



Rapid Valley United Methodist Church

Valley View

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Hello, Church Family!

It is with great joy that I share with you that SOON and very soon we will be amazed and in awe of the wondrous birth of Jesus of Nazareth! He comes in a lowly stable and yet brings the promise of eternal life! Through His birth, life, death, and resurrection YOU AND I will feast at the heavenly banquet forevermore. AMEN! But first, we must invite the Prince of Peace into our lives, our homes, our hearts so that we can be transformed through Christ's love and grace. Are you ready, Rapid Valley?! Has your heart grown three sizes during this Advent season? I think mine has...and even more than 3 sizes as it has grown to love each of you! Matt and I are truly blessed to serve this church and can't wait for 2022!

Blessings to you and yours for a very Merry CHRISTmas and Happy New Year !

Sincerely, Pastor Quaya & Matthew



BRING YOUR POINSETTIA NOW!

Please bring in a poinsettia to share with the church. If you would like it to be in memory/honor of someone, please let the office know. Please label if you would like to take yours home



CHURCH FAMILY FUN DAY DEC 19!

MOVIE, POPCORN, SOUP,
CAROLING and FUN!

After worship, we will show "The Grinch" (rated G) and enjoy a light lunch before going caroling at 1 PM! Hot cocoa at the church to follow!

November In-Person Attendance

11/7 69

11/14 80

11/21 58

11/28 74

TOTAL=281

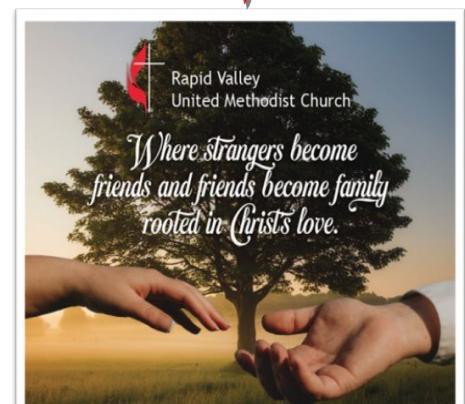
God is GOOD!

CHRISTMAS COOKIE TRAYS!

The Monday Ladies are again doing cookie trays. We want to offer you the opportunity to add someone you feel is in need of a tray or would simply enjoy a cookie tray. Please let the office know ASAP.

We are also asking if you would like to make two dozen cookies or candies to donate for the trays we must have them by Dec. 15th. Thank you for your help.

Invite a Friend, WIN A PRIZE!



Now thru **FEBRUARY**, invite a friend or family member to church and be entered into a drawing when they return their invitation!



In just a couple short weeks we will be celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour! **We invite you to worship with us at 4 PM** and hear the Christmas story and final message from our Advent Study "When the Giver is the Gift". We will share in many classic Christmas hymns and enjoy the musical talents of our choir and soloists!

**If you or a family member would like to read a part of scripture, please let Pastor Quaya know!



WE DID IT THANKS TO YOU!

Congrats, CHURCH! Through your gracious generosity we accomplished BOTH fund raising goals for the technology and parking lot projects!

Dirty Dozen for 2022

Larry Van Boening started this program several years ago. Due to the covid days our "Dirty Dozen" program took a rest. Our plan is to start the new year implementing the program again if we have 12 people who would be interested in this great opportunity to reach out to someone in need.

Quoting James 2: 14-18 it says; "What does it Profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but has not works. Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is ill clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them "go in peace, be warned and filled", without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead!"

All of us at some time or another see in our daily lives someone who needs help. It's called "The Dozen".

Twelve people each give \$20 per month. One of the participants then is given the funds and may be used in any manner they wish. It may be for a tank of gas, groceries, clothes, or a meal.

After you have distributed your funds then you will provide a written report to the office. That report will be shared with the congregation through the newsletter.

If you are interested please sign up or contact the office that you are interested. 605-393-1526.



Join our men's ministry group on **Saturday, January 22, at 8 AM** for faith and fellowship!

Group leaders Gary Walters & George Keehner

JUST FOR FUN!

Can you find the names of sixteen (16) books of the Bible hidden in the paragraph below?

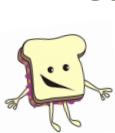
I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now.



Rapid Valley United Methodist Church will Host Feeding South Dakota Mobile Drive thru Food

Pantry, VOLUNTEERS are needed.

You must be able to be outside for 2 hours and lift packages up to 30 pounds. Volunteers direct traffic and provide "contact free" food distribution **DECEMBER 22, 3-4pm**



Sandwich Ministry

Every 2nd Thursday of the month at 9am a group of ladies make sandwiches for the Hope Center.

It takes a little more than hour to make the sandwiches. If you would like to help on a Thursday morning, please call the church to sign up. (605-393-1526).

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.

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.

MONTHLY NEWS AND EVENTS

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.

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

RVUMC has 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. Thank you for demonstrating such faithfulness to the church!

Birthdays

Dec 4 Celeste Clocksin
Julie Martian
Kristin Ness

Dec 8 Doug Nix

Dec 10 Amelia Chase

Dec 12 WillO Cook



Anniversaries

Dec 13 Bradley & Elaine Boes

Dec 24 Steve & Deb Chase

Dec 28 Virgil & Lana Whetsel

Dec 30 Barry & Pam Kaufman

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Round Table Chair-Genene Sigler

Finance Chair-OPEN

Treasurer-Cindy Herdt

Board of Trustees-Brad Bilka

PPRC (Pastor-Parish Relations)-Randy Martian

Lay Leader-George Keehner

Education-OPEN

Technology Lead-Barry Kaufman

Worship Planning Lead-Tamra Sime

Hospitality-OPEN