



Dear Minden UMC,

Grace and peace to each of you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The weather here in January was exceptionally cold. It seems like the coldest weather during my six years in Minden. Someone mentioned that the weather outside was colder than a freezer. As we move into February, I hope we experience milder weather, allowing more people to attend worship and making people outside.

Let me share the church ministry for the season of Lent with you. This year, our Lenten journey begins on February 14 with Ash Wednesday, and Easter falls on March 31. During this Lenten season, I encourage you to take part in our Upper Room challenge. Our goal is to have 40 individuals committed to reading the Upper Room daily devotion. This presents a wonderful opportunity for those who may be unable to participate in the ministry or attend our church actively. Engaging in this spiritual practice will guide us through a season of reflection, prayer, and a deepening connection with God. I encourage you to sign up and invite those around you to embark on a collective journey of spiritual growth within our congregation.

In conjunction with our Lenten observance, we will host a six-week study class on world religions. This is an excellent opportunity for us to deepen our understanding of different faith traditions, fostering respect and dialogue. I invite you all to join this enlightening and enriching exploration of diverse perspectives.

Now, let me address the current significant direction of our church. Our church vision for this year is “All things work together for good.” If we have led the ministry focusing on pastors until now, it is time for our church to change. We must now walk together for the future of the church. Without your participation, ministry becomes too limited.

Starting this year, we will engage with SPRC members to discuss the direction of the church and plans for the coming year. Through the insights from these meetings, the ministry will progress, and especially, we will work on establishing plans for the year ahead, finding ways to minister together with the congregation.

For several years, Joyce Will has contributed articles to our newsletter. Through this time, we extend our heartfelt gratitude. And starting this year, we are excited to announce that Jack Hultquist will be sharing some history about our church and town. Additionally, we eagerly await your participation. In February, we featured the work of Nadine Fahrlander. If any of you would like to contribute as well, please get in touch with us, and we will be happy to include your contributions in the church newsletter.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Peter Choi



“Approaching Congruency”

These cast iron hands were created by Nadine Fahrlander in 2003. Later they were combined to suggest a coming together.

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:30am Prayer Time	2 	3
4 10:00am Worship 5th Sunday after the Epiphany 11:00am Adult Sunday School	5 7pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Boy Scouts	6 10:30am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study 7pm Girl Scouts	7 3:30pm Kid's Church School 6:30pm Youth Group	8 9:30am Prayer Time	9	10
11 10:00am Worship Transfiguration Sunday 11:00am Adult Sunday School	12 8-4 WIC	13 10:30am Bible Study 5pm Bible Study 7pm Cub Scouts	14 Valentines Day Ash Wednesday 9:30am UMW Lenten Lunch at Westminster United Presbyterian Church 3:30pm Kid's Church School 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	15 9:30am Prayer Time	16	17
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Scripture Readers:

February 4 : ?
February 11: ?
February 18: Lori Conyers
February 25: Sophie Graham

Greeters/Ushers:

February 4 : ?
February 11: ?
February 18: Lori Conyers
February 25: ?

Refreshment Hosts:

February 4 : ?
February 11: Gary & Deb Smidt
February 18: ?
February 25: The Graham's Family

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

February 4: Communion Steward: Shirley Fellers

Servers: Lori Conyers, Shirley Fellers, ? , ? .

Life in Our Church Family...

Take a moment and say a prayer for:

Dan & Ginger Frizane, Marjorie Hultquist, Larry Anderson, Merlin Beahm,
and Jan Hofferber (Kathi's mother).

Justiss Hinkle is due to have her baby the beginning of February please keep
her and the unborn baby and their family in your prayers.

Please call the office when you know of any illness, hospitalization, new ba-
bies, 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 Jeanette Wilkinson at 402-756-0772.

January Financial Report...

General Giving in January	\$11,085
General Fund Giving to Date	\$11,085
General Expenses in January	\$3,272
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(This report does not include the final days in January)	



**Lenten Lunches will by at
Westminster United
Presbyterian Church**



FEBRUARY

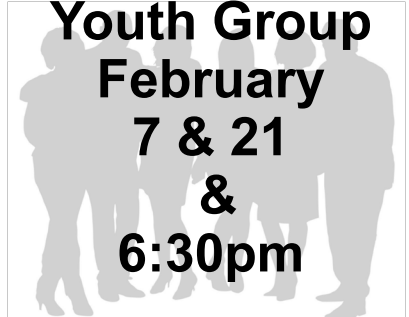
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries

- 4—Dick & KayLyn McBride—57 years
- 16—Jason & Jaime Sinsel—17 years
- 17—Donlyn & Sandra Space—50 years
- 23—Bill & Kathy Hunter—55 years

Happy Birthday

- 4—Mark Loseke
- 10—Mick Jameson
- 10—John Mullin
- 10—Kara Suchsland
- 15—Lee Ann Lux
- 15—Nicholas Pearson
- 17—Jean Liebers
- 21—Jeff Hanson
- 22—James Wilkinson
- 24—Merlin Beahm
- 25—Clark Bauer
- 25—Ed Rowse



Youth Group
February
7 & 21
&
6:30pm

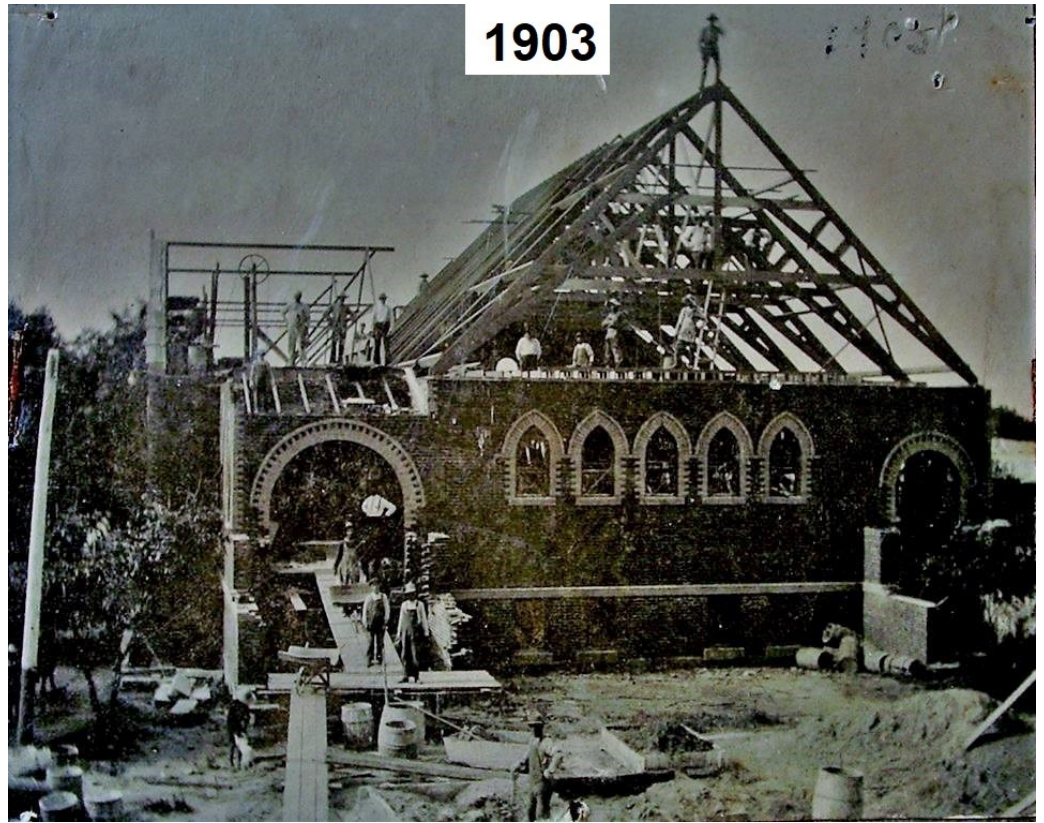
Please help feed our youth and children by volunteering to bring after school snacks or a meal. Sign up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary.



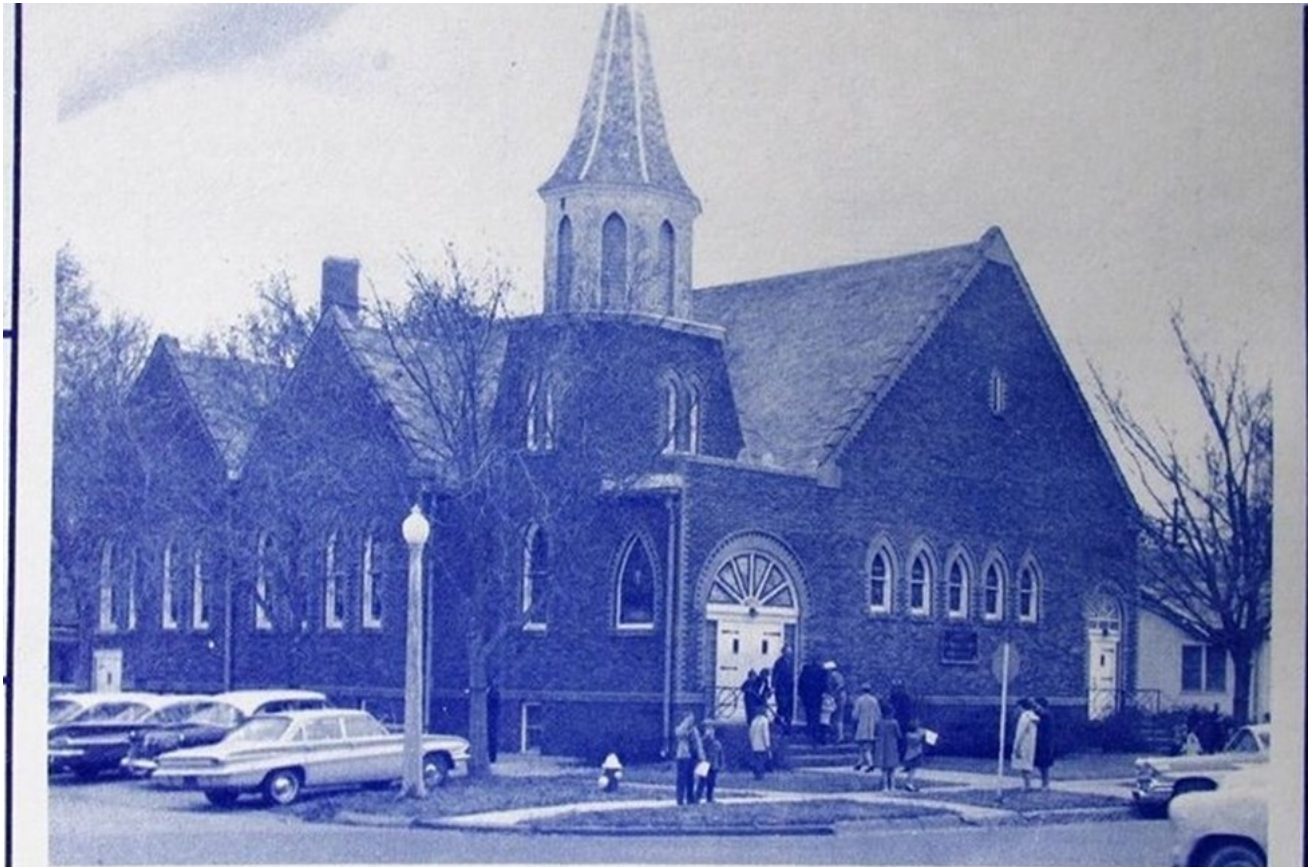
Date unknown of this photo after the church was completed. Though that is still a brick sidewalk along the left side of the church. One would think a smooth concrete sidewalk would have been one of their first improvements after the M. E. Church was built.

**Methodist Church
1903 - 1970**

**NE corner of
E. 6th Street
and
N. Colorado Ave.**



1903



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH MINDEN, NEBRASKA

About
1966





United Methodist Church
340 N. Newell Ave
Minden, NE 68959

Sunday Worship 10am



**Kid's Church School
every Wednesday
3:30pm**

Lent Begins—Ash Wednesday Service February 14 at 7:00pm

If you cannot attend the 7 pm service, Pastor Peter will be available from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm to administer the imposition of ashes.

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**Jeanette Wilkinson,
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We know that all things work together for good
to those who love God.

Romans 8:28, NKJV