# RED OAK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2025
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 <u>Email: redoak@redoakumcstockbridge.org</u>

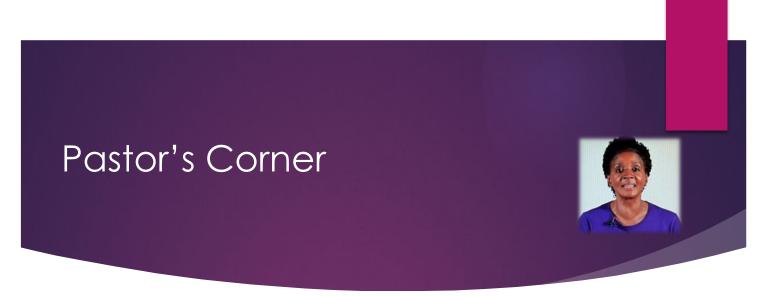
#### Ministerial Staff

Rev. Dr. L.K. Pendleton, Senior Pastor
Rev. Wilmer Brown
Rev. Renea D. Slater
Rev. Keean Sutton
Elder David Graham
Rev. Maestro Evans
Rev. Marshall Williams
Min. Larry Brock
Min. Michael Brock

#### 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."





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#### Keep Your Head Up

In a world heavy with injustice, where headlines echo heartbreak and communities cry out for dignity, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. We see violence in our streets, inequity in our systems, and silence where there should be compassion. Sometimes, the weight of it all makes us question our worth, our voice, our place.

And yet—keep your head up.

Even when the door doesn't open. Even when the world says you aren't enough. Even when the right lens is hard to find, and the shape of your own shadow feels unfamiliar. Don't you dare break. Life will bend, but you are not meant to shatter.

Scripture reminds us in *Psalm 3:3*: "But You, O Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, and the One who lifts my head." God sees you. God knows the battles you fight in silence. And God is still lifting.

The late rapper Tupac Shakur gave voice to this same truth in his anthem "Keep Ya Head Up," a rallying cry for those pushed to the margins. He spoke to the pain of single mothers, the struggle of Black identity, and the resilience of the human spirit. His words weren't polished by pulpit or podium—but they were prophetic. And they still echo today.

So even if you don't have a microphone, don't regret your truth. Speak it in your walk. Live it in your love. Sing it in your survival. You are not forgotten. You are not forsaken. You are not finished. Keep your head up because the God who formed you is still creating miracles through you.

### Pastor's Corner



#### Charge Conference - Thursday, September 25, 2025, at 6:00 PM

We invite all church leaders and members to attend our annual **Charge Conference** on **Thursday, September 25, at 6:00 PM**. A **Charge Conference** is the governing body of our United Methodist congregation, where we review our ministries, elect leadership, review financial health, and celebrate the work God is doing among us.

It is presided over by our District Superintendent and includes all appointed clergy and members of the church council. Let us come together in unity and purpose as we seek to steward the mission God has entrusted to us faithfully.

#### Celebrating 159 Years of Faith and Fellowship

We joyfully celebrate our church's **159th anniversary on October 26, 2025, at 10:00 am** —a testament to God's enduring faithfulness and the unwavering spirit of our congregation. From humble beginnings to a vibrant community of worship, we honor the legacy of those who came before us and look ahead with hope.

Let us remember our civic duty: **Register to vote** and **check your voter registration status** to ensure your voice is heard in upcoming elections. October 6th is the voter registration deadline for the November 4th election. Faith and action go hand in hand—let's be a community that prays, participates, and pursues justice.

#### Call to Action: Help Us Stay Connected

If you recognize any of the individuals listed as inactive and know them to be active members of Red Oak United Methodist Church, we kindly request that you have them call the church office at 770-474-8863 or email us at redoakumcstockbridge@gmail.com.

Your outreach helps us maintain accurate records and ensures that every member is supported in their spiritual journey.

As a reminder, membership in the United Methodist Church is a sacred commitment. It includes:

- Affirming your baptismal vows
- Supporting the church through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness
- Engaging in missions and ministry that reflect the love of Christ
- And attending church regularly.

Let's continue to build a church community that is faithful, accountable, and deeply connected. Thank you for being a vital part of Red Oak UMC

Allen, Carlton Gilbert, Skyla Jackson, Slylar Anderson, Thaddus James, Vivien Gilbert, Johnny Anderson, Sandra Gilbert, Dennis Jeffries, Keith Anderson, Mya Gilson, Naomi Jenkins, Essila Anderson, David Grier, Linnie Jenkins, Solomon Beverly, Georgia Grier, Charlie Johnson, Ruth Beverly, Crashadd Hall, Dorian Johnson, Hoperon Johnson, Marlene Beverly, Cortez Harmon, LaTanya Braggs, Hassiba Hartsfield, Lauveria Jones, Elijah Braggs, Kira Harris, Otis Jones, Myra Bright, Demetruis Henry, Ashanta Jones, Layla Hill, Ebony Marie, Edwina Cargill, Stephanie Cartwright, Laura Humphrey, Kiara Nelson, Gloria Carreker, Patricia Humphrey Julliet Palin, Khiley Chattman, Shawn Ortiz, Tasia Akhiema Humphrey, Jasmine Cockrell, Georna Jackson, Carmen Phillips, Allyiah Crittendon, Joann Jackson, Quindarius Pierce, Joyce Poleon, Cleopha Dowdy, Dezhia Jackson, Shakirria Ferbee. Michael Jackson, Florence Prickett, Santron Jackson, Armani Prince, Tamieka Folarin, Ursula Folarin, Ethan Jackson, Ashton Raynor, Tramon







October is Clergy Appreciation
Month and we want to show
our clergy that we love them.
We thank God for our Senior
Pastor Rev. Dr. L. K. Pendleton as
well as our ministerial team
which includes:

Rev. Renea Slater

Rev. Keean Sutton

Rev. Wilmer Brown

Min. Larry Brock

Min. Michael Brock

Elder David Graham

Rev. Maestro Evan

Rev. Marshall Williams

Please take the time to express your appreciation to these women and men of God. during this month. We thank you for all that you do to help others come to know our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

# 159th Church Anniversary Celebration

Praise God for His mercy and His grace!
On Sunday, October 26, 2025, at
10:00 a.m., we will gather for a very
special worship service to celebrate our
159th Church Anniversary.

We give thanks to the Lord for blessing us with so many fruitful years of ministry, fellowship, and service.

Truly, He has allowed us to "keep on keeping on" in His name.

Please **save the date** and make plans to join us for this joyous and historic occasion. More details will be shared soon—stay tuned!



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

#### **Welcome Our New Members!**

We are excited to celebrate the four new members who received their certificates in August. We thank God for adding to our church family!

The next New Member Orientation Class is scheduled for Saturday, September 13th at 10:00 a.m.

For more information, please contact **Jeraldine Cale – Membership Ministry**.



Cheyrelle Dabney



Ms. Carol Roberts





Dr. Sharon Butler

Mrs. Rosetta Mitchell

So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." – Romans 12:



Answer the Call to Serve: Join a Ministry Team in 2026

Red Oak United Methodist Church is preparing for a new season of ministry, and we invite you to prayerfully consider serving on one of our leadership or ministry teams beginning in 2026. Your gifts, voice, and presence are vital to the life of our church—and there's a place for everyone to make a meaningful impact. Below are the teams and committees open for service, each playing a unique role in our mission:

#### m Leadership & Governance

At-Large Member to Administrative Council Represent the congregation and help guide the overall direction of church ministries and decisions.

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) Support the relationship between staff and congregation, including pastoral care, evaluations, and personnel matters.

Board of Trustees Oversee church property, maintenance, and legal matters to ensure responsible stewardship.

Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development Identify and nurture emerging leaders within the church community.

Finance Ministry Manage budgets, financial planning, and stew initiatives to support the church's mission.

#### Ministry & Outreach

Education Ministry Support Christian education programs for all ages, including Sunday School and Bible studies.

Health & Wellness Ministry Promote physical, mental, and spiritual well-being through workshops, resources, and events.

Membership Team Welcome new members, maintain accurate records, and foster deeper engagement in church life.

Older Adult Ministry Provide fellowship, support, and spiritual enrichment for our senior members.

Culinary Ministry Serve through hospitality by preparing meals for church events, bereavement support, and celebrations.

Worship Ministry Assist in planning and enhancing worship services, including music, liturgy, and seasonal observances.



#### Ministry & Outreach (Continued)

United Women in Faith Engage in spiritual growth, mission work, and advocacy for women and children locally and globally.

United Methodist Men Foster fellowship and service among men through discipleship, outreach, and mentoring.

Communications Ministry

Share the story of Red Oak UMC through newsletters, social media, photography, and digital outreach.

Ready to Serve? Let Us Know!

If you feel called to serve or want to learn more, contact:

Shawnique Felder Vice Chair, New Leadership

Development Team shawniquef@gmail.com

Church Office: 770.474.8863

Let's build together. Let's serve together. Let's grow together. Red Oak UMC—Where Faith Meets Action.



Join the Youth Ministry for Rise Theatre Production
"Black Revolution"

Sunday, September 21, 2025 3:30 p.m.

The Youth Ministry invites you to an unforgettable theatrical experience: Black Revolution. This powerful production speaks to the heart of America and Black culture, infused with music, poetry, and passion. Through the voices of African American youth, the story unfolds of a generation fighting for their identity and standing proudly on the foundation laid by their ancestors.

We encourage you to purchase your tickets and join us in supporting our youth as they share their gifts and their voices with the community. This is more than a performance—it's a celebration of history, heritage, and hope. Let's pack the house and show our Youth Ministry the love and support they deserve! Blessings,

Pastor Keean Sutton Youth Minister





# Christian Education Ministry Pastor Renea Slater & Pastor Wilmer Brown

# SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

STARTED STUDYING A NEW BOOK:

NEW TESTAMENT STORIES

FROM THE BACK SIDE

BIBLE STORIES
WITH A TWIST

J. ELLSWORTH KALAS

SUNDAY SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS MEET SUNDAYS AT 8:45 AM

WEDNESDAY
EVENING BIBLE
STUDY IS AT 7 PM
ON THE CHURCH
CONFERENCE
CALL LINE



# "Older Adult Ministry Sets Sail for Fun and Fellowship"

On Saturday, July 26, the Red Oak Older Adult Ministry boarded the "Red Oak Cruise Line" for an unforgettable evening of laughter, fellowship, and joy. From 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Family Life Center, the group enjoyed a lively "cruise party" filled with music, games, food, and plenty of smiles.

The event provided a chance for older adults to come together, celebrate life, and make lasting memories with friends. Just like a true cruise, the night was filled with excitement and adventure—but with the warmth of community and faith at its heart.

The Older Adult Ministry proved that age is just a number, as they danced, dined, and enjoyed every moment of their "voyage."







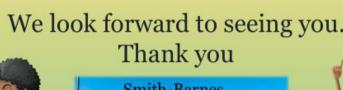
# **BACKPACK MINISTRY**

We are excited to announce that the Smith Barnes Backpack Ministry with Smith Barnes Elementary School has officially launched. We need volunteers to stock, pack and deliver the backpacks. If you are interested in serving on the SBBP (Smith Barnes Backpack) dynamic team, please contact:

#### Coordinators:

Lurleen Gourdine @ 404-312-5980 or <u>lglegalnurse@att.net</u>
Latoscha Battiste @ 404-554-6554 or <u>latoschabrown123@gmail.com</u>

We will have a meeting on Saturday. August 30th at 10 am in the family life center. There will be a sign -up sheet for volunteers in the vestibule starting Sunday, August 31, 2025

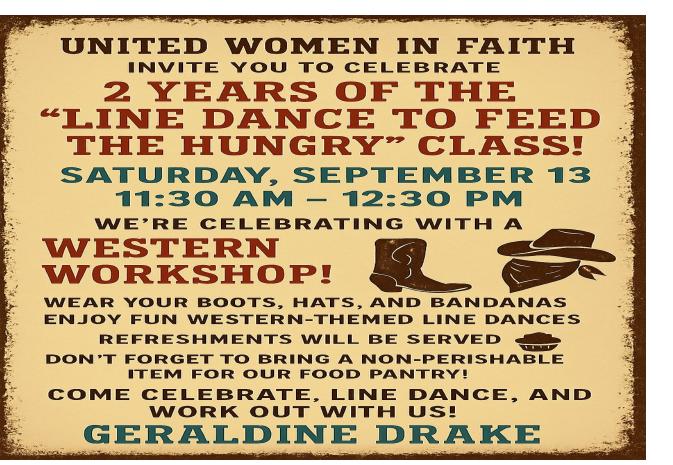








## United Methodist Women in Faith



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#### United Women in Faith

invite you to the

#### Faith, Strength & Survival: Women's Health & Breast Cancer Awareness Breakfast

Saturday, October 18th, 9:00 AM Red Oak UMC

This will be a day filled with inspiring stories and testimonies from women who have battled breast cancer.



We are collecting personal stories to honor those living with or fighting breast cancer.

Please submit your name, story, and a picture by October 11th. These stories will be displayed at the breakfast.

Submissions & Questions:
President Emma LaGrand
Vice President Angie Bates - aclk30@yahoo.com
or call/text 740-424-6967



You have been invited to come fellowship with us as you learn the ministries offered at Red Oak UMC.

Experience the warmth of our community, be informed of opportunities available, and find encouragement in the company of fellow believers.

Scan QR Code or contact Shawni at 267-600-1461 to Register!!!

When: October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 12:30-2:30pm
Where: Red Oak United Methodist Church
3894 Walt Stephens Rd.
Stockbridge, GA 30281

Registration Link:

https://bit.ly/45wCVxq





Red Oak's Rise Youth Ministry presents our annual Faith and Blue's

"Breakfast with a Cop."

It will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2025 here at Red Oak UMC from 9 a.m to 2 p.m.

This will be a mock demonstration and a fun activity!

Please come out and honor our men and women as we bridge
the community with law enforcement.



# Prayers for Restoration and Healing For I am the Lord, Your Healer Exodus 15:26

Psalm 147:3 (NIV) He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Cora Anderson
Vidal Godwin
Eloise Gresham
Berta 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

#### <u>Condolences</u>

- The family of Red Oak member Roserlyn 'Patrice' Hutchinson (June, 2025)
- Emma LaGrand and her family in the passing of her brother, Glen Williams of Booneville, Mississippi
- The family of our beloved Iris Daniel (July 21, 2025)
- Sis. Margaret McDaniel and Sis. Yvette McDaniel in the passing of Mr. James McDaniel, Margaret's husband and Yvette's father (August 4, 2025)
- Bro. Emmitt and Sis. Cecelia Marshall in the passing of Emmitt's aunt, Mrs. Betty Fields, of Montezuma, Georgia, (August 9, 2025)
- Rev. Wilmer and Sis. Hulen Brown in the passing of their son, Terrel Hill of San Antonio, Texas, (August 12, 2025).

# Red Oak Classified Advertisements

Are you ready for your next Par-Tay????
Book **Chunky Monkey Productions** 

For a 360-photo booth. Lots of fun for all ages! Contact Lizzy for pricing and details (215-880-6226



#### <u>Digital (Mobile) Photographer and Videographer</u> <u>available for your next event!</u>



Proms photoshoot
Wedding photoshoot
Professional Headshots
Brand Photoshoot
Real Estate Photography
Birthday Celebrations



Contact ElijahJohn \* IG: @ejmwphotos \* 267 438 1020

#### 2025 BREAST CANCER T-SHIRT ORDER



Real Men Wear Pink



In Our Family Nobody Fights Alone



Blessed to be called BC Survivor



Warrior Looks Like



Tackle Cancer



Fight Collage



Pink for My Mom



Fight W/Heart



Hats



Strong & Bold



Break Every Chain



Tough Girls Fight



Put A Praise on It



Hope





Stronger Together



Believe



By God's Grace He Saved Me



My God is Bigger Than Cancer

Order Shirts - Sept. 1 - Sept. 20 Pickup Shirts - October 11, 12, & 18 @ Red Oak Pay via Zelle/CashApp/Credit Card For questions and to place orders text Sharon @ 614.778.0903

**Pink Transfer on** White Tee - \$20 2XL - 4XL Add \$2

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:** ZELLE: 6147780903 **CASHAPP: \$PRINCIPALSMD** CARD: CALL 614.778.0903

**Bling Transfer on** Black Tee - \$25 2XL - 4XL Add \$2

#### CLICK BELOW TO PLACE ORDER

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## Red Oak Classified ADS



### Tae-Kwon-Do Classes

Red Oak UMC Family Life Center 3894 Walt Stephens Rd. Stockbridge Ga. 30281 Thursday 7:00pm-7:45pm Instructor James Hagan For Additional Information Contact James Hagan 678-548-7594

### Red Oak Classified ADS

## Cherish All God's Children, Inc. Therapeutic Foster/Respite

Program 1590 Adamson arkway, S# 270 Morrow, Ga. 30260 Office: 770-703-1947 Website:cherishallgodschildren.info



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# \*SEPTEMBER \*2025\* Conference Call #1-602-610-2084, access code, 653507\*\*(unless otherwise noted)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1. CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2. 6:30pm Worship Meeting (FLC)	3. 6:00pm-6:30pm Fasting & Prayer Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm (both via Conference Call)	4. Thanksgiving Thursday Chat Session at 12:12pm (via Conference Call)	5. Set-up for Father/Dughter Dance in FLC	6. Father/Daughter Dance
7. 8:45am - 9:45am Adult Sunday School FLC 10:00am Worship Service 10:00am Children & Youth Church – FLC	6:30am Corporate Prayer (via Conference Call)	9. 11:00am Jonesboro Nursing & Rehab Center in Jonesboro Devotion **All are invited**	10. 6:00pm-6:30pm Fasting & Prayer Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm (both via Conference Call)	Thanksgiving Thursday Chat Session at 12:12pm (via Conference Call)	12.	13. 9:00am UMM Meeting 10:00am UWIF 10:00am Trustee Meeting
14. 8:45am - 9:45am Adult Sunday School FLC 10:00am Worship Service 10:00am Children & Youth Church – FLC		16.	17. 6:00pm-6:30pm Fasting & Prayer Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm (both via Conference Call)	18. Thanksgiving Thursday Chat Session at 12:12pm (via Conference Call)  Charge Conference	19.	20.
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21. 8:45am - 9:45am Adult Sunday School FLC 10:00am Worship Service Rise Youth Play *Black Revolution* Here at Red Oak 3:30pm & 6:30pm \$15	(via Conference Call)	23.	24. 6:00pm-6:30pm Fasting & Prayer Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00pm-8:00pm (both via Conference Call)	Thanksgiving Thursday Chat Session at 12:12pm (via Conference Call)	26.	Expungement Clinic (Record Restrictions)
28. 8:45am - 9:45am Adult Sunday School FLC 10:00am Worship Service	(via Conference Call)	30.				

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