



The Joyful Noise

Rock Rapids United Methodist Church
302 South Carroll Street~ Rock Rapids, Iowa 51246

Travis Remme~ tremme2@gmail.com

C: 605-254-4338

Administrative Assistant, Amber Kooiker

rockrapidsumc@premieronline.net

712-472-2324

Volume 44, Issue 6

June, 2021

Our Historic Church

One of the unique features of our church are the stained-glass windows. Have you looked closely at the detail of the windows? The windows are a work of art and a beautiful asset to one of the oldest churches in Rock Rapids. Take a few minutes the next time you are in church to look at the detail of the windows.

Above the door to the main entrance of the original church, we read "First M.E. Church" (the First Methodist Episcopal Church) established in 1895.

The most interesting and beautiful window is on the east wall depicting Holman Hunt's painting of Jesus entitled "The Light of the World."

The window was dedicated to Mabel S. Miller and Ethel M. Miller, daughters of O.P. and Ellen Fowler Miller. The little girls died of diphtheria at the ages of 9 and 3 years old. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had 4 other children. Mr. Miller was the president of Lyon County National Bank.

The art portrays the door of the human heart barred with nails and rusty hinges overgrown with ivy. The threshold is overgrown with brambles and wild grass. Jesus approaches the door in the night. He is garbed as a prophet, priest and king. The purple robe signifies his kingship, the breastplate his priesthood and the crown of gold intertwined with thorns proclaims His royalty.

The lantern in His hand represents the light of conscience, which reveals our sin. Its fire is red and fierce. There is an apple – which is a symbol of man's first sin. The other light is from Christ's face. It proclaims the hope of salvation. Jesus' face is the brightest area of the picture. When the early morning sun shines through the vibrant colors of this window, the light of Jesus' eyes speaks to all whose hearts are open. Thus, He stands at the door of each and every person's heart asking for admittance. You will note, the door has no handle and can only be opened from the inside representing the obstinately shut mind.

This window illustrates scripture from Revelation 3:20 – Listen, I stand at the door and knock; if any hear my voice and opens the door, I will come into their house and eat with them, and they will eat with me.

Not full visible is a round window behind the pipe organ. This beautiful window was a memorial honoring the Young Ladies Mission Foreign Society. The group was organized in 1882 with 20 charter members. The group also sponsored the Junior Mission Band. The window was fully visible until 1902 at which time the pipe organ was installed thus partially covering the window from full view.

In months to come, we will share more history and details of the windows and building. The source of information is from the "Guide to the Stained Glass Windows" by Mary Peterson and Rev. Dennis Nicholson.



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.



Joys & Concerns



Praise God~

- ☺ Glenda DeBoer doing better after having shingles
- ☺ Awesome article in the NWIA Review about AHC and Daxton
- ☺ Northwestern College National Championship game
- ☺ Refit with Shannon Monson and all the wonderful women who braved the 5:30 a.m. Dance for Dax and for all who organized, came, prayed, contributed, "loved-on" the 1st Annual Dash for Dax/A.H.C. event in Hinton
- ☺ Moms
- ☺ Sunday School teachers
- ☺ Celebration Sunday
- ☺ Rain
- ☺ Char DeGooyer
- ☺ Seniors
- ☺ Dax got his wheelchair
- ☺ Summer



Prayers~

- ✧ Wayne Grooters
- ✧ Dana Lutmer
- ✧ Judi Sieperda
- ✧ Sydney Wells
- ✧ Ed Brown
- ✧ Char DeGooyer
- ✧ Maggie Sides-migraines
- ✧ A family in turmoil
- ✧ Brenda Olson
- ✧ Jenn Sides (Earls Mom) dementia diagnosis
- ✧ Adam Eben
- ✧ Unspoken prayers
- ✧ Faith Kruse (hospice)
- ✧ VBS supplies & volunteers

June Birthdays And Anniversaries



01~ Shelby Kracht	19~ Randy Waagmeester
03~ Tori Figge	20~ Jashaun Borman
05~ Carl & Nancy DeJongh Jason & Kayla Engleman	21~ Tyler Figge Ian Wells
07~ Austin & Holly Behrens	23~ Terry Van Berkum Tom & Amy Menage
08~ Steve & Diane Sieperda	24~ Mike & Jackie Austin Evelyn Busch
09~ Henry & Helen Boeve	26~ Ben Docker Travis & Jessica Remme
11~ Kyle & Shannon Monson	29~ Kayden Van Berkum
15~ Jamie Parkinson	30~ Ron & Rita Rice Henry Boeve
16~ Paige Menage	
17~ Dave & Roxanne Ackerman	
17~ Whitney Waagmeester	
18~ Kim Waagmeester	

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

†**The Sunday Community Church service for Heritage Days will be @ Island park on June 20th at 10:30 a.m. Bring your lawn chairs.**



Looking for summer music in church? If you like to sing, dance, play an instrument or read chorally- OR- if you know someone outside of our church family who does- and would like to share your talent at a service this Summer- we are here for you! All ages

welcome! Please contact Kathy Van Berkum (605-496-1696) with a Sunday that works for you!