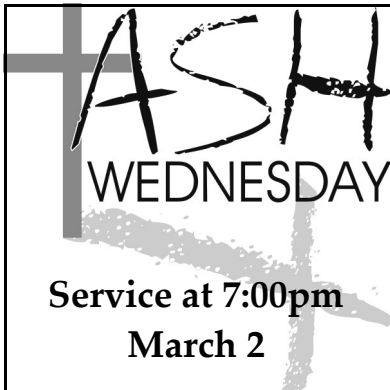


The Messenger



March 2022



Dear Minden United Methodist Family,
I cannot imagine that spring is just around the corner. I feel like a New Year was started a few days ago, but Ash Wednesday is March 2. Day light saving begins on March 13. I can smell the freshness of spring in many places. Farmers get busier to prepare for the farming season. We take out spring clothes. I put air in the tires of bicycles. Yes, it is time to stretch out. It is time to be renewed. It is time to return to the church.

During this Lenten season, I plan a special event. We can be connected to each other in the name of the Lord as forty volunteers read Scripture and pray. I will post the devotion on Facebook and YouTube every day. During this time, we will remember our mortality and repent our sins as we give more time and energy to God and prepare ourselves for what Christ offers us through his death and resurrection.

I can feel Jesus' sacrificial love for me when I practice the Easter cantata songs every Thursday at 6:30 pm. Jesus died and was resurrected about 2000 years ago, but I can feel his sacrifice and resurrection for me. My broken relationship with God is restored. My relationship with God continues and even goes forever. That's why I have hope for the future.

I am excited about the Ad Council meeting resumes. Ad Council is the central committee that oversees the church's ministry and checks up on each committee. We can share how we develop our ministry with others. I am happy with our youth group and Wednesday kids class. Teachers serve their ministry with full hearts. I can see youth and children enjoy their lessons. I also have a big smile as I support them. Please continue to pray for this ministry.

In Christ, your pastor.

Peter Choi

Well Done, Good and Faithful One!

Pastor Peter and his family came into our church family in July 2018. Prior to that, Pastor was ordained in the Korean Methodist Church in 2015. Upon coming to our church, our Great Plains Conference from the Kansas and Nebraska region, and specifically our Gateway District, which we are one of the seventeen districts in our conference, Pastor needed to transfer his membership to continue on in his ministry to us. For many who have transferred into our church from another, we simply answer 3-4 questions with "I will" and then membership is granted and names are recorded into the church membership. But for Pastor it wasn't that easy. It was hard work to receive the provisional membership for our Pastor. For some time, Pastor has been diligently, prayerfully and faithfully working to receive that membership. The process is long and he will continue to have two more years to completely finish the process to be an elder with full connection in the United Methodist Church. February 11, he was approved for his provisional membership after a three hour questioning interview and a written 35-40 page paper, amongst other things. So Pastor Peter, your church family says: Well done, good and faithful one! You truly are a blessing to us, the community and to the UMC. May God continue to place the desires in your heart to be with the United Methodist Church and to minister to all for a long, long time.

Praising My Savior All The Day Long by Joyce Will

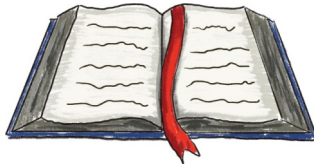


Many people dread certain days of the week; usually Mondays. Mondays are almost always associated with going back to work, school and your regular routine after a weekend off. For many, the sighing and ho hums and upside down smiles are a part of the start of the week. Some people like/dislike certain times of the day. Some will say they are morning people and some will say they could stay up all night. I'm one of those that could stay up all night, and did so many times when I was working as a nurse.

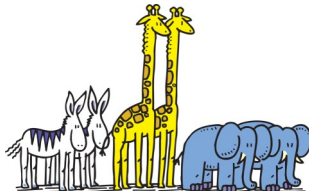
Throughout my life I've never much liked to rise and shine first thing in the morning. When I was a kid at church camps, we of course were required to get up early, often as the sun was rising, which by the way is a wonderful time of peace and quiet to spend time worshiping our God. I especially liked a song our camp counselors required us all to join in and sing together almost every morning when we would gather in the dining hall before breakfast with our eyes half open. "Rise And Shine" was the energetic song and if you were grumpy because you had to get up early, this song was guaranteed to make you smile. "Rise and shine and give God the glory glory; rise and shine and give God the glory glory; Rise! And! Shine! And! Give God the glory glory; children of the Lord." Catchy tune when put to actions that we did every morning, you just couldn't hide your smile. Giving God glory - because we wake up to another day? We often take that for granted that we'll awake in the morning light, don't we. Are we always thankful when we wake up to another day that God has granted us? The Bible tells us we will be: "This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" - Psalms 118:24. My husband and I don't usually set an alarm clock per say, but we do have a cat that is often like an alarm clock and almost every morning she will come in to where we are sleeping rather peacefully and meows more and more loudly until one of us gets up. So when that alarm wakes you up, and you do rise and shine every morning, do you give God the glory and praise Him, not only for another day, but for all His goodness and mercy He gives to us? Do you feel happy and blest because our Savior lives in your heart? I especially like a song from the musical "Godspell". "Day by Day" is a favorite of mine and I especially love these lyrics: "Day by day, Oh dear Lord, three things I pray; to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day." Aren't those three things what we all want in our lives as we go through our day? I believe they are. We shouldn't just praise God in the mornings only, but day by day we should be offering our praises and thanksgiving to ALL He has done for us and given to us. My friends, we are so blessedly assured of that and so much more, when we are praising our Savior, all the day long. **Jw♥**

Newsletter Change

We are asking you to please pick up your newsletter at the Church. Our goal will be to have them by the entrance the Friday before the 1st of each month. We will still be mailing them to members if they would like them mailed. If you got your newsletter by email and would like it mailed please contact the office. Also, please let the office know if you would like the Newsletter emailed, send a note to managerumcminden@msn.com from the email address you currently use. It is posted every month on our website, mindenumc.org.



**Adult Sunday School
following worship (10:45am)
every Sunday**



Kids Church School is every
Wednesday 3:30 p.m—5:00 p.m.

March 6th during Sunday worship
the children will sing a song!

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

April 10th during Sunday worship the 3rd and 4th
Grade Students will receive a Bible from the Church
and the Children will sing a song.



Life in Our Church Families...

Take a moment and say a prayer for:
Jan Larsen, Dolly Grams, Larry Preston, Kurt Muller,
Gary Smidt, Merlin Beahm
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.

We have begun work on our lenten cantata; Please join us. We sing unison meaning that all sing the melody. Our cantata is titled "God hath provided a Lamb". There are several good hymns and some you may already know. You will enjoy it, and it is an opportunity to lead in worship as we present it on Sunday morning, April 10, Palm Sunday. It will be a special service of musical praise.

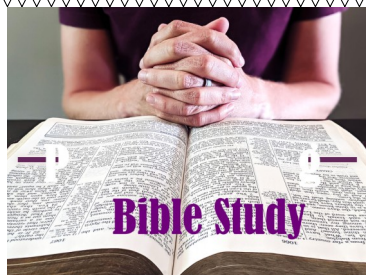
Choir Practice is Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary.




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.




Youth Group
March 2 at 6:00 p.m.
March 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Meal and drinks will be provided.



Bible Study
"Threading the Bible"
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="color: green; margin: 0;">March 2022</h1> <p style="margin: 5px 0 0 20px;">HB Happy Birthday HA Happy Anniversary</p> </div>		<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>10am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>
<p>6 9:45 am Worship Special Music by Children 1st Sunday in Lent 10:45 am Adult Sunday School 2:00pm Cub Scout Pinewood Derby</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>10am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study</p>
<p>13  2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Time</p> <p>9:45 am Worship 2nd Sunday in Lent 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>10am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study 6:30pm Girl Scouts</p>
<p>20 9:45 am Worship 3rd Sunday in Lent 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>10am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts</p>
<p>27 9:45 am Worship 4th Sunday in Lent 10:45 am Adult Sunday School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>10am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study</p>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 3:30pm After School Sunday School 5:00pm Praise Team Practice 6:00pm Youth Group 7pm Ash Wednesday Service	3 6:30pm Choir Practice	4	5
9 9:30am UMW (MPS Spring Break NO After School Sunday School) 7:00pm Finance Mtg	10 6:30pm Choir Practice	11	12
16 3:30pm After School Sunday School 5:00pm Praise Team Practice 6:30pm Youth Group	 17 6:30pm Choir Practice	18	19
23 3:30pm After School Sunday School	24 6:30pm Choir Practice	25	26
30 3:30pm After School Sunday School	31 6:30pm Choir Practice		



The Youth Group made Valentines and Pastor Peter and Larry got to deliver them to Bethany Home. Kindness and Love put a smile on the members faces.





February Financial Report...

General Giving in February	\$6,263
General Fund Giving to Date	\$26,298
General Expenses in February	\$5,838
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$33,557

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

Scripture Readers for March & April:

March 6:	Madeline Kring
March 13:	Larry Evans
March 20:	KayLyn McBride
March 27:	Joyce Will
April 3:	Ginger Frizane
April 10:	Emma Grube
April 17:	Melissa Klabunde
April 24:	Jane Craig

Refreshment Hosts for March & April:

March 6:	Jack Hultquist
March 13:	The Choi Family
March 20:	Wilkinsons
March 27:	Lyra Johnson
April 3:	McBrides
April 10:	Heath Family
April 17:	Klabunde Family
April 24:	Julie Ratka

Greeters/Ushers for March & April:

March 6:

March 13:
Kelly Mills

March 20:

March 27:

April 3:
Sheryl Heath

April 10:
Heath Family

April 17:
Klabunde Family

April 24:
Dave & Jane Craig

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



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

AddressService Requested

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)



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