



Dear Minden UMC,

Our hearts are filled with hope and joy because Jesus Christ has indeed risen from the grave. The stone that had been placed in front of the tomb was rolled away, and Mary encountered the resurrected body of Jesus Christ. Jesus conquered sin and opened the gates of salvation for all who believe in Him.

The resurrection story continues to unfold today. So, during Easter, we speak of Jesus' resurrection in the present tense, not the past tense: "Christ is indeed risen!" Today, we can even experience the triumph of light over darkness, life over death, and love over despair. Our old selves die with Jesus; we can rise with Him as new creatures. We shall no longer walk in the path of darkness, for Jesus will illuminate our way forward.

I extend my gratitude to all who participated in the devotions. While listening to the devotions, I was often overwhelmed by the grace poured out by God. Many, from children to older people, participated in the devotions. Though we may be apart during the weekdays, we experienced unity in Christ and felt the blessings poured upon our church by the Holy Spirit.

We also successfully completed the six-week class on world religions. Despite believing in different gods, we shared many ways to live together as human beings. We discussed prejudices towards people of other faiths, and many biases have diminished through the class. Nevertheless, if asked to choose a religion, I would still choose Christianity. I believe Christianity holds a unique worldview not found in other religions, and the path to salvation through Jesus is a distinct aspect of Christianity that sets it apart from others.

The grace and love God has bestowed upon me through Jesus Christ are so immense that I cannot compare them to any other religion. Although I am still lacking, I desire to follow His teachings, uphold His values in my life, and walk the path He has walked. I also wish that more people would believe in Jesus and follow Him. In doing so, I believe this world would overflow with love rather than hatred, peace instead of war, and freedom instead of oppression.

Once again, I would like to reiterate: Jesus Christ has indeed risen. Because Jesus has risen, Christianity is not a religion of death but of life. Christianity is not about what we do but about believing in and following what Jesus has already done. No matter how desperate our situation may seem, we have hope because all we need to do is believe in and follow what Jesus has accomplished.

Do you experience difficulties and hardships in your life? There are always limits to what human strength alone can accomplish, and as a result, you might experience wounds. However, Jesus is different. By relying on and trusting in Jesus and following Him, all your anxieties and pains will be healed because Jesus has the power to do so.

Yours in Christ
Pastor Peter Choi

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Boy Scouts	2 10am Study Group with Pastor Choi 7pm Girl Scouts	3 3:30pm Kid's Church School 5:30pm SPRC Mtg	4 9:30am Prayer Time	5	6
7 10:00am Worship 2nd Sunday of Easter 11:00am Adult Sunday School	8	9	10 9:30am UMW 3:30pm Kid's Church School 6:30pm Youth Group	11 9:30am Prayer Time	12	13
14 10:00am Worship 3rd Sunday of Easter 11:00am Adult Sunday School	15 7pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Boy Scouts	16 7pm Girl Scouts	17 3:30pm Kid's Church School 6:00pm Finance Mtg.	18 9:30am Prayer Time	19	20 11am-5pm Girl Scouts
21 10:00am Worship 4th Sunday of Easter 11:00am Adult Sunday School	22 8-4 WIC	23 7pm Cub Scouts	24 3:30pm Kid's Church School 6:30pm Youth Group	25 9:30am Prayer Time	26	27
28 10:00am Worship 5th Sunday of Easter 11:00am Adult Sunday School	29	30				

Scripture Readers:**April 7 :** ?**April 14:** ?**April 21:** ?**April 28:** ?**Greeters/Ushers:****April 7 :** ?**April 14:** ?**April 21:** ?**April 28:** ?**Refreshment Hosts:****April 7 :** ?**April 14:** Dawn Moyer**April 21:** ?**April 28:** ?

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

April 7: Communion Steward: ?

Servers: Lori Conyers, Karli Havens,
Dawn Moyer, & ?

Life in Our Church Family...

Take a moment and say a prayer for:

Doug Fellers, Dan & Ginger Frizane, Joe & Marjorie Hultquist,
Larry Anderson, Merlin Beahm, Peggy Rasmussen
and Jan Hofferber (Kathi'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 Jeanette Wilkinson at 402-756-0772.

March Financial Report...

General Giving in March	\$11,615
General Fund Giving to Date	\$37,175
General Expenses in March	\$22,528
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$55,7045
(This report does not include the final days in March)	

Happy Birthday

3—Joan Fries
 13—Val Kauk
 15—Phyllis Burnham
 15—Bailee Fries
 18—Lyra Johnson
 20—Jeanette Wilkinson
 25—Joyce Bender
 25—Riley Ratka
 29—Marjorie Hultquist

**Happy Anniversary**

29—Doug & Shirley Fellers

[Joe Hultquist was a starter on this 1958 team]

The "Grand Finale" for Superintendent C. L. Jones was the school year 1957-58. The Whippet's again won a State Championship. Special memories were etched in the minds of hometown fans and the pages of Minden athletic history.

[Aldie][1952 moving home to Minden & the Methodist Church]

The next two stops were "politically correct", Pedley's Drug Store and The Minden Paint Store. Pedley's had a soda fountain and hired the right girls which helped keep the seats at the counter full. A quick glance indicated nothing had changed. Harold Pedley was a President of the school board so a special introduction of my family was necessary. Harold, along with my Father and C. J. Morey were responsible for "The Lights of The World", Minden's annual Christmas Pageant. The Minden Paint Store was operated by Jack E. Etzelmiller, son of Jack H. Etzelmiller clothing. J.H. & J.E. were my life long friends, avid athletic fans, great school and community supporters.

[Lincoln calls Aldie!][1959]

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Lincoln High School's long time successful basketball coach, Lyle Weyand, had resigned from his position. The dream of being a coach had gone beyond expectation. Waverly, Minden and now the possibility of becoming a LINK.

The decision to leave home was difficult, [REDACTED]

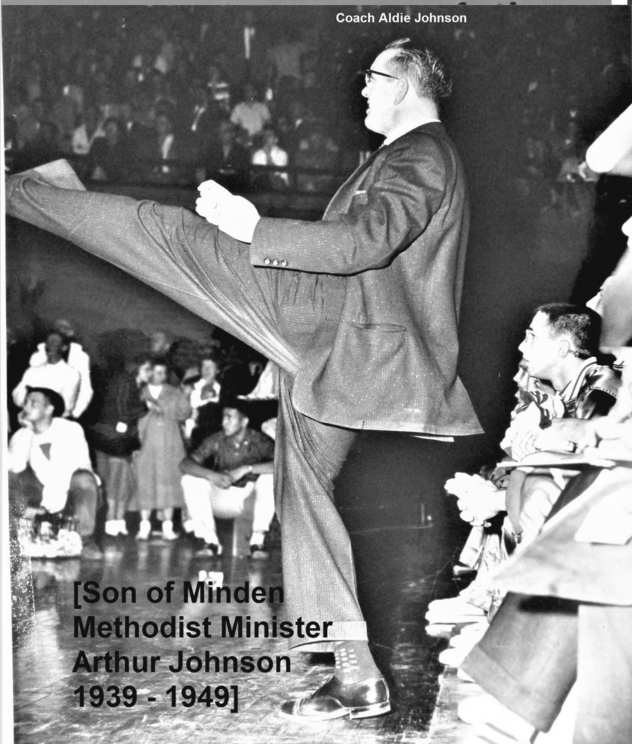
Aldie Johnson was Minden's Basketball Coach from 1952 - 1959. He wrote a 32 page book about his life, both as a youth and as a successful basketball coach in Minden. These images are from Aldie's 32 page book.

[By Aldie Johnson a very successful MHS & Lincoln basketball coach.]

The 1950's post-war generation of youth had found new freedom in their use of the automobile. One of their "new freedoms" was the constant circling of the village square. Several Minden Women's Clubs combined efforts for the purpose of curtailing this incessant behavior pattern which had developed by Minden youth since V-J day. They decided to address the issue by having a panel discussion. The coaches were invited as participants for their next meeting. We spoke in behalf of the youth, defending their behavior. How fortunate we were as citizens of Minden if this was the only problem they could identify. Closure was brought to the panel discussion when Ethel Newell, a staunch supporter of the Methodist Church commented: "I don't think we have anything to worry about, it looks like our Preacher's Son has turned out o.k." Her expression of confidence was sincerely appreciated. It was good to be home!

[Methodist Minister Arthur Johnson & a pageant founder]

The Church my Father had served from 1939-1949 was the church we chose to attend.



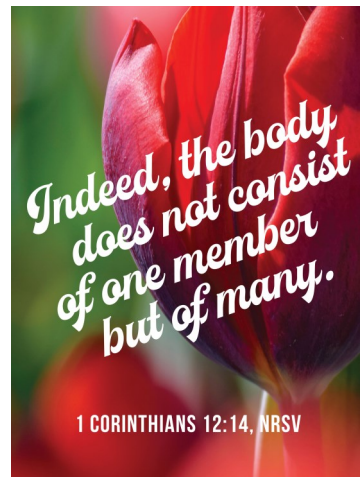
Coach Aldie Johnson

[Son of Minden Methodist Minister Arthur Johnson 1939 - 1949]



[Minden vs. Omaha Holy Name, quite the Basketball games]





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

Sunday Worship 10am



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

He is Risen

**2024
Church vision:
All things
work together
for good.
(Romans 8:28)**



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