



MINGO UMC

# Messenger

NOVEMBER 2018

Pastor's Note

## JOIN US!

### Sunday School:

Children meet Sept. - May:  
9:30 - 10:30 am

Adults meet year-round:  
9:45 - 10:30 am

### Worship:

10:45 - 11:45 am

### Youth Fellowship:

2nd Saturday of every month

## CONNECT:

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Pastor Phil Dicks

## Thanks-Living

Getting Ready for two Sundays of Thanksgiving  
and Praise – November 18th and 25th!

**W**hat if we observed two Sundays in November that lifts up the importance of thanksgiving and praise as an important part of our Christian faith and discipleship?

Traditionally, we focus on the holiday of Thanksgiving as a one-day event featuring a meal and family. It's all good! But what if we practiced extending Thanksgiving and praise into our daily lives?

### Praise to God is a Lifestyle

All too often, praise to God is something that many people leave at church, an event that happens only when they come together with other Christians. However, thanksgiving and praise should be a part of a believer's lifestyle, intermingled as a part of their daily prayer life. At work, in the car, at home in bed, or anywhere; praise to the Lord brings the refreshing of the Lord's presence, along with His power and anointing. *"...I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psalms 34:1).*

The Bible says that *"God inhabits in the thanksgiving and praises of God's people"* (Psalms 22:3). In other words, God "dwells" in the atmosphere of God's thanksgiving and praise. This means that thanksgiving and praise is more than a reaction of coming into God's presence... Thanksgiving and praise to God is a vehicle of faith which takes us into God's presence and power! Thanksgiving and praise allows us to enter into the complete experience of God. The psalmist writes, *"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name" (Psalms 100:4).*

### Put simply, our Thanksgiving turns into Thanks-Living!

Colossians 3:17:

*And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

As we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday season, let us take a look at how we can sit in the **THANKSGIVING CHAIR!** On Sunday, November 18th and 25th, we are going to introduce the **THANKSGIVING CHAIR** as we acknowledge the grace of God in all areas of our life. We will begin this Sunday in talking about two special services of thanksgiving and praise. It will start in our worship and move into our homes and our community (and beyond). We invite you to be a part so that this year, we enter into a new time of Thanks-Living in the **THANKSGIVING CHAIR.**

Sitting in the **THANKSGIVING CHAIR** teaches us to not allow circumstances to affect our thankfulness to God -- even when things look terrible in life, we will be able to be thankful.

Colossians 3:16-17

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with Thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving Thanks to God.*

See you this Sunday at the "Thanks-Living" Church!

Pastor Phil

## FARRAR UMC NEWS: Ways to Connect —

To find out more about Farrar UMC upcoming events and information, visit [FarrarUMC.org](http://FarrarUMC.org) or the Farrar United Methodist Church Facebook page.

## THANK YOU

Thanks to each of you for your cards, food, phone visits, and prayers as I recover from back surgery. It is nice to be without pain after the last three years. It pays to change doctors and get a second opinion. Thanks also to the kids' Sunday School classes for the pictures. Bob, I appreciate the time you have spent doing the washing, sweeping and the dishes.

*Barbara Leonard*

## CONCERT



Life 107.1 and Service Legends welcome **Big Daddy Weave and Brandon Heath** to Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines on **Friday, Nov. 9, 7:00 – 10:00 pm**. Address: 925 Jordan Creek Pkwy. West Des Moines, IA 50266. For tickets, visit: [www.life1071.com](http://www.life1071.com)

# Administrative Board Meeting Minutes

October 2018

The Administrative Board met at the church on Wed., Oct. 17th at 6:00 pm with Luanne Heffelfinger, Chubb Borts, Janice Gregerson, Rodney Altes, Bill & Theresa Berriman, Jolene Brady, and Chairman Bob Leonard. Pastor Phil was absent.

Chairman Bob opened with a prayer. Bill moved to accept last month's secretarial report. Motion was seconded by Rodney and passed.

Treasurer Luanne presented the financial report for approval. Expenses were \$x,xxx.xx; with a total balance of \$x,xxx.xx on September 30th. Bill's motion to approve the report was seconded by Chubb. Approval given.

Janice G. shared that the Charge Conference on Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018, was well-attended by both the Mingo and Farrar congregations. Jolene typed the notes and copies are available if needed.

The Nominations lists are in the process of being updated.

Many commented that the church's 120th birthday party on Sun., Oct. 14, was a fun time of fellowship and good food.

The Vision Committee is planning on meeting on Wed., Oct. 24 at 5:30 pm. to help plan the next church events.

Jolene also shared that the youth Sunday school has several different mission projects they will be working on this year. For the month of November, they are asking everyone to bring items for a mitten tree (including mittens, gloves, hats & scarves, which will be donated to Joppa, a local homeless outreach program). Looking ahead, the Sunday school Christmas program practice will begin in November. The program is scheduled for Sun., Dec. 9th (snow date: Sun., Dec. 16). The children hope to present their program rehearsal to residents at the Newton Health Care Center on Sun., Dec. 2. The youth Sunday school Christmas party will be Sun., Dec. 23. There will be NO youth Sunday school classes on Sun., Dec. 30th.

Rodney noted that there will be an upcoming change in the Treasury/Finance Committee. Theresa Berriman will be filling Luanne's roll as Church Treasurer. The process is expected to take effect over the course of several months as Luanne and Theresa will work together to make a smooth and seamless transition. Rodney made the motion for Theresa's official job duties as treasurer to begin on January 1, 2019. Janice seconded the motion and passed. Luanne will remain on the financial board as back-up. Theresa's name will be added to the account now, so she can begin to set up online banking and other tasks to have things in place by January.

Luanne made a motion that the church give Adam Bucklin a \$25 Casey's gift card as a thank you for power washing Nora Borts' house. The Sunday school children will make thank you cards to accompany the gift card. Rodney seconded. Motion passed.

Jolene noted that the third Wednesday of the month for November will be the day before Thanksgiving. It was decided that the Nov. board meeting will be shifted to the second Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 6:00 pm.

Bill moved that this month's Local Mission Giving in the amount of \$100.00 be given to the Salvation Army. Motion was seconded by Theresa and passed. Bill moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Janice. All joined hands and prayed "The Lord's Prayer" together in closing.

*Jolene Brady*, Recording Secretary

# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:



Our Sunday school children have been having fun & learning a lot with our special focus on missions! We have made thank you notes and get well cards for others. On Sun., Oct. 7th, we went to Sonny Deaton's house to sing songs and visit. We want to send a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped donate socks to our Joppa "Socktober" mission. The box is overflowing with generous donations! We are collecting mittens, gloves, hats & scarves for the month of November.

Join us at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings for Sunday school. We have begun practicing for our Christmas program! On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, we will meet at the Newton Health Care Center (200 S. 8th Ave. E., Newton) to perform our dress rehearsal for the nursing home residents. **Our Sunday School Christmas Program is scheduled for Sun., Dec. 9th (snow date: Sun., Dec. 16) during worship time at 10:45 am. Our Sunday school Christmas party will be Sun., Dec. 23. There will be NO youth Sunday school classes on Sunday, Dec. 30th.**



## RUSH Youth Fellowship

Our October meeting was cancelled due to illness, but fortunately the Sunday School class was able to assemble UMCOR Health Kits for the church.

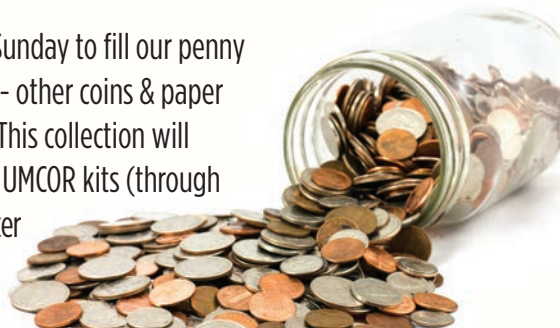
November 2nd and 3rd we will be taking the youth to

a lock-in retreat in connection with the Ingathering in Greenfield, IA. The youth will have fun and fellowship Friday night and will be working on Saturday to unload cars from the attendees with their UMCOR donations. It should be fun to have fellowship with other youth groups! **RUSH YF is open to all youth 7-12 grades. If you have any questions please call Dawn and Kent at 641-363-3299.**



## PENNY JAR COLLECTION:

Please bring your extra change each Sunday to fill our penny jar. Don't let the pennies feel lonely -- other coins & paper money are gladly accepted, as well! This collection will help defray the shipping costs for our UMCOR kits (through the Ingathering) which are sent to disaster victims in times of need. Thank you!



## UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE DECEMBER DATES:

### \* SATURDAY, DEC. 1

**Hanging of the Greens /  
Decorate church for Advent & Christmas**  
9:00 am - cinnamon rolls & orange juice provided

### Community Christmas Caroling

4:00 - 6:00 pm - Meet in the Mingo UMC  
parking lot for route directions

- After caroling, visit Santa's Workshop at the "North Pole" in the basement of the Mingo UMC for FREE family fun
- Refreshments - enjoy cookies, holiday treats & hot cocoa
- Santa will visit!
- Goody gift bags for kids
- Get your picture taken with Santa

### \* SUNDAY, DEC. 2 [FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT]

**Nursing Home Visit (Children's Sunday  
School Christmas Program Rehearsal)**

9:30 am - meet at the Newton Health Care Center  
(200 S. 8th Ave. E., Newton, IA)  
Children will sing & perform the Christmas  
program, as well as share Christmas gifts &  
cards with residents

### \* SATURDAY, DEC. 8

**RUSH YF - Christmas Party**

3:30 pm - Assemble & deliver cookie & fruit boxes /  
youth Christmas caroling

### \* SUNDAY, DEC. 9

**Children's Sunday School Christmas Program**

10:45 am - (during the regular worship service)  
Refreshments - cookies / goodies & punch in  
Fellowship Hall (church basement) after  
the program

### \* SUNDAY, DEC. 16

[SNOW DATE FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM]

**Community Christmas Carol Sing-Along**

4:00 - 5:00 pm - in the Mingo UMC sanctuary  
Refreshments - cookies / goodies & hot cocoa  
in Fellowship Hall (church basement)  
after singing

### \* MONDAY, DEC. 24

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

7:00 pm - Mingo UMC

# Prayer Chain Ministry



Farrar & Mingo prayer requests may be initiated by contacting either our Pastor, Mary Murphy (Farrar) or Jolene Brady (Mingo). At that point, a text and email will be sent out, and a phone call. Both church's have options on their website's for the public to send/post their prayer requests.

When a prayer request is initiated that might need a follow-up, we will ask the recipients if it might be ok for us to contact them again in a week or two for an update on their condition, or outcome of the situation, etc.

The Prayer Chain committee plans to meet about twice per year. Members will be contacted when the time is closer. If you'd like to join this special ministry team or would like more information, please contact Mary Murphy or Jolene Brady.

### Mingo Contact:

Jolene Brady  
jolene@bradyworks.com  
515-508-9009

### Farrar Contact:

Mary Murphy  
mlmurphy397@outlook.com  
515-967-0501



## Prayer Concerns for November

*Please keep these friends in your thoughts & prayers.*

- Barbara Leonard
- Kevin & Jan Borts
- Judy Rumbaugh
- Betty Atwood
- Jeff Heffelfinger
- Andy Leonard
- Terry Holdridge (*Betty Byer's cousin*)
- Roger LeBel
- Tara (*Sonny Deaton's daughter*)
- Bob Moreland
- Jim Mumford
- Sonny Deaton
- Brenda Breedon (*coworker of Tawnya Vry*)
- Lori Pease
- Andy Vry
- Elaine Kimberley Morris
- Harold Long
- Pastor Steve & Melissa Gross Family (*Haitian missionaries*)
- Julie Sparks
- Jenny Heydon
- Peggy Vespestad
- Family of David Baldwin (*Julie Warner's brother*)
- Robin Reglin
- George Fortman (*Mingo resident*)
- Brice Udelhoven (*Mingo resident*)
- Caroline Maxwell (*Mingo resident*)
- Jo Datwyler (*Lori Pease's mother*)
- Mike Rude (*McKee's son-in-law*)
- Ron Rose



## FAITH POWER ASSEMBLY CHURCH:

### MISSION HARVEST MINISTRIES SCHOOL IGANGA, UGANDA

Keep our sister church & school in your daily prayers for safety & provision.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

October 2018  
Meeting Notes

The UMW met at the Mingo United Methodist Church on October 10th at 10:00am. President Janice G. opened the meeting with everyone reciting our purpose. Dawn McKee gave us a report on funeral instructions. Everyone approved. Cards were sent to past members. The treasurer's report was read and approved. The secretary's report was read and approved. Lunch was served by Janice G. A lesson was given by Edith P. We closed with all reciting the benediction.

*Ione Cleverley, Secretary*

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Life 107.1 and Wilson Toyota of Ames welcome **For King & Country and Cory Asbury** to Wells Fargo Arena on **Thursday, Dec. 20, 7:00 - 10:00 pm** Address: 233 Center St., Des Moines, IA 50309. Tickets are on sale now! For tickets, visit: [www.life1071.com](http://www.life1071.com)



# OUR CALENDAR ~ NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>ADVANCED PLANNING &amp; INFORMATION</b> Christmas program practices have begun! Mark your calendars now for our <b>Sunday School Christmas Program</b> scheduled for <b>Sun., Dec. 9th (snow date: Sun., Dec. 16)</b> . Sunday school Christmas party will be Sun., Dec. 23.				1	2	3 7:00 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast "Genesis" Study @ Farrar UMC <hr/> RUSH YF: 8 am - Ingathering Packing (Greenfield UMC)
4 <b>COMMUNION</b> 	5 Happy Birthday, Pastor Phil!	6	7	8	9	10
11 	12	13	14 10:00 am - UMW Meeting <hr/> 6:00 pm - Board Meeting	15	16	17 
18 FOOD PANTRY	19	20	21	22 Happy Thanksgiving! 	23	24
25 	26	27	28	29	30	1 (DEC.) 9:00 am - Hanging of the Greens (Cinnamon Rolls & Orange Juice provided) <hr/> 4:00-5:00 pm Community Christmas Caroling After singing, visit the "North Pole" for refreshments & pics with Santa!

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Send all newsletter entries to Jolene by the 25th of the month.  
Thank you! [jolene@bradyworks.com]



**Nov 5 —**  
Pastor Phil Dicks

**Nov 7 —**  
Kenneth Weston  
Karmylia Snyder

**Nov 15 —**  
Luanne Heffelfinger

**Nov 17 —**  
Jerry Heffelfinger

**Nov 18 —**  
Theresa Berriman

**Nov 20 —**  
Donna Beals

**Nov 21 —**  
Kolbe McKee  
Marna Davenport

**Nov 28 —**  
Fern Harter

**Nov 30 —**  
Pastor Duane Skidmore





# *The Mitten Tree*

For the month of November, the Mingo UMC Sunday school is collecting new mittens, gloves, hats and scarves that will be distributed locally through the Joppa mission in Des Moines. Bring items in any size, style & color (children & adult sizes) to decorate the donation tree in the sanctuary.

**HELP WARM UP FAMILIES FROM HEAD TO TOE!**

*Thank you!*

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