



RAPID VALLEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JANUARY 2022

VALLEY VIEWS

Upcoming Events

MEN'S MINISTRY
standing firm in the faith

Saturday, January 22
8 am

FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA

Wednesday, January 26
3-4 pm

Souper Bowl
Stop N Go Lunch

Sunday, February 13
11am-1 pm

December In-Person Attendance

Dec 6	65
Dec 13	88
Dec 19	70
Dec 24	126
Dec 26	51
TOTAL	400!



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It's the season of **EPIPHANY!**

Hello, Church! As we begin a New Year, let's take a moment to reflect on all the blessings that have been bestowed upon us in 2021, and **CELEBRATE** the season of new revelations for 2022! God is good and has shown favor upon Rapid Valley. And for this I say...AMEN!

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; Romans 13:11



DROP IN THE BUCKET

Would you like to fill someone's bucket?
Share a "drop"/compliment/PRAISE and fill THEIR bucket!
(Your comment can be anonymous.)

We each have a "bucket". A bucket that fills or empties based on our daily life experiences. If we fill someone else's bucket, we also fill our own! The same is true when we do not love our neighbors as we have been taught, we can empty someone's bucket.

PUT A DROP IN SOMEONE'S BUCKET TODAY!

Check out our first drop on page 2!



DROP IN THE BUCKET

There is an individual who I feel needs to be recognized and praised by all of us in this church. This woman has been a member of this church long before I landed here. But it did not take long before I knew her and discovered all she has given to Rapid Valley United Methodist Church. She was a Sunday school teacher, and her love for children has continued through her many years. Always giving a helping hand with the Christmas program, the many vacation bible school years she was involved with, Christmas Shoe box donations, hats, scarves, and gloves for the Mitten tree. Those are just a few things with children that I am aware of.

This person has also inspired many of us with spiritual knowledge and dedication to the ministry of our church. This individual was a lay leader for many years, involved in participating in bible studies expanding her deep spiritual dedication to God and always willing to share her spiritual beliefs.

By now you probably know who I am referring to. The one and only Laura Olafson who still at her age does most of the yard work for the church. She is always making sure the trees and flower beds are well taken care of for us. There have been many times, I have had to tell Laura she needs to quit when it is so hot. She doesn't listen though, (does that surprise you).

You will never meet a person who is so giving of herself and believes in her knowledge of the bible that tells her to take care of the poor, take care of God's earth, and contribute monetarily to your church. You are a beautiful woman and you are a great example of a person with a Christian heart. **Thank you** for all you still do and the many things you have done that I never even mentioned. As we all know we will never know whose lives we have had an impact on, but can assure you, for you it is many. God Bless.

Grow In Your Faith



Are you interested in becoming a member at Rapid Valley? Join this informational session about becoming a member of the United Methodist church! New Member Class following worship on February 6

Mitten Tree



It's NOT TOO LATE to support our community! Bring in new hats/mittens/scarves for WAVI (women against violence) and Hope Center by January 30th!

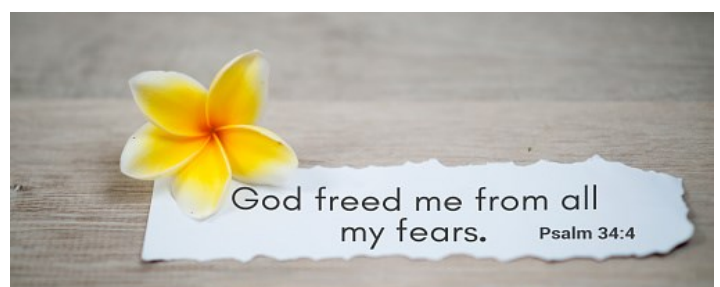


Let us do the cookin' on Super Bowl Sunday! Enjoy your choice of Chili with Corn Bread and dessert or Cheddar Ham Chowder with a Bread Stick and Dessert. All for just \$7. Pick up available on February 13 from 11 am to 1 pm. Get your tickets online at RapidValleyUMC.com or at the church.



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

Group leaders Gary Walters & George Keehner





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

Upcoming dates: 3pm - 4pm MST; Dec 22, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 30

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Round Table Chair-Genene Sigler

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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: rvumctech@gmail.com.

If you are not receiving this via your email, please email or call the church office.