



The Joyful Noise

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With Sunday School and Church involvement about to kick off and September being the 9th month of the year here are 9 GODLY reasons being involved with church is awesome:

9. Church involvement is indication of the fruits of the spirit alive in one's life. After all Jesus says let my disciples be known by their fruit. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. -Matthew 7:20

8. Church involvement keeps us from losing our faith. Help with the greater cause of impacting the lives of ours is rewarding.

-Hebrews 3:12 says our focus is important.

"See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God."

7. A gathering of brothers and sisters in the name of Jesus is encouraging. When we are a part of good deeds as a community of believers greater things happen. #kingdommovement

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds"
-Hebrews 10:24

6. We are the body. Christians are the head of the church. All parts of a body are necessary for the body to move and operate fully functionally. Everyone in Him has been given unique gifts to support the overall body. Scripture says all gifts of the spirit are of equal value. All are necessary. Don't hold onto your gift, scripture reminds us.

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.
-1 Corinthians 12:1

5. The pooling of resources leads to greater things! Things we can't imagine just on our own. Missions locally and far reaching can only happen with the pooling of resources. The world is hurting and needs our resources.

The 3rd letter of John reminds us that often when the church combines resources, strangers are impacted in great ways. What if they in turn shine that light to others?
#kingdommovement

"Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers to you."

-3 John 1:5

4. One person can get off track. But a community of believers uniting for the good can keep everyone in check! In check of things like ego, personal gain. Let the light of the body point the church back to biblical truth when it gets off track.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

-1 Timothy 1:15

Paul reminds us left to our own devices we can easily get off track.

3. There is nothing more powerful than the church body uniting to help believers and non-believers in a tough situation. This is ministry and it is powerful. This is love, this is the gospel.

-This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

-1 John 3:16

2. Praising God can be done in so many different ways. The hours we are not in church are important. The way we start those hours matter. Connecting our mission to the church allows a setting for corporate worship beyond the traditional 1 hour on Sunday morning!

-Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

-Colossians 3:16 #love

1. The community, the country, the world is growing more desperate for light. We are equipped as believers united together to show our communities, and greater the light He has put in us for great works. Even a little light pierces dark. Imagine the light of a group of believers?

-In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

-Matthew 5:16

We have many amazing things going on in our church. The impact is being felt. I know this upcoming church year is only going to bring more light to the community, state and world. The darkness, no matter how dark cannot overcome the light of believers involved in God's church.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

-John 1:5

Where two or more are gathered in His name, we are reminded He is right there with us.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

-Matthew 18:20

In Christ's love,
Pastor Travis

If you would like to be included in the **Weekly Prayer Partner EMAIL** which includes scripture readings, prayer requests, birthdays, and weekly reminders, please email or call the church; especially if you have not received these lately. If you have email, but do not receive information from the church this way, please give your email address to the office. We may not have it, and it's important that we do going forward so you can stay updated. Thank you.



HOSPITALIZED

Please contact the church office or Travis Remme if you know a member has been admitted to the hospital. With the new privacy laws being strictly enforced there are many times we are unaware of hospitalizations. We would rather get ten calls than none at all. Thank you. **Prayer concerns** can be called into the office (472-2324) or emailed to the office at

rockrapidsumc@premieronline.net or to Travis Remme at tremme2@gmail.com and they will be sent out.



NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!

Please email Amber @ rockrapidsumc@premieronline.net a picture of your family or yourself. It can be casual or professional. If you don't have access to a computer or email, please contact the office so Amber can take a picture or find Rhonda after Church on Sundays so she can you're your picture. Thank you!

September Birthdays And Anniversaries

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| 03~ Kylee Kelly | 12~ Phil & Carole Priest | 22~ Jaylynn Stubbe |
| 04~ Michele Baade | 15~ Anders Baade | 26~ Josh Rockhill |
| 06~ Lainn & Rhonda Menning | 17~ Carrie Wall | Mae Smid |
| 07~ Mimi Drenth | 18~ Jerry Stratton | 27~ Mary Fields |
| Estyiella Hamilton | 20~ Susan Hasche | 28~ Ron Rice |
| Barb Fegan | Stacey McIntire | Diane Sieperda |
| 09~ Mikayla Miller | 22~ Doug Baade | EIDon and Mary Maxwell |
| 11~ EIDon Maxwell | Hannah Sieperda | 29~ Marlys Henry |

*We apologize for any omissions or incorrect information. Please contact the office with the correct/missing information. Thank you!





Praise God~

- ☺ Meals on Wheels volunteers & Dave and Mary for leading Meals on Wheels
- ☺ Rain
- ☺ Teachers and staff
- ☺ Beautiful weather
- ☺ Mentors and Teachers
- ☺ School back in session
- ☺ Baptism of Amelia Behrens
- ☺ Baptism of Thaddeus Engleman
- ☺ Quilters-beautiful quilts and dolls given for Baptism and the tractor quilt in the Narthex
- ☺ Progress for Daxton when not in an episode

Prayers~

- 🕊 Marlys Brown
- 🕊 Judi Sieperda
- 🕊 Family of Bill Verdoorn
- 🕊 Residents of care centers and assisted living who are missing their family and friends
- 🕊 Josh Nolte fighting brain cancer
- 🕊 Pray for Iowa (Derecho-storm damage)
- 🕊 Those grieving the passing of loved ones
- 🕊 Bonnie Netjes-health
- 🕊 Prayers for a vaccine for Covid
- 🕊 Prayers for safe travels for Gary & Julie Taylor
- 🕊 Daxton having episodes
- 🕊 Rain



On September 13th at 10:30 a.m., there will be a church conference held in the sanctuary with the sole purpose to authorize the Rock Rapids Board of Trustees to sell the Rock Rapids UMC

parsonage located at (909 S. 2nd Ave.). District Superintendent Reverend Ron Carlson will preside.



A big THANK YOU to the RRUMC quilters for making all sizes of face masks for Central Lyon. They give back to the community so much!!!



UMC Choir,
The family of Bill Verdoorn would like to thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

Thank you very much for the beautiful angel chime. I am once again convinced I belong to the BEST Church Choir

anywhere! I cherish our friendship.

~Love,
Genny, Susan, Mike, Kathy and all



Thank you to everyone for all the prayers & notes and to Heavenly Joys for remembering me. ~Hazel Berg



We want to say a belated thank you for the generous congregational gift of Chamber Bucks. We were able to purchase all of the paint needed for our new house with some left over to pay towards a washer and dryer with them! Thanks also for all the other gifts, cards and well-wishes received. A very special thank you to those that helped us with moving: Dave and Roxanne Ackerman, the Holland family, the Hamilton family,

Dylan Van Berkum and Sonya Peterson. And thanks to Kathy Van Berkum for the treats! (I'm sorry if I have not remembered everyone!) All the help was so very much appreciated, especially doing such hard work on one of the hottest days of the year!

Blessings to you all!

~Pastor Kathy, Earl, Emily and Maggie



Heavenly Joys,

Thank you for the thoughtful Target gift card. We appreciate it.

~Bryan, Carly & Clay Herum

The Rock Rapids United Methodist Church

is hosting its

8th Annual Fall Tractor Ride

and you're invited!



We look forward to seeing you on

Saturday, September 19th, at 9 a.m.

Starting at the United Methodist Church parking lot

302 S. Carroll St, Rock Rapids, IA

\$25.00 registration fee includes:

Mid-Way Noon Luncheon

Post-Ride Ice Cream Social

All proceeds go directly to the Rock Rapids United Methodist Church Meal Ministry at the monthly Bread of Life.

Come and enjoy an easy-going morning/afternoon of fun!

In Memory of Sue Vinson and Mary Peterson

Questions please call Dave @ 712-472-2717 or 712-578-1313



Sunday School kick off will be **September 13th at 10:30 a.m.**

Iowa 99 County Bible Reading Marathon



Iowa 99 County Bible Reading Marathon

Who: Lyon County Residents and Friends

What: Iowa 99 County Bible Reading Marathon (Genesis-Revelation)

When: September 11 (Friday 5pm-8pm), September 12 (Saturday 9am-5pm)

Where: Lyon County Courthouse lawn

Why: Timothy 4:13 "Until I come, devote

yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preach and to teach."

"For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart" NASB, Hebrews 4:12

How: Bring your Bible & lawn chair. Join us in reading the bible out loud. We need people to read, you may ask family or friends to help you in reading or take it home to finish. Call **Deb Markus** County Captain 605-254-4676, or **Judy Netten** 712-470-2561, or **Carol Hill** 605-321-2001.

September 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30 a.m.- Prayer Team meeting 6:00 p.m.- Evangelism meeting	3	4	5
6 9:00 a.m.- Morning Coffee 9:30 a.m.- Worship Organist: Marilee Schleusner Head Usher: Jason Engleman Acolyte: Avery Littlefield Powerpoint: Sonya Peterson Sound: Sonya Peterson Volunteer driver: Eric Selken	7	8	9 7:00 p.m.- Choir practice	10	11	12
13 9:00 a.m.- Morning Coffee 9:30 a.m.- Worship 10:30 a.m.- Sunday School Kick off 10:30 a.m.- Church Conference Organist: Holly Moeller Head Usher: Jason Engleman Acolyte: Kyra Van Berkum Powerpoint: Sonya Peterson Sound: Sonya Peterson Volunteer driver: Eric Selken	14	15 6:00 p.m.- Ad Council meeting	16 6:30 a.m.- Prayer Team meeting	17	18	19 9:00 a.m.- 8 th Annual Tractor Ride
20 9:00 a.m.- Morning Coffee 9:30 a.m.- Worship-Bible Sunday 10:30 a.m.- Sunday School Organist: Marilee Schleusner Head Usher: Jason Engleman Acolyte: Brendin Sprock Powerpoint: Sonya Peterson Sound: Sonya Peterson Volunteer driver: Eric Selken	21	22 6:30 p.m.- Meal Ministry- prepare food	23 6:00 p.m.- Bread of Life- distribute sack suppers	24	25	26
27 9:00 a.m.- Morning Coffee 9:30 a.m.- Worship-Communion Sunday Organist: Holly Moeller Head Usher: Jason Engleman Acolyte: Ellie Docker Powerpoint: Sonya Peterson Sound: Sonya Peterson Volunteer driver: Eric Selken	28	29	30			

