

The Messenger



April 2021

Dear Minden Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
It has been one full year since the pandemic was declared. It has changed our life in many ways. Wearing a mask and practicing social distancing become our daily lives. Our Church has also been struggling to adjust to new circumstances for the last year. Meanwhile, as more people are vaccinated, I can see more people return to the Church. United Methodist Women had a first meeting in March after the pandemic. That is a great sign, but that is not enough!

As Jesus Christ is resurrected from the grave on Easter, it is proper to return to our Church fully. I remember my favorite hymn, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow." "Because He lives, all fear is gone." "Because I know He holds the future" "Life is worth the living just because He lives." We want to see you at the Easter service and other services let go of fear, as Jesus conquered the death of the cross. We desire to be with you!

We plan to withdraw the restrictions of Covid-19 slowly by this Independence Day. We have some plans to make it normal. Nevertheless, WITHOUT YOU, we cannot sustain and strengthen our church ministry because the Church is a faithful community of believers. Without your support and participation, our structure will decline and die! We necessarily need you! We mandatorily need your return! You are part of the Church!

I appreciate your heartwarming messages against rising anti-Asian violence. God created all people equally. Every person is equal before the law. Let us work together in ending all types of racism. Let us fill with love, justice, and peace. Anyway, we are going to watch MINARI (Six Oscar Nominations) at our movie night at our Church to understand Korean immigrants with open hearts. No need to purchase tickets. It is free! Join us Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 7:00 PM.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Peter Choi

**Holy Thursday Service will be
online only at 7:00pm, April 1**
**Good Friday Service will be
in person and online at 7:00pm, April 2**
**Easter Service will be
In person and online at 9:45am, April 4**



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**Sunday Worship
9:45 am**

Address/Service Requested

2021 Vision:
Overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
(Romans 15: 13 NIV)



Galatians 5:25, NRSV

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We Can't See Him, But We Can Feel Him by Joyce Will

This morning as I was on my walk, the wind began to gently blow. It was a little chilly out as some early days are in Spring, but the snow has melted and I was more than ready to get out and go on my walks again. While I was feeling that wind, I was reminded that while you can't see the wind you can feel it. John 3:8 talks about just that: "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes." I often times wonder why God created things the way He did and wind is something that I wonder about from time to time. We can see the results of that wind, but we just can't actually see the wind itself. What we can see is when that wind turns so strong that it brings tree limbs down, or it blows the snow or rain so hard that we have trouble seeing the road we are driving down. The wind can chill us to the bone during the Winter months but offer a refreshing breeze in an attempt to cool us off during the Summer months. That wind has a mind of its own, doesn't it? I mean we can't control it. We can't change the direction it blows from. We can't stop it nor can we start it. It can sail boats. It can produce energy. It pretty much blows whenever and wherever it pleases. You can hear it, but you don't really know where it begins nor where it ends. We can see the leaves blow in the Autumn days. We can see the snow blow in the Winter days. We can see the dirt blow



in the dry Summer days. We can see the kites fly in the skies in the Spring days. That wind can be deadly at times, causing awful destruction. Yet other times, it's so light that it brings the scents of newly tilled soil, the fragrance of flowers, the welcome scent from someone grilling in the neighborhood. If any of you have been in our church sanctuary when the wind blows, it makes a loud rumbling noise and sometimes makes you wonder if that's God trying to get our attention. My friends, God's love is like that wind. We can't exactly see it, but oh my, we can surely feel it. We can feel it pour over us and settle in our hearts. Encounters with God can sometimes send us to our knees or simply warm our hearts. Sometimes we feel His presence and love, and other times we simply know of that presence by faith. That wind, like God's love, grace and mercy can be so powerfully felt that we are in awe of it, and then other times it comes so quietly it feels like it whispers softly on our face and just slightly lifts our hair. My friends, I love that reassurance that God gives us, be it from a breezy day or the stillness of the night, that while we can't see Him, we can always feel Him. Jw♥



Online worship information:

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www.youtube.com

search: Minden United Methodist Church in Nebraska

mindenumc.org





He Is
RISEN
INDEED!



Join us April 4, 2021
at 9:45am for
Easter Service.

All are welcome.

(masks are required)

Life in Our Church Families...

Take a moment and say a prayer for the Montgomery Family, Fred Will, Virginia Madsen, Nadine Fahrlander, Denny Lange, Kathi Schutz, Marjorie Hultquist, and the Conyers family. Pray for all those who need God's guidance. 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 and you would like to put on the Prayer Chain call Joan Fries at 402-756-0257.

UMW
April 14th
at 9:30am



Movie Night
April 21
at 7:00pm.
"Minari"

March Financial Report...

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| General Giving in March | \$9,045 |
| General Fund Giving to Date | \$45,517 |
| General Expenses in March | \$6,865 |
| General Fund Expenses to Date | \$70,953 |
| (This report does not include the final days in March.) | |

Children's
Sunday School
Wednesday from
3:30-5:00

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">April 2021</p> <p>HB Happy Birthday HA Happy Anniversary</p> | | | | <p>1 online service posted at 7pm</p>  | <p>2</p>  <p>GoodFriday</p> <p>Service at 7pm</p> <p>HB Tammy Burke</p> | <p>3</p>  <p>HB Joan Fries</p> |
| <p>4 9:45 am Worship EASTER DAY</p>  | <p>5</p> <p>HB Kerri Harsin</p> | <p>6</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p> | <p>7</p> <p>HB John Albers</p> <p>9:30am UMW 3:30pm Sunday School 7:00pm Finance Meeting</p> | <p>8</p> | <p>9</p> <p>HB Douglas Grams</p> | <p>10</p> |
| <p>11 9:45 am Worship 2nd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>SPRC Meeting following Worship</p> | <p>12</p> <p>HA Rhodell & Joyce Jameson—68 years</p> <p>7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Cub Scouts</p> | <p>13</p> <p>HB Valerie Kauk</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p> | <p>14</p> <p>9:30 am UMW</p> <p>3:30 Sunday School</p> <p>7:00pm Finance Meeting</p> | <p>15</p> <p>HB Phyllis Burnham HB Bailee Fries</p> | <p>16</p> <p>HB Euella Johnson</p> | <p>17</p> <p>HB Libby Williams</p> |
| <p>18 9:45 am Worship 3rd Sunday of Easter</p> <p>HB Cade Harsin HB Lyra Johnson</p> | <p>19</p> <p>HB Lilly Cohen</p> <p>7pm Cub Scouts</p> | <p>20</p> <p>HB Wade Lux HB Jeanette Wilkinson</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p> | <p>21</p> <p>3:30 Sunday School</p> <p>7:00pm Movie Night "Minari"</p> <p>Minden High School Post-</p> | <p>22</p> <p>-Prom Plant Sale</p> | <p>23</p> <p>HB Savannah Kahle</p> | <p>24</p> <p>HB Norma Rasmussen HB Ethel White HA Jeff & Tami Hanson—28 years</p> |
| <p>25 9:45 am Worship 4th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>HB Joyce Bender HB Riley Ratka</p> | <p>26</p> | <p>27</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p> | <p>28</p> <p>3:30 Sunday School</p> | <p>29</p> <p>HB Marjorie Hultquist HA Doug & Shirley Fellers—21 years</p> | <p>30</p> <p>HB Josh Binder HB Ryleigh Hanson HB Suzanne Hayes</p> | <p>May 1</p> |