

The Messenger

January 2020

Happy New Year 2020, Minden Methodist Families.

After the Christmas Eve service, my family visited my aunt's home in New Jersey. We visited our previous home and Drew University, where I studied for 7 years. We attended the worship service at my previous church. It was very enjoyable to see family members and friends who we haven't seen for a while and spend a time together with them. Although it has been over a year since I visited NJ, I felt like it had only been a few months because there were not many changed. I even didn't need a navigation, while I drove a car. However, at the same time, I still missed my church and my town Minden. I kept thinking of the Maxon's Family. I heard the worship service was cancelled due to the heavy snow storm. I feel my home is now in Minden. It is true that the reason we enjoy our vacation is for the place where we return. I may feel more comfortable, when I arrive at my home.

As we finalize the end of 2019, we should focus on the new year 2020, although we are comfortable to still live in 2019. I was thinking of what I have done in 2019, as I remembered our vision 2019, "The Lord will renew and strengthen us like eagles". I still leave regret at some points. Nevertheless, we should go forward with our new vision for 2020. The Bible tells us in Luke "New wine must be poured into new wineskins." Our church may focus more on hospitality and discipleship, as our vision for 2020 is "Extend hospitality to strangers" (Romans 12:13). There will be something trying in showing hospitality soon.

Although we enjoy our previous life in memories, we go forward in anticipation and hope for our future. Please pray for our church and ministry. God will be with us in a new vision. Please hold hands together and let us dream together to make the kingdom of God in this ministry.

May the new year bring new happiness, new goals, new achievements and a lot of new inspirations on your life. Wishing you a year fully loaded with the Holy Spirit.

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Address/Service Requested

Sunday School
9:00 AM
Worship Time
9:45 AM

Vision: Extend Hospitality to Strangers

“Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice Hospitality.”
(Romans 12:13)

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Our Be-Attitudes by Joyce Will

The Beatitudes we find in the Bible are a group of blessings given by Jesus to His disciples during His Sermon on the Mount. He gave these Scriptures to us to encourage us and give us hope as we face each day. Each Beatitude looks at different circumstances of life and how all Christians are blessed through their faith. They also teach empathy and allow you to consider what it might be like to be in each situation. They emphasize good acts and they can be described as being a roadmap given to us by Jesus, showing us how to live by His perfect example. While we have heard sermons on this subject or done Bible studies delving into just what the Be-attitudes entail, let's take a look at what OUR attitudes should be like when we are true followers of Jesus. What kind of Be-Attitudes will you exhibit? First, Be a heart-filled Attitude Christian. God calls us to be people who bless others, who find the good in others and who build others up. At times doesn't it seem that everywhere we look we see people who profess to be Christians focusing on the flaws and sins of others but forget about the plank in their own eyes? Celebrate the success of others, my friends. Honor them with graciousness, kindness and gentleness. Fill your hearts with love for other people. Be that person when others look at you they can understand God's love through you. A difficult task at times, but one that will fill your heart with joy. Then, Be a grateful Attitude Christian. God has given me an abundance of good things that I am always thankful for and I know that He has done the same for each of you, too. We are told to do our best every day and in every season of our lives to search for those things that we are grateful for and to praise God for it. Not all things are good and it is easy to become mired in despair when we think others have life so much better than we ourselves do. But know this - in Philippians 4:8 tell us: "let me say this one more thing: Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely, and dwell on the fine, good things in others. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about." It is important that we don't love Jesus only on what He does for us but that we love Him with our whole heart because of what He gave us on the Cross. God doesn't give us everything we want, but He gives us everything He knows we need. In Colossians 3:17 we read this: "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." And lastly, Be a joyful attitude Christian. When God lives in our hearts, we must always work to keep our joy strong. When we start to do things our way, when we rely on our own strength and when our relationship with God slips a bit, joy can easily turn into misery. My friends, we are ambassadors to the God we serve and love. He doesn't want us to grumble and be filled with bickering,



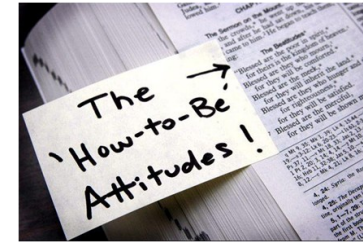
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



gossiping and backbiting. He wants us to live by example to others. When we are filled with joy, it bubbles outwardly so that everyone around us can see and feel it. We will have trials and problems from time to time, but knowing that God is with us we can rejoice in our blessings and show that we worship a truly amazing and loving God. Those around us are always watching us. God made us that way so that we can be living testimonies to the world we live in. Be that heart full of joy and gratefulness so that others might know what a wonderful God we love and serve. Ephesians 4:31-32 tells us this: "Stop being mean, bad-tempered and angry. Quarreling, harsh words, and dislike of others should have no place in your lives. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God has forgiven you because you belong to Christ." My friends, as this new year begins, let's soul search our attitudes and make an effort to be the best we can be. Let's have those be - attitudes of joyfulness, gratefulness, and a heart filled with love for each other overflow throughout our lives. Jw♥



January 5 Time of Blessing

Please write what you wish for in 2020 on a piece of paper and following worship service on January 5, Pastor Peter will pray for each family with blessings of prayer. (Following this time of prayer we will be undecorating the church.)

January 12

Recognition of church leaders and sharing of our church plan and goals for 2020.

Confirmation

Pastor Peter plans to have a confirmation class in the first half of 2020. Please let the office know if you have children that would like to be in the Confirmation class.

Life in Our Church Families...

Please call the office when you know of any illness, hospitalization, new babies, marriages, joyous or sad news among your friends or family members. If you or your family has a prayer request you would like to put on the Prayer Chain call Joan Fries at 402-756-0257.

January 2020

Happy Birthday! Members and Friends

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy New Year! Office Closed	2	3	4
5 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 Prayer Time 9:45 am Worship Blessing of Prayer Adult SS after Worship	6 7pm Cub Scouts	7 6:30pm Girl Scouts	8 7pm Finance meeting	9	10 Mobile Food Pantry	11
12 9:00 am Sunday School 9:30 Prayer Time 9:45 am Worship Adult SS after Worship	13	14	15 7pm Ad Council	16	17	18
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| 2 nd Steve Fries | 20 th Jim Madsen |
| 3 rd Dick McBride | 21 st Zachary Klabunde |
| Rita Smith | Collin Jensen |
| 5 th Steven Favinger | 22 nd Reginald Cross |
| 6 th Edna Carlson | Reid Yelken |
| 8 th Lea Ann Runcie | 24 th Makenna Dornhoff |
| Erin Reid | 25 th Donald Johnson |
| 10 th Loneta Nolan | Ian Sinsel |
| Carter Harsin | Brooke Lundeen |
| 11 th Laurain Tatum | 26 th Devin Jensen |
| Nikki Dornhoff | Bonnie Westengaard |
| 13 th Sharon Jorgensen | 29 th Dudley Scharff |
| 16 th Landon Yelken | 30 th Tyler Gokie |
| 17 th Peter Choi | 31 st Phyllis Finkner |
| 18 th Kim Snavely | Denise Jensen |
| 19 th Alison Lovin | |
| Jack Hultquist | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

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| 01/02 | Derek & Lea Ann Runcie | 6 years |
| 01/07 | Mike & Jodi Boudreau | 31 years |
| 01/21 | Gary & Melanie Remmenga | 8 years |

December Financial Report...

General Giving in December:	\$17,473
General Fund Giving to Date:	\$167,803
General Expenses in December:	\$16,238
General Fund Expenses to Date:	\$193,389

This report does not include the final days in December



The Grocery cart is back. Keep filling it to help those in need. Some items of need are hygiene products, laundry detergent, dish soap, and toilet paper.

Greeters and Ushers for January:

- January 5: Larry & Nancy Evans
- January 12: Heath Family
- January 19: Larry & Laurain Tatum
- January 26: Sandy Johnson & Carolynn Hendrickson

Scripture Readers for January:

- January 5:
- January 12: Emma Grube
- January 19: Jane Craig
- January 26:

Refreshment Hosts for January:

- January 5: Larry & Nancy Evans
- January 12: Heath Family
- January 19:
- January 26:

Acolytes for January:

- January 5:
- January 12:
- January 19:
- January 26:

(Please call 832-1995 or email managerumcminden@msn.com if you are available for any of the open dates)