

**United Methodist Church
340 N Newell Ave,
Minden, Nebraska
1st Sunday after Christmas Day
10:00 a.m.
December 29, 2024**

Welcome and Announcements

1. As we begin the new year, we invite you to join us for our New Year's Worship Service on **Sunday, January 5, 2025**. This will be a time to come before God with renewed hearts, dedicating ourselves to God as we step forward into the year ahead.

2. In February 2025, Pastor Peter will begin a new sermon series titled **Living the Questions: A Journey through Faith and Life**. As Christians, we often wrestle with balancing our faith and the realities of daily life. This four-week series will explore questions that many of us wonder about but find difficult to answer.

For more details, please check the church newsletter, where you'll find a list of potential topics for this series. If there's a particular topic that interests you, please feel free to contact the church.

3. We encourage you to consider volunteering as a scripture reader, greeter, communion server, or refreshment host. If you feel called to serve our church and ministry, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

4. Refreshments will be served in Room 300 following worship.

5. Last week we received offerings of \$6,580.

Call to worship!

L: Today, we pause from our busy lives,

P: To be here with you, God.

L: We set aside our worries,

P: And open our hearts to you.

L: As we stand between the year that was and the year to come,

P: Fill us with your grace and peace.

L: In this moment of transition,

P: We seek your plans and will for us.

A: We pause to worship you, loving God, trusting in your good plans for our future. Amen.

Happy Birthday to

Jodi Boudreau
Langston White
Joyce Will
Steven Fries
Dick McBride
Rita Smith

Prayer List

Nadine Fahrlander
Lee Mills
Joe Hultquist
Larry Anderson

Dec. 29, 24—Jan 4, 25

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

New Years Eve

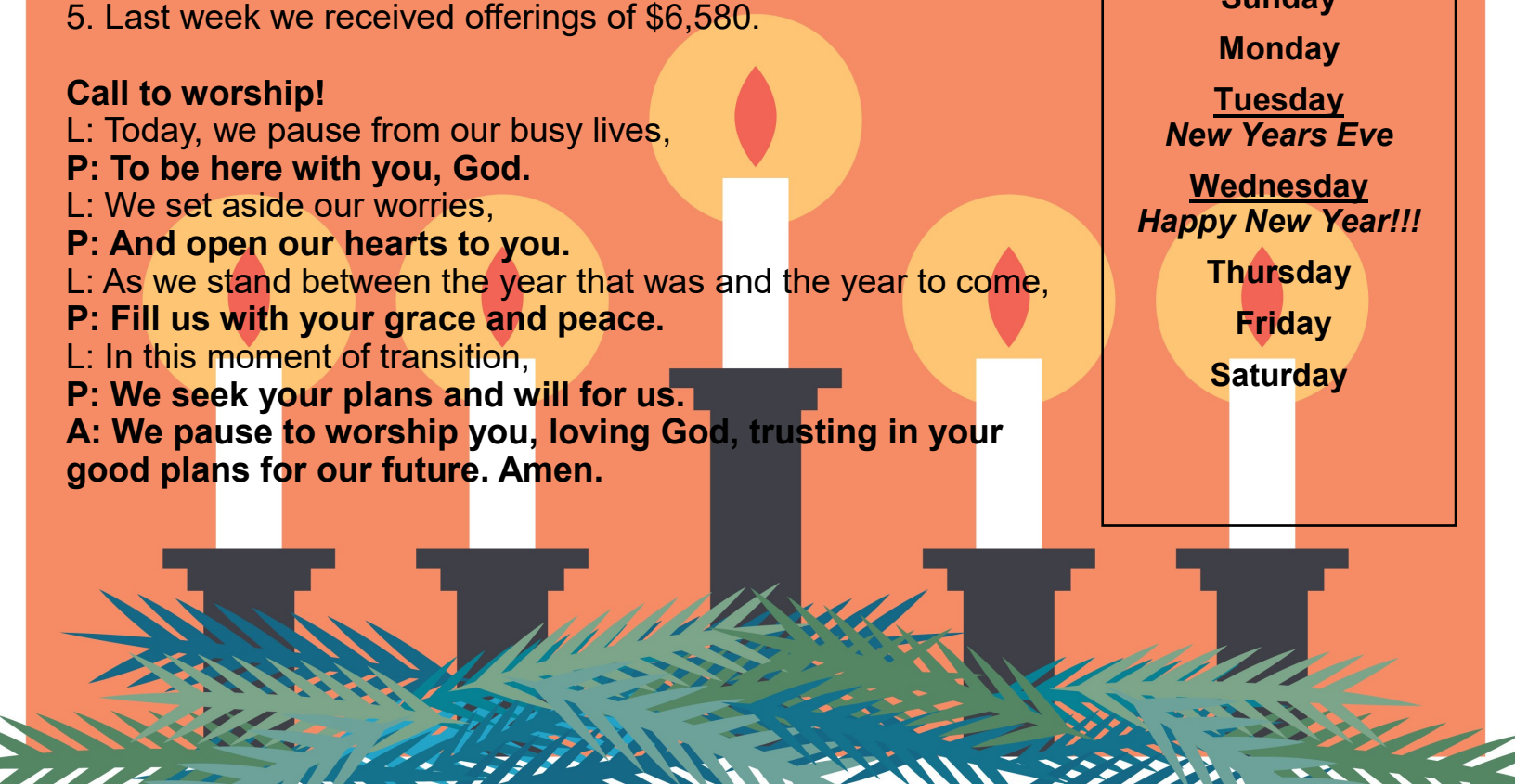
Wednesday

Happy New Year!!!

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Opening Prayer

If we seek you, O God, we are not lost. If we seek you, O God, we are whole. If we seek you, O God, we have purpose. Help us always seek you first and follow your guidance for our lives. Thank you for caring for us and desiring for us to prosper by following your purpose for our lives. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical Version) UMH#882

Opening Songs "Here I am to Worship" & "Blessed Be Your Name"

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Leanna Warner

Message

Tony Ratka

Joys & Concerns—Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH#94

Offertory Prayer

Guiding God, as we trust in your plan for our lives and our congregation, receive and bless these gifts that we might use them to fulfil your purposes. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Closing Song "Hope of the Nations"

Sending Forth

As we leave this place, may we carry with us the promise of God's love and purpose. Wherever this week takes you, trust that God is guiding your steps, giving you hope, and shaping your future. Go in faith, serve with joy, and share God's light with the world. Amen.