



# The Wellspring

News and Encouragement for the RSUMC Family

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**Rock Springs  
United  
Methodist  
Church**

### Sunday

Sunday School	10:00am
Worship	11:00am
Choir	5:30pm
Liturgical Dance	5:30pm
Youth	6:30pm

### Wednesdays

Children's Practice	5:30pm
Choir Practice	6:00pm
Youth	6:30pm
Adult Bible Study	7:00pm

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Looking around the world, watching the news, or talking about today's events, we tend to talk negatively about the world today. We usually point back to an earlier time, and talk about how things have changed. When looking back we have memories that might be better than they actually were. The truth is the times may have changed and continue to change, but the underlying problem has always been the same. Sin is at the root of all evil in the world. Sin is what we see all around us, and yet we refuse to see it within ourselves.

In the midst of the Lenten season, we should take note of where we are in life. We should take a look inward, and see the sinful behavior that God wants to uproot from our lives. But, it is not just a private problem, it is a community problem. Our sin not only affects us, it affects the community around us in ways we would never dream. Sin keeps us down so that we cannot be the person or live the life that God dreams for us. Sin keeps us from living the life worthy of the calling we have received. It keeps the community from realizing its God giving potential. Sin keeps the abundant life out of reach. It keeps us locked in a prison of fear and shame.

Now, most people will think of sin in terms of behavior.

We look at those generic lists in Paul's letters and think of the list as sin. The truth is the behavior is an expression of the underlying problem. Sin is a disease. It is foreign to humanity. It is so important we understand this. Sin is not a natural part of the humanity. When God created the first human beings, He created them good, and in His image. God's creation is not hopeless, and He fights within us each and every day to help us uproot and cure the disease.

Sin is a disease that can be terminal. It is very treatable through the blood and grace of Jesus Christ. But, this is not a one-time fix. You cannot simply scream out "Jesus, heal me" on Sunday morning, and then refuse to let Jesus bring healing into your life Monday through Saturday.

This is like the doctor who tells the patient they have a curable disease. But, the patient refuses to follow the doctor's orders. The medicine of grace has to be applied to our lives daily for the rest of our lives. With the grace of Jesus Christ continually applied, you can change. To paraphrase John Wesley, your life can be transformed from a life stained with the disease of sin to a life filled with God's holiness. You no longer have to make up excuses and silly expressions like, "That's just the way I am." You can change from the way you are, and live the life that God is calling you to live. Or, to paraphrase Paul, work out your salvation with fear and trembling because it is God who is working in you.

Peace,  
Pastor Buddy

### Mark your calendars...



**Third  
Saturday  
of the  
Month!**

April 16th  
May 21<sup>st</sup>  
June 18<sup>th</sup>  
July 16<sup>th</sup>  
August 20<sup>th</sup>  
September 17<sup>th</sup>

# ROCK SPRINGS FISH FRY

# Youth EXPLOSION

By Mark Adcox

January was a busy time for youth and college ministry. We took 6 college age young adults to the Passion Conference in Atlanta. They experience great teachers/speakers, great music and relationship building community time over the course of January 2-4. Each of the students (and Matthew) said they were blessed by the experience and expressed their appreciation to Rock Springs for the opportunity to attend.

Later in January (during a snow storm) we took 24 youth to Resurrection in Gatlinburg.

God blessed us with an opening of clear weather and roads to travel to Gatlinburg, then clear weather and roads to get back.

Resurrection always has a powerful impact on the youth attending. This year was no different with a couple giving their lives to Christ for the first time. The impact of reaching out and providing opportunities for girls and boys to have an experience with the living God, outside of church as usual, or for the first time, cannot be overstated. Again, these young people and their parents were appreciative to Rock Springs for the opportunity.

Spring is around the corner! That means it is about time to get outside and start moving. You will probably start seeing our youth outside on Wednesday evenings playing kick-ball, whiffle-ball or any number of other games. Feel free to jump into the game if you get the urge to do so!

We have been studying two main themes over the past couple of months: Godly character while living in a corrupt society; and what it really means to follow Jesus. Our Godly character study takes place during Sunday school. To date we have worked through most of Daniel, and will soon dive into the life of Joseph, Psalm 15, and Romans 12. That should take most of the year. Our following Jesus study is on Sunday nights, as we study David Platt's book Follow Me. It is during Sunday evenings that we experience real life with our youth.

God Bless,

Mark



*April*

**FOOD**  
pantry

Food Pantry Shopping  
Friday, April 22nd  
at 1:00pm

Food Pantry Distribution  
Tuesday, April 26th  
from 5 - 7 pm

ROCK SPRINGS  
**FISH FRY**

*Saturday*  
*April 16th*  
*5 - 7 pm*  
*1751 Rock Springs Road*

*Come enjoy great seafood and side items !*

All 2016 dates and the full menu can be viewed at  
**[www.RockSpringsUMC.com](http://www.RockSpringsUMC.com)**.

Also, volunteers are very much needed in the following areas:

- Friday 8:30-10:30 am - Preparation of side items in the church kitchen
- Saturday 11 am - Set-up of tables at the picnic shelter
- After 1 pm Saturday - Preparing home-made desserts and delivering them to the park
- Saturday 4 pm - Preparing for food service
- Saturday 5-7 pm - Serving or visiting with customers

The Fish Fry is coordinated by the Lord's Acre committee, and this ministry will be meeting on **Monday May 2nd, at 4PM**. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Charlie or Jackie Leonard. 349.6762 OR 430.5549

# April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Easter Sunday 7:30 Sunrise EASTER Service 8:30 Sunrise Breakfast 8:30 am 10 Sunday School 11 Worship Service +3 more	28 6p Worship Design Team	29	30 5:30p Children's Music Practice 6p Choir Practice 6:30p Youth Activities 7p Bible Study	31	Apr 1	2
3 Holy Communion 10 Sunday School 11 Worship Service 5:30p Liturgical Dance 6:30p Youth Activities	4 4p Lord's Acre Meet Cancelled 6p Worship Design Team	5	6 5:30p Children's Music Practice 6p Choir Practice 6:30p Youth Activities 7p Bible Study	7	8	9
10 RSWIM Fund-Raiser Fellowship 10 Sunday School 11 Worship Service 5:30p Liturgical Dance 6:30p Youth Activities	11 6p Worship Design Team	12 6p RSWIM	13 5:30p Children's Music Practice 6p Choir Practice 6:30p Youth Activities 7p Bible Study	14	15 Reserved	16 RSUMC Fish Fry in the Park
17 10 Sunday School 11 Worship Service 5:30p Liturgical Dance 6:30p Youth Activities	18 6p Worship Design Team	19	20 5:30p Children's Music Practice 6p Choir Practice 6:30p Youth Activities 7p Bible Study	21	22 1p Food Pantry BUY	23
24 10 Sunday School 11 Worship Service 5:30p Liturgical Dance 6:30p Youth Activities	25 6p Worship Design Team	26 5p Food Pantry	27 5:30p Children's Music Practice 6p Choir Practice 6:30p Youth Activities 7p Bible Study	28	29	30 Small Miracles Riding Stable



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