

Sunday, September 8th

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Dedication
of
Sunday School
and
Youth Group
Workers

Receiving
New
Members

Offering
Ourselves
and our
Gifts

Dedication
of
Renovation

Dear Friends,

We at the Rock Rapids United Methodist Church have much to celebrate! God is alive and working in and through our church. We have so many faithful members and friends who give of themselves to the church and community as they live out their faith in Jesus Christ.

As summer officially winds down and fall activities begin, we want to celebrate the start of Sunday School – and much, much more. Please plan to join us for worship on Sunday, September 8th as we kick off the fall and celebrate what God has done and is doing in our church.

Included in the service will be:

Celebration and dedication of the renovation work done over the summer

Dedication of those who will be working with our Sunday school and youth groups this year

Receiving 5 persons into full membership as Professing Members

and welcoming 5 more as Baptized Members (formerly called preparatory members)

Introduction to sermon series: **Discipleship: Believe, Belong, Become, Bless**

Rededicating ourselves and our gifts to God. (Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness)

Special Music by the Chancel Choir.

Celebration Challenge: I'd like to issue a challenge for people to bring an extra offering to our celebration on September 8th. As of August 22nd, we are almost \$13,000 in the red for the year as far as our giving keeping up with our expenses. (This does not include any of the remodeling expenses, as they have not been paid from general budget funds.) If 100 individuals or families would each give an extra \$100 on September 8th, we would be well on our way to erasing that deficit! I know that not everyone is able to give that much, but I also suspect that there are some that are able to give more than that. If everyone gives what they can, even if it may not seem like your gift is enough to make a difference, everyone together can make a huge difference!

Pastor Kathy

SEE YOU THE 8th – COME CELEBRATE!