



Rapid Valley United Methodist Church

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A Quick Note
from
Pastor Q



Hello, Church!

It's hard to believe that it is only 6 weeks away until Christmas! We are in a very busy church season with Advent approaching, charge conference, Hanging of the Greens, BUT we cannot forget to be missional and remember those that are less fortunate during the holiday season. In our current sermon series, we are learning how to become a more fruitful congregation. I have presented challenges to share your "WHY" you attend Rapid Valley with others in your sphere of influence. This Sunday we hear about intentional faith development and then our final message is on risk-taking. Are you ready?? Shh...do you hear it? God is afoot in Rapid Valley UMC! God is good!

"Quiet, everyone! Shh! Silence before GOD. Something's afoot in his holy house. He's on the move!" Zechariah 2:13

Feasting on The Word

As it says in John 8: 31-32, when we feast on God's Word, we find freedom, knowledge and peace that only comes from Him.

"Feast" on the word of God and learn more about each of the 5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations!

1. Radical Hospitality – Romans 12:9-21
2. Passionate Worship – John 4:21-24
3. Intentional Faith Development – 1 Corinthians 9:19-24
4. Risk-Taking Mission and Service – Matthew 25:14-30
5. Extravagant Generosity – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

FIVE PRACTICES OF FRUITFUL CONGREGATIONS



CHURCH ATTENDANCE

OCTOBER

	In-Person	Online
10/3	59	28
10/10	46	22
10/17	58	12
10/24	62	28
10/31	65	7



Christmas Shoebox

Season!



One of our outreach programs is the Annual Christmas Shoebox Donation. This is a wonderful program that goes to local children that may not have a Christmas without some help from caring people and everyone that receives them are very appreciative. We will put out a list for you to pick the age group of a child that you would like to give for and some suggested items for the gift. We will even have some boxes for you to put the items in. We ask you to take a list and when you are out shopping pick up a couple of things for another child. We have put a smile on many faces in the past and hope to again this year. Our lists and boxes will be out after Thanksgiving and will need to be brought back to the church by December 12th for distribution. Please wrap shoeboxes with top and bottoms separately with no tape, since we put into every box a story.

If you have any questions please contact Carolyn Keehner or the office. Thank you in advance for your giving.

Blessings to you all

Carolyn Keehner



Rapid Valley

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays—Seminar

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays is a helpful, encourage seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death. The seminar will be held November 20th at 2:00pm at Rapid Valley United Methodist Church. The cost is \$5.00 for the book.

The seminar features practical suggestions and reassurance through video interviews with counselors, grief experts, and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death. Topics to be discussed include dealing with hard-hitting emotions, what to do about traditions, how to survive social events, and where to find comfort and strength.

Those who attend will receive a Survival Guide filled with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas, and exercises for daily help through the holiday season.

For more information, call George or Carolyn or the church office at 605-209-2365, 605-431-9216 or email rvumcgrief-share@gmail.com.

Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely,

George and Carolyn Keehner Job 17:7 My eyes have grown dim with grief: and my whole frame is but a shadow.



Stop N Go Turkey Dinner!

The covid did not stop us from continuing our annual and successful Turkey Dinner. We would have preferred a dine in meal as we miss the fellowship, the many different salads, and the yummy pie selections, and the beautiful table decorations which is a big part of the dinner.

Like I said dinner was very successful and there was a lot of love in preparing and serving the meal. However, success only happens when we all work together. A big THANK YOU to Ruth Nix who pulls it all together and those who made donations and all the workers in preparing and serving the tasty meal. It takes many hands.

Not all the expenses have been turned in yet, but we sold 185 tickets and with donations and ticket sales our income was \$2,320.

