

# Red Oak's May & June

Newsletter



# **RED OAK UMC**

***Rev. Dr. LK Pendleton, Pastor***



## **LOCATION**

3894 Walt Stephens Road Stockbridge, GA 30281

## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 9am - 3pm **PHONE** 770-474-8863

*Email: [redoak@redoakumcstockbridge.org](mailto:redoak@redoakumcstockbridge.org)*

## **Our Vision**

"The vision of Red Oak Church is to embrace  
the community and share God's love to all  
through  
Word, Worship, and Witness."

## **Ministerial Staff**

Rev. Dr. L.K. Pendleton, Senior Pastor

Rev. Wilmer Brown

Rev. Renea D. Slater

Rev. Kean Sutton

Elder David Graham

Rev. Maestro Evans

Rev. Marshall Williams

Min. Larry Brock

Min. Michael Brock



## Pastor's Corner

### Living the Resurrection: Called to Greater Things

Resurrection Sunday has come and gone. The songs were sung, the cross was lifted high, and the empty tomb reminded us of Christ's victory. But now that the celebration is over, what does it mean to live in the light of the resurrection, every day? The truth is, the resurrection wasn't the end of the story—it was the beginning. Jesus's triumph over death invites us into a new way of living, not just a one-time celebration. As His followers, we are called to be **resurrection people**—living lives marked by hope, love, and boldness because God calls us to greater.

Scripture shows that God never calls His people to remain stagnant. He calls us to **greater faith, greater purpose, and greater love**. One powerful example is the story of **Moses**. When God called Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, Moses doubted his ability. He questioned, *"Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"* (Exodus 3:11). But God didn't call Moses because he was perfect—He called him because He had **greater plans**. Like Moses, we may feel unqualified or uncertain, but God's call is not based on our limitations but on His power. The resurrection proves that **God's power transforms weakness into strength, fear into courage, and doubt into faith**. And resurrection allows us to expand our vision.



James Baldwin once said, *"If the concept of God has any validity or any use, it can only be to make us larger, freer, and more loving."* This speaks to the heart of resurrection living.

The resurrection is about personal salvation and **Expanding Our Vision** to see the world through God's eyes. It is about stepping into the **greater** purpose He has for us. And how do we live this out? Romans 6:4 says, *"just as Christ was raised from the dead... we too might **Walk In Newness of Life**."* That means shedding old habits and embracing the fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, all of them! We must be bold in faith.

After the resurrection, the disciples were transformed. Frightened men became fearless witnesses. The same power that raised Jesus is available to us. Let's not shrink back. Let's share the Good News with conviction, serve with compassion, and love without limits. Then we must **Live with Hope** – The resurrection proves that death does not have the final word. In a world full of pain and uncertainty, we have unshakable hope. That hope should radiate from how we speak, pray, and live.



As we move past Resurrection Sunday on the calendar, let's not leave behind the meaning of the resurrection. Let it shape our choices, our relationships, and our vision for the world. **He is risen—and so must we rise, daily, to the life He's called us to live.**

**-Pastor K**





# Rise Youth Ministry

## **Greetings Red Oak Family and Friends,**

A message from our Youth Ministry Pastor:

Currently we offer Children's Church every first and second Sunday of the month at 10:00am. We plan on launching our Children's Sunday School program in August, 2025. For more information regarding this matter, please contact Pastor Kean Sutton at [keansutton1@gmail.com](mailto:keansutton1@gmail.com).

Pastor Kean,  
Red Oak Youth Pastor



**\*\* Join Our Mission: Serve and Make a Difference. \*\***  
**We are extending an invitation for people to join the following teams for 2026: SPRC, Trustees and NLD.**

We are excited to announce a wonderful opportunity for you to serve our community church and grow in faith. As we continue our mission to spread love, hope, and compassion, we are seeking dedicated individuals to join our ministry in various roles. Whether you have a passion for administration, communications, music, or outreach, there is a place for you to share your unique gifts and talents.

- Sunday School Teachers\*\*: Inspire and nurture the faith of our youngest members.
- Worship Team Members\*\*: Share your musical talents and lead our congregation in worship.
- Outreach Volunteers\*\*: Make a difference in our local community through service projects and outreach programs.
- Office Assistants\*\*: Support the day-to-day operations of our church with your organizational skills.
- Serving on specific teams that actively oversee managing church assets, human resources, financial planning, and leadership selection to ensure the church's mission and operations are effectively supported and sustained.



## Why Serve?

1. Deepen Your Faith\*\*: Grow spiritually as you serve others and experience God's love in action.
2. Build Community\*\*: Connect with fellow church members and build lasting relationships.
3. Make an Impact\*\*: Use your talents to make a positive difference in our church and community.

If you feel called to serve your church, please contact Shawni Felder at [shawniquef@gmail.com](mailto:shawniquef@gmail.com) or 267-600-1461. We look forward to welcoming you to our team and embarking on this journey of faith and service together.

Thank you for your commitment to our church and community. Your participation will help us continue to spread the love of Christ and make a meaningful impact in the lives of others.

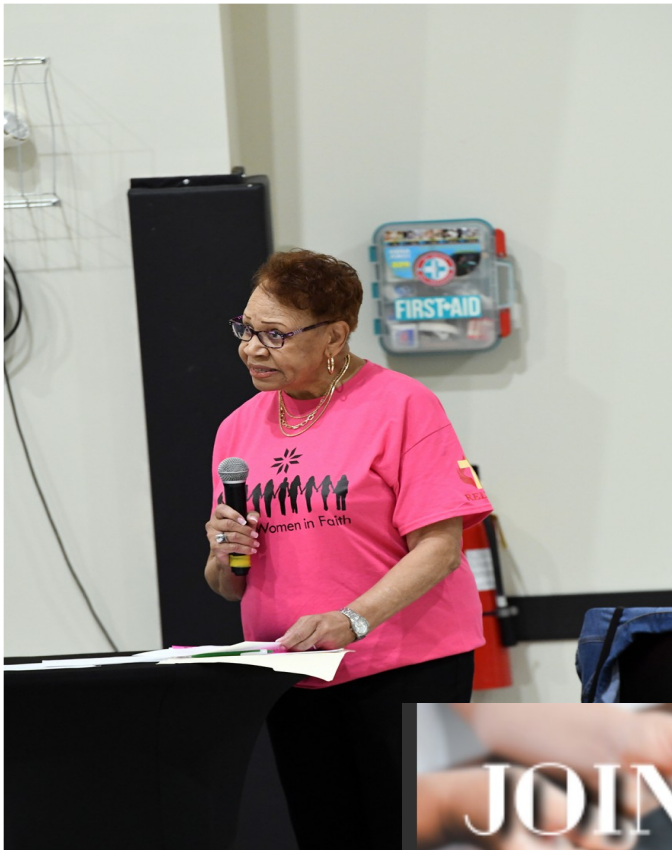
Blessings,  
Leadership Team



# Red Oak Older Adult Ministry and members of the Liturgical Dance Ministry visit the residents at the Palm Lake Spivey Independent Living Center in Jonesboro, GA.



# United Women in Faith and United Methodist Men Ministry Recruitment Brunch “Join the Ministry, Not the Meeting”





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## UWIF Sunday Worship Service



## UWIF Food Pantry Dedication



## UWIF/UMM Recruitment Brunch



## **Celebrating Confirmation at Red Oak UMC - May 11**

We are excited to announce that **Confirmation Sunday** will be held at **Red Oak United Methodist Church on May 11**, which also happens to be **Mother's Day**—a beautiful opportunity to celebrate both faith and family!

This special service marks a significant milestone in the spiritual journey of our young people as they publicly affirm their faith and take the next step in their life with Christ and the church.

Please join us in supporting and congratulating our 2025 confirmands:

**Skky Adams**  
**Gabriel Brownell**  
**Karrington Foreman**  
**Ricky Harper**



These young individuals have spent weeks preparing through study, prayer, and discussion as they explored the foundations of the Christian faith, what it means to be a Methodist, and how to live out their beliefs in daily life.

Let's come together as a church family to surround them with love and encouragement as they say "yes" to their faith and become full members of Red Oak UMC.

**We look forward to seeing you there on Sunday, May 11, for this joyful and meaningful celebration!**



# Communications Team

## **Announcements:**

We welcome all church announcements and correspondence that are considered essential information for the whole church community.

If you would like to formally request an announcement for broadcasting during the Sunday worship service, please adhere to the following guidelines:

1. All announcement requests must be sent to the Communications Team at [redoakumcteam@gmail.com](mailto:redoakumcteam@gmail.com)
2. All announcement requests must be received by Thursday prior to the Sunday of the announcement.
3. Announcement requests received after Thursday will be announced the following Sunday.





# Communications Team

## **Announcements:**

If the announcement request is more appropriate as an email or addition to church's newsletter, the Communications Team reserves the right to refer the request to be sent via church distribution email or another form of church communication.

### **New Team Members:**

We welcome new members to the team! If you are interested in learning the sound board, working the audio, operating the camera, creating flyers for church events, or creating announcements for broadcasting, we need you!

Please send a message of interest to  
[redoakumcteam@gmail.com](mailto:redoakumcteam@gmail.com)





# Safe Sanctuary Training June 14, 2025

- Safe Sanctuaries training in the United Methodist Church (UMC) is a comprehensive program designed to prevent and respond to abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children, youth, and vulnerable adults within church settings. It focuses on creating safe and trusting environments for all members and implementing policies and procedures to protect vulnerable individuals.
- The training equips church leaders and volunteers with the knowledge and skills to identify potential risks, understand reporting procedures, and foster a culture of safety.
- Visit North Georgia Conference page for more information on Safe Sanctuaries
- <https://www.ngumc.org/safesanctuaries>



***\*\*\*It's "Ice Cream Sundae" Sunday  
May 18, 2025***

***May is Older American month and***

***Red Oak's Older Adult Team is***

***once again celebrating by sponsoring an***

***"Ice Cream Sundae"***

***Come and enjoy different assortments  
of ice cream and toppings.***

***Everyone's invited to join us in the***

***Family Life Center***

***immediately following service on May  
18th.***



## Red Oak United Methodist Church Christian Education Ministry



Christian Education continues to be a vital part of our church community, offering opportunities for growth, learning, and support in our spiritual journeys. Stay tuned for more updates, and we look forward to engaging with you in these upcoming events!

Small Group Bible Study      Wednesday Evening Bible Study  
Sundays 8:45am – 9:45 am      7:00pm-8:00pm  
Family Life Center      Via Conference Call

***If you're interested in getting involved or learning more, please reach out to Rev. Wilmer Brown or Rev. Renae Slater.***

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study  
Facilitated by: Rev. Renae Slater 7-  
8:15pm**

Available by Zoom or Teleconference.  
602-610-2084 (653507) Passcode

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Join Zoom Meeting

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**RED OAK UWIF**



Every Second Saturday  
11:30AM -12:30PM Family Life Center  
3894 Walt Stephens Rd.  
Stockbridge Ga.30281

**PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS TO  
HELP SUPPORT OUR 24-HOUR FOOD PANTRY**

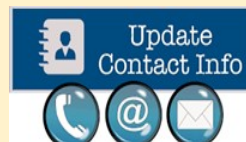


## **Red Oak Membership Ministry**

**Have you updated your contact  
information?**

**We're excited to announce that there is an option available for Red Oak members to submit information (name, address, phone number, etc.) to your Membership team! You may now update your information online!!! Just click on the link below to complete the form. You will continue to have the option to complete a hard copy with this same information if you prefer. The Membership team is working hard to ensure that our records are current and accurate. It is important that you complete the membership form even if your information has not changed to ensure that it matches with what we have on file. Thank you for helping us with this task.**

**Jeri Cale - Membership Lead**



# ANNUAL CALENDAR TEA

## "AN EVENT OF COLORS"

MAY 31, 2025

3:00 P.M.

FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP! ! !



<u>MONTH</u>	<u>CAPTAIN</u>	<u>COLOR</u>
JANUARY	JANICE MITCHELL	 BLACK
FEBRUARY	JENNIE MCKOY	 SILVER
MARCH	HAZEL HARDAWAY	 GREEN
APRIL	VICKIE WILLIAMS	 LIGHT BLUE
MAY	VANESSA CLARK & REV. RENE SLATER	 YELLOW
JUNE	ALESIA HELLAMS	 WHITE
JULY	EVELYN DORSEY	 NAVY BLUE
AUGUST	MARY HAMMOND	 GOLD
SEPTEMBER	CHABLIS JOHNSON & VERONICA FORD	 PURPLE
OCTOBER	YVETTE MCDANIEL	 PINK
NOVEMBER	LINDA HAYES	 ORANGE
DECEMBER	DIANNE BROCKS	 RED

**A gift of \$150 is requested for your Birth Month.**

The event ATTIRE, please wear the designated color for your Birth Month

You may contact your Captain, the Ushers or Finance if you have any questions.

*All contributions toward the Mortgage Pay-down Project*





***Stay motivated by continuing a pathway to give. Please continue to support our church through:***

- ***ONLINE and/or TEXT GIVING [redoakumcstockbridge.org](http://redoakumcstockbridge.org)***
- ***US MAIL (3894 Walt Stephens Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281)***
- ***DROP*** it in the ***REPOSITORY*** box in the narthex after 10:00am service
- ***DROP BOX outside of the Family Life Center (FLC)*** - *This is a secured deposit drop box available 24/7. It is located to the left of the main entrance into the FLC. Please fold your tithing envelop in half before placing it in the deposit drop box. Contact the church office with questions at 770.474.8863.*

***Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine...Proverbs 3:9-10***



## With Deepest Sympathy - Red Oak UMC Offers Condolences

- As a church family, we pause to lift up and surround in love those among us who are grieving the loss of their loved ones. During this season of sorrow, we extend our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the following members and their families. May God's peace, comfort, and strength be with each of them.
- **Pastor Cecelia L. Green and family** in the passing of her beloved father, **Marine Roosevelt Pierce**.
- **Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Clemons Sr. and family** in the loss of their son-in-law, **Charlie Inman**.
- **Mr. & Mrs. Aubry Dorsey and family** as they mourn the passing of Aubry's sister, **Mrs. Pearlle Aubert**, of Palmdale, California.
- **Bernice McCuller and family** in the passing of her niece, **Doris Hunt**.
- **Mr. & Mrs. Larry Brock and family** in the loss of Alice's sister, **Estella "Patsy" Rowe**.





## **With Deepest Sympathy - Red Oak UMC Offers Condolences**

- **Ronnie Brincefield and family** in the passing of his oldest brother, **William Brincefield Jr.**
- **Mr. & Mrs. Emmitt Marshall and family**, mourning the loss of four of Cecelia's relatives:
  - **Beulah Robinson (82)**
  - **Michelle Joyner (51)**
  - **Taquanda Robinson (37)**
  - **A'Layah Joyner (2)**
- **Charles Weems and family** in the passing of his niece, **Edna J. Weems.**
- **Angela Bates** and family with the passing of her **Aunt Bessie Jean Kirtdoll.**
- **The Smith / Scandrett** family in the passing of Joann (Bobbie) Smith's grandson, **Darrius Denard Jackson.**

***Psalm 147:3 (NIV)***

***<sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.***



**Red Oak UMC**  
**Rev. Dr. LK Pendleton,**  
***Prayers for Restoration and***  
***Healing***

Earley Merritt  
Cora Anderson  
Vidal Godwin  
Eloise Gresham  
Roserlyn Hutchison  
Birda Lemon  
Timothy McClendonII  
Janene Oliviere  
Joan Robinson  
Charlie Scrandrett  
Mary Sue Norwood  
Scrandrett  
Virginia Scandrett  
Joseph Simmons  
Rufus Weems  
Michelle White

***Rehabilitation Centers/Nursing Care***  
***Facilities***  
***Garth Rennis***

***How precious is Your loving kindness, O God!***  
***Therefore the children of men put their trust under***  
***the shadow of Your wings. Psalm 36:7***

# MAY 2025

**"MAY, 2025"**

**Conference Call #1-602-610-2084, access code – 653507**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1. Thanksgiving Thursday Chat Session at 12:12pm (via Conference Call)  Finance/Usher Meeting via conference call	2.	3. <b>BABY SHOWER (PRIVATE)</b> 2:00PM – 6:00pm
4. 8:45am - 9:45am Adult Sunday School FLC  10:00am Worship Service  10:00am Children & Youth Church – FLC	5. 6:30am Corporate Prayer (via Conference Call)	6.	7. 6:00pm-6:30pm Fasting & Prayer  Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm (both via Conference Call)	8. Thanksgiving Thursday Chat Session at 12:12pm (via Conference Call)  Finance/Usher Meeting via conference call	9.	10. 9:00AM UMM MEETING  10:00am UMM Meeting  10:00am Trustee Meeting
11. 8:45am - 9:45am Adult Sunday School FLC  10:00am Worship Service  10:00am Children & Youth Church – FLC	12. 6:30am Corporate Prayer (via Conference Call)  6:30pm Older Adult Meeting (via Conference Call)	13. 11:00am Jonesboro Nursing & Rehab Center in Jonesboro Devotion **All are invited**	14. 6:00pm-6:30pm Fasting & Prayer  Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm (both via Conference Call)	15. Thanksgiving Thursday Chat Session at 12:12pm (via Conference Call)  6:30pm Admin Council Meeting FLC  Finance/Usher Meeting via conference call	16.	17. "Carrie Mae Hambrick Day" 10:00am (Trinity UMC Stockbridge & lot near Green Front Café)  Girl Scouts Yard Sale 9am – 1pm  Red Hatters Event (Private) 2:00pm – 6:00pm
18. 8:45am - 9:45am Adult Sunday School FLC  10:00am Worship Service  OLDER ADULT ICE CREAM SUNDAE Immediately following service	19. 6:30am Corporate Prayer (via Conference Call)	20.	21. 6:00pm-6:30pm Fasting & Prayer  Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm (both via Conference Call)	22. Thanksgiving Thursday Chat Session at 12:12pm (via Conference Call)  Finance/Usher Meeting via conference call	23.	24. Faith & Mental Wellness Action Summit 10:00am – 3:00pm
25. 8:45am - 9:45am Adult Sunday School FLC  10:00am Worship Service	26. 6:30am Corporate Prayer (via Conference Call)	27.	28. 6:00pm-6:30pm Fasting & Prayer  Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm (both via Conference Call)	29. Thanksgiving Thursday Chat Session at 12:12pm (via Conference Call)  Finance/Usher Meeting via conference call	30.	31. Annual Calendar Tea 3:00pm – 6:00pm

# JUNE 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. 8:45am - 9:45am Adult Sunday School FLC  10:00am Worship Service  10:00am Children & Youth Church – FLC	2. 6:30am Corporate Prayer (via Conference Call)	3.	4. 6:00pm-6:30pm Fasting & Prayer  Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm (both via Conference Call)	5. Thanksgiving Thursday Chat Session at 12:12pm (via Conference Call)	6.	7.
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The Office of Solicitor-General Charles A. Brooks  
presents the...

# 2nd Annual Second Chance

**Misdemeanor Record Restriction  
Expungement & Career Expo**

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**DATE**

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WORKSHOPS • CAREER OPPORTUNITIES •  
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**Riverdale Town Center**  
7210 Church St, Riverdale, GA 30274

**Saturday, July 12, 2025**  
**9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (770) 477-3380  
OR VISIT [CLAYTONSOLICITOR.COM](http://CLAYTONSOLICITOR.COM)





**Red Oak United Methodist Church**  
Reverend Dr. L.K. Pendleton



**Christian Growth Ministries**  
Bishop & Elder Terry & Anita  
Richardson

**PRESENTS**

# FAITH AND MENTAL WELLNESS ACTION SUMMIT

## *Finding Stability in Uncertain Times*



**May 24, 2025**  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm



**Location:**  
3894 Walt Stephens Road  
Stockbridge, GA 30281

### *Featured Speakers*



**MIN. MARTI COPELAND,**  
LPC, NCC, CPCS  
*Founder of  
Counseling Pros*



**RACHEL MURPHY, MPH**  
*Digital Empowerment  
Founder of  
Optimizing Futures*



**DR. MAESTRO EVANS**  
*Founder of  
Barnabas  
International, Inc*



**DR. TINEY RAY**  
*Founder of Light Bulb  
Moments &  
Telemedicine  
Essentials of America*



**SHEVANDER DYKES,**  
LPC, NCC, CPCS  
*CEO of Surviving  
Transitions  
Counseling*

### *Details*

#### **JOIN US FOR A TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCE**

- ✓ Learn strategies for managing stress, trauma, and mental wellness
- ✓ Access to churches, organizations, and mental health pros
- ✓ Practical next steps & resources

#### **🔥 LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE 🔥**

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Tickets: \$15 (includes lunch)  
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*Scholarships Available Based on Need*



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Gospel Hip-Hop  
Recording Artist  
**1K Phew**

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secure your spot.





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*Workshop*  
*Singles & Couples*

**"Successful Relationships  
Do What Unsuccessful  
Relationships Don't Do"**

BROTHER MARCUS &  
SISTER CECELIA

*June 21st*

TIME: 2PM - 6PM



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## National Museum of African American History and Culture

- In response to President Trump's March 27 executive order criticizing certain Smithsonian exhibits for promoting a "divisive, race-centered ideology," Black churches across the U.S. are rallying to support the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. Clergy leaders, including Rev. Robert Turner of Baltimore and Rev. Otis Moss III of Chicago, are encouraging their congregations to make financial contributions to the museum, emphasizing its vital role in preserving African American history. Rev. Turner, known for his advocacy for reparations, incorporated the museum into his recent protest activities, laying a wreath in solidarity. Other church leaders, such as Rev. Jacqui J. Lewis and Bishop Timothy Clarke, have also voiced their support through donations and public endorsements. The executive order, which appointed Vice President JD Vance to oversee efforts to review museum content, has been met with criticism from various quarters, including prominent Democrats, who view it as an attempt to whitewash significant aspects of U.S. history.
- Black churches across the U.S. are coming together to support the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in response to a recent executive order by former President Trump criticizing its exhibits as "divisive." Faith leaders like Rev. Robert Turner and Rev. Otis Moss III are urging their congregations to take a stand by contributing financially to help preserve and celebrate African American history. This movement is growing in strength as more churches lend their voices and donations to defend the integrity of the museum's work.
- We are asking that you join in and donate \$25 to support this important cause.
- To read the full article, click below:
- <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/black-churches-back-smithsonian-black-history-museum-trumps-order-rcna202648>





*Save  
the Date*



The 2025 North Georgia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church is scheduled for June 12-14. The theme for this year is "Come, Follow Me," focusing on listening to God's call and celebrating United Methodist colleges, Wesley Foundations, and 100 years of camp ministry at Glisson

Church Homecoming, August 22-24. 2025

- **☐ Save the Dates - Upcoming Events at Red Oak UMC**
- The **Community Engagement Ministry Event - “Relationship Workshop for Singles and Couples”** is scheduled for Saturday, June 21, 2025 from 2 - 6 p.m. Please contact Vickie Williams for details and registration. This event will offer opportunities to connect and serve within our local community. (see flyer for more information).
- **Vacation Bible School** will be held June 16,18,19, and 20, 2025. Led by Christian Education, this week-long program will be filled with learning, fun, and spiritual growth for our children and youth. For more information about registration and volunteer opportunities please contact Rev. Renea Slater or Rev. Wilmer Brown
- We are also preparing a special feature to honor our **2025 Graduates**. If you have a graduate in your family, please submit a photo and short bio to the church office so they can be celebrated in the newsletter and during an upcoming service.
- Finally, please note that the **church office will be closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2025**, as we honor those who gave their lives in service to our country.

We hope you'll be part of these wonderful events as we come together to worship, learn, and grow as a church family.

- **☐ Save the Dates - Upcoming Events at Red Oak UMC**

- A full and joyful season is ahead at Red Oak UMC, and we want to make sure you don't miss a thing!
- On Sunday, May 18, 2025, immediately following the worship service, we'll be hosting our **Older Adult Ice Cream "Sundae" Social**. This sweet time of fellowship is a special way for the older adults to connect with our congregation, especially our children who look forward to this annual event. (See the attached flyer for more details.)
- On Saturday, May 24, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Family Life Center, Christian Education will host a **Mental Wellness Seminar**. This is an important opportunity to explore mental health from a faith-based perspective, offering tools for healing, self-care, and spiritual well-being.
- Our elegant and much-loved **Annual Calendar Tea** will take place on Saturday, May 31, 2025, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. This gathering is always a meaningful time of reflection, recognition, and community building. We look forward to seeing you there.



## ROUMC CLASSIFIED ADS



Usherish All God's Children, Inc.

Therapeutic Foster/Respite Care Program

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