

JOIN US!

Sunday School:

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

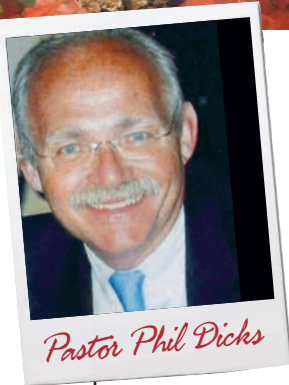
Adults meet year-round:
9:45 - 10:30 am

Worship:

10:45 - 11:45 am

Youth Fellowship:

2nd Saturday of every month



Pastor Phil Dicks

Nothing is Impossible for God

God is at work in and through our church – the Mingo United Methodist Church. We are taking seriously “*Go be the church!*” And I want to lift it up because of my passion around it and for the people who are praying and supporting these efforts for Jesus Christ and His Kingdom come!

Since coming as Pastor to the Mingo United Methodist Church, I - along with so many others - have been praying and talking about the support of programs, events and opportunities for “making disciples” which begins by building relationships with people – real relationships! When Jesus came into the world, He also talked and demonstrated building real relationships with people. Some of those relationships were with people who were not really deemed important. In fact, He pursued relationships with people that were invisible to so many – blind, possessed people, and even including those who were gathering water in the middle of the day trying to stay invisible. Jesus was all about relationships. In fact, the entire Bible is a story about a God who knows the importance of relationships and set about to want a relationship with His ultimate creation – People. “I will be your God and you will be my People.” People – religious, nominally religious and even sinners were loved and pursued by God. And we are to follow in His steps – for God so loved the world and all the people He created and desires to believe in Him (to “be” in relationship with Him).

My thanks to the people – so many who planned, supported and participated in the successful Block Party to our community. This effort helped us be seen as the church in and for our Mingo community. In fact, this was one of the many efforts that helped Mingo just be selected into a state-wide Community Visioning Program. This program and our church’s participation will help transform our community and the people who live here. *Go be the church!* Several weeks ago, Marilyn Matthews and Ione Cleverley helped plan and host an event at the Mingo Community Center for persons who are alone or restricted in access to come to the Center for a morning of gratitude, fellowship and refreshment. Connie and I attended and it was one of the most loving gatherings to those in our community who were so thankful for this event. *Go be the church!* This past week, some great people in our church launched a Potluck and Movie program that drew more than 1/4th of our Sunday attendance at this event for food and fellowship – building and strengthening relationships for God! (Not to mention the community Sunday School we offer each week and one of the most loving and caring youth programs that are all about relationships – youth with God and caring for one another!). *Go be the church!*

Isaiah 43:19 says: “Be alert, be present. See, I am doing a new thing - something brand-new. It’s happening! Don’t you see it?” When I came as Pastor to the Mingo UMC, I heard two things: 1) We would like a pastor to stay more than one year and 2) We want to grow as a church. We want to grow in faithfulness to the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and especially in our community – *Go be the church!* God has started to begin the process of growth! I invite you to continue to be a part. I invite you and everyone to keep coming on-board in support of these many efforts and more. I invite you to dream the impossible... because nothing is impossible for God.

What do you need to continue to support and do? How can you help to lead or attend? How can we build relationships with people who will join us as we *Go be the church!* We must continue to be changed into an open, caring, loving, relational church that are ambassadors for Jesus Christ in such a way that we help “draw people to God” by the love and example we live before others, with pure thanks and gratitude for what God is doing around us and through us! Here is what I invite our entire congregation (including the Pastor) to do – pray...pray and pray and then do something! *Go be the church!*

Next Tuesday will be our Annual Charge Conference at the Monroe United Methodist Church at 6 pm. We will be excited to share about what our church is doing. We invite you to attend if you are able, so when we introduce ourselves we can all together shout: “*Go be the church!*”

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THANK YOU:

Thank you so much for supporting the Newton Christian School and the Family Fun Day fundraiser. We are honored by your donation. It's because of the support from donors like you that our school is able to continue to provide quality Christian education in our community. Thank you again for your generosity — we appreciate your loving support.

Sincerely,
Connie Van Zee
Administrative Assistant
on behalf of the
**Newton Christian School
Staff, Students & Families**



UMCOR COLLECTION



The Mingo UMC is collecting items to aid disaster victims in the U.S. In Sept., the kits will be delivered by the RUSH youth to an Ingathering site in Iowa.

- **1 hand towel** - 15" x 25" up to 17" x 27" - No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- **1 washcloth** - No kitchen towels
- **1 comb** - sturdy - No rattail or pick
- **1 nail clipper** - No nail files or emery boards
- **1 bar soap** - 3 oz or larger
- **1 adult toothbrush** - no multipacks
- **10 adhesive bandages** - 3/4" x 3"

Administrative Board Meeting Minutes

October 2019

The Administrative Board met at the church on Wed., October 16th at 6:00 pm with Janice Gregerson, Chubb Borts, Bill & Theresa Berriman, John Weston, Julie Warner, Bob & Marilyn Matthews, Jolene Brady, and Chairman Bob Leonard. Pastor Phil was absent.

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

Treasurer Theresa presented the financial report for approval. Deposits were \$x,xxx.xx and \$x,xxx.xx in expenses. The balance on the checkbook statement was \$x,xxx.xx as of September 30th. All accounts balanced. Seconded by Bob M. Approval given.

A nice thank you note was shared from tenant Chrissy Ray. She is still not well, so we should continue our prayers for her health to return.

Bill noted that Miller Services has completed the altar area work and the bill has been paid from the farm account.

Concerns were raised about time management of church worship services. Chairman Bob will visit with Pastor about these concerns. Discussion continued regarding the start time of Sunday services. In the past, the Mingo & Farrar congregations alternated between early and late services, while matching the Pastor's preference in regards to his travel pattern. When there was a pastor living in the parsonage, the preference was to end in Mingo, but it's been many years since any change has been made. Many Mingo congregants have voiced their desire to have an earlier start time, with Farrar's service after Mingo. John W. made the motion that the PPRC from both Mingo & Farrar meet to discuss changing the service start times. Bill B. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Jolene reminded others that the newsletter should be completed and printed this next week. The older youth continue to hold a Bible study during Sunday school time (9:30 - 10:45 am) and encourage any interested adults to attend. Jolene touched base on many upcoming events in November & December. The RUSH YF will be attending the Ingathering lock-in and packing party at the Greenfield UMC on Fri., Nov. 1st and Sat., Nov. 2nd. A Matthew Warrick benefit will be held at the Jasper County Fairgrounds on Sat., Nov. 2nd at 5:00 pm, as well. The YF should be back in time to attend. Sun., Nov. 3rd is Jeri Ann's Create Your Own Masterpiece Painting Party after church, to be used as the Uganda fundraiser. The poinsettia clipboard will be distributed in November, as well as an Advent reading sign-up sheet. The Hanging of the Greens date has been chosen as Sat., Nov. 30th at 9:00 am, to decorate the church for the Advent season.

Looking ahead to December, the Sunday school Christmas program will take place on Sun., Dec. 8th during the regular church worship service, with a snow date of the following Sun., Dec. 15. The RUSH YF group is planning on delivering cookie & fruit plates while caroling on Sat., Dec. 14th. The Sunday School Christmas party will be Sun., Dec. 22nd. Christmas Eve services will be held at the Mingo UMC at 7:00 pm on Tues., Dec. 24th. Bob M. added that he will purchase 50 lbs. of peanuts for the Christmas goodie bags this year, since 35 lbs. was not enough last year. Janice will get the candy & apples, and Bob L. will get the bags. There will be no youth Sunday school classes on Sun., Dec. 29th.

Bill B. reported that an abundance of interesting historical church memorabilia was discovered during the last church clean-up day. He has been in contact with Larry Beard in regards to making a cabinet to display the articles and artifacts, which include things like an original lock set from the parsonage, wooden collection plates, membership books dating back to the early 1920s, original church blueprints, hand drawn sketches, etc. The case could possibly be housed in the east entryway. Bill made the motion that the Memorial Fund be used to purchase the memorial display case, seconded by John. Motion passed.

Bill noted that since the new sheetrock has been installed, they want to avoid putting hooks or holes in the walls. Three banner stands that extend up to 9 ft. in height have been purchased. It was also mentioned that Rosie Hulse's banners could be moved out of storage and possibly displayed on the ramp walls.

We were also reminded that the first potluck & movie matinee is scheduled for tomorrow, Thurs., Oct. 17th at 12-noon at the church. The feature film will be "Secondhand Lions." This will be a planned social get-together once each month over the winter for mainly retired/non-working persons or anyone able to attend. The Mingo Library is also having a soup luncheon on Wed., Oct. 23rd, and have plans to offer one each month, as well.

Bill also mentioned that he and Bob Perry have plans to meet with the school Superintendent to discuss the possibility of using the old Mingo school building / grounds for the next Block Party, which is scheduled for Aug. 1st, 2020. This may offer more of a community feel, additional parking space and insurance against rain/bad weather with the ability to use the gymnasium. Bill will report back with details at a later date.

Chubb moved that this month's Local Mission Giving in the amount of \$100.00 be given to the Salvation Army, that November's Local Mission Giving will go to the Food Pantry, and December's will go to Hope Ministries. Seconded by Theresa and passed.

John moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Bob M. All joined hands and prayed "The Lord's Prayer" together in closing.

Jolene Brady, Recording Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:



Youth Sunday school classes begin at 9:30 am each Sunday. The older youth are holding a Bible Study and adults are welcome to join at any time! We hope to enrichen our classtime by including a wide variety of ages & individual life experiences. **See you then!**

Our Sunday School Christmas Program is scheduled for Sun., Dec. 8th (snow date: Sun., Dec. 15) during worship time at 10:45 am. our Sunday school Christmas party will be Sun., Dec. 22. There will be NO youth Sunday school classes on Sunday, Dec. 29th.



RUSH YF at On With Life in Ankeny

RUSH Youth Fellowship

Our October 12th meeting was a field trip to On With Life in Ankeny. We had a tour of the facilities which has grown greatly since our last visit about 10 years ago. We were also able to play board games with a few of the patients. November 1st and 2nd 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.**



Mark Your Calendars Another Fun Painting Party – Just in Time for Christmas Gift-Giving!

Create your own masterpiece (Christmas Edition!!) AND help raise money for our sister church in Uganda.

Cost is \$20 for large nativity or \$10 for smaller sticker canvas (checks made out to the Mingo UM Church School), which includes all materials you will need to complete the painting. All ages welcome!

What you need to bring: We are asking you to bring a snack or dessert. We will be providing a deli sandwich tray, chips and a drink.

DATE: Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019

TIME: Approx. 12:30 pm (after the worship service)

DURATION: About 2.5 hours

ANYONE IS WELCOME - share with your friends & family. Finished paintings make great gifts! **Jeri just needs to know if you are attending so the canvases can be prepared. If you wish to contribute but are unable to attend, please see Jeri about purchasing a completed painting. She may be able to paint some pieces for you if you wish to have one or give one as a gift, but are unable to come to the party. Contact Jeri for details -email her at mamajeri@live.com or call/text: 641-232-0011.**



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!



Prayer Chain Ministry



Farrar & Mingo prayer requests may be initiated by contacting either our Pastor, Warren Nielsen (Farrar) or Jolene Brady (Mingo). At that point, a text and email will be sent out, and a phone call.

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.

If you'd like to join this special ministry team or would like more information, please contact Warren Nielsen or Jolene Brady.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Faith Power Assembly Church & MISSION HARVEST MINISTRIES

SCHOOL IGANGA, UGANDA Keep our sister church & school in your daily prayers for safety & provision.



Prayer Concerns for November

Please keep these friends in your thoughts & prayers.

- The Family of Judy Rumbaugh
- The Family of Marie Molyneux
- Betty Atwood
- Jeff Heffelfinger
- Andy Leonard
- Roger LeBel
- Tara (*Sonny Deaton's daughter*)
- Sonny Deaton
- Brenda Breedon (*coworker of Tawnya Vry*)
- Harold Long (*& Harold's great grandson*)
- Pastor Steve & Melissa Gross Family (*Haitian missionaries*)
- Julie Sparks
- Bob Matthews
- Chris & Jenny Heydon
- Peggy Vespstad
- Bill McGinnis
- George Fortman (*Mingo resident*)
- Brice Udelhoven (*Mingo resident*)
- Mike Rude (*McKee's son-in-law*)
- Steve Seid (*Carol Matthews' husband*)
- Carol Tiffany
- Kory & Trisha Hobbs (*Mingo family*)
- Rodney Altes
- Ken & Kathy Estling Family
- Karen Carney
- Carol Davis
- Hurricane Dorian victims
- Colby Lillegard
- Juliana Roberts (*Marie Woodruff's granddaughter-in-law*)
- Randy & Holly Robertson Clapp
- John Cory (*Lori Cory's father-in-law*)
- Steve Sesker (*Peggy Vespstad's brother*)



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:

The Mingo UMW met on October 9th at 10:00 am at the Mingo United Methodist Church. President Janice G. opened the meeting with all reciting "Our Purpose." The Treasurer's report was read and approved. The Secretary's report was read and approved. Officers will stay the same for 2020. A report on annual conference was given by Donna, Janice and lone. The Iowa Conference of United Methodist Woman Central District gave the Mingo UMW a special recognition as a Five Star Unit for mission giving in all Five Channels in 2018. The Iowa Central District UMW recognizes Mingo UMW as a special Recognition today Unit. A lesson was given by Edith, and a delicious lunch was served by Donna. We closed the meeting with all reciting "Our Benediction."

lone Cleverley, Secretary






Matthew Warrick Benefit

Sat., Nov. 2, 2019 ~ 5:00 - 11:00 pm
335 N. Walnut St., Colfax, IA 50054

Matthew is a junior at Colfax-Mingo High School suffering from leukemia. Join us at the Jasper County 4-H Building for dinner, silent auction, live auction, and dance. All proceeds benefit Matthew and will assist with his leukemia-related expenses. Thank you for supporting Matthew!

- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ~ Dinner
- 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM ~ Silent Auction
- 7:30 PM ~ Live Auction
- 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM ~ Dance

OUR CALENDAR ~ NOVEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
ADVANCED PLANNING & INFORMATION Our Sunday School Christmas Program is scheduled for Sun., Dec. 8th (snow date: Sun., Dec. 15) during worship time at 10:45 am. Our Sunday school Christmas party will be Sun., Dec. 22. There will be NO youth Sunday school classes on Sunday, Dec. 29th.					1	2 RUSH YF: 8 am - Ingathering Packing (Greenfield UMC) 5:00 pm - Matthew Warrick Benefit at the Jasper Co. Fairgrounds
TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK! 3 COMMUNION 12:30 pm - Create Your Own Masterpiece Fundraiser 2:00 pm - Star-Spangled Salute - DSM Civic Center	4	5 Happy Birthday, Pastor Phil!	6	7	8	9
10	11 Veterans Day 	12	13 10:00 am - UMW Meeting	14 12:00-noon ~ Potluck Meal & Matinee (Soup & Sandwiches)	15	16
17 FOOD PANTRY	18	19	20 6:00 pm - Board Meeting	21	22	23 
24	25	26	27	28 Happy Thanksgiving! 	29	30 9:00 am - Hanging of the Greens

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Send all newsletter entries to Jolene by the 20th 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



FARRAR UMC NEWS: Ways to Connect —


To find out about Farrar UMC upcoming events & information, visit FarrarUMC.org or the Farrar United Methodist Church Facebook page.



Join Us ~
All Are Welcome!

**The Lord
your God
will be with
you wherever
you go.**

-Joshua 1:9-

 Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church*

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