

February 2022 The Messenger

Red Oak First United Methodist Church

The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Core Values:

1. Welcome

We are each beloved and welcomed unconditionally by God's grace.

Romans 15:7; Matthew 25: 35-36

2. Love

We value compassion and care for one another and the world around us because of God's grace. John 13:34-35; Corinthians 13:4-5

3. Praise

We celebrate God's love by opening ourselves to the Holy Spirit through praise and worship in living to glorify God. Psalms 96:1-4; Psalms 150:6

Our vision is to glorify God, grow in Christ, and serve our community in God's love.

To The Marsden Family:

On behalf of the First United Methodist Church Red Oak, we send our condolences to you in the loss of Ken Marsden. We share in your grief and extend our deepest sympathy to you. Ken's ministry at our church and community touched many lives, and we are thankful to God. It was amazing to celebrate his life in the church. May his soul rest in peace God's peace. May his loving memory be a blessing to us all. -Pastor Eric



Preparation of Lent

In preparation of Lent, please share your favorite hymn/song and a Bible verse or story. Write one or two paragraphs about why you love it and how it is meaningful to your faith. Please add your name. We will put everything together as a devotional for our church family. You can email me at office@redoakfumc.org or you can write/type it out and put it in the offering basket.



HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY

600 East Hammond St. Red Oak, IA, 51566

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February Birthdays

02/02	Lena Torbett	02/03	Joan Perkins
02/03	Adrian Guerra	02/05	Mary Marshall
02/05	Jane Waltz	02/06	Stan Smith
02/07	Teresa Peterson	02/10	Jerry Stanley
02/12	Dorothy Bozwell	02/13	Raymond Olsen
02/15	Vayda Fisher	02/20	Trinity LaMar
02/23	Donna Walford	02/28	Callie Yeager



Dear Church Family,

We extend our sincere, heartfelt appreciation for the kind words, card and gift and delicious farewell potluck. We depart Red Oak knowing that God's love has faces and names. It lives and breathes at FUMC. In a seemingly difficult time for Christians, we will continue to pray for Christ's love to inspire, energize and guide you.

You have blessed us many times over. Please know how much we love each and every one of you.



Teresa and Pete Peterson
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Board Meeting

Ad Board Meeting is on Tuesday,
February 15th at 6pm.

Women's Fellowship is on
Wednesday, February 16th at 2pm.



We love, because He first loved us.

-1 John 4:19

God Loves you!



The Bible tells us that God is love. Everything He does is rooted in and motivated by love. He made the world because He is love. He formed human beings because He is love. There is no force more powerful than the love our heavenly Father has for us, his children.

His love can move mountains, stop the roaring seas, heal broken bones and wounded hearts, transform lives, and set free those held captive by sin and shame. So great is his love for you and me that he sent his only Son to die that we might live through him. The Bible says, "So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him." 1 John 4: 16

As we celebrate valentine's day, let us remember God's love extends to every person around the world, from those with great notoriety and wealth living in big cities to the unknown and poor in the middle of nowhere.

God's unconditional love for the whole world resulted in the sacrifice of His Son, with whom He shared perfect fellowship and love from eternity past. And nothing will ever cause God to withdraw His love from those who believe in Jesus. Let us take comfort in the love of God and extend His love to everyone.

Thanks be to God for His amazing love for us!

God bless you,
Pastor Eric Sayonkon

