

# July 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:

- ❖ We are a **welcoming** church
- ❖ We are a **loving** church
- ❖ We are a **praising** church

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

## Meet, Greet & Eat

A "Meet, Greet & Eat" luncheon was hosted for 14 Nishna Productions clients and their 7 chaperones on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Red Oak Pizza Ranch. FUMC Game Day helpers, plus UMW Volunteers and husbands; each paired up with an Nishna Production guest for an hour of food, fun and fellowship. A total of 34 people were in attendance. Funding for this event was made possible through FUMC Grant Money to cover the cost of the Nishna Productions guests. Everyone was so appreciative of their time together. Jan Burnison coordinated this event but tested positive for Covid that morning and missed out on everything.

Jan would personally like to thank Sharon Smith, Carol Sparr, Kathy Harris, Carol Allensworth, Karon Stanley, Mary Marshall, Carolyn Marsden, Ellen Olsen, Jane Waltz, Linda Olsen, Roger Govig and Bob and Mary Fenstermann for making the Nishna Productions guests feel so welcome. Also, thanks to Tim Petersen and staff for the delicious food and excellent service. God is good ALL the time!

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# July Birthdays

07/02 – Gary Bozwell

07/03 – Sophia Walker

07/06 – Carol Allensworth

07/07 – Lowell Burnison

07/08 – Logan Nelson

07/09 – Danee Zwerk

07/13 – Brayton Adams

07/21 – Tristan Wolfe

07/23 – Ron Curtis

07/26 – Roger Ehmke

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

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I want to express my gratitude and blessings to Calleen Nelson on behalf of the church family for using her skills to serve the church for over two years. May the blessings of God be with her and your family.

*Nice to meet you. My name is Nicole. I'm your new Administrative Assistant. I have worked in Administration for over twenty-two years, and I have also worked in accounting for over twenty years. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with animals, helping my parents, and visiting with friends. I grew up in Red Oak just outside of town and graduated from Red Oak High School. I moved away but have recently moved home to be closer to my parents and my roots once again. I am very excited to be a part of your family and cannot wait to meet each of you. Please stop by the office and introduce yourselves to me and let's share a smile.*



*God Bless and keep you.*

## *New Office Hours!*

The office hours have changed to 9am-1pm, Monday-Friday.

Its that time of year again! We are collecting School Supplies and individual packages of snacks for the schools. If you would like to donate items, please bring them to the church during office hours or on Sundays!



## GRACE AND MERCY

It is a beautiful gift to enjoy the blessings of summer sunshine and to see the crop growing on the field. It is all because of God's grace. Mercy and Grace are amazing. That's why we sing so many songs about them!

No matter what you are going through, God's grace and mercy are the road map that leads us. God is for us and with us. Someone says it like this:"

**"God's grace has brought you through. Quit acting as if you made it on your own"**

Not only is grace amazing. It is also the central theme in the Bible. It is about a gracious God who pursues, came for us, and cared for us.

The Apostle Paul says," **He has saved us and called us to a holy life-not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time 1 Timothy 1:9)**

Praise God for His Grace and Mercy. By being grateful and recognizing God's gift of grace to us, we are not letting pride in our way. God bless you!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Eric

