

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.

Christmas Eve Service...

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

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!

Thank You For Your Support...

The Church wants to thank all the people who have faithfully supported the church throughout the year. It's been a challenging and exciting year, but faithful givers will see us through.

And we want to encourage those who pledged for 2018 to honor that pledge, if you haven't already. **NOTE: All gifts for 2018 need to be in the church office no later than Dec. 27th.**

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.

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.

Minden United Methodist Church

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



**340 North Newell Ave.
Minden, NE
308-832-1995**

**Pastor: Rev. Peter Choi
Pastor's Cell Phone: 1-201-888-8430
Pastor's Email: peterchoiminden@gmail.com
Office Email: managerumcminden@msn.com
www.facebook.com/MindenUMC**

**Order of Worship
December 23, 2018**

This Week's Calendar...

Today, 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
Monday, Dec. 24	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, Dec. 27		Last Day For 2018 Contributions
Sunday, Dec. 30	NO	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...

Luke 1:39-45

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my LORD should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the LORD would fulfill his promises to her!"

Hebrews 10:5-10

Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. Then I said, 'Here I am-it is written about me in the scroll- I have come to do your will, my God.'" First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them"-though they were offered in accordance with the law. Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Prayer List...

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

Information from last week...

Worship Service Attendance.....	128
Last Sunday's Worship Offering.....	\$5,441.00

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

Emma Grube Denny Lange

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: Mark & Melissa Klabunde & Family
Bobbie Heitman & Loneta Nolan
REFRESHMENT HOSTS: Tony & Julie Ratka

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Words**

***Lighting the Advent Candle**

Jason and Jaime Sinsel and Family

Congregation's Response

***Hymn "Joy to the World" UMH #246**

***Prayer**

***Passing of Peace of Christ**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Program "The Christmas Story"

Hymn UMH #250

"Once in Royal David's City"

God's Word Heard Joyce Will

Luke 1:39-45 and Hebrews 10:5-10

God's Word Proclaimed Pastor Peter Choi

"Love Of Christ Is Coming"

Giving Our Gifts

Offertory

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn UMH #234**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

***Benediction and Sending Out**