

March 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

Community Outreach Opportunity

Some of the teachers in our district have been spending money out of their own pockets to purchase food items for kids in need, don't eat breakfast, etc. Some of the items that we will be collecting for the school is: Granola Bars, Bottled Water, Individual Packages of Crackers, Apples/Mandarin Oranges, Bread, Peanut Butter/Jelly, Beef Sticks, Cheese Sticks, Fruit Snacks, Cheese Dip and Breadsticks (single serving snack packs). There is also a need for larger adult size Hoodies and Crewneck Sweatshirts – Can be gently used! We will be collecting all items, the full month of March.



3/01 - Patrick Wolfe

3/05 - Mark Gregg

3/07 - Donald Torbett

3/09 - Fred Trumble

3/22 - Marlys Fisher

3/23 - Kathy Harris

3/31 - Carlos Guerra IV

3/04 - Michael Fisher

3/06 - Ryan Adams

3/09 - Grant Vrba

3/12 - Donna Mae Walker

3/22 - Katie Walker

3/30 - Steven Smith

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Journey to the Cross

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It occurs forty days before Easter, not including six Sundays. In Lent, we reflect on Christ's ministry, death, and resurrection. We slow down, take time, and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world.

As we follow along on the journey with Jesus to the cross, the season of Lent engages our hearts and minds so that we are truly ready to celebrate once we arrive at Resurrection Sunday. Lent is a time of contemplation, a time of dedication, and a time of preparation.

Lent is a time for us to focus on Jesus and our Christian discipleship. What does it mean to follow the One who lived, died, and rose from the dead for our salvation?

During Lent, the Scriptures remind us of God's expectations for Israel, Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, and his journey to the cross. Our theme is "Take up your cross and follow Jesus"

We invite you to join us on a special Lenten journey, as we travel together through the darkness to reach the dawn of hope and the glory of Resurrection Sunday. Grace and Peace to you as we journey through Lent.

God is good, All the time, God is Good!

Pastor Eric Sayonkon