



# MINGO UMC Messenger

NOVEMBER  
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

## CONNECT:

### Pastor Dicks:

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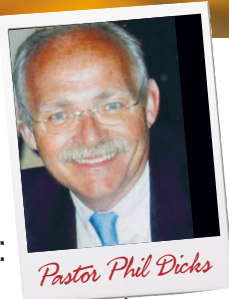
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Pastor Phil Dicks

## A Season of Thanksgiving, Thanks-Living and Neighborliness

**T**his November, seven churches and their pastors will begin meeting as a part of a new "circuit" gathering of churches that will be working together to make the mission and ministry of our churches come alive! We will be joining with all the United Methodist churches in Iowa to develop a Mission and Ministry Plan that will challenge our congregations to live out the purpose statement of "GO BE THE CHURCH!"

In preparing our mission and ministry focus, it is important to find simple and effective ways to "Be the Church" and to share in evangelism, disciple-making and outreach to live out what it means "To Be The Church." Rather than a program, we want to look at ways to develop and engage in mission and ministry through building relationships and strengthening relationships with one another.

**We can love our neighbor through the simple power of living a life that preaches.** Here in Iowa, we love our neighbors. We practice loving one another in ways that people often refer to as "Iowa Nice!" But Jesus calls us to something that is more than just "nice." Jesus calls us into an intentional way of living and loving that "preaches" and lives before others a life "that becomes and reflects the Gospel." A life that reflects love and the Good News that God loves... and we are then to love God through our daily living and in living a life that preaches what real, true love really is all about. Do you realize that each kind and loving act we do preaches a message about Jesus and His love for the world?

**Loving our neighbor** – any and all who are in need – has a simple power that speaks volumes about a real faith that attracts persons. Loving our neighbor preaches a message about that love freely given and shared. It shows that we are all about loving our neighbor and doing good to and for them. It means that we are living ambassadors of Jesus' love for the world... beginning with those who pass through our lives each day.

One of the most powerful components of Jesus's ministry was that Jesus was literally "the word of God" "in-fleshed." Jesus's words preaching and teaching were powerful largely because they were rooted in a life of love-filled action. There is a real power in preaching and leading whenever it is accompanied by consistent action.

Jesus's model of "a life that preaches" serves as a model for ministry that we ought to remember, return to and lead from. Loving our neighbor (those in need) is the second of the Great Commandments. Those in need are not just people needing missional assistance, but also people needing relational assistance, emotional encouragement, loving and caring, doing life with them and friendships that spring from the practice of "just being a good neighbor." We will strive to do this under the theme-focus of "Loving Your Neighbor" and finding creative, outreach events where we can practice **"Loving our neighbor through the simple power of living a life that preaches."**

In this time of global pandemic, God sends his Holy Spirit to help us find creative opportunities to share a new intentional neighborliness which comes out of our faith commandment to "love our neighbor" intentionally. What creative or simple ways can we demonstrate that love to our neighbor? God is with us and blesses us to find ways to make this happen.

What are some ways that you have shared or experienced that neighborly love? I invite you to share it with me... it might be an idea that we can use in our Mission and Ministry Plan (*you are invited to share it with the pastor at: phildicks@gmail.com*) as we are filled with Thanksgiving as we **"Go be the church!"**

Pastor Phil



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# Prayer Chain Ministry

THE PRAYER OF A  
RIGHTEOUS PERSON IS  
*powerful &  
effective.*

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

## Mingo Contact:

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

## Farrar Contact:

Warren Nielsen  
nielsenwl72@gmail.com  
515-707-4967

# Prayer Concerns for November

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

- The Family of Brice Udelhoven
- The Family of John Weston
- The Family of Judy Rumbaugh
- Miriam McCoy
- Dan Byers
- Jay (*Bill Berriman's brother*)
- Jim (*Tawnya Vry's brother*)
- Jim Brady (*Mike Brady's father*)
- Erv & Linda Sanny (*Farrar/Bondurant Community*)
- Allison Moss Huck (*Jennifer Byers Moss's sister-in-law*)
- Marilyn Richards (*Janet Beem's mother*)
- Melvin Johnson
- 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 Vespestad
- Bill & Theresa Berriman family, daughter Dawn & children
- Carol Tiffany
- Kory & Trisha Hobbs (*Mingo family*)
- Bob Moreland
- Steve Sesker (*Peggy Vespestad's brother*)
- People of Bolivia, Haiti, Uganda, and other persecuted Christians
- Sarah Shonrock Family (*friends of the Brady's*)
- Carla (*Pastor Phil & Connie's daughter*)
- Judy Ingram
- Storm damage victims
- Sherri, Todd & Cody Roberts (*Marie Woodruff's daughter & family*)
- Rena Thornton (*Karen Carney's daughter*)

# Administrative Board Meeting Minutes

October 2020

The Administrative Board met via Zoom video conference on Wed., Oct. 14th at 6:00 pm. Bill & Theresa Berriman, Rodney Altes, Lowell Halfhill, Carol Kimberley, Janice Gregerson, Jolene Brady, Chairman Bob & Barbara Leonard and Pastor Phil were present.

Chairman Bob opened with a prayer. Lowell moved to accept last month's secretarial report as printed in the church newsletter. Motion was seconded by Bill 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 September 30th. All accounts balanced. Givings have been a bit lower, but is most likely due to derecho damage and repairs that many are facing. Motion to approve the financial report was seconded by Rodney. Approval given.

Theresa noted that the insurance adjustor had been to the parsonage to inspect the damage to the back gutters. The combined church and parsonage policies were discussed. Rodney mentioned that the outdoor work and repairs to the church roof, gutters, and downspouts will be attended to as soon as possible, but will still take some time for bid estimates to come back and before the work can begin. Rodney suggested that we use the same contractor who worked on his house, as they were quick and professional. The new church shingles will be a dark gray with a little green in them, and will have the same quality of wind rating (if not better) as the ones we currently have. Rodney will plan on getting an extra package of shingles for the church.

There was no UMW meeting this month.

Bill made the motion to increase Jeri Heffelfinger's monthly wages by an additional \$100.00 to help with all of the added duties she has taken on with the worship services. Motion seconded by Rodney. Motion passed.

Jolene shared that the October RUSH YF meeting and Youth Sunday service were cancelled. A new date will be determined.

Mike Brady contacted the copier tech at Premier last week, and Bill met him at the church. The tech was able to connect the printer to the wifi. You can see it on the network now, so other devices can connect if needed as well.

Last month, it was decided to send out a poll to survey the congregation to see if anyone would be interested in transcription services to post on the YouTube channel. Jeri Heffelfinger has been transcribing church services to help with those who are hard of hearing, deaf, or would just like to review the sermon and make notes. Out of 12 survey responses, one replied that they might occasionally be interested in this service. So, it was decided that we do not have a strong need for this particular service at this current point in time, but that we are encouraged to advertise and spread the word of this opportunity to other churches if possible.

Pastor was experiencing difficulties with his internet connection, so was unable to present his report or comment on discussions. Bill and Pastor spoke via phone.

Looking at the calendar ahead, the first Sunday of Advent will be Sunday, Nov. 29th. We would like to decorate the church as usual. Jolene will check with Lori Pease to see if Sat., Nov. 28th at 9:00 am will work for decorating and hanging the greens. If a Christmas program will take place, we will need to include anyone who is interested in taking part and sharing in reading poems, singing special songs, Powerpoint / worship presentations, etc. We would like to have the traditional Christmas Eve service if possible, but will wait for Pastor's input on how this might be handled this year.

Carol K. reported that the Pastor has said the Zoom meeting links can be advertised on the outside church message board. Jolene mentioned that security issues had previously prevented school groups from putting the link and codes on social media and public places. But with added security features, and if Pastor monitors the meeting entrants, this should not be too much of a concern for the church.

The church window project is still in the works, but has been delayed due to many reasons, including factory/mill COVID closures earlier in the year and also an aluminum shortage. The plants and perennials in the flower bed will be saved from any possible damage.

As determined at a previous meeting, the October monthly Local Mission Giving donation for \$100.00 will go to the Salvation Army. Jolene made a motion for November's donation to go towards the local Food Pantry and December's donation to Hope Ministries. Seconded by Theresa. Motion passed.

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

*Jolene Brady*, Recording Secretary



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:** The Mingo UMW did not meet in October. Their next meeting will be determined at a later date.

*Jane Cleverley*, Secretary

# OUR CALENDAR ~ NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  COMMUNION	2	3  CAST YOUR VOTE	4	5 Happy Birthday, Pastor Phil!  6:00 pm - Zoom Charge Conference	6 	7
8	9 	10	11  6:00 pm - Board Meeting	12	13	14  3:30 pm - RUSH YF
15  FOOD PANTRY	16	17	18	19	20  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21
22	23	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving! 	27	28  9:00 am - Hanging of the Greens
29  1st Sunday of Advent	30				 	

## 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.





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## IMPORTANT UPDATES

### WE ARE OPEN!

The church building is 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.



## Bob Leonard Receives High Honors

Bob Leonard will receive the Honorary American FFA Degree at the National FFA Convention in Fort Worth, Texas. It will be presented virtually on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. on RFD-TV. He will receive a plaque and medal, and his name will be permanently recorded as a recipient of the highest FFA honor.

He taught for 35 years at Mingo and Colfax- Mingo Schools from 1956-1991. He served as Secretary-Treasurer, President Elect, President, and Past President of the Iowa Agricultural Teachers Assn. He attended 37 Region III Ag Teachers' Meetings and helped at many County and Iowa State Fairs.

He is chairman of the Mingo United Methodist Church Administrative Board.

***Congratulations, Bob!***



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