



Rapid Valley United Methodist Church

Valley Views

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Pastor's Corner

Dear church family,
I believe that many of you know that Lisa and I have a son who lives in Sioux Falls who has given us 3 grandchildren (one of which was born just a few weeks ago!) Having said that, some of you may also know that we have been wanting for some time to get closer to them so we could be a part of their lives in a more meaningful way. As a part of that endeavor we had actually asked the Dakotas cabinet starting four years ago, if we could be appointed somewhere closer to Sioux Falls. As it turns out, we were instead appointed to Rapid Valley. While it is true that we are one hour closer than we were during our time in Hot Springs, we are still too far away to visit very regularly. So this Spring we again asked if we could possibly be moved closer, but there are no United Methodist appointments available at this time. In fact, I was told that there may not be anything available next year either, so our D.S. gave us permission to seek a pastoral position outside of the denomination.

Having said all this, I need to inform you all that I have accepted a position as pastor of the United Church of Christ in

Brookings. After consultation with Bob Reudebusch we decided that June 30th would be my last day here at Rapid Valley. He is currently working on a plan for the appointment of a new pastor, and he will be in close communication with your Roundtable leadership group.

I want to thank all of you who have remained faithful to this congregation and have shown love and care to Lisa and I over these last two years. It's a somewhat difficult thing to be an itinerant pastor who moves and uproots family and seeks to develop new relationships every few years. And the truth of the matter is that there are some folks who make those transitions even harder for a pastor, and then there are life giving folks who make the call to pastoral leadership rewarding and affirming.

So again, I thank you who have continued to worship together, either in person or online, and I trust that together you will move into the future together, united in love and purpose. I pray that you will reject any judgementalism or heard heartedness that seeks to gain a foothold among you, and that you remain faithful to the call to reach outside of yourselves and outside of the

wall of the church to continue building the kingdom of God through making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Blessings,
Pastor Mark

OUTDOOR RUMMAGE SALE



Our church is having a rummage sale on June 19, from 8am-noon. If you have items you would like to donate for the church table please call the church when you want to drop off your items. We ask that they be slightly used or in good condition.

We invite families to join us by buying table space for \$10 per table. You can call the church and leave a message and someone will get back to you if you are interested. You do not have to be a member or attend our church to participate.

We will have a bake sale and also sell breakfast burrito's coffee & water. Also, sell popcorn for a donation.

For more information please call 605-393-1526.



Every 4th Wednesday of each month from 3-4pm the traveling pantry sets up in the church parking lot. Everyone is welcome to participate and there is no financial guidelines required. If you wish to volunteer to load the food items in people's car please contact the church office at 609-393-1526. Thank you.

CLOTHE-A-KID

This is a Love Inc. program that RVUMC has decided to participate in this year. Children sign up in June for the program. These children and families do community service projects, attend Vacation Bible school in order to be eligible to go Shopping in August for school clothes. Donations are collected and then divided up among those participants. Our church is collecting donations at this time. If you would like to help please make sure your checks identify clothe-kid in the memo area. Thank you.



FAMILY FARE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Please continue to collect your Family Fare Grocery Receipts. During this time of staying at home I think we are all cooking more, so please keep your receipts.

MONDAY, LADIES GROUP

We have now come back together and meet on Monday's at 10 am. This group does a devotion and discusses what the devotion is about and have a prayer. There is discussion of what we can do for the church and how this group can reach out to others. There is always coffee on and most of the time some sort of goodies. We always welcome new friends to our group. For more information call the church 605-393-1526.

Upcoming fund raising events

If you have an idea for a Fundraising event, send an email (rapidvalleyumc@gmail.com) or call the church office 393-1526.

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