

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List...

Marjorie Madsen, Marjorie Hultquist, Maxine Grams, Lori Conyers's Parents, and Colleen Steinkruger's Family and Friends.

This week's birthdays: Alaina Boudreau, Karli Havens, Mark Klabunde, Malcom Dornhoff, Susan Fries, Zachary Froid, Addison Klabunde, and JoAnn Vohland

This week's anniversary celebrations:

Chris & Lisa Cohen—26 years
Cray & Cindy Stubbs—38 years

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

*Doxology

UMH 94

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer

O God, creator of all that we have and all that we are, no one can utter all your mighty deeds or declare all your praise. Yet accept these gifts, we pray, both as tools of the work of the gospel and as signs of our pledge to be coworkers in Christ's name. Amen.

Closing Hymn

UMH 421

"Make Me a Captive, Lord"

Benediction

You have received blessing upon blessing from the Lord. Now go into the world offering hope and peace to all people you meet. Be involved in justice and healing ministries in the name of the Lord. Go in peace.

Postlude

Glen Haselbarth

Thank You for Worshipping with us today.

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Minden United Methodist Church Order of Worship October 11, 2020 19th Sunday after Pentecost

2020 Vision:

Extend Hospitality to Strangers

Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

Tony Ratka

1. Please post on YouTube or Facebook in the comments any joys and prayers you have. Pastor Peter will read these before prayer time and pray for those requests.
2. Our ZOOM gathering is only at 7:00pm, Thursdays. Please see the information in our October newsletter or contact Tony Ratka.
3. Kids Night Out, *'Fall in Love with Jesus!'* will be held at 5:30pm, October 21st, here at The United Methodist Church. Kids will enjoy Fall and Halloween games, songs, and treats that fun and festive for the season. For more information, please read our October Newsletter.
4. Starting October 28, the Sunday school classes are going to be moved to Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. We will post detailed information later.
5. The Christian Education committee is looking for teachers to teach and help with children's classes. We need teachers and helpers for children of all ages: pre-k to 2nd grade, 3-6 graders, junior and senior high. If you can and are willing to teach or help, speak to Pastor Peter or Dan Frizane.
6. We would like to start collecting donations for Operation Christmas Child. All donations must fit inside a shoebox. For more information go to samaritanspurse.org/occ.
7. Pastor Peter has been visiting our church friends. Here are some people that he visited last week.
8. Last week we received offerings of \$5,222. Thank you for the offerings, prayers, and food-pantry items.

***Call to Worship**

L: Praise be to God, who has brought us here this day.

P: Praise and thanks to God for all the blessings we have received.

L: What joy we have in God's presence!

P: What peace is brought to us in God's house!

L: This is truly the day that the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it! AMEN.

***Opening Prayer**

Open our hearts and our spirits
to hear your healing words of peace and love, O God.
Help us be the people of service and justice
that you have called us to be.
Make us ready to heal rather than harm;
to serve rather than sever.
Give us hearts of joy and justice,
for we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Silent Prayer

Opening Hymn "A Charge to Keep I Have" UMH 413

Children's Time Pastor Peter Choi

Scriptures Ginger Frizane

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

"Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'

"But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the

servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

"Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

"For many are invited, but few are chosen."

Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "The Wedding Feast" Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn "I'd Rather Have Jesus"