

February 2026

1st UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AURELIA, IOWA



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Rooted to Rise in 2026: Overcoming Fear and Standing on Firm Faith

Greetings Church Family

Our theme this year is “Rooted to Rise in 2026, Overcoming Fear and Standing Firm on Faith”. As our church moves through 2026, the call to *Rooted to Rise* carries a powerful and timely message. In a world marked by uncertainty, shifting values, and increasing pressures, God invites His people to find deep roots in Him. Being rooted is more than a poetic image; it is a spiritual posture. Just as a tree draws strength from its unseen foundation, believers draw stability, nourishment, and resilience from their connection to Christ. When the roots are strong, the storms lose their power to destroy.

Fear has become one of the most common battles of this generation. Whether it's fear of the future, fear of failure, fear of the unknown, fear of success, or fear of not being enough, these quiet enemies often try to choke out spiritual growth. 2 Timothy 1:7 reminds us that “God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.” Faith does not deny the reality of challenges; it simply refuses to let fear define the outcome. When we are rooted in God's promises, fear loses its grip, and courage begins to rise.

“A mighty work awaits in our church and community, but first, the shadows of fear and doubt must fade away, making room for faith to rise and hope to shine bright.”

Rising is the natural result of being rooted. A tree that is firmly planted does not strain to grow upward; it rises because its foundation is secure. In the same way, believers who cultivate prayer, worship, Scripture, and community rise with confidence. They rise in purpose, rise in boldness, and rise in spiritual authority. Rising is not about personal elevation; it is about living out God's calling with clarity and conviction. In 2026, our church is invited to rise into new levels of faith, service, and impact.

Standing on firm faith is essential for this rise. Faith is not a feeling; it is a decision to trust God even when circumstances seem uncertain. Firm faith is built through consistency, choosing to believe God's Word, choosing to pray when it's easier to worry, choosing to worship when life feels heavy.

Rooted to Rise in 2026 is more than a theme; it is a prophetic direction. It calls the church to deepen its roots, confront fear with faith, and rise into the fullness of God's plan. This year invites every believer to grow stronger, stand taller, and shine brighter. When God's people are rooted in Him, nothing can stop them from rising. We are destined to do great things this year.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb	1	Gary Lewis
Feb	4	Angie Bruce
Feb	5	Becky Bryant
Feb	6	Eveline Will
Feb	6	Jan Radke
Feb	6	McKinley Pearson
Feb	8	Nathan Flaherty
Feb	10	Roman Redig
Feb	11	Tyler Fordyce
Feb	12	Kent Ahnemann
Feb	12	Sue Jones
Feb	13	Erica Lockin Petersen
Feb	14	Donna Reed
Feb	14	Kelley Jensen
Feb	15	Pat Peterson
Feb	16	Nick Beazley
Feb	17	Amanda Pressley
Feb	18	Katie Bryant
Feb	22	Barritt Kolpin
Feb	25	Keisha Lockin
Feb	26	Camrin Meyer
Feb	26	Mary Dowdy
Feb	27	Dylan Fordyce
Feb	28	Sonia Galvin
Feb	28	Tim Galvin
Feb	28	Finn Anderson

Have a
good ♥
day

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Feb	26	Ron & Sue Jones
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Prayer Focus

**This month, we will focus on
overcoming our fears.**

"Experiencing the Heart of Jesus"

This is the title of the Bible study by Max Lucado that we are studying on Wednesday evenings from 6:30—7:30 pm. We will not meet on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Instead, everyone is encouraged to attend the Ash Wednesday service that evening at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend the Bible study.



**Noisy Offering
for February
Mid Sioux Food Bank**

Ladies Hour

The ladies will meet again on Thursday, February 19th at 1:00 pm. We will have a special speaker giving a presentation on hospice care. All are welcome to come!

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Aurelia First United Methodist Church - Aurelia, IA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 am Worship Sunday School 10:45 -11:45 am Confirmation Class	2	3 9:00 am – Noon Pastor's Office Hours	4 Soup Delivery Night! 5:30 – 7:00 pm Youth Meeting 6:30 pm Bible Study	5 9:00 am – Noon Pastor's Office Hours	6	7
8 9:30 am Worship Sunday School 10:45 -11:45 am Confirmation Class	9	10 9:00 am – Noon Pastor's Office Hours	11 6:30 pm Bible Study	12 9:00 am – Noon Pastor's Office Hours	13	14
15 9:30 am Worship Sunday School 10:45 -11:45 am Confirmation Class	16	17 9:00 am – Noon Pastor's Office Hours	18 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship No Bible Study	19 9:00 am – Noon Pastor's Office Hours 1:00 pm Ladies Hour	20	21
22 9:30 am Worship Sunday School 10:45 -11:45 am Confirmation Class	23	24 9:00 am – Noon Pastor's Office Hours	25 6:30 pm Bible Study	26 9:00 am – Noon Pastor's Office Hours	27	29

How many words can you write using the letters in
“Valentine’s Day?”

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