

May 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

Clean Up Day!

Volunteers are needed for Saturday, April 30th at 9:00am, to help clean up flower beds and the rest of the church's property. Please bring your own rake and gloves!



Join us on Sunday, May 1st, after
Worship Services, for our Spring Potluck.
Please bring a dish (or 3) to share!



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Birthday Card Shower!!

Kirk Samples will celebrate his 90th Birthday on May 9, 2022! I am asking everyone to send him a card to brighten his day. Please send cards to:

**Kirk Samples
202 Central Ave
Villisca, Iowa 50864**

Congratulations Trinity, Delaney and Kate!



“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

-Jeremiah 29:11

Thank you to our church family for prayers, kind words and best wishes during the long months of Trasy's illness. Thanks to God who led us to Texas and her recovery. We believe in miracles.

God is good – All the time.

-Carol & Trasy Sparr

*Thank
You*



May Birthdays!

05/03 – Samuel Gillespie

05/04 – Michael Sharpe

05/09 – Kirk Samples

05/10 – Brenda Vrba

05/24 – Kyle Cross

05/29 – Ryan Ehmke

05/03 – Masen Fisher

05/07 – Johnny Walker

05/09 – Jim Bruce

05/18 – Megan Adams

05/25 – Kadynce Smith

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

The Christ Cupboard is in need of volunteers!

Wednesdays – 1-5pm (Sort through clothes and food distribution)

Fridays – 10am -12pm (Sort through clothes, Only open for workers and volunteers)

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lois Trinity at 712-310-2041.

The Christ Cupboard is also in need of food items and toiletries.

Some suggestions are: **Cereal, Ramen Noodles, Soup, Crackers, Mac & Cheese, Toothpaste and Toilet Paper.**



The last day of Sunday School is May 8th!

Happy Mother's Day!



She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

-Proverbs 31:26

Reason for Hope

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the month of May, we celebrate graduation and Mother's Day. We give thanks to graduates.

In the season of spring, we celebrate new life in the beauty of creation. What are you hoping for this springtime?

G.K. Chesterton observed that hope only has any real meaning when things are hopeless. "As long as matters are really hopeful, hope is a mere flattery or platitude," he wrote. "It is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength." The world is a fearful and unsatisfying place without the hope of eternal life with Jesus. Therefore, let us stand firm in the hope of our calling in serving Jesus and sharing his love.

We are people of hope because of the Risen Christ.

Hope in the Lord brings encouragement. Hope in the Lord gives us strength. When we embrace hope on purpose, it influences our thoughts, attitudes, outlook, and the way we speak. Hope builds us up as we wait on God.

The hymn writer says, **"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly lean on Jesus' name"**

Let us trust in God as our only hope! "Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us" (Romans 5:5). God bless you and keep you.

In Hope,

Pastor Eric Sayonkon

