

The Messenger

November 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.

Core Values:

1. Welcome

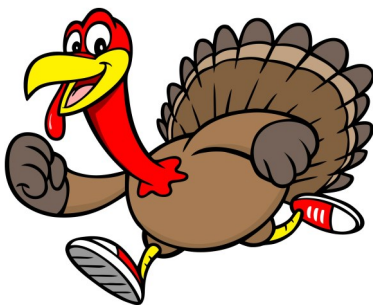
We are each beloved and welcomed unconditionally by God's grace. **Romans 15:7; Matthew 25:35-36**

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**



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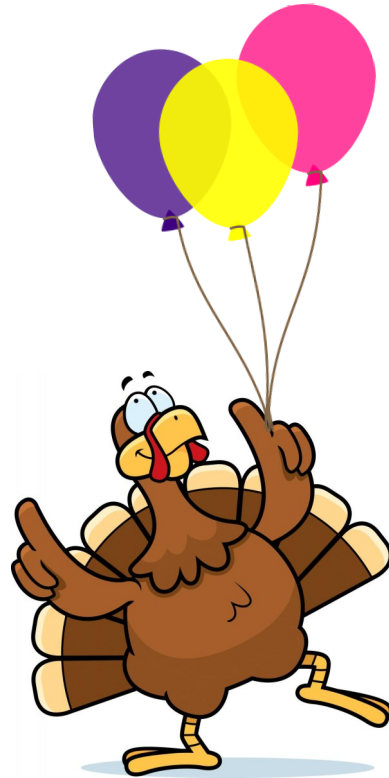
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Charge Conference will take place on November, 22nd from 2-3:30. It will take place on Zoom this year, due to Covid.

November Birthdays!

11/02 John Walker
11/03 Gillian Anderson
11/04 Joyce Spangenberg
11/04 Olivia Nelson
11/06 Roger Govig
11/06 Diane Gregg
11/15 Zoey Yeager
11/20 Dave Jennings
11/29 Alex Neff



In celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday, our office will be closed on Thursday, November 26th and November 27th. We will resume normal business hours on Monday, November 30th.

A message from Julie Wolfe:

We have raised over \$600 as well as been gifted fabric to make dresses with for the Dress A Girl Around The World Project. I have cut out over 60 dresses and currently have kits available for people to pick up to sew dresses if they would like. The pattern is included and very simple to make. You can go online and read more about the project at <https://www.dressagirlaroundtheworld>. When we send the dresses to Ames to be counted and packed for delivery, I will need to send a cover cost of \$1/dress. A big thank you to everyone that has helped make this happen, especially the Youth Group!





Meeting with Pastor will take place on November 17th at 10am and 6pm.

A message from Karon Stanley:

Our Election Night Supper, Tuesday, November 3rd, was quite a successful event! It was an “unknown” with no one knowing what the reaction and response would be from the public.

The menu was Chicken and Noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans and cookies, was totally different from the former Chili, Potato Soup and Pie. In this case, change was GOOD and the response was excellent. Curbside orders and delivery was available. There were 54 meals delivered to election workers at the Courthouse, Regency, and other individuals who appreciated the food being delivered to them.

265 meals were served and everyone worked so well together. All together, we raised **\$2,517!** Brenda Vrba deserves our sincere thanks for all the food preparation. She is an amazing caterer. She is the reason the food was so exceptional. Thanks to all who worked and to those that baked the cookies! Another big thanks to Scott Allensworth and Allensworth Heating and Cooling for paying for the advertising of this event.

This event originated with the Women’s Wednesday Group– with everyone giving suggestions and working together– came up with this spinoff of an annual event! Gloves, masks, a wonderful spirit of cooperation, fellowship, and a mission was accomplished.

Thank you to everyone!

To God goes the glory, and we may have started a “new” tradition.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

Thank you for your prayer and support to the church. Thank you for your gift and service to the ministries of our church. I want to give thanks to the almighty God for you, my church family for the privilege of being your pastor.

In the midst of the pandemic, God is among us and with us. As we prepare for another thanksgiving, I want to wish and your family **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

GOD BLESS YOU!

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus”.

(1 Thessalonians 5:18).



Trusting God!

How can you trust God and obey his word when the difficulties and troubles of life cause you to wonder where God is in all of it? The Bible gives us life of people experiencing such challenges. Sometimes God does not speak when and how we want him to. For those situations, we need courage to trust Him anyway. History is full of people who choose faith over safety. Likewise, the Bible is filled with people who chose faith, courage over fear, courage over loneliness, faith, and courage over disappointment.

Life is full of ups and downs and through those times we can trust God to lead us. He not only knows the times and the seasons; He is also Lord of the unexpected and the unpredictable. God is in control and that is why you and I are called to trust God above and beyond how we see life. My preaching theme for the month of November is *Trusting God*

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:16).

Let us trust in God who can lead us faithfully by his grace and mercy. **Anthony Brown, a song writer says,**

"You did not create me to worry
You did not create me to fear
But You created me to worship daily
So My hands are raised because I surrender
Your will is what's best for me
I worship You because You're Jehovah Jireh
I bow before the King of Kings

No more crying no more complaining
I believe Your word is true
Lord You promised never to leave me lonely
So this is what I'm going to do

I will trust in You Lord
I will trust in You Lord
I will put my trust in You"

Grace to you and God bless you.

Keeping the Faith,

Pastor Eric



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School/ Confirmation--9am Adult Sunday School-9am Sunday Service-10:30am	2 Bible Study-6pm	3 Bible Study-10am Election Night Supper 4:30-7pm	4 Youth Group-6:30pm Choir-6pm Bell Choir - 7pm	5	6	7 Walk to Emmaus- 8am
8 Sunday School/ Confirmation--9am Adult Sunday School-9am Sunday Service-10:30am	9 Bible Study - 6pm	10 Bible Study- 10am Ad Board Meeting- 6pm	11 Youth Group-6:30pm Choir-6pm Praise Band - 7pm Women's Fellowship -	12	13	14 Walk to Emmaus- 8am
15 Sunday School/ Confirmation--9am Adult Sunday School-9am Sunday Service-10:30am	16 Bible Study - 6pm	17 Bible Study-10am Meeting w/Pastor- 10am & 6pm	18 Youth Group-6:30pm Choir-6pm Bell Choir - 7pm	19	20	21 Walk to Emmaus- 8am
22 Sunday School/-9am Adult Sunday School-9am Sunday Service-10:30am	23 Bible Study--6pm	24 Bible Study-10am	25 Youth Group-6:30pm Choir-6pm Praise Band - 7pm	26 Office Closed 	27 Office Closed	28 Walk to Emmaus- 8am
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