

# The Messenger



January 2022

## Hope, the Present from God

The new year has arrived. When the new year comes, our hearts are filled with expectations for the future. We may, of course, have regrets about things that were not completed or mistakes that we made. But we want to make new plans for the new year with the new expectations rather than staying in the past. And because we have such expectations for the future, we move forward with new hope.

Here is our new vision for 2022, "**Expand our boundaries through the Word of God.**" New vision is a present from God that helps us live. I pray that your life may be filled with more blessings from the Lord in 2022. I pray we all march together in the New Year with anticipation of the Lord's promised hope of life.

**Happy New Year!**

Pastor Peter Choi

*Brush away old heartaches.  
Learn from our mistakes.  
Another year is finally over.  
A new dawn awakes.*

*Let the old year out.  
Welcome the new one in.  
Bury the bad things of the past  
As a new year now begins.*

*Make your New Year wishes  
As simple as you can.  
Pray for peace and love,  
Not for wealth or fame.*

*Pray for health and happiness.  
Pray for your fellow man.  
Pray for all the ones you love.  
Pray for those who've lost their way.*

*As the midnight hour chimes,  
We leave the old and embrace the new.  
I wish the things you wish for yourself,  
And may God's love stay with you.*

<https://www.newyearwiki.com/new-year-poems/>

### Be The Gift by Joyce Will

When we were created, God bestowed each of us with unique talents. We all have distinct things that we are good at that we often share with others. God gave each of us the ability to do certain things really well. Did you know that God refers to those gifts in the Bible in Romans 12:6-8? "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophecy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give



encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully." God designed us to have these gifts and then to use them to His glory. What's so great about this is that when we look at our church family, we know that we all have to come together to make our church what it is. A church can't survive if there is just one leader and he/she expects everyone to follow their leadership. No, God gave each of us differing gifts so that when we come together we can become a thriving and loving church family. You may be saying, "I don't think I have any gifts that anyone would want". Let me ask you this - when you greet people on Sunday mornings with your smile and your handshake or maybe even a hug, aren't you sharing your gift of making that other person feel welcome? When you read the scripture on Sunday mornings, aren't you sharing your gift of reading God's word to everyone who is listening?

When you pick up some liter around the building, either inside or out, aren't you sharing your gift of helping tidy up our beautiful place of worship? When you are a leader from one of the many groups that make up our church, aren't you sharing your leadership abilities? This list could go on and on and I am sure there are many other examples that come to mind that either you do, have done or are thinking of doing. We have many in our church family who give of themselves every week. Many you know that do specific jobs, but there are many that you don't know of or see doing things that just need doing. We don't have to be good at everything. In fact, that would be awfully boring if only a handful were doing everything for our church family and the rest of us would not participate. God puts the desires in our hearts to fulfill the areas that need us. He gave us those talents and He wants us to use them to give to others. 1 Peter 4:10 tells us - "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." It is in that way that we honor our Father, so my friends, just simply be the gift. Jw♥



**Worship with us online if you can't make it in person.**

**Facebook.com/mindenumc**

**or www.youtube.com**

**search: Minden United Methodist Church in Nebraska**

**All Bulletins and Newsletters are posted on our website mindenumc.org**



**Youth Group  
First & Third  
Wednesday  
January 5 & 19, 2022  
6:30 pm.  
Meal and drinks  
will be provided.**

### Life in Our Church Families...

Take a moment and say a prayer for:

Ed & Roxi Sorensen's family for the loss of her Aunt.

Dr. John Finkner's family for the loss of his wife, Phyllis.

Gary Smidt

Merlin Beahm

Fred Will

Jan Hofferber (Kathi Schutz's mother)



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.



**Youth Sunday School  
9:00 am on Sunday**

**Adult Sunday School  
following worship on Sunday**

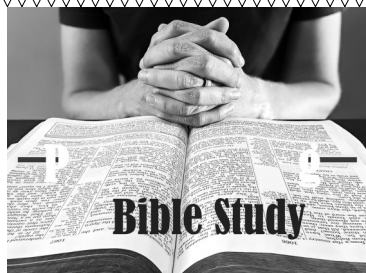
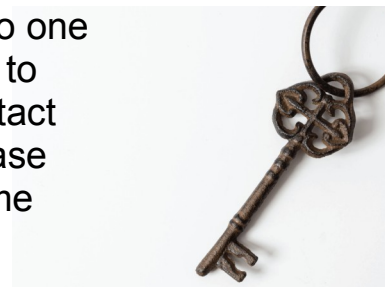
**>>>Attention Parents<<<**

**We invite you to a 30 minute meeting on January 12 at 7pm. We are concerned for our Sunday School Children Program. We have very few children attending. We have so many committed teachers we just need guidance in ways to give your children a meaningful experience. We look forward to your attendance and input as a necessity to make this program the best for you child.**



Thank you to George and Stacy Sinsel at Cozy Corner Café for their donation of the soups for the Fall Festival.

We will be keeping the church locked when no one is here. If you would like a key fob to be able to enter the church when it is locked please contact the office. During the cold winter months please come and use the church to walk and get some exercise.



**Bible Study  
with Pastor Peter Choi  
Every Tuesday  
at 10:00am and 5:00pm**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <h1 style="margin: 0;">January 2022</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">HB Happy Birthday HA Happy Anniversary</p> </div>		
<p><b>2</b> 9:00 am Sunday School <b>9:45 am Worship</b> Epiphany Sunday 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p> <p>HB Steven Fries</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>HB Dick McBride HB Rita Smith</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>
<p><b>9</b> 9:00 am Sunday School <b>9:45 am Worship w/Communion</b> Baptism of the Lord 10:45 am Adult Sunday School SPRC Meeting following worship</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>HB Loneta Nolan</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study</p> <p>HB Nikki Dornhoff HB Laurain Tatum</p>
<p><b>16</b> 9:00 am Sunday School <b>9:45 am Worship</b> 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>HB Pastor Peter Choi</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>HB Kim Snavelly</p>
<p><b>23</b> 9:00 am Sunday School <b>9:45 am Worship</b> 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>HB Makenna Dornhoff</p>	<p><b>25</b> 10am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>HB Donald Johnson HB Ian Sinsel</p>
<p><b>30</b> 9:00 am Sunday School <b>9:45 am Worship</b> 4th Sunday after the Epiphany 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus  New Year's Day
<b>5</b>  6:30pm Youth Group  HB Steven Favinger	<b>6</b> Epiphany of the Lord  HB Edna Carlson	<b>7</b> HA Mike & Jodi Boudreau—33 years  6:30pm Cub Scout Lock-in	<b>8</b> HA Peter & Lena Choi—11 years
<b>12</b> 9:30am UMW  7:00pm Parent/Teacher mtg 7:00pm Finance Mtg	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>19</b>  6:30pm Youth Group  HB Jack Hultquist HB Alison Lovin	<b>20</b>  HB Jim Madsen	<b>21</b>  HB Zachary Klabunde	<b>22</b>
<b>26</b>  HB Bonnie Westengaard	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  HB Dudley Scharff







**December Financial Report...**

General Giving in December	\$18,346
General Fund Giving to Date	\$165,707
General Expenses in December	\$17,699
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$213,662

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

**Scripture Readers for January & February:**

<b>January 2:</b>	KayLyn McBride
<b>January 9:</b>	Jessie Tunnell
<b>January 16:</b>	Larry Evans
<b>January 23:</b>	Melissa Klabunde
<b>January 30:</b>	Nadine Fahrlander
<b>February 6:</b>	Loneta Nolan
<b>February 13:</b>	Jessie Tunnell
<b>February 20:</b>	
<b>February 27:</b>	

**Refreshment Hosts for January & February:**

<b>January 2:</b>	Smidt Family
<b>January 9:</b>	Shirley Fellers
<b>January 16:</b>	Larry & Nancy Evans
<b>January 23:</b>	Klabunde Family
<b>January 30:</b>	Dave & Allyson Jameson
<b>February 6:</b>	Smidt Family
<b>February 13:</b>	Tunnell Family
<b>February 20:</b>	Sandy Johnson
<b>February 27:</b>	Frizanes

Please Call (308) 832-1995 if you can fill one of the open dates or email [managerumcminden@msn.com](mailto:managerumcminden@msn.com).

**\*\*\*\*\*We are still taking applications for the custodian position at the church. If you know of anyone or yourself please send them our way.\*\*\*\*\***



**HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?**

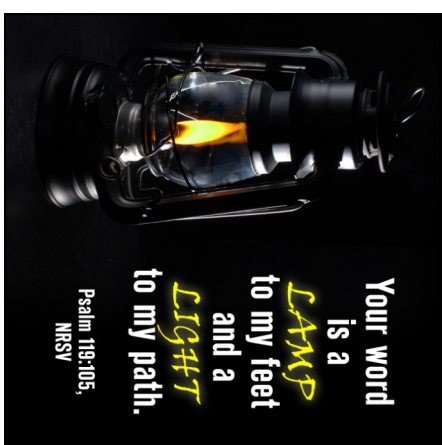
Please write down your prayer requests for 2022. Text them to Pastor Peter at 201-888-8430 or email them to him at [peterchoiminden@gmail.com](mailto:peterchoiminden@gmail.com) or send them to 340 N Newell Ave, Minden, NE 68959.

**Newsletter Change**

Please let the office know if you would like this Newsletter emailed. Send a note to [managerumcminden@msn.com](mailto:managerumcminden@msn.com) from the email address you currently use. It is posted every month on our website, [mindenumc.org](http://mindenumc.org). We will decide at the January meeting if we will continue the mailing.



**2022 Vision:**  
**Expand Our Boundaries**  
**Through the Word of God.**  
 “Your word is a lamp for my feet,  
 a light on my path”  
 (Psalm 119:105)



**Office Hours:**  
**Pastor Peter Choi**  
 Please call for appointment 201-888-8430  
 Tuesday-Saturday 10:00am to 5:00pm  
**Jaime Sinsel, Office Manager**  
 Monday-Friday 8am-Noon  
**Joan Fries, Prayer Chain**

Address/Service Requested



**Sunday School 9:00am**  
**Sunday Worship 9:45am**  
**Adult Sunday School 10:45am**

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