

Prayer Time...

Everyone is invited to attend a special time of prayer every Sunday morning at 9:30 am in the Prayer Room. This will be a short time of prayer to bless our time of fellowship during the Worship Service.

Families Needed...

Pastor Peter is needing for one more family who would like to help in lighting the Advent candles on Sunday mornings during the Advent season. If you are interested in helping please talk to Pastor Peter.

Minden Food Pantry...

The “grocery cart” is empty again. Minden Food Pantry is running low on food stores, as there has been an exceptionally large draw on it because of the weak economy.

Needed are non-perishable foods such as dry cereals, canned goods, soups, pasta, peanut butter, oatmeal, toilet tissue, laundry soap, toothpaste, etc.

You may bring these items to the “grocery cart” in the lobby of our church and they will be delivered to the Food Pantry. Thank you.

Children’s Christmas Program...

This year’s Children’s Christmas Program will be held on December 23rd, 2018 during the Worship Service at 9:45 am.

Time of Prayer...

Pastor Peter will be praying for the congregation in the Sanctuary 9:00~10:00 am every Wednesday and 9:30~10:30 am every Friday. You can bring any prayer request to Kay Lyn McBride or Pastor Peter.

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."
(1 Peter 5:7)

Pastoral Visits...

Pastor Peter will visit anyone on request. If pastoral care is needed around you, just contact Pastor Peter via e-mail or phone: 201-888-8430 or peterchoiminden@gmail.com

“For I am the Lord, who heals you.” (Exodus 15:26)

Quiet Bags...

Quiet Bags are available in the Lobby for younger children to use during the Worship Service.

Attention Parents...

Would the parents of Sunday School children please stay briefly after the Worship Service today. We will be measuring the children for costumes for the Children’s Christmas Program.

Minden United Methodist Church

**Our Vision:
Change lives, Know God,
Serve with Joy and Grace.**



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This Week's Calendar...

Today, Dec. 9 9:00 AM Sunday School
 9:30 AM Prayer Time in Prayer Room
 9:45 AM Worship Service
 Adult SS after Worship Service
 1:00 PM Confirmation Class
 1:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tuesday, Dec. 11 7:00 PM Finance Meeting

Wednesday, Dec.12 Noon UMW Christmas Luncheon
 7:00 PM Bell Choir

Sunday, Dec. 16 9:00 AM Sunday School
 9:30 AM Prayer Time in Prayer Room
 9:45 AM Worship Service
 Adult SS after Worship Service
 1:00 PM Confirmation Class

God's Word Heard...

Malachi 3:1-4 (NIV)

“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty. But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

Luke 3:1-6 (NIV)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all people will see God’s salvation.’”

**Order of Worship
 December 9, 2018**

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Words**

***Lighting the Advent Candle**

Mark & Melissa Klabunde & family

Congregation’s Response

***Hymn**

UMH #206

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

***Prayer**

***Passing of Peace of Christ**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Children’s Chat

Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

UMH #211

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

God’s Word Heard

Julie Ratka

Malachi 3:1-4 and Luke 3:1-6

God’s Word Proclaimed

Pastor Peter Choi

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Giving Our Gifts

Offertory

***Doxology “All Things Come of Thee” UMH #588**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn**

UMH #213

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

***Benediction and Sending Out**

Prayer List...

Please call the office when you know of someone in the hospital. Thank you!

Information from last week...

Worship Service Attendance.....80
 Last Sunday’s Worship Offering.....\$2,866.00

Please have this week’s birthday people in your prayer.

Chad Fries Jennifer Muller

There is a fully equipped Nursery for children through Kindergarten in the Southeast wing. A changing table is located in the Nursery.

Quiet Bags for young children are available in the lobby.

Restrooms are located in both the East and West hallways.

The Upper Room Devotional Booklets for Nov./Dec. are in the lobby.

CLAVINOVA/ORGAN: Glen Haselbarth, Marlys Farm, Dan Frizane
 PROJECTION: Tony Ratka, Larry Snavely, Alaina Suchsland
 GREETERS AND USHERS: Tony and Julie Ratka
 Todd & Kelli Suchsland & Family
 REFRESHMENT HOSTS: Tony and Julie Ratka