

# The Messenger

## August 2020

Red Oak First United Methodist Church

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

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**\*Monthly Ad Board Meeting Minutes are available in the Church Office\***

**Don't forget  
to check out  
our pages!**

Church's Website – [www.redoakfumc.org](http://www.redoakfumc.org)

Facebook – Red Oak FUMC

YouTube – Red Oak Iowa Methodist Church

**\*Our websites are updated weekly!**

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We would like to thank our congregation for the many prayers and all of the support you have given us in the last ten years as our daughter, Ann, battled brain cancer. All of you have our heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,  
Roger, Karlee, and Meagan Govig, and our son-in-law,  
Douglas Jacobson

*Thank You*



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During the month of June, we collected cereal for the Christ's Cupboard, located in Red Oak. We collected 99 boxes of cereal! A huge thank you to everyone that helped make this happen!

Thank you, church family, for all the love and support you have shown us during our transition to the community of Red Oak. We truly appreciate all your thoughts, prayers, visits, food, gift cards, flowers, and treats! God bless you all as we work together for God's glory



Because of Jesus, Pastor Eric, Eboni, Luke, and Abby



The Safety Committee thanks everyone that has been wearing masks and social distancing at service.

**We encourage everyone to continue to wear a mask during services.**

We have masks available for those that forgot theirs.

A huge thanks to Becky Neff for providing cloth masks!



## August Birthdays



8/3- Sharon Smith

8/3- Dennis Neff

8/4- Mya Southwell

8/5- David Clark

8/7- Janet Burnison

8/7- Duane Harris

8/8- Deloris Samples

8/16- Nola Meyer

8/18- Karon Stanley

8/20- Calleen Nelson

8/21- Mary Fenstermann

8/21- Carolyn Marsden

8/24- Corbin Wolfe

8/26- Quila Burr

8/26- Nanny Crowe

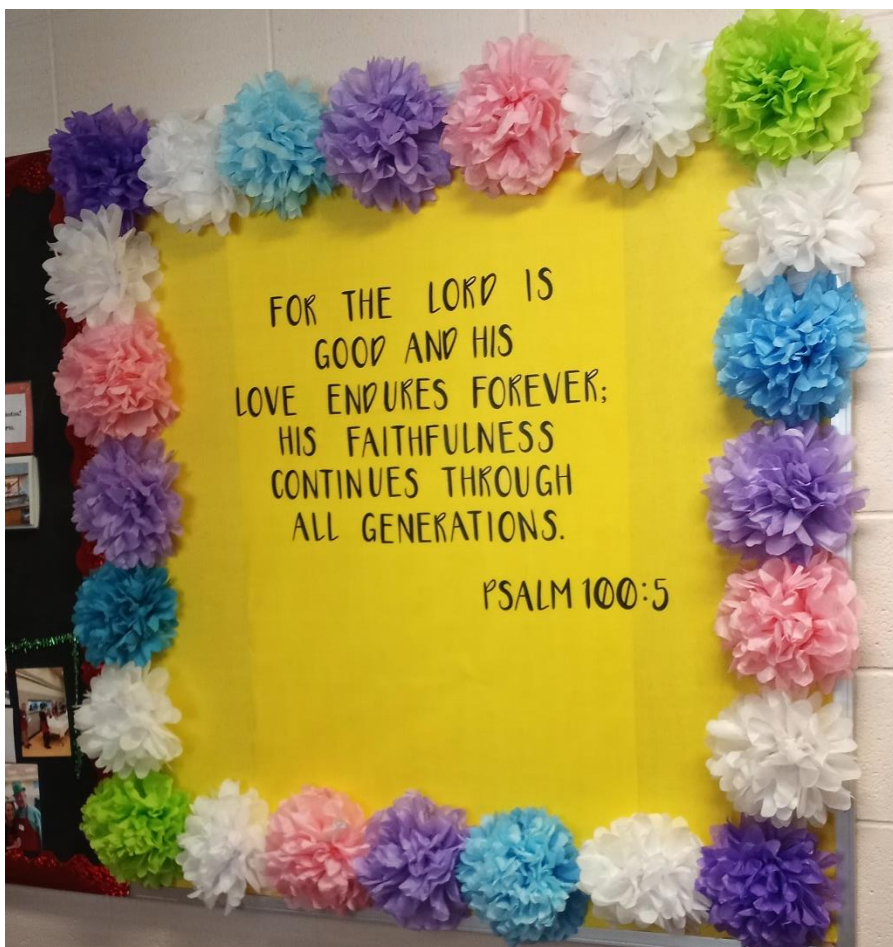
8/31- Adalynn Smith

For the month of August, we are collecting school supplies to donate to our local food pantry in Red Oak, Christ's Cupboard. The church office is open M-F, 9am-3pm or bring them to Sunday Service!



## New Beginnings

We Welcome Pastor Eric, Eboni, Luke and Abby to our church family. We give thanks to God for bringing them to be in ministry with us. God is good, All the time, God is good!



\*Bulletin Board created by Calleen Nelson, Administrative Assistant\*

## Conversation with Pastor Eric



Come listen to part of Pastor Eric's story on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm or 5:30pm! We'll share hopes and dreams of our church and community. We hope to see you there and please bring your questions with!



## Do you have Hope?

Where do we find hope when our world is turned upside down? What do we hold on to when we are worried about our health, families, jobs and feeling isolated? We may ask, "Why did this happen to me?" Why am I going through this? Where is God in my situation? Sometimes we cannot make sense out of life- things happen that we do not plan on and we react at times in ways we wish we had not.

During uncertainty and fear, God is our hope to guide us in this difficult time of the pandemic. God promises to be with us and love us. When troubles come your way, one of the greatest things you can do is to look back over your life and review what God has done for you in the past. Remember the God of today is the God of yesterday and the God who has sustained you. Our God is faithful in every situation and we are encouraged to trust and hope in him. The scripture says, **"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful" Hebrews 10:23).**

Life comes with disruptive moments and through the trials and challenging times we appreciate the grace of God in our lives. In the month of August, join us as we focus our message on hope. During this month, I also plan to share my survival story from the civil war in Liberia.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" Romans 15:13

Grace to you and God bless you!

Hope in the Lord,

Pastor Eric

# Sunday School News

Dear Parents and Students,

We can't begin to tell you how much we've missed you! We are definitely living in uncertain times, and as teachers of God's Word, we want you to know that we have been thinking and praying for you and your families and can't wait until we see you again!

We have been busy with planning and preparing our return to Sunday School for this fall. We plan on resuming Sunday School on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> with a Sunday School Breakfast/Registration at 9:00 a.m. We are currently in the early planning stages and are making preparations about this event will be mapped out in the September newsletter, so stay tuned for more information!

Below are the grade levels and teachers for the 2020-2021 Sunday School year! We ask that you please pray for these teachers as they work in planning and preparing for your students!

- 3 year olds-Kindergarten – Linda Olsen and Jane Waltz
- 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> Grades – Ellen Olsen
- 4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grades – Missy Torbett
- MS-High School- Tim and Terra Marsden

So please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, and until then may God keep you and your family safe and healthy.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the church, or call/text Terra Marsden at 402-320-1254.

**“The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.”**

**Psalm 119:130**





First United Methodist Church Presents

# BACK



to  
School

# SUPPLY DRIVE



## What We Need:

Pencils, pens, folders, colored pencils  
back-packs, highlighters, crayons,  
markers, glue sticks, notebooks,  
erasers, pencil boxes, scissors, ziploc  
bags, kleenex, clorox wipes, etc.

**-Collection Period-**  
**Aug 1 - Aug 31**

**-Drop-Off Location-**

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# Slow the Spread of COVID-19



WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN

WHEN OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS,  
WEAR A CLOTH FACE COVERING



AND STAY  
6 FEET APART  
FROM OTHERS



CLEAN  
FREQUENTLY  
TOUCHED  
OBJECTS



DO NOT  
TOUCH YOUR  
EYES, NOSE,  
AND MOUTH



COVER  
YOUR  
COUGHS  
AND  
SNEEZES

STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)