

September 2021 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

We will be having a Potluck on Sunday, September 19th, after church! Please bring food to share. Drinks and Table Service will be furnished. Everyone's Welcome!



Monday Manna

Monday Manna will be on Monday, September 13th due to Labor Day. We will resume to our normal schedule, on October 4th.



The church office will be closed on Monday, September 6th, in observance of Labor Day.

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Welcome Griffin Smith!

We would like to say thank you to our church family and friends for all the love and support given in the event of our son's birth. We have received so many gifts for mom and baby and warm wishes.

From cards, to meals brought to our home and gifts for our daughters. These have all been greatly appreciated and we know our family is blessed because of all of you. Thank you.

-The Smiths

September Birthdays!

09/03 – Gary McKinney

09/04 – Taylor Bennett

09/11 – Amy Strebe

09/13 – Delores Docker

09/17 – Jason Vrabel

09/19 – Sophia Brooms

09/20 – Bob Fenstermann

09/23 – Mike Swanson

09/31- Amy Clark

09/04 – Terra Marsden

09/11 – Doug Allensworth

09/12 – Betty Smith

09/17 – Eli Guerra

09/19 – Stephanie Ehmke

09/20 – Ardith Cornelison

09/20 – Lily Marsden

09/24 – Trasy Sparr

Send a letter to Corbin Wolfe!

As we all know, Corbin Wolfe went to Basic Training in August.

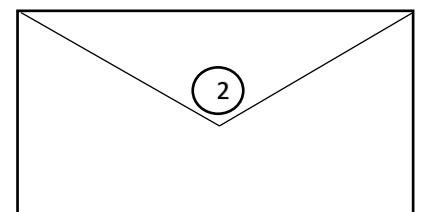
If you would like to send him a letter, his address is:

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6221 Iowa Avenue

Fort Leonard Wood, MO, 65473



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Nursery

We are looking for a Nursery Worker, for Sunday Services. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 712-623-2367.



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Christ Cupboard

The Christ Cupboard is in need of “mini” meals for children to have nourishment after school. Some ideas on what we would like to collect would be:

- ❖ Small microwavable pasta cups – Mac & Cheese
 - ❖ Small packs of Applesauce & Fruit cups
 - ❖ Small bags of Pretzels and other Chips
- ❖ Individual – Cereal Bars, Granola Bars & Fruit Bars
 - ❖ Cheese and Peanut Butter Crackers
 - ❖ Fruit Drinks



Every little bit helps!

Youth Group



Youth Group will be starting on Wednesday, September 22, at 6:30pm. It is for kids in 6th-12th grade. If you are interested in joining, contact Julie Wolfe at, 712-621-9461. Invite your friends!



Sunday school will begin for Pre-K to 12th grade starting on September 19th, 2021, at 9am. Registrations sheets for the upcoming year will be available beginning on September 5th. If you or your student are planning to be part of our Sunday School Program, please fill out the form in advance so our teachers can accurately plan for their classes! We are so excited to have everyone back!



Come and be a Part of our Worship and Music Ministries

Psalm 100 says, "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." What an important directive that is to us as Christians.

One of the ways that you can serve in our church is by being involved in our worship and music ministries. Fall is a wonderful time to make a new start and try a new way of serving. We would love to have you come and be a part of our choir. It is a wonderful group of people who enjoy singing, praising God, and good fellowship. We meet every Wednesday evening, beginning on September 8, from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. And we sing most Sundays with rehearsals beginning at 10:00 AM and then the service at 10:30 AM.

Maybe you sang in a choir at some point in your life, or maybe you have always wanted to. Well this is your opportunity. We would love to have you join us.

If you have any questions feel free to email or call Tim Marsden,
marsdent@redoakschools.org 402-968-5345.

We hope to see you on September 8 at 6:00 PM.



Radical Hospitality

What comes to mind for you when you think of the word “Hospitality?” Perhaps you think of something as simple as having a few people over for a meal. Whatever your notion of hospitality, it’s worth considering afresh how can we display radical hospitality as the church- the people of God? The church is where we must share God’s love and live out that love in community wherever we go.

At the heart of Jesus- shaped hospitality is a posture, an orientation of openness and welcome toward those understood to be strangers. Biblical hospitality first is not just about entertaining guests. It is about an attitude, or a lifestyle, both for individuals and for a whole community.

Bishop Robert Schnase writes, “The personal practice of Radical Hospitality begins with accepting God’s love for us offered through Christ and deciding to let that gracious love make a difference in our lives”. It is celebrating what God’s love has done in our lives and extending that love to the stranger. It is making room in our lives for the other, for the stranger.

“For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me”. (Matthew 25:35-6).

Our Theme for the month of September is *Radical Hospitality*. My hope is that we will demonstrate radical hospitality in reaching others in our community by sharing God’s love.

It is about God’s love. He loves each of us unconditionally and wants to give us his best in sharing with our neighbor. Grace to you and God bless you!

Serving Together,
Pastor Eric Sayonkon

