

# The Messenger

May 2020

Beloved Minden Methodist Family.

It has been over five weeks since we have not been able to gather in person. When I was preaching to empty pews of the sanctuary, I repeated to say in my thought that you are in the sanctuary because without your presence, I could not exercise lots of energy. Personally, I truly appreciate everything you have encouraged me with text and Facebook messages, notes and thanks cards.

You have recently heard that the state of Nebraska will start to re-open on May 4. Although some towns in numbers are still increasing, the good news is that we are overcoming this terrible virus with your great efforts. We can restart the worship service soon, if we abide by 6-foot distancing rule. However, since all of congregation's health is very important, we will have on-line worship service through the month of May. I will keep monitoring how it goes through May.

I DO recognize the important of the Holy Communion, as we have it every first Sunday of each month and special days. Recording worship service is inadequate to receive the communion because the communion is always "a live event by a certified pastor." So we plan to offer "Drive-Thru Holy Communion between 10:45 A.M. and 11:45 A.M., on May 3, first Sunday of May. I will perform the communion 10:30 A.M. by myself in the sanctuary. You can also participate in the communion through Facebook Live. The United Methodist Church upholds an open table. All are welcome to join to the communion table.

The first service at this church was held on April 19. The consecration service was held on Sunday, April 26. Although we could not join to this historical moment together at this church, I have enjoyed seeing pictures at Facebook for few weeks. I was very touched for your love and devotion to this church over 50 years. I really appreciate the team members who collect, search, find and compile pictures and articles. You will enjoy tons of historical picture of our church at a glance, when we have the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary service.

As a pastor of Minden United Methodist Church, I appreciate your support for the ministry with devotions, prayers, offerings, specials funds and non-perishable items. I am looking forward seeing you with a smiling face, soon. This too shall pass.

In Christ,  
Your pastor. Peter Choi

## Vision:

### Extend Hospitality to Strangers

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



#### Office Hours:

**Pastor Peter Choi**

Please call for appointment 201-888-8430  
Tuesday-Saturday 9:30am to 5:00pm

**Jaime Sinsel, Office Manager**

Monday –Friday 8am-Noon

Pastor Peter Choi  
Office Manager Jaime Sinsel  
Custodian Tony & Julie Ratka

Address/Service Requested



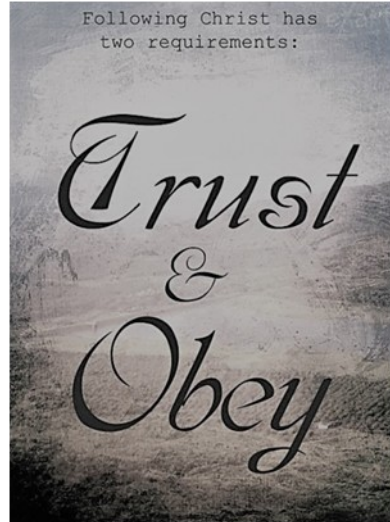
Worship Time  
9:45 AM

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Minden, NE 68959-2415  
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### Trust and Obey by Joyce Will

So what exactly does it mean to trust and obey? Can we have one without the other? And does it matter that we act on these words in our lives as Christians? How many of you recall the old hymn "Trust and Obey"? I remember singing this many times and I clearly recall the chorus of the hymn the most: "Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." Seems pretty basic and simple, doesn't it. In Psalms 33:21 we read this: "In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name." The word - trust - is defined as "firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength in something or someone". Trust is kind of like faith and an example of that would be that we trust or we have faith that the sun will rise in the morning. The word - obey - is defined as "comply with the command, direction, or request of a person or law". When your dog obeys you, it will do as commanded by you - "sit", "roll-over", "shake". So here's the thing, It's not trust OR obey, it's trust AND obey. They really go hand in hand and when you trust someone, you will obey them. As Christians, we are to trust and obey our Father despite times when we may feel like His rules and commandments are hard to follow and just downright restrictive. He knows that by human nature we find that *totally* trusting in Him isn't easy. But if we don't trust that God loves us, that He is "all wise and all powerful" and that He cares for us, we won't be very likely to obey Him, will we? The trust of God is much stronger, more reliable and consistent than anything or anyone we could ever attempt to trust here on earth! In Psalms 33:18 we read - "The Lord watches over those who obey him, those who trust in his constant love." When I was a small child, I usually did whatever my parents told me. I had no reason to question their reasons or their intentions. As I grew older, and I became more aware of what I thought were their flaws and imperfections, I was less apt to obey and let's just say I became a bit rebellious. All of a sudden, I felt that I had a reason to doubt my trust in them. Throughout our lives no matter our age, we may find that obeying someone is a struggle because our minds tell us all kinds of reasons not to obey. When you put your trust in the Lord, that doesn't mean that your faith won't be tested. I believe that there will be times when God tests our faith so that we can learn that the only way to be happy in Him is to trust and obey. It's difficult at times to let go of our own wisdom and strength and totally count on God's wisdom and strength to guide our lives. You can tell for yourself whether you truly trust and obey God when you look at your own words and actions.

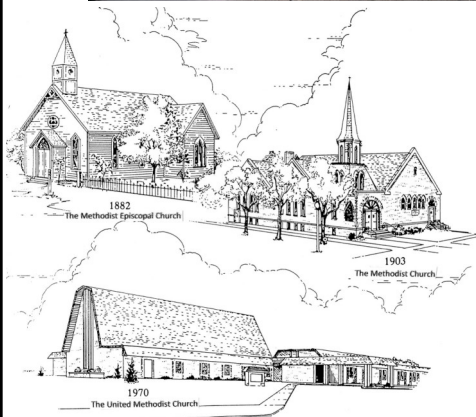


Attention all Mother's. Please stop at the Church and pick up a carnation on Mother's Day, May 10th. They will be inside the northeast door. We want to honor each and every mother even though we can not see you in person. Happy Mother's Day!



**Online Service Information**  
[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)  
 search: Minden United Methodist Church in Nebraska  
**Bulletin's are located on the Website, Mindenumc.org, under announcements.**  
[facebook.com/mindenumc](https://www.facebook.com/mindenumc)





Rather than being afraid or anxious, keep your trust in God that He is with you and that He will make all things work for your good. In Proverbs 3:5 we read this: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding." When we trust and obey Him, He shares our burdens and shares our sorrows, sees our tears, and gives us joy in the midst of an upside down world. He is trustworthy. What He says, He will do. We should never fear, only trust and obey. In Proverbs 16:20 we hear this: "God blesses those who obey him; happy the man who puts his trust in the Lord." Life is constantly throwing trials and tribulations that severely test our ability to trust the Lord and at times can even weaken our faith in God. Those are the times, my friends, when we truly must keep the faith in His timing, His reasons and His plans for us. Those times are when we must pour every ounce of trust we have into God's hands. He is ever faithful and will provide for us always. We must only trust and obey. Jw♥

Offering can be mailed to  
Minden United Methodist Church  
340 N Newell Ave  
Minden, NE 68959



(We do not have a Post Office box)

You can also drop it by the church. The Northwest door is open every day. If no one is in the office you may slide it under the door. Thank You and God Bless.



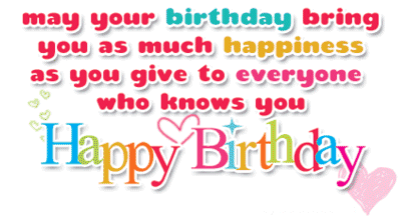
Life in Our Church Families...

Melvin Reiss moved to Central Nebraska Veterans Home in Kearney.  
Marjorie Madsen moved to Brookstone Gardens in Kearney.

Take a moment and say a prayer for Angie Taylor (Corey Smidt's mother-pancreatic cancer), Joe Hultquist, Larry Tatum's sister-in-law, Donna Boudreau (Mike Boudreau's mother-breast cancer), and Maxine Grams. There is power in prayer especially during this time of uncertainty.

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.

# May 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:45 am Worship online 10:45-11:45am drive up Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:45 am Worship online 	11	12 Election Day	13	14	15	16
17 9:45 am Worship online	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:45 am Worship online	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:45 am Worship online	<p>With all that is going on in the World today we have realized that we do not have a current email address for everyone. Please send a good email address for one or all persons in each household to <a href="mailto:managerumcminden@msn.com">managerumcminden@msn.com</a>. This is a good way to communicate changes and updates to everyone at once.</p>					

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| 4 - Delaine Maxon     | 21 - Anita Gleason   |
| Tony Ratka            | Michael Froid        |
| 5 - Gracie Fries      | 22 - Wade Melroy     |
| Jaime Sinsel          | 23 - Jessica Tunnell |
| 6 - Scott Maxon       | Shirley Quadhamer    |
| 11 - Ray Havens       | 24 - Gage Fries      |
| 12 - Donlyn Space     | 25 - Jacey Smidt     |
| 13 - Samuel Tunnell   | 26 - Braxton Janda   |
| 14 - Gabriella Froid  | 28 - Steve Younkin   |
| 17 - Melanie Remmenga | 29 - Thelma Jensen   |
| 19 - Alexandra Bauer  |                      |
| Dave Craig            |                      |
| Jane Albers           |                      |



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| May 7  | Radford & JoAnn Hansen  | 58 years |
| May 16 | Mick & Valerie Jameson  | 17 years |
| May 20 | Orlan & Dolly Grams     | 64 years |
| May 21 | Mark & Melissa Klabunde | 15 years |
| May 26 | Larry & Sheila Anderson | 48 years |
| May 29 | Michael & MaryJo Froid  | 21 years |
| May 29 | Larry & Kim Snavely     | 21 years |
| May 30 | Clark & Jennifer Bauer  | 28 years |
| May 31 | Lon & Kelly Mills       | 40 years |

April Financial Report...	
General Giving in April	\$8,687
General Fund Giving to Date	\$55,536
General Expenses in April	\$12,734
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$68,741
(This report does not include the final days in April.)	



The Annual Rummage Sale, organized by the United Methodist Women, has been cancelled this year. Please keep your items (if you can) for our rummage sale in 2021.



A date will be announced soon for the 50th Anniversary of this Church Building.