

The Messenger



June 2020

Dear Minden Methodist Family,

Our president has declared houses of worship as essential. I agree that our congregations are an essential part of our ministry. Each of us is an important part of the church. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for your continued worship, ministry and mission online, while this church building remains closed. I am also deeply grateful to everyone for flattening the curve of Covid-19. Actually, the cases of COVID 19 in Minden are very low compared to other counties around us.

After thoughtful analysis and assessment the Administrative Council intends on reopening our church doors June 14, 2020, with our first worship service as long as we commit to following our policies and the Directed Health Measures guidelines for group size and practices. At this time, we only offer the regular worship service at 9:45 A.M. No Sunday school, No Bible study, No meeting and No fellowship after the service. Keep social distancing.

This decision has been not made lightly, since all congregations' health is primarily crucial. This decision may be delayed, if the situation gets worse. We are strictly following all guidelines of CDC and Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. For some, there are still considerable concerns about returning to the church service. If you are vulnerable to health or worried about potentialities, I urge you to stay at home and participate in the live streaming worship service. If you think it is a right time to join the in-person worship service, please obey all guidelines and policies for returning to our house of worship.

We have never experienced the Covid-19 before. This makes us fearful and uncertain. Because the Church is built primarily on trust, we need to open the church doors faithfully. I assume that opening the church may not be the best way for our safety. Yet, the Holy Spirit guides and protects us. We go forward with hope and confidence. COVID-19 may change how we have church but does not change us the body of Christ.

Please read carefully the letter of reopening church guidelines and policies, before you return. I am looking forward to seeing you at the church in person or at online church.

In Christ,
Pastor. Peter Choi

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Worship Time
9:45 AM



Address/Service Requested

Vision: Extend Hospitality to Strangers

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



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

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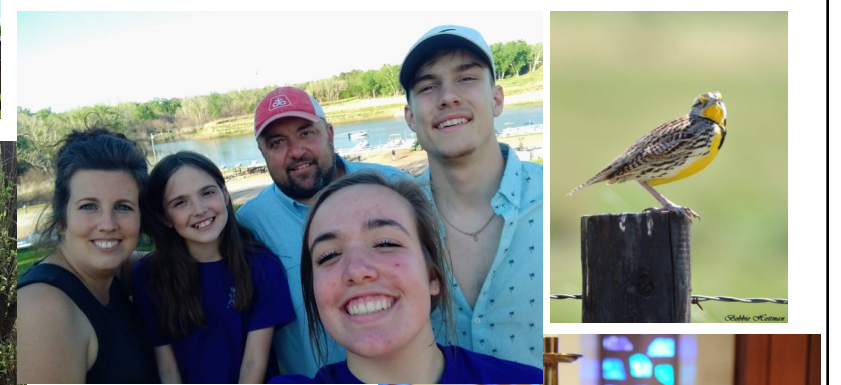
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Worrying About Tomorrow by Joyce Will

While we've walked through the days since mid March when the pandemic was ramping up, it is without a doubt that I would guess most of us worried from time to time, or at least was very concerned about what was to happen next in our lives that seemed to be suddenly without warning, simply turned upside down. If you say you weren't worried, I would guess that you would be in the minority. Worrying is an almost constant struggle in our human lives, and it seems that it's almost automatic. But the thing is, worrying is a useless waste of time. In fact, the Bible tells us that it doesn't provide any benefit. Luke 12:25 tells just that - "And besides, what's the use of worrying? What good does it do? Will it add a single day to your life? Of course not!" So I guess the question should be how do we avoid worrying? Proverbs 27:1 tells us, "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring." Many of you will remember the song from the musical "Annie" when she belts out - "the sun'll come out, tomorrow, bet your bottom dollar that tomorrow there'll be sun - tomorrow, tomorrow! I love ya, tomorrow! You're always a day away!" That little orphan Annie was quite an optimist when she sang the words to that song and made us want to believe that tomorrow really will be a better day, that it will arrive with the sunshine. And while the Bible verse tells us that "you do not know what a day may bring", as Christians, do we not have the faith and the hope that when tomorrow dawns, it may be a better day? Matthew 6:34 tells us - "So don't be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time." My friends, we are not promised the next minute of our lives let alone another day. We breathe now and with that we believe and we hope that we will still have another tomorrow and another week and another year to come. What I do know is that God has given each of us today, right now, and no one knows what tomorrow will bring. Be grateful for today, it is a gift. Be grateful for so many good people helping others out during these uncertain days. Be grateful that we have a loving God who watches over us every second of our day and night. We can count on Him and His faithfulness to each of us. Trust Him with all your heart my friends, and give up your worrying about tomorrow. Jw♥



During Quarantine





Our Church Family



We always thank
GOD for all of you
and continually
mention you in
our prayers.

I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV

Life in Our Church Families...

Susan Tunnel's father, Richard Mullins, passed away May 2. Keep her and her family in your prayers.

Take a moment and say a prayer for Dolly Grams, 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. Pray for all those who need God.

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.



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.



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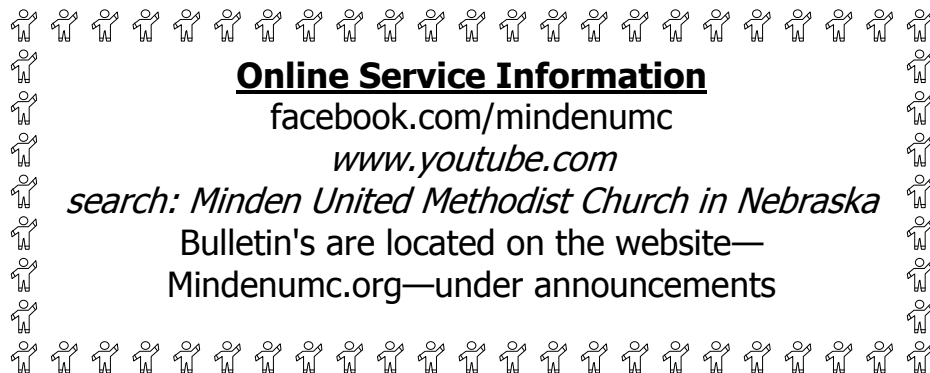


- 1 - Mary Kay Blanchard
Nancy Lambert
- 2 - Sheila Anderson
- 3 - Blakeleigh Harsin
- 5 - Shawn Heath
- 9 - Allyson Jameson
Jayla Olsen
- 10 - Marian Johnson
- 13 - Jackson Froid
- 15 - John Linder
- 16 - Larry Anderson
- 22 - Tristan Havens
Camryn Melroy
- 24 - MaryJo Froid
Elizabeth Merrill
Kristi Lammers
Marjorie Madsen
- 26 - Rita Jones
Mitchell Muller
- 28 - Gordon Amstuz
- 29 - Nancy Evans
- 30 - Alan Kahle



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:45 am Worship Online	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9:45 am Worship in person and online	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:45 am Worship in person and online	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:45 am Worship in person and online	29	30				

- June 4**
John & Phyllis Finkner
72 years
- June 7**
Russell & Carolyn Olsen
61 years
- June 8**
Brad & Natalie Janda
18 years
- June 9**
Larry & Nancy Evans
47 years
Brodie & Amy Kring
2 years
- June 13**
LeRoy & Rita Smith
22 years
- June 14**
James & Jeanette Wilkinson
24 years
- June 18**
Troy & Shoni Delaney
26 years
- June 21**
John & Jane Albers
51 years
Dennis & Fran Lange
45 years
- June 22**
Jeff & Loree Johnson
26 years
- June 28**
Brent & Kerri Harsin
17 years
Alvan & Lee Ann Lux
45 years
- June 29**
Keven & Kathi Schutz
18 years



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www.youtube.com
search: Minden United Methodist Church in Nebraska
 Bulletin's are located on the website—
Mindenumc.org—under announcements

May Financial Report...

General Giving in May	\$20,170
General Fund Giving to Date	\$75,706
General Expenses in May	\$12,808
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$81,788

(This report does not include the final days in May.)

