

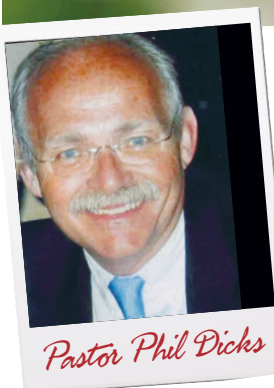


MINGO UMC

Messenger

MARCH 2021

Pastor's Note



Pastor Phil Dicks

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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AWAKENING —

An Invitation to Prepare for an Easter Awakening!

This Easter (April 4), will be more significant this year than in a generation. In the wake of 2 million deaths from a global pandemic, a polarized political nightmare that won't stop, and deep unrest, injustice and pain across racial lines, it is time to engage the Lord at a new level – a deeper level.

We live in a farming community. We understand that in order to have a harvest, we must first sow the seed. Right now is the perfect time to **AWAKEN**... to begin "sowing for an **AWAKENING**." We know in our hearts that all around us, we see fear, polarization, unrest, injustice and pain that only God can truly counter with faith, unity, peace, justice and healing. All we need to do is to humbly sow for an **AWAKENING** by praying, seeking, and loving one another." So, let's affirm where God is leading us as we look at the ancient text from the prophet Joel:

"AWAKE and return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and God relents from sending calamity."

2 Chronicles 7:14-15: ...Be **AWAKE** to this...

"If my people, my God-defined people, respond by humbling themselves, praying, seeking my presence, and turning their backs on their wicked lives, I'll be there ready for you: I'll listen from heaven, forgive their sins, and restore their land to health."

Rather than "grumbling" about the state of world, God calls us to "humble" ourselves. That means that we are to put God back in control of our life. And as we do, we can see a change in us... in our church (the church is the people)...our community and our world. **Thy Kingdom Come.**

Join me – every morning in March - in this prayer:

- **Today I sow for a great awakening.**
- **Today I stake everything** on the promise of the Word of God.
- **Today I depend entirely** on the power of the Holy Spirit.
- **Today I have the same mind in me that was in Christ Jesus**, because Jesus is good news and Jesus is in me, ***I am Good News...*** As a BELIEVER & DISCIPLE, I will share it in my actions and words in the moment and to all who I encounter today.
- **Today, I will sow the extravagance of the gospel** everywhere I go and with everyone I meet.
- **Today, I will love others as Jesus loved me.**
- **Today, I will remember that the tiniest seeds become the tallest trees; that the seeds of today become the shade of tomorrow, that the faith of right now becomes the future of the everlasting kingdom.**
- **Today I sow for a great awakening.**

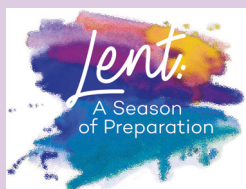
"When you will call, the Lord will answer and say:

Here am I."

(Isaiah 58:9)

Go Be the Church

Pastor Phil



Are you aware that LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are sent out each day for those who request it? If you would like to receive the Daily Lenten Devotional, please contact the Pastor at phildicks@gmail.com

Prayer Chain Ministry

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 March

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

- The Family of Pastor Perezi Were
- The Family of Jodie Hogan
(*Bob Moreland's sister*)
- The Family of John Weston
- Andrés (*Colfax child needing heart transplant*)
- Betty Karns
- Abbie (*Janice Gregerson's great granddaughter*)
- Luanne Heffelfinger
- Miriam McCoy
- Dan Byers
- Jay (*Bill Berriman's brother*)
- Jim (*Tawnya Vry's brother*)
- Jim Brady (*Mike Brady's father*)
- Frank Ehler (*Jolene Brady's father*)
- Erv & Linda Sanny (*Farrar/Bondurant Community*)
- Marilyn Richards (*Janet Beem's mother*)
- Betty Atwood
- Jeff Heffelfinger
- Andy Leonard
- Tara (*Sonny Deaton's daughter*)
- Sonny Deaton
- Pastor Steve & Melissa Gross Family
(*Haitian missionaries*)
- Mike & Ashley (McKee) Rude
- Chris & Jenny Heydon Family
- Cash Dickerson (*CM elementary student*)
- Peggy Vespstad
- 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
- Sarah Shonrock Family
(*friends of the Brady's*)
- Carla (*Pastor Phil & Connie's daughter*)
- Judy Ingram
- Nathan (*son of Jeri Heffelfinger's
friend, Dawn*)
- Nolan Kelsey (*friend of the Brady's*)
- Sasha Maslov Family (*friend of Norm McCoy*)
- Christians & missionaries in India & Nepal

Administrative Board Meeting Minutes

February 2021

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

Pastor Phil opened the meeting with prayer. Bill moved to accept last month's secretarial report as printed in the church newsletter. Motion was seconded by Julie 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 January 31st. All accounts balanced. Theresa explained that the Business Money Market account is what used to be the savings account. When the accounts were transitioned over to Bank Iowa, they did not offer a savings account at that level, so it is an interest bearing checking account. Motion to approve the financial report was seconded by Jeri. Approval given.

As a continuation from last month's discussion on the aging furnaces, Bill shared details regarding the cost estimates from both Brookwood and Baxter Comfort Solutions (BCS). It was determined that BCS offers the best package for our situation. Our current service contract with Brookwood runs through October and since the ACs are not quite as old, we hope to get through the year and wait until September or early fall — after the AC season, but before heating is needed and then replace both furnaces and ACs at the same time. BCS also offers a service contract and yearly maintenance plan which would be a good investment. The quotes are good for only 30 days, but Rodney and Bill may visit with Bryan DeJong from BCS, to see about perhaps making a downpayment. They will also negotiate add-ons, such as a HALO UV air purifier and automatic humidifier, as well as apply any rebates that might become available at the time of installation. The farm account could be utilized to cover the cost. Bill made the motion that both the church furnaces and AC units be replaced this fall. Motion seconded by Kent. Motion carried.

Rodney reported that Scott Miller replaced the two windows that had been leaking in the south basement classroom. Theresa noted that the bill has been paid. Bill mentioned that Larry Beard will work on building window well covers. Bill also shared that he made a walk-thru of the church. A security light had burned out near the ramp, but all else seems to be in order.

It was noted that with the frigid winter temperatures forecast for this weekend, in-person worship services will not be held at the church this Sunday, Feb. 14th. Service will be by Zoom only. Bill shared that he and Theresa have been recording attendance each Sunday.

There was no UMW meeting this month.

Pastor Phil shared his report. An Ash Wednesday service will be held via Zoom at 7:00 pm on Wed., Feb. 17th, featuring sackcloth and ashes, and participants will also have the opportunity to share in communion. The current sermon series on the Apostles' Creed will finish up the first week of March. The next sermon series on "Planting Seeds for a Great Awakening" will begin in March. Confirmation classes will continue through Easter with Easter Sunday on April 4th, and Confirmation Sunday to follow on April 11th, when we will welcome the new confirmands into the life of the congregation. Pastor also shared his thanks and gratitude towards Theresa, Barb, and all of the many helpers who worked to put the statistical reports together. Pastor also shared a letter from the District Superintendent Heecheon Jeon, thanking both church congregations for paying 100% of the annual apportionments.

The February monthly Local Mission Giving donation of \$100.00 was sent to Colfax-Mingo Post Prom. Jolene mentioned that a Prayer Chain request had gone out regarding a little boy, Andrés, with a congenital heart defect in need of a heart transplant. His parents own the Cratty Shack in Colfax and a GoFundMe account called "A Heart 4 Andrés" has been set up in his name. Theresa made the motion that March's \$100.00 donation be given to the family for Andrés. Motion seconded by Dawn. Motion passed.

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

Jolene Brady, Recording Secretary

OUR CALENDAR ~ MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 COMMUNION 4:00 - 5:00 pm - Confirmation (Zoom)	8	9	10 6:00 pm - (Zoom) Board Meeting	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings Time Begins  4:00 - 5:00 pm - Confirmation (Zoom)	15	16	17 	18	19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 
21 FOOD PANTRY 4:00 - 5:00 pm - Confirmation (Zoom)	22	23	24	25	26	27 Passover
28 Palm Sunday 4:00 - 5:00 pm - Confirmation (Zoom) 	29	30	31	 FARRAR UMC NEWS: Ways to Connect — To find out about Farrar UMC upcoming events and information, visit FarrarUMC.org or the Farrar United Methodist Church Facebook page.		

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

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



March 9 —
Carol Kimberley

March 23 —
Nancy Van Peursem

March 24 —
Bob Matthews



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Faith Power Assembly Church

& MISSION HARVEST MINISTRIES SCHOOL IGANGA, UGANDA ~

Keep our sister church and school in your daily prayers for safety and provision and also through this time of grief with Pastor Perezi's passing. **THEY CONTINUE TO FACE MANY HARDSHIPS & DANGERS AT THIS TIME.**



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IMPORTANT UPDATES

Join us in person, or online!

**All online worship services & meetings
use this same recurring Zoom link:**

- **ZOOM link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2724573655>
- **ENTER MEETING #:** 272 457 3655
- **To join by phone, dial:** 1-312-626-6799

• **Facebook:** Mingo UMC (Like our page!)

• **Website:** www.mingoumc.org

• **YouTube channel:**

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT15MA9CTPjloOARv8upE_Q

(Or click "Videos" on our website homepage –
past sermons are posted to our video library)

- **Sunday Worship Services:** 10:45 am (In-person & Zoom)
- **Tuesday Evening Vespers:** 8:00 pm (Zoom)
- **Wednesday Morning Coffee Time:** 10:00 am (Zoom)

• **Church School:** not meeting at this time

• **RUSH Youth Fellowship:** 2nd Saturday of the month

• **Mingo United Methodist Women (UMW):**
not meeting at this time

• **Email us:** communications@mingoumc.org

• **Want to stay current on alerts & notifications? Text:** EZJEM50015 to 313131

**The Mingo United Methodist
Church building is OPEN!**

In-person and online worship
options are available. Safety
precautions are in place &
will be practiced by those
attending in-person services.
(All online worship services &
meetings will continue to use
the same recurring Zoom link.)

Hybrid (in-church and Zoom)
services are now being conducted.
Pastor Phil will not be attending in
person. He will join via Zoom on
the big screen.



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