
Happy Fall, Y'all



*MISFITS ON THE
FARM*

Roots Church

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Hello Misfit, You Belong.



*Note from Pastors T.C. and
Osheta Moore*

Welcome Friends! Thank you for joining us at Roots' trip to the apple orchard. We hope you have a wonderful day full of laughter, wonder, and connection. In this guide are a few things we'd like you to know about Roots and the farm. This is a purely fellowship trip, don't worry about meeting back up for an kind of group gathering – explore the orchard at your leasure and delight! This has been something Pastor Osheta has wanted for our church family for a couple of years now so we hope this morning is a blessing to you as you celebrate fall.

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The Lesson of the Falling Leaves

the leaves believe
such letting go is love
such love is faith
such faith is grace
such grace is god
i agree with the leaves"

— Lucille Clifton
Legendary African-American poet, teacher, and
children's book author



About Roots

Roots is an intentionally multiethnic community of misfits on a mission, finding identity in Jesus. We consider ourselves "misfits" because many of us don't fit neatly into the categories that are set for us by the broader society. Many of us don't feel like we fit neatly into set ethnic or cultural categories, nor do we feel "American" enough. We also don't feel like we fit neatly into categories like "Conservative," "Liberal," "Progressive," or "Traditionalist." We often don't feel "religious" enough nor "secular" enough.

When we look at the scriptures, however, we see Jesus taking misfits and forming them into a new people with a new passion and a new purpose. It's in Jesus's Kingdom where we belong; in following Jesus we find our most important identity.

We're so glad you've found us!



About Afton Apple Orchard

Welcome to Afton Apple! Afton is family owned and operated orchard of over 250 acres in the heart of the St. Croix Valley. Afton is proud to serve our community with fresh apples, raspberries, strawberries, pumpkins and more, picked right at the peak of perfection!

Families and friends of all ages enjoy our 15-acre corn maze, hayrides, playground, petting farm and other adventures that you'll find only at our farm!

Misfits on the Farm

FALL FUN AT AFTON



INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

HUGE playground
Petting Farm
Straw Mountain
Johnny Combine
Retread Hill
Spider Web
Tire swing corral
Giant Swing
Giant Rocking Chair
Hayrides (Weekends 10am-6pm,
weekdays 12pm-6pm)
Grammamals Barnyard
and more!



SELF CARE IDEAS FOR BAD DAYS


A couple of years ago, Roots spent time thinking about a phrase from theologian Walter Bruggeman, "We used to sing the hymn "Take Time to Be Holy." But perhaps we should be singing, "Take time to be human."

We felt a community call to spend more time focusing on our mental health and self-care.,

The included "Self Care Ideas for Bad Days" downloadable flyer from SALT Project can be used to give you the holy nudge you need to take care of yourself. This autumn,



BELOVED MISFIT, TAKE TIME TO BE HUMAN.

A cardboard box is filled with autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The box is placed on a rustic, light blue-painted wooden surface. A single leaf lies on the surface in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to him than birds.

~Jesus

Matthew 6:26 MSG

*At Roots, we believe
that the Church is a
kind of family where
all belong and all are
Beloved*

“...in the ancient Near East the idea of a single community across the traditional boundaries of culture, gender, and ethnic and social groupings was unheard of. Unthinkable, in fact. But there it was. A new kind of ‘family’ had come into existence. Its focus of identity was Jesus; its manner of life was shaped by Jesus; its characteristic mark was believing allegiance to Jesus.”
— N. T. Wright, *Paul: A Biography*

**FAITHFUL. FLEXIBLE.
FORGED.**

What if I told you that the “church” people are leaving today in droves isn’t the church Jesus founded? Advent in November, we’re in teaching and dialogue series called “The Church as Forged Family.” In this series we’ll explore the teachings of Jesus and the apostles in the New Testament, the difference between forged family and the bureaucratic structures, hierarchical institutions, and brands that call themselves church, and what it means to forge family in the twenty-first century right here in the Twin Cities. Our services are online and in person with children’s teaching and small group dialogue included in each Sunday gathering.



Hallelujah!

Moon and stars, morning sun, clouds and rain

They all sing, they all sing

Lift their voices to the King

Praise his name, his holy name

Hallelujah!

Orchard trees, cedars tall, forests green They all sing,

they all sing

Lift their voices to the King

Praise his name, his holy name

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

The fox and sparrow both the wild and the tame

They all sing, they all sing

Lift their voices to the King

Praise his name, his holy name Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Men and angels, queens and princes, little babe

We all sing, we all sing

Lift our voices to the King

Praise his name, his holy name Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah (Psalm 148)

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(ASCAP)

Fall Challenge: Hygge + Hope 2021



A COMMUNITY INVITATION TO PRACTICE SELF-CARE

Enclosed is a self-care guide for families. We define "family" as any collection of people who love and care for each other. Please use the guide as a resource to help you and those who you love to practice hygge. We're hoping everyone in our community engages in this practice as a resistance to all the despair, frustration, and overwork that has only been exacerbated by the global pandemic .

hygge (pronounced, "HOO-gah"), the Danish phenomenon of sincere and comfortable self-care



*Roots Online Dates**

Oct. 10 & 24

Nov. 14

**Stay tuned to the weekly for changes*

Playroma: A Playgroup
for Little Misfits
Highland Park
8am-9:30am



playroma

Faith. Family. Fun

Playroma Meets before online service

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"Hey I think you're really cool! I like you a lot! Maybe we should hangout or something"



Hey Misfits... YOU'RE INVITED

Oct. 3

Come back to our Oct. 3 gathering at Newell Park. We are kid and pet friendly Sunday service as we bless the animals and discuss how to practice Creation Care and solidarity with Indigenous Peoples.

Oct. 31

We're having a trunk or treat to provide a fun social distance Halloween celebration for our kids and neighbors. We would be thrilled to have 10-15 cars signed up AND we will be giving away laundry supplies and coins to families who rely on the laundromat.

Nov

Pastor Osheta is beginning a class called, "Audio Divina". It will be over zoom and the format will be a combination podcast/ Spotify playlist/ and dialogue. More details will follow.



May the Peace of God

Send you out!

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Have fun at Afton Apple Orchard!