



MINGO UMC

# Messenger

FEBRUARY 2020

## Pastor's Note

### Join Others in the 21-Day Challenge!

### Intentional Discipleship in the New Year

## 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:

### Pastor Dicks:

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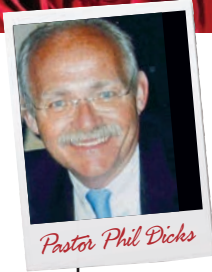
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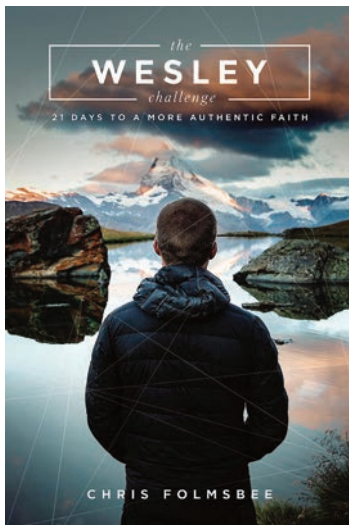


Pastor Phil Dicks

### BACKGROUND:

This new year, we wanted to help our church family and others beyond to intentionally grow in our faith and discipleship by the end of 2020. We began by asking “Where would you like to see yourself in your **Faith / Discipleship Journey** by the end of 2020?” It mirrored a similar question that was historically asked of Methodists throughout its history by John Wesley. He was interested in asking that question and then developing groups and classes to help the people called “Methodists” to achieve that goal. He did it by meeting weekly and monthly in supporting one another and being accountable – the success is our church and the United Methodists today! We decided to poll our congregation to ask the same question and then to tally results and intentionally plan a series of programs and events that we could do together to reach our individual goal of growth in specific ways, especially in relationship to God by the end of the year 2020.

**After tallying, here is the vision of a program/offering:** A book or program that is short and to the point would be helpful – one we can do at home or in our vehicle or on the run – or devotionals (short and simple) that can fit into a busy schedule and lifestyle. We’d like an option for doing it alone or drop in with a simple group or coffee for an hour and listen or share so we can hear how it’s going for others. Bible verses can help center us and help meet our goals of a closer God walk by the end of the year. Maybe we can also invite a friend or another person we know to join us in it, even if they live far away or are looking for a church that has something to offer them for free. We like sharing the songs we hear on the radio that speak to us and inviting the pastor to share them in one of his sermons in coming weeks. We also want to continue to volunteer to do things in our community that will help us BE THE CHURCH and help people who are needing help! Do any of these reflect your “nudging” from God and where you would like to see yourself by the end of the year?



### OUR 21-DAY CHALLENGE IS BEGINNING – Sunday, February 9th through 23rd.

What should we use? What should we do? What would fit into our schedules and busy lifestyles? We will be using a great new strategy of **The Wesley Challenge**, built around 21 questions John Wesley encouraged the first Methodists to ask one another. The program we are going to offer is resourced from a new book called: **The Wesley Challenge of 21 Questions**. It calls for weekly sermons and daily reflection questions that will help us explore how we can develop the spiritual habits, practices and actions that can lead to a thriving Christian life. Here is the great new element – it allows all of our congregation, participants and our network of friends and families across the community and across the United States to receive our daily “**Question of the Day**” with a devotional to help you reflect. Anyone can read the devotional and write down thoughts, reflect or answer the question. A simple study book is available (*see below to order in advance*). Each day raises a question and presents scripture, topics for reflection and a challenge. You can do it alone or a family member or friend who you can talk with as we encourage one another and grow with God! Anyone, anywhere can join you in this 21-Day Challenge. They can receive the questions and devotionals from us. You can grow each day!

### Here is a smorgasbord of options for participation to fit your schedule and lifestyle:

You can receive the 21 questions and devotionals each day or all at the beginning of each week. You can listen the pastor’s message online at our website, follow on Facebook, or join a Sunday afternoon small group or Wednesday mid-week coffee with the Pastor or with others in their homes – or you can do it all alone (*although we do know that doing coffee and talking about the questions can be so helpful when sharing with another person(s), and so much more*).

**Contact us for specific details and times and the 21 questions (email: phildicks@gmail.com or communications@mingoumc.org).** Share your email (or anyone else who would like to participate) and we will put you on the list to receive all 21 days for the duration of the program. An optional study book is available on AMAZON for \$9.93 or used books for as low as 81¢, as well as paperback and Kindle versions.

**Link:** <https://www.amazon.com/Wesley-Challenge-Participant-Book-Authentic/dp/1501832905>

For more information, join us on Sunday morning at worship – we will be sharing the details of the program and specific dates and times – join us and feel the anticipation grow.

**Catch the fire! Catch the spirit! GO BE THE CHURCH!**

Pastor Phil



# Administrative Board Meeting Minutes

January 2020

The Administrative Board met at the church on Wed., January 15th at 6:00 pm with Janice Gregerson, Bill & Theresa Berriman, Julie Warner, John Weston, Rodney Altes, Jolene Brady, and Chairman Bob Leonard. Pastor Phil was absent due to illness.

Chairman Bob opened with a prayer. Jolene noted that extra clarification was needed for the sentences in last month's secretarial report regarding the photocopier. Original sentences stated: "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." To clarify, Theresa had reported that we just finished our 3rd year of our 5-yr. contract (and that the company can increase our payment by up to 15% after each year). Our payment will increase by \$5. We still have 2 years left on that contract. Bob L. moved to accept last month's secretarial report with the noted clarification. Motion was seconded by Theresa 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 December 31st. All accounts balanced. Seconded by John. Approval given.

Theresa gave an update on the December home visit to a local family in need struggling with recent repairs and other ill-timed misfortunes. Gifts and donations were provided to the very appreciative family. Theresa also reported that the church just recently received a donation from a local organization, so it will be held for the next family in need.

A new nativity set was purchased for the church to use in the sanctuary during the Advent season. Bill & Rodney also have plans to make a new wooden outdoor nativity set for the church lawn to replace the current set that is showing a lot of wear and tear. The new set will fold flat for easy storage.

The Central District Laity Summit will be held on Sat., Feb. 1st at the Ankeny UMC. Registration begins at 9:00 am. The event begins at 9:30 am and lunch is provided. Those interested in attending may sign up on the Central District webpage at <https://central.iaumc.org/>

Pastor's notes were distributed. Bob L. noted that he has ordered 2 dvds - one each of the Old Testament and New Testament that he will share with anyone who might be interested in watching them.

Jolene reminded others the February church newsletter should be completed and printed this next week. She also touched base on the upcoming events finishing out the month of January and upcoming for February & March. The youth Sunday school will have a Valentine pizza party some Sunday after Children's Time in February, which is typically also the first preliminary VBS planning meeting. Jolene has contacted folks at Farrar to find which date might work best for everyone. The February meal & movie matinee is scheduled for Thurs., Feb. 13th at 12-noon at the church and will include a "perfect pair" potluck luncheon and feature the film "Grumpier Old Men." For 2020, the Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 26th will be held at Mingo. (The Farrar & Mingo churches alternate locations for special services each year.) Looking ahead to advanced planning, Maundy Thursday will be at Farrar and Good Friday services will be held at Mingo. Service times have traditionally been 7:00 pm, but an earlier time may be considered. Further discussion is needed, so the start time has not yet been decided.

Jolene shared that the December Sunday Uganda donations totaled \$325.00. The Mingo UMC Memorial Fund generously donated an additional \$200.00. With the previous jewelry sales and painting party proceeds of \$298.00, the total was \$823.00. An additional \$100.00 donation will be given in memory of Trenton Brady, bringing the grand total to \$923.00. In the past, the bank has charged a discounted \$35.00 international wire fee, but we were recently informed that it is supposed to be a \$50.00 fee and we will likely not receive future discounts. Janice G. made the motion for the Mingo UMC general fund to give \$77.00 to reach a \$1,000 donation for Uganda and cover the additional \$50.00 international wire transfer fee (totaling \$127.00). Motion seconded by Rodney and passed.

Jolene also noted that 2019 Sunday school and youth fellowship account financial records have been prepared and given to Jan Borts for the annual audit review. The RUSH YF and Sunday school budget & yearly activities were also presented. Future fundraising ideas are being discussed for both the Sunday school and youth fellowship groups. A couple recurring events relating to church mission work include the Ingathering and the annual holiday cookie & fruit boxes delivered around the community and surrounding areas. Each November, the Ingathering trip includes delivering the UMCOR health kits, packing, and loading trucks. There is a \$10 per-person attendance fee charged by the host church. With steadily increasing costs for events, gas, etc., this is a rather costly mission for the youth group. It was suggested that beginning this year, the penny collection jar could be used to help cover not only the health kit postage, but also the attendance fee. This idea could be presented & discussed at the trustee report potluck on Jan. 26th. The church might be able to help share in the costs of these two missions. In the meantime, decisions on both the Ingathering fees and the holiday deliveries were tabled until further discussion could take place.

Bill reported that he has researched different defibrillators (AED) and felt it would be a welcome addition to the church. He found a brand that is compatible with both Mingo and Colfax ambulance equipment. John made the motion for the church to purchase the AED. Seconded by Julie. Motion passed. This could be presented at the safety potluck after worship on Sun., Mar. 15th.

A church clean-up day will be scheduled for sometime in the late spring / early summer - perhaps in the first week of June. A specific date was not set at this time. The dead trees in the creek will be a main focus. Bill also added that the upcoming Aug. 1, 2020, Block Party plans are coming together. He just received word from the secretary for the Shiner clowns that they should be able to provide 1 or 2 clowns for our event. Jay Casmirri is also locked in as our musical entertainer.

As decided at a previous meeting, January's Local Mission Giving for \$100.00 is designated for Bidwell Riverside. February is assigned to Colfax-Mingo Post Prom; and March's donation will go to Clearview Recovery Center in Prairie City.

John 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:

Classes begin at 9:30 am each Sunday. The older youth & adults are holding a Bible Study ~ anyone is welcome to join! We will be having a Valentine pizza party & preliminary VBS meeting on Sunday, Feb. 9th after Children's Time (approx. 11:15 am). **See you then!**

## RUSH Youth Fellowship

The January meeting was cancelled due to illness and poor weather. The next meeting will be February 1st from 3:30-6:00 pm. (Note date change for this month only!) 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.**

## CHANGES TO THE PENNY JAR COLLECTION:

Each year, our church family donates items to create UMCOR health kits which are sent to disaster victims in times of need. Our penny jar collection has traditionally helped defray the shipping costs of those kits (through the Ingathering). Also each year, our youth & adult leaders volunteer their time and muscle power to assemble the kits and travel to the Ingathering collection site at a host church, where they help deliver, pack and load the trucks. The hosting church charges a \$10-per person fee to attend. For this reason, we would like our trusty penny jar to become a "dollar" donation jar, as well, to help cover not only the shipping, but also the cost of the attendance fee for our church volunteers.

So please bring your extra change or bills each Sunday to fill our jar.

Thank you for having such generous & giving hearts!

The familiar tune speaks truth:

I am the church, YOU are the church,

WE are the church TOGETHER!

**THANK YOU!**



## 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"

# 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  
515-707-4967



## Prayer Concerns for February

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

- The Family of Judy Rumbaugh
- 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)
- Mike Rude (McKee's son-in-law)
- Chris & Jenny Heydon Family
- Cash Dickerson (CM elementary student)
- Peggy Vespestad
- Bill McGinnis
- George Fortman (Mingo resident)
- Brice Udelhoven (Mingo resident)
- 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 Vespestad's brother)
- The people of Bolivia, Haiti, Uganda, and other persecuted Christians
- Alyssa Fick
- Carol Kimberley



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:** The UMW will not meet during the winter months. Our next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2020.

*Ione Cleverley, Secretary*

## Your Impact • Making a Difference

Thanks to your generosity, we're prepared to respond to crises, challenges facing communities, and so much more. Behind each ministry is a story of hope and restoration and the unmeasurable impact of generosity. The impact of 12.5 million United Methodists, in 136 countries, and \$140 billion donated is phenomenal.

Together we witness to the love of Jesus Christ for a hurting world and transform lives and communities in his name.

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



## LIBRARY COLLECTION



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.

# OUR CALENDAR ~ FEBRUARY 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 <a href="http://FarrarUMC.org">FarrarUMC.org</a> or the Farrar United Methodist Church Facebook page.						<b>1</b>  <b>RUSH YF:</b> <b>3:30 pm</b>
<b>2</b> <b>COMMUNION</b>  GROUNDHOG DAY						
<b>9</b> Sunday School Valentine Pizza Party & VBS Meeting (After Children's Time)			<b>12</b> Lincoln's Birthday	<b>13</b> 12:00-noon ~ Potluck Meal & Matinee Perfect Pair Luncheon - Movie: "Grumpier Old Men"	<b>14</b> <i>Valentine's Day!</i>	
<b>16</b> <b>FOOD PANTRY</b>	<b>17</b>  PRESIDENTS Day		<b>19</b> 6:00 pm - Board Meeting			
			<b>26</b>  Ash Wednesday Service ~ TBA Mingo UMC			

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

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



- February 1 —** Dave & Carol Kimberley ~ Anniversary
- February 5 —** Lily Webster
- February 6 —** Rodney Altes

- February 10 —** Gene Beals
- February 12 —** Diana Halfhill
- February 17 —** Barbara Leonard
- February 20 —** Jerrica Beem

- February 22 —** Erin Van Peurseem
- February 28 —** Joe Jackson  
Joyce Maggard  
Laura Harder



**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**



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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