



### 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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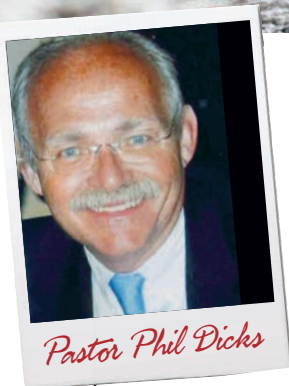
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*Pastor Phil Dicks*

### It's 2020! Unbelievable!

**R**eady or not... here it comes! A New Year with all it holds for us, our family and the unknown. So, how are you doing about a new year rushing towards us? A friend of mine said: "As far as the New Year goes... I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. The only challenge is I fear that the light at the end of the tunnel may be a train headed right for me." Sometimes we just let the New Year happen. "We just take it as it comes." Sometimes we just close our eyes, hold our breath and jump into a New Year.

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, always found ways to encourage "the people called Methodist" as they entered the New Year. He knew it was important for Methodists to hold a "Watch Night" Service where they would prayerfully ask God into the New Year and to be with them throughout the New Year ahead. He didn't want to leave it to chance. He knew that God was the God of the past, the present and the future. He knew that God was not restrained by human time. He knew that just as God was with us in the past and today, God could also go into the future to impact it and to help guide us into the best path, and if they encountered a "pinch-point" moment, to know that "God has this" and "God was with them!" He knew that as humans we have short memories and we sometimes forget what we just celebrated at Christmas. Emmanuel! God is with us!

Wesley asked the people who called themselves Methodist a very important question. Each Methodist had to respond in their "class meetings" to the question: "How do you want to spiritually grow this New Year?" What do you want to look like "spiritually" at the end of this New Year? Wesley knew, as Jesus knew, that left to our own we might just not ask that question or vision how we want to be transformed. Years ago, United Methodist pastors were responsible for asking that question of each United Methodist under their ministry. People would take time to prayerfully access where they were and where they would like to be at the end of the year... BEFORE they go into the New Year. The pastor used it to direct his sermon topics and the church used it to offer new creative programs or studies in helping people meet their spiritual growth goals. Rather than people cut adrift and hoping to find their way to growth by the end of the year... it was intentional.

So, what would happen if we followed that same premise? It's Jesus' model for His disciples. What do we want for our church by the end of 2020? How are God's people in our church intentionally preparing themselves for service in the world as we GO BE THE CHURCH! Have you seen the new people in church? Have you seen programs that have connected us with people in our community? Have you seen how we have been making a difference? I think this is the year of the harvest! I think this is the year of jubilee! I think this is the year that God gives us the desires of our hearts and we see our preparation bring about a renewed and growing church! That is what we are going to do, from the first Sunday in the New Year! We are going to ask you what you want to look like spiritually at the end of the New Year. It will be exciting. The messages and worship will be keyed to this. Can we do a weekly devotional that will come to you as a spiritual uplift in your week? What will it look like? Join us in seeing what our God needs are, and then putting in place "opportunities" so 2020 is a spiritual advance! GO BE THE CHURCH! As we prepare for the God-winks ahead! It all begins in 2020 - God's year!

*Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." God says: "I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out - plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for."*



## Weather-Related Announcements

### CALLING TREE

Pastor Phil will call both Mingo & Farrar board presidents (Bob Leonard & Chris Heydon). Bob will then call Jolene Brady to activate the chain. Jolene will send out a mass notification on both email & texting (cell phone), as well as contact the local radio & television stations. A traditional phone call will be made to those unable to receive emails or text messages.

#### Marilyn Matthews will call:

- Janice Gregerson 515-249-4083
- Sonny Deaton 641-363-4230
- Edith Patrick 641-377-2752

**Have a new phone number, email address or contact preference? Don't forget to let us know so you can stay up-to-date! Email, call or text Jolene with changes (EMAIL: [communications@mingoumc.org](mailto:communications@mingoumc.org) or [jolene@bradyworks.com](mailto:jolene@bradyworks.com) or TEXT / CALL: 515-508-9009) Thank you.**

### 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

December 2019

The Administrative Board met at the church on Wed., December 18th at 6:00 pm with Janice Gregerson, Chubb Borts, Bill & Theresa Berriman, Julie Warner, Marilyn Matthews, Carol Kimberley, Bob Pease, John Weston, Jolene Brady, Chairman Bob Leonard, and Pastor Phil.

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

Treasurer Theresa presented the financial report for approval. Deposits were \$#,###.## and \$#,###.## in expenses. The balance on the checkbook statement was \$#,###.## as of November 30th. All accounts balanced. Seconded by Janice. Approval given.

The First State Bank in Colfax officially became Bank Iowa on Dec. 2, 2019, so bank locations have increased to include branches in Newton, Altoona & Pella. Bank Iowa is promoting paperless banking. The church will be able to keep the current routing and account numbers and the bank will cover the cost of the first set of checks. Nice thank you messages were sent to the church from the Salvation Army, and the Hobbs and Udelhoven families. Carol K. mentioned that there was no Mingo Men's Club donation yet this year. Theresa reported that the Marie Molyneux estate is in the process of getting wrapped up and that the church was also given a first-time service free of charge from Steve Ayers. Theresa also mentioned that the US Bank's 3-yr. contract for the photocopier is due to be renewed. There has been a \$5 increase. It is also time to renew the commercial insurance policy through Guide One, which includes the parsonage. There will be a few changes with the 2020 policy, including adding business automobile coverage and they will no longer offer the \$5M umbrella policy, which was shared by all of the United Methodist Churches in Iowa, but offer several new plans to consider. John W. made the motion to select the \$1M individual umbrella plan, including Directors & Officers Liability coverage, for an annual premium of \$450.00 (with a savings over last year of \$53.00). Seconded by Bill. Motion passed.

Bill has labeled all of the light switches in the church for ease of identification. He also requested others to be mindful of turning off the lights upon departure.

Jolene reminded others that the January church newsletter should be completed and printed this next week (a few days earlier) due to the Christmas holiday. She also touched base on the upcoming events finishing out the month of December and upcoming for January. The Sunday School Christmas party will be Sun., Dec. 22nd, and there will be no youth Sunday school classes on Sun., Dec. 29th. Classes will resume on Sun., Jan. 5th.

Christmas Eve services will be held at the Mingo UMC on Tues., Dec. 24th at 7:00 pm. The traditional service will include candlelight and carols, and be similar to last year with costumes available for children (of all ages) to act out the Christmas story. Goodie bags will be assembled by the adult Sunday school class. Janice G. submitted a receipt for reimbursement for the apples. The January meal & movie matinee is scheduled for Thurs., Jan. 9th at 12-noon at the church and will include a soup potluck luncheon and feature the film "Grumpy Old Men."

Jolene shared that the Uganda donations total \$298.00. Jeri Heffelfinger (in absentia) requested a special offering be taken up on Sunday. We would like to send our sister church and school our traditional Christmas "love gift" and perhaps help provide meals for the school children. Jeri found that a bag of rice and a bag of beans provides approx. 400+ meals and costs about \$50 to \$60. It was agreed that a special donation would be taken up using the Uganda envelopes on the next two Sundays - Dec. 22 and Dec. 29. Jolene will send out an email message to the congregation and Jeri will schedule a special PowerPoint slide for presentation. Discussion continued regarding a special request for Christmas assistance for a local family. Theresa & Marilyn will make a home visit after the Board Meeting.

Pastor reported that he will be attending a family Christmas gathering on Sun., Dec. 29th, so Norman McCoy will be leading the service that day. Pastor also reviewed the Christmas Eve checklist to ensure all duties are understood and will be fulfilled. Berriman's will bring in their personal nativity set to use for the Christmas Eve service. A new nativity set will be purchased for the church after Christmas, as very nice ones are usually available at a reduced cost after the holidays.

Carol K. presented the updated list of nominations for church representatives and officers for next year. We are still in need of a person or two to add to the Food Pantry. Pastor Phil made the motion to approve the updated list of Church Representatives & Officers (Organizational Overview) for 2020. John W. seconded. Motion passed.

As decided at a previous meeting, December's Local Mission Giving in the amount of \$100.00 will go to Hope Ministries. Theresa made a motion that January's Local Mission Giving for \$100.00 be designated for Bidwell Riverside; February will be assigned to Colfax-Mingo Post Prom; and March's donation will go to Clearview Recovery Center in Prairie City. Carol K. seconded. Motion passed.

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

*Jolene Brady*, Recording Secretary

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

We wish to thank everyone who helped supply goodies for our Christmas program reception on Sun., Dec. 8th. We appreciated the treats and good fellowship. The Youth Sunday school will not meet on Sun., Dec. 29th due to Christmas vacation. Normal classes will resume beginning Sun., Jan. 5th and 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!**



## RUSH Youth Fellowship

For our December meeting, we assembled fruit and cookie boxes to deliver in and around the Mingo area. We were very blessed with good weather, and had a great time visiting and caroling. After we were finished, we went to the McKee's and had our Christmas party. The next meeting will be January 11th from 3:30-6:00 pm. Hope to see you there! **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!



## Thank You!

Thank you so much for the HyVee gift card you sent our family ♥ We could not have received it at a better time. All you have done for us through this whole journey has been so amazing and helpful. Bless you all!

*Trisha Hobbs & family*



## Go Be The Church – We Went!

Thank you for sharing the love of the Christmas Season 2019 with Adopt-A-Families #10, 11 and 14! There were a total of 17 families with 49 children who made applications to be adopted locally. We were asked to assist the families of 7 of those children. The need in this world is great and you responded as the Holy Spirit moved within your hearts! May you be blessed in 2020 so that you can continue to bless others!

Adopt-A-Family gifts and food certificates were transported to Howard Street Christian Church on Monday, December 9; the families arrived the next day to gather your love offerings. Our Lord and Savior desires that we "Go Be The Church!" This is one way we act on our faith, not just talk about it. Thank you again for participating in this very worthwhile mission.



# 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.

**Mingo Contact:**  
Jolene Brady  
jolene@bradyworks.com  
515-508-9009

**Farrar Contact:**  
Warren Nielsen  
nielsenwl72@gmail.com  
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# PRAYER & CARE

## Prayer Concerns for January

*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 Breeden (*coworker of Tawnya Vry*)
- Harold Long
- Pastor Steve & Melissa Gross Family (*Haitian missionaries*)
- Julie Sparks
- Chris & Jenny Heydon
- Grace 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*)
- Bob Moreland
- Ken & Kathy Estling Family
- Karen Carney
- Carol Davis
- 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*)
- The people of Bolivia, Haiti, Uganda, and other persecuted Christians
- Alyssa Fick



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:** The UMW met at the Mingo Methodist Church on Dec. 11th at 10:00 am. President Janice G. opened the meeting with all reciting "Our Purpose." The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Donations were sent to Bidwell and the World Thank offering. Christmas cards were sent to past members. Each member told what they were doing for Christmas and all brought a treat to share. We closed with all reciting "The Benediction." We will not meet during the winter months. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2020. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and joyful 2020.

*Jone Cleverley, Secretary*



The Mingo Public Library and the Mingo UMC have agreed to designate a bookshelf for a church library collection within the public library located in the post office/city government building. The library is accepting Christian books which you feel may be of interest to others in the church or community. These should be books you have read and do not expect to have returned to you. New or used books that are still in good condition may be donated during regular library hours:

**Monday: 5-7 pm**  
**Tuesday & Thursday: 9 am - Noon**  
**Wednesday: 1-5 pm**  
**Saturday: 9-11 am**

Please tell Librarian Carol Myers or Assistant Betty Karns that the book you donate is for the church bookshelf. If you have questions, text or call Carol Kimberley.

## We Are Disciples

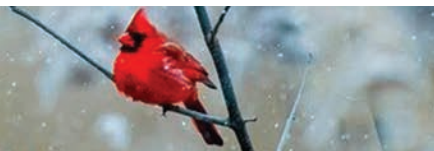
United Methodists are disciples of Jesus Christ who continue to heed the lessons John Wesley taught his followers: to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, freeing the oppressed; being a compassionate presence, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel.

Explore the ways we are serving throughout the world in different ways by visiting: [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)

- Volunteer Opportunities
- Giving Opportunities
- Overcoming Poverty
- Improving Health
- New Places for Disciples
- Leading Where God Calls



# OUR CALENDAR ~ JANUARY 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>FARRAR UMC NEWS:</b> <b>Ways to Connect —</b> To find out about Farrar UMC upcoming events & information, visit <b>FarrarUMC.org</b> or the Farrar United Methodist Church Facebook page.			1 	2	3	4
5 <b>COMMUNION</b>	6 <i>Epiphany</i> 	7	8	9 12:00-noon ~ <b>Potluck Meal &amp; Matinee</b> Soup luncheon - Movie: "Grumpy Old Men"	10	11 <b>RUSH YF:                      3:30 pm</b>
12	13	14	15 6:00 pm - <b>Board Meeting</b>	16	17	18 
19 <b>FOOD PANTRY</b>	20 <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 	30	31 	

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Send all newsletter entries to Jolene by the 20th of the month.  
 Thank you! [jolene@bradyworks.com]



**January 10 —**  
 Mike Brady  
 Carrie Hulse Schafer

**January 13 —**  
 Jeri Ann Heffelfinger

**January 18 —**  
 Kelsi Young  
 Kendra Young

**January 20 —**  
 Jessica Wimmer

**January 22 —**  
 Steve Matthews

**January 23 —**  
 Jolene Brady

**January 24 —**  
 Jack Gathercole

**January 31 —**  
 Pat Leer



**FAITH POWER ASSEMBLY CHURCH:**  
**MISSION HARVEST MINISTRIES**  
**SCHOOL IGANGA, UGANDA**  
 Keep our sister church & school in your daily prayers for safety & provision.



**Join Us ~**  
*All Are Welcome!*

**Sunday Mornings:  
Worship at 10:45 am**



*If anyone is in*  
**CHRIST,**  
THERE IS A NEW CREATION:  
EVERYTHING OLD  
HAS PASSED AWAY;  
SEE, EVERYTHING HAS  
*become new!*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

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