

THE MESSENGER

Red Oak First United Methodist Church

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Our Next Step in the HCI—Healthy Church Initiative will be an All-Church Workshop to discover what is most important to Red Oak First as a church community—our **Core Values**.

Save-The-Date. **Sunday, February 2nd** we will have lunch together in the Fellowship Hall (11:30-12:30p) followed by the Core Values Workshop (1:00-3:00p). Come and help build our future.



You Bet Your Brass! As the saying goes, we demonstrate how much we care about something by how much we care for it. The altar crosses and candlesticks in the main Sanctuary and the Chapel are well tarnished and need a good polishing. If you might have the time, talent, and perhaps a grinding wheel with a buffing pad, your church could use your help. Contact the church office or Pastor Ron.



OUR NEXT STEP in our journey in the Healthy Church Initiative is to identify what our “core values” are as a church. Those things that are so important to us that they should not be forgotten and are used as the compass to help guide us.

Rev. Melissa Drake, our HCI Coach, has offered the following for our consideration as we prepare to enter an all-church core values workshop on February 2, 2020:

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But the reality is that most churches never take the time to clearly define what their core values are. When Core Values are “muddy” or “inarticulate” here's what often happens to a church:

Ambiguous Core Values Results

- Poor planning
- Low morale
- Broken relationships
- Decision-making is timid and very slow
- Preoccupation with trivial matters
- Constant squabbling over matters of personal taste
- Decisions constantly deferred
- So-called “traditions” keep churches from moving forward

Clear, Articulated Core Values

- Higher morale
- Ability to plan the future
- Quick resolution of disputes
- Healthier relationships
- Focus on “Big Picture” items
- Rapid Decision-making
- Easier entrance for new members

Sunday, February 2nd make plans to participate in the all-church workshop. After the 10:30 service we will fellowship together with lunch in the Fellowship Hall and the spend about 2 hours on the Core Values Workshop—led by Rev. Melissa Drake.

A new year is about to begin, and we welcome our
2020 Administrative Board members!



Rev. Dr. Ron Bupp
Terry Bruning - Chair
Pete Peterson - Vice Chair
Bob Lewellen - Treasurer
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Dave McGrew - Trustee
Terra Marsden - Children's Education
Julie Wolfe - Lay Leader
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January Birthdays

1/5	Fred	Pilecki	1/14	Jeannette	Gillespie	1/22	Richard	Fisher
1/5	Sherry	Carrick	1/14	Robert	Lewellen	1/27	Marilyn	Crowell
1/8	Jean	Bozwell	1/15	Missy	Torbett	1/29	Taylor	Carrick
1/11	Kennady	Adams	1/21	Carol	Sparr	1/29	David	Anderson