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Presidents message by Jason Hefner, President

I want to say thank you to everyone for all the hard work you have (and will) put in to make our shows a success.

We currently plan on having a meeting in October. Of course, things can change between now and then. As always, your safety is very important, so please do not feel pressure to attend any meeting.

In following with local guidelines, there will not be any drinks (even no coffee) or snacks at this time. Please bring your own beverages. Everyone must wear a mask when inside the church. Please maintain proper social distances as much as possible.

Everyone is welcome to attend if you feel safe.

Plug from the Editor – if you have any stories to share please send them to me.

Up & Coming

Next Meeting: October 25, 2020

Doors open 1:30 pm

Meeting starts at 2:00 pm

Place:

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
29th & Wall
South Bend, IN. (This is in River Park)

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A look back at previous shows

 by Jason Hefner,
President

Here are some pictures from our previous show for your enjoyment. I know we all missed the show, but I believe we will be back next year. Stay safe and stay healthy.



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AFMS - From the Desk of the President David Wayment

[excerpted from A.F.M.S. Newsletter Volume 73, Number 6 – September 2020](#)

It is with regret that I have to announce that the AFMS/SFMS Annual Show and Meeting has been cancelled this year. The SFMS was to host the event in Knoxville in October, but at this time, the county is still under restrictions, and the location for the meeting will not be available.

We are working to set up a VIRTUAL MEETING to take place, accessible by computer or smart phone. This will require preregistration so that people interested will be emailed an access link. So far, we are planning to have different access for the different meetings. Details will be available on the website as plans are finalized.

The URC meeting will be scheduled for the evening of October 15th. At this time the URC Chair has had no requests for changes to the rules to be considered. If you have any requests to be considered, please forward them to the chair.

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President's Message

John Donker, MWF President excerpted from [MWF News June 2020, Issue No. 593](#)

Hello! Hope everyone is safe and healthy. As some states are beginning to open up slowly, some are still on stay-at-home. It would be nice to have this over and go back to our regular business, when we could meet again. It would be great to have rock club meetings, field trips, and shows once again.

We look forward to the summer and fall when the country opens up. No more staying home – people going back to work, getting out of the house, going out to eat, seeing friends and family again. We hope we can have meetings, shows, and field trips again soon. I hope everyone stays safe and healthy.

I'm looking forward to when we can see our friends again



Purpose of the AFMS

To promote popular interest and education in the various Earth Sciences, and in particular the subjects of Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Lapidary and other related subjects, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of all persons and groups interested therein; to sponsor and encourage the formation and international development of Societies and Regional Federations and by and through such means to strive toward greater international good will and fellowship.

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Purpose of the MWF

To promote interest and education in geology, mineralogy, paleontology, archaeology and lapidary, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of groups interested in these fields.

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At the present time we are still looking at October 16th for all AFMS meetings. The board meeting will be in the morning, followed by the AFMS Scholarship meeting. There will be time for the ALAA to hold a meeting in the afternoon. The awards presentations, including the Editor's and Webmaster's awards is currently planned for the early evening.

Any input or requests for meeting time should be forwarded to Secretary Donna Moore. With a virtual meeting, we have an opportunity go greatly increase the participation at the meeting. This is a chance for Regional and Local organizations to see what the AFMS does. Preregistration will be necessary to limit individuals outside the rockhound world and ensure enough capacity for participants. Until next time, stay safe and stay well.

One more show picture!

