

June 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

On behalf of the church family, I express our condolences to Deloris Samples and her family in the passing of Kirk. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family. May God grant comfort and peace to her family.



2022 Mission Trip to Liberia, West Africa

Pray and participate in God's work in Liberia as Pastor Eric embarks on a mission trip to teach, empower, encourage, and make disciples of Jesus Christ in the seminary, churches, and hospitals.

The cost of the trip is around \$3,500. Would you consider investing in his mission trip prayerfully and financially for the sake of Jesus Christ?

Thanks in advance for your prayer and gift for Pastor Eric's mission trip.

God bless you.

For His Kingdom,
Pastor Eric



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O Lord Jesus, our Protector and Refuge, Bringer of Peace and Reconciliation, with deep sorrow and concern, we cry out to you for the beginnings of this war now occurring in Ukraine. Be with those who are grieving and living as refugees. We long for you to arrest this violence and destruction, to bring this war to a just end, and for your protection for all innocent victims. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen

June Birthdays!

06/03 – Bill Arthur

06/10 – Linda Clark

06/12 – Tom Docker

06/16 – Janet Sharpe

06/19 – Alyssa Strebe

06/23 – Nadine Torbett

06/06 – Sandra Guinn

06/10 – Luke Sayonkon

06/13 – Shayla Jennings

06/17 – Angie Baier

06/19 – Nevaeh Smith

06/29 – Terry Bruning

Grace Moment

Stewardship is a privilege given to us by God. The Bible says we are stewards of God's grace. Thank God for his grace upon us! Thank you for your prayers and financial giving to the ministry of the First United Methodist Church. Giving generously to God's work in this critical time is part of our worship.

In the summer months, financial giving to the church is usually down. We are short of meeting our budget for the year. Therefore, I appeal to you that we need to continue to increase our giving so that our various ministries can support our vision to glorify God, grow in Christ, and serve our community in God's love.

Please continue to pray and support the work of God through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. We are all in this together.

Thank you and God bless you. -Pastor Eric Sayonkon and Church Leadership Team

God's gift of Creation

Summer has arrived and the sunshine and beauty of God's creation are all around us. The season of summer makes me think about some of the great psalms of praising God for creation:

**"Praise the Lord from the heavens.
Praise him in the heights above.
Praise him, all his angels.
Praise him, his entire heavenly army.
Praise him, sun and moon.
Praise him, all shining stars.
Praise him, you highest heaven
and the water above the sky.
Let them praise the name of the Lord
because they were created by his command.
He set them in their places forever and ever.
He made it a law that no one can break. praise the Lord from the
earth. Praise him, large sea creatures and all the ocean depth" (Psalm
148:1-7).**

I believe nature is one of God's beautiful creations. Through nature, God can speak to us and teach us his love and blessings. A God that deserves to be praised for all that God created and has done for us. It is my hope and prayer that you will commit to joining us in worship during the summer months. We worship and serve a great God who is the creator.

I also ask you to keep supporting the church financially, pray for our country, and our world, especially the people of Ukraine. Grace to you and God bless you.

Because of Jesus,
Pastor Eric

