

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.

Christmas Eve Service...

Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7:00 pm on December 24th.

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.

Thank You...

Thank you to everyone that has helped out by greeting and ushering, reading the scripture, providing refreshments in 2018. It is so exciting to see our church growing and so many people wanting to help wherever needed in our church. It is time to look forward to the exciting new year at our church. Lists have been posted on the west bulletin board for opportunities for you and your family to help in the coming year. Please sign up and help us make 2019 a great year!

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. 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
 2:00 PM Boy Scouts

Monday, Dec. 17 8-4:00 PM WIC

Tuesday, Dec. 18 7:00 PM Girl Scouts

Wednesday, Dec. 19 6:00 PM Mom's United
 7:00 PM Bell Choir

Sunday, Dec. 23 9:00 AM Sunday School
 9:30 AM Prayer Time in Prayer Room
**9:45 AM Worship Service &
 Children's Program**
 Adult SS after Worship Service
 NO Confirmation Class

Prayer List...

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

Information from last week...

Worship Service Attendance.....99
 Last Sunday's Worship Offering.....\$4,935.64

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

Gaylen Hansen Sheryl Heath Jade Melroy
 Phil Fahrlander Sam Martin

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: Gordon and Linda Amstuz
 The Boudreau Family
 REFRESHMENT HOSTS: Gary & Deb Smidt

God's Word Heard...

John 3:7-18 (NIV)

You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Order of Worship
 December 16, 2018**

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Words**

***Lighting the Advent Candle**

Mike & Jodi Boudreau and Family

Congregation's Response

***Hymn**

UMH # 224

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

***Prayer**

***Passing of Peace of Christ**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Chat

Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn

UMH #218

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

God's Word Heard

Jodi Boudreau

John 3:7-18 and Philippians 4:4-7

God's Word Proclaimed

Pastor Peter Choi

"Rejoice In The Lord Always"

Giving Our Gifts

Offertory

Larry Tatum

***Doxology "All Things Come of Thee" UMH #588**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Baptism Covenant

Jentry Marie Olsen

Daughter of Jake and Michala Olsen

***Closing Hymn**

UMH #166

"All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine"

***Benediction and Sending Out**