



Rapid Valley United Methodist Church

Valley Views

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Pastor's Corner

Wow, I can't believe it is already March! Where did February go? Well I guess there were only 28 days of that month

□ Anyway, it has been about a year now since we have been dealing with this pandemic, and I know we are all ready to move beyond it. I have talked with several of you who have gotten at least one of the vaccine shots, and are getting closer to returning to something resembling normalcy. While mask wearing may still be a part of our nation's future in the short term, it is my hope that many who have been hunkered down within their homes will venture out after becoming vaccinated. And one of the things I hope people return to (not only at Rapid Valley but around the world) is weekly corporate worship together. While Face book has been a useful tool in sharing our worship services with those at home, it can't substitute for the community we experience together in our sanctuary.

So I hope that you all remain safe and well until such time as

you are able to receive your vaccinations, and that we may all come together again soon! In the meantime, let us pray for the families of all those who have been lost due to this tragic virus, both in our nation and around the world.

Blessings to you all,

Pastor Mark

STOP N' GO HAM DINNER

Spring is in the air. Our Annual Palm Sunday Ham Dinner will be our Stop N' Go dinner. It will be March 26th from 4:30- 6:00pm. Tickets are now available and must be purchased in advance. You must order your tickets by March 23rd and they can be ordered by calling the church (605-393-1526) or you can go to the church web site by typing in Rapid Valley United Methodist Church and go to events or Stop N' Go Ham dinner. Tickets are \$12 each. The menu will be ham, scalloped and sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, dinner roll and dessert.

Would you help us advertise this event by sharing it on your face book page or whatever

social media you may use or call and your friends and neighbors and share the information. Also, if you wish to make any donations of food to the meal please call and sign up!

GriefShare Program Starting

This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Too often people, including Christians, tend to stuff their grief instead of allowing it to do the God given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program.

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or



friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

GriefShare will be held on Sunday afternoons starting 21 March with an introduction and meetings 28 March At Rapid Valley UMC . Cost: \$20 for the book. Any questions or to register , call or text George 605-431-9216 or call the church office 605-393-1526

CORNERSTONE MISSION MEAL

On March 30th we will be preparing and serving the meal. If are interested in helping serve please call the church at 605-393-1526.

FOOD BANK

We host the Food Bank in loading cars with a box of food on the last Wednesday of each month. You do not have to qualify for receiving the food.

ONLINE GIVING AVAILA BLE

In this time of Covid 19 worship we have provided other opportunities and ways for people to give to our church. We have a link on our website: rapidvalleyumc.com where you can click on "give" to enter a credit card number or checking account and routing number. You can set up a one time gift or a recurring gift, whatever works best for you. Of course you may still send a physical check to the church office at 5103 Longview Drive as well. Just creating more opportunities for you to take advantage of. Thanks to all who are demonstrating such faithfulness in remembering the church during this time!

Upcoming Fundraising Events

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

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.

MONTHLY NEWS AND EVE NTS

Each month a newsletter with events and announcements will be coming. If you have something you would like to place in the RVUMC News please email: rapidvalleyumc@gmail.com. If you are not receiving this via your email, please email or call the church office

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