

# The Messenger



June 2021

Brothers and Sister in Christ,  
As the season of Pentecost begins, we expect the Holy Spirit to come from heaven and fill the house of worship. As the blazing fire burns within us, our sins are forgiven, and we have a new life with Christ. As the violent wind swirls around us, we are stirred into action. As the breath of the Holy Spirit breathes into us, our broken heart will be restored. Moreover, we may receive spiritual gifts to proclaim the good news for this season. We receive more spiritual energies to work for God and our neighbors. We may grow in love and hope. What a great benefit that God gives us for this season! My beloved friends, it is time to return to the Church fully because the Holy Spirit is giving us signs. I am sure that God wants to work His mission through the Church, the body of believers. God is speaking to us that we need to rebuild the broken-down walls in our own world through the Church community. The Spirit enables us to communicate with others and be united in Christ. The Holy Spirit fills us with many blessings. He encourages us in our faith.

Our Sunday school team has decided to have VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL in person in July. UMW will resume the rummage sale this year. We will have a BBQ together this summer. The attendance of UMW is growing. I consider Bible study this late summer. It is so great to restart refreshments in room 300. Most people don't wear masks, as CDC recommends not to do so. I am targeting that this Independence Day will be the turning point from the covid-19. It is very significant to see a new church family.

I heard from a bishop that theology is not essential as discipleship. Through the pandemic, I have learned that relationship is significant in ministry. I can feel more connected through the pandemic. I love the 'PRAYER WALL' at the east entrance of the Church. We can share prayer requests, blessings, joys, concerns, worries, and more with us. That makes us unite into Christ. Let us be the people who can pray and bless our friends.

Again, the Holy Spirit is telling us, "come to me!" It is time to respond to His invitation. We will taste joy, hope, love, and peace in Him. We will be Jesus' witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the Earth in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In Christ's Unfailing Love  
Pastor Peter Choi

**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)



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**Sunday School 9:00am**  
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### Just Sing! by Joyce Will

Have you ever wondered why God created us with the ability to sing? Now it doesn't matter if you have a great voice or one that you belt out while taking a shower. We all sing. Whether it be traveling down the road in our vehicles, out in the fields on tractors working the crops, or maybe taking a walk and you find yourself starting to sing. While people may look at you and wonder what you are doing, God made us to be able to sing for the purpose of praising Him. Psalms 47:6 tells us, "Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises!" And while this is just one scripture that talks about singing, the Bible is filled with scriptures that mention singing. In fact, the Psalms are just overflowing with singing and praise. In 1971, the secular song "Sing" was composed for the kids show "Sesame Street" and I've always loved those lyrics. "Sing, sing a song, sing out loud, sing out strong. Sing of good things, not bad. Sing of happy, not sad. Sing, sing a song; make it simple, to last your whole life long. Don't worry that it's not good enough, for anyone else to hear, just sing, sing a song." It's a happy song and just hearing the lyrics can't help but make your lips turn up in a smile. Like that little song, our hymnals and other songbooks are filled with wonderful songs too. Some are very old that are still favorites of many people, and some of the newer ones, the praise songs, fill our hearts with joy. I love to sing. I always have. My mother wrote in my baby book that at the age of 12 months I was singing "ah", dancing and keeping time with music and at age 5 I was playing the piano. My mother loved music, she loved to sing and loved to play the piano and the organ. So with that, she instilled the love of music as I grew up with it every day. When I began to be in the church choir and later in the high school music groups and later still in the community choirs, there was a beauty in that act when a multitude of voices came together to praise Him with our singing. It's such a simple act of worship, yet it can calm you, bring you to tears, or make you want to jump up and dance in praises to Him. Why do you suppose God gave us the ability to sing and to create these beautiful songs that we enjoy so much? Our singing that He granted us, fuels our love for Him, it's an expression of what's in our hearts, and shows the love that we feel for one another. It's good to remember the Bible doesn't say, sing with a beautiful voice or even to sing on key. No, the Word in our Bibles tells us to make a joyful noise to the Lord (Psalms 98:4). Oh my friends, God just wants us to open our mouths and sing with our hearts. No matter how we sound when we sing to Him, God is smiling and that fills us with joy. So, my friends, just sing! Jw♥



**Congratulations to our High School Graduates!  
Megan Conyers, Makenna Dornhoff,  
Dylan Janda,  
Jacey Smidt, & Alaina Suchsland**





Thank you for the Mother's Day gifts, the big heart cookie and the hand sanitizer I received from the church on Mother's Day Sunday. Thanks, Phyllis Burnham



The rummage sale is planned for September 2021. Please continue to save your clean, gently used items for the sale. Items need to be in a box or bag. You can start bringing these items July 15th.

Vacation Bible School July 18-22



Life in Our Church Families...

Take a moment and say a prayer for the family & friends of Melvin Reiss (2/20/28-5/3/21) and Tim Jameson (4/5/55-5/5/21). Pray for healing for Isaac Brayhorn (grandson of Elta Kern with Crohn's disease) Gary Smidt, Linda Amstuz, and Libby Williams. 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.


Sunday School will begin at 9:00 am on June 6th

Online worship information: facebook.com/mindenumc www.youtube.com search: Minden United Methodist Church in Nebraska mindenumc.org

Dan Frizane will be conducting the Kearney Community Band, founded in 2003 in a series of concerts on Thursday evenings at Chautauqua Park band shell. These concerts are free and presented by volunteer musicians from the area and continue the tradition of town bands presented by local musicians for the enjoyment of our community. Concerts begin at 7:30 pm, every Thursday and will continue weekly through July 1. Everyone is invited.

May Financial Report...

General Giving in May	\$4,836
General Fund Giving to Date	\$71,621
General Expenses in May	\$14,038
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$106,972
(This report does not include the final days in May.)	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="center"><b>June 2021</b></p> <p>HB Happy Birthday HA Happy Anniversary</p>		<p><b>1</b></p> <p>HB Mary Kay Blanchard HB Nancy Lambert</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>HB Sheila Anderson</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>HB Blakeleigh Harsin</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>HA John &amp; Phyllis Finkner—73 years</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>HB Shawn Heath</p>
<p><b>6</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>HA Brad &amp; Natalie Janda—19 years</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:30 am UMW HA Larry &amp; Nancy Evans—48 years HA Brodie &amp; Amy Kring—3 years HB Allyson Jameson HB Jayla Olsen 7:00pm Finance Meeting</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>HB Marian Johnson</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>
<p><b>13</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>HB Jackson Froid HA Leroy &amp; Rita Smith—23 years</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>HA James &amp; Jeanette Wilkinson—25 years</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>HB Jodi Swartz</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>HB Larry Anderson</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
<p><b>20</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 4th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p> <p align="center"></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>HA John &amp; Jane Albers—52 years HA Denny &amp; Fran Lange—46 years</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>HB Tristan Havens HB Camryn Melroy HA Jeff &amp; Loree Johnson—27 years</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>HB Dan Frizane</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>HB MaryJo Froid HB Marjorie Madsen HB Elizabeth Merrill</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>HB Rita Jones HB Mitchell Muller</p>
<p><b>27</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 5th Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>HB Gordon Amstuz HA Brent &amp; Kerri Harsin—18 years HA Al &amp; Lee Ann Lux—46 years</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>HA Keven &amp; Kathi Schutz—19 years HB Nancy Evans</p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>HB Alan Kahle</p>	<p><b>July 1</b></p>	<p><b>July 2</b></p>	<p><b>July 3</b></p>