



MINGO UMC

Messenger

JULY 2020

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

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Pastor Phil Dicks

"Go Be the Church" Comes to YOU This Summer!

July 2020 Sermon Series - Sermon on the Mount:
Building our Foundation for our Post-COVID Life and Faith

This July, we are going to begin a new adventure. This is our "coming-out" as a congregation into a new world... as we live beyond normal. During the pandemic we discovered opportunities in the midst of adversity. We are different people and in many ways we are a different church. So, it's time for a new kind of sermon as we rebuild a foundation as Christians. When Jesus began his new ministry, we went to a mountain by the Sea of Galilee and he began to talk to people in a fresh, new way. He told them what they should do... and prepare to do as His followers. He preached a message called "the Sermon on the Mount." Jesus was not hiding a thing. It was an open book on what Jesus was going to do and how we were to live. It was Christianity 101. This is going to be so awesome. We are going to make it totally practical for a new daily living, Sermon on the Mount: Building our Foundation for our new post-COVID Life and Faith. Don't miss a Sunday! You can hear the messages on YouTube, in our online Zoom worship or in person in the church sanctuary as we

practice social distancing and "Do No Harm" for those who wish to worship in person. Our first sermon will be on "You are the Light of the World, you are the Salt of the Earth." Light your lamps! Be the spice of life in your living with others! GO BE THE CHURCH!



GO BE THE CHURCH - 3 Ways to BE THE CHURCH

July will be the continued launch of a triad of ways for us to be the CHURCH and REACH OUT as the CHURCH and BE the CHURCH ONLINE. This summer we are going to take the church with us on our vacations and our summer travels. We are "mobile" and available on our cell phones, on Zoom services and video by phone or in the sanctuary. This past week almost 86 people joined us ONLINE in worship (not to

mention those live in sanctuary worship)! We had people watching as they run, touring their garden, on a morning walk, from a campground and more! We are doing life together. We can't wait to see how you join us...perhaps on a bike ride! Enjoy the outdoor sanctuary for your worship! GO BE THE CHURCH!

MILPA GARDEN - GODS LITTLE ACRE FOR THOSE IN NEED - OUR WORK BEGINS!

Earlier this year, there was an idea about ways for us to help those in need. To grow a garden that would help feed those who most need fresh foods. A group from the "P.I.E." Evangelism Team had a vision for a MILPA GARDEN for others. A place where we can grow food for others and enjoy working together for God - GO BE THE CHURCH! Bruce and Connie Carney of Carney Farms provided the sacred plot. Pounds of pounds of garden seeds of all types were mixed together and scattered. God took it from there and provided the rain! It's available for us to work together and make a difference for God! Well it has grown and is producing daily. Now we need your help and presence to provide fresh food for our "neighbor in need." We are going to set up a ZOOM MEETING for "THE GARDEN!" Join us! It's open for anyone from either of our churches and others in our communities. **GO BE THE CHURCH!**

Pastor Phil



PRAYER & CARE

Prayer Concerns for July

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

• **Families, friends, and communities
world-wide as we face this season
of widespread illness.**

- The Family of Roger LeBel
- The Family of John Weston
- The Family of Debbie Stock
- The Family of Nelda Robertson
- The Family of John Cory
- The Family of Judy Rumbaugh
- Jim (*Tawnya Vry's brother*)
- Jim Brady (*Mike Brady's father*)
- Betty Atwood
- Jeff Heffelfinger
- Andy Leonard
- Linda Sprague
- Tara (*Sonny Deaton's daughter*)
- Sonny Deaton
- Harold Long
- Pastor Steve & Melissa Gross Family (*Haitian missionaries*)
- Mike & Ashley (McKee) Rude
- Chris & Jenny Heydon Family
- Cash Dickerson (*CM elementary student*)
- Peggy Vespstad
- Bill McGinnis
- Brice Udelhoven (*Mingo resident*)
- Bill & Theresa Berriman family, daughter Dawn & children
- Carol Tiffany
- Kory & Trisha Hobbs (*Mingo family*)
- Bob Moreland
- Steve Sesker (*Peggy Vespstad's brother*)
- People of Bolivia, Haiti, Uganda, and other persecuted Christians
- Emerson Karl & Family - Parents: Seth & Brittany Karl (*4-yr-old with liver cancer from Bondurant*)
- Judy Mau (*friend of McKee's*)
- Jean Osborn (*Betty Karn's cousin*)

Prayer Chain Ministry

Farrar & Mingo prayer requests may be initiated by contacting either our Pastor, Warren Nielsen (Farrar) or Jolene Brady (Mingo).

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Administrative Board Meeting Minutes

June 2020

The Administrative Board met via Zoom video conference on Wed., June 10th at 6:00 pm. Bill & Theresa Berriman, Lowell Halfhill, Bob Pease, Carol Kimberley, Rodney Altes, Bob & Marilyn Matthews, Kent & Dawn McKee, Jolene Brady, Chairman Bob & Barbara Leonard and Pastor Phil were present.

Pastor Phil opened with a prayer. Carol K. moved to accept last month's secretarial report as printed in the church newsletter. Motion was seconded by Theresa and passed.

Treasurer Theresa presented the financial report for approval. Deposits totaled \$x,xxx.xx. Debits totaled \$x,xxx.xx. The balance on the checkbook statement was \$x,xxx.xx as of May 31st. All accounts balanced. Motion to approve the financial report was seconded by Bob P. Approval given. The mail-in offering has been going fairly well. It has been a bit lower, but that could also be a typical pattern for summer. It was also noted that the parsonage rent is now up to date.

Bill made the motion to continue to reimburse Pastor Phil for the usage of his paid Zoom account during the months of usage and to share the cost with Farrar. Carol K. seconded. Motion passed.

Marilyn mentioned that we are still collecting items for the Mission Distribution Center (previously the Ingathering kits). The items will still be taken to the Ingathering, but will be sent to the center in Illinois. We are about 2-3 months behind in collections now, so will need to work on getting caught up.

Jolene reminded everyone that the newsletter deadline is the 20th of the month, so information to be included in the July issue should be sent to her by this next week.

An increase in water usage was noted at the church over the past several months. Rodney investigated and discovered a water leak caused by a small crack in the water well in the furnace room. Brookwood was able to complete the repairs for approx. \$300.

With the announcement of the Iowa State Fair cancelation, discussion was held regarding the Block Party originally scheduled for August 1st. We have enough school supplies that a giveaway could still be planned – the supplies will just need to be inventoried and organized. Bill made the motion to postpone the Block Party until next year 2021, but still plan on a school supply giveaway for this year. Seconded by Bob M. Motion passed.

Rodney reported that Scott Miller will fix the windows in the downstairs south Sunday school room. The water is causing damage to the windows and wall, so egress windows and coverings will be installed. Carol K. will plan to meet at the church with Bill or Rodney to move some of the perennials away from the window wells since some of the dirt will need to be regraded to redirect the water flow away from the foundation. Carol noted many of the perennials are doing very well in the flowerbeds and will not need to be replaced each year as annuals do, so she will not be requesting any gardening expenses this year. She has been trying to add more over time to facilitate future upkeep and has donated many plants and flowers. Everyone agreed that Carol has done a wonderful job with the gardens and they add a great deal of beauty to the church grounds.

An updated list for Procedures for Church Services was sent out to the congregation. The main change in the procedures was that just one door will now be open for entering the church since having both doors propped open was affecting the thermostat and caused the AC to run. The other change is that communion cups will be moved to the ramp area.

Pastor shared his report. He noted that we should state our name when speaking or replying during a Zoom meeting, since it is helpful to distinguish who is speaking. We were happy to have Bishop Laurie Haller and Conference Superintendent Heechon Jeon as guests join our worship service via Zoom on this past Sunday, June 7th as we had enjoyed our first "soft-opening" Sunday. After installing wi-fi and needed equipment, the Farrar UMC has plans to reopen on Sunday, June 28th, which will also be the Sunday that graduates will be honored. For the time being, Pastor will continue to offer the Zoom participation along with the regular worship service. We will continue to record the sermon each Sunday and post to our church YouTube page as we have done in the past. Pastor would like to have others joining in on Zoom to state who is participating (like "signing in") to better record the number of participants. He would also like to use the online platform as a way of sharing the worship experience with others from a distance, whether they be at home, on vacation, or unable to attend for other reasons. The church service will remain at 10:45 am, so Pastor will move the Zoom meetings to that start time.

As determined at a previous meeting, the June monthly Local Mission Giving donation for \$100.00 will go to the Jasper County Habitat for Humanity. July's donation is scheduled for Hawthorn Hill.

Bob M. moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Carol K. All prayed "The Lord's Prayer" together in closing.

Jolene Brady, Recording Secretary

OUR CALENDAR ~ JULY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>MISSIONS WIN • DISCIPLE • SEND</p> <p>Faith Power Assembly Church & MISSION HARVEST MINISTRIES SCHOOL IGANGA, UGANDA Keep our sister church & school in your daily prayers for safety & provision. <i>Thank you – Pastor Perezi & Florence Were</i></p>			1	2	3	4 
5 COMMUNION	6	7	8 10:00 am - UMW Meeting 6:00 pm - Board Meeting	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 FOOD PANTRY	20 Newsletter Deadline	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]



July 5 —
Bill Berriman
Pastor Duane & Sherryl
Skidmore ~ Anniversary

July 8 —
Betty Karns
Karen Pierce
Jeanne Beard

July 11 —
Benjamin & Kaden Brady

July 12 —
Andrea Armstrong
Caleb Heffelfinger

July 14 —
Lillie McKee

July 16 —
Lowell Halfhill
Kevin & Jan Borts ~
Anniversary

July 22 —
Dave Kimberley

July 23 —
Joe Kimberley

July 25 —
Brooke Pease
Janet Beem



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



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IMPORTANT UPDATES

WE ARE OPEN!

The church building is now open on Sunday mornings for in-person worship. Safety precautions are in place.

Alternative Worship Opportunities Are Still Available: Pastor Phil will continue to record Sunday sermons that will be posted on our church YouTube channel, website and Facebook page, as well as hold Zoom video conference worship services. Information is shared weekly on the church website and Facebook page.



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