/17 Tim & Brenda Conner Jon & Amanda Bordeaux

Card Ministry July Special +++++



buy one & get one free!

Remember to always check out the rack for new cards.

SOLID ROCK PRAYER REQUESTS

Other

Abortion - Addiction - All Missions - Bargain Basement - Our Nation & Leaders - Missionaries - Local Churches - Solid Rock Ministries Bread of Life Food Pantry - WAMA - Healthcare Providers & First Responders - Schools and Educational Leaders - Our Service Men & Women

Cluster Churches and Pastors

Liberty Center Community/Rev. Diane Samuels - Bluffton First UMC/Rev. Sherrie Drake - Markle Riverside John 3:16/Pastor Dan First Epworth UMC Bluffton/Pastor Marlene Ellis - Ossian UMC/Rev. David Herr - Lancaster Chapel UMC/Pastor Dewey Miller - Boehmer UMC/Pastor Steve Neviu Petroleum Community/Rev. Greg Andrews - Poneto Faith Community/Pastor Roy Nevil - Solid Rock/Pastor John Boyanowski

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT

HEAR OUR PRAYERS.

Prayers for Health & Healing

- Tiffany Booher Chris Conner Deb Gaston Don Douglas Jimmy Eichhorn Vonda Hanson Dave Keller
- LaTishia Horrell Mary Ann Jackson Rick Krause Ethan McCray Iris Perez Richard Rupert Beverly Smitley
- Eric Snively Tom Tillman Alyce Tinkle Connie Watt Ted Williams Shirley Wohlford
- Unspoken
- Silent Struggles

Please let the office know if someone listed above is doing better and can be moved to prayers answered or if someone needs added for prayers of health and healing.

Heritage Pointe

Darrell BlairDale & Norma SmithBill BoxellDoris SouersCurly & Pat BoxellCarolyn WintersDee Pattison

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

- Max Lucado

Prayers Answered

Sandy Booher

Solid Rock Daily Prayer Card for July 2025



Prayer is the greatest, simplest privilege of our lives as believers. Thank you for continuing to pray for Solid Rock. Following are some special requests:

- Blessed Heavenly Father, we seek Your face in the morning and pray to see You smile upon us as we try to live lives according to Your will. Allow us to hear Your voice throughout the day and hear from Your heart what it is that You desire from us and for us. May we be faithful servants of Your love to the world around us, and may we be the true example of how You can transform ANY life that puts their trust in You. Teach us in the same manner Jesus taught the Disciples, for we are your modern disciples for the world around us. Glory and honor are Yours alone, Amen.
- Precious Jesus, we are humbled in Your presence. We search for the words to convey what our hearts long to say
 to You. Too often, we have been unfaithful in our devotions to You and what You have called us to do. Help us to
 become more devoted to our callings and help us to know that we draw our power and abilities from Your
 generous hands. Then, direct us to those who need You most so we might provide the Living Water that flows
 from You. Restore us and those we love. In Your Precious Name we pray, Amen.
- Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on us. This isn't just a song we sing; it's our heart's plea to be replenished and renewed. We know You guide us to the truth and understanding of who God/Jesus is as You reveal Yourself to us. Move us to integrate Your Spirit with the missions we engage in. Teach us to love one another. Please help us to forgive more and judge less. Move us to be a giving people who helps to meet needs and to stand against the injustices of this world. We devote ourselves to the will of the Trinity. In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.
- All hail the Holy Trinity; the Three in One! By Your power, the miracles increase in the earth. Thank You for
 making us Your children! You have adopted us and restored us into the family we have always longed to be part
 of. We know this is a gracious gift that we could never repay. May our lives reflect the gratitude of our hearts.
 And may our lives become a testimony to those who are searching for You. Thank You. In the Name above all
 names we pray, Amen.

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