

## 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:

515-418-0807

### Church Office:

641-363-4229  
(to leave a message)

### Email:

communications@mingoumc.org

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www.mingoumc.org

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## A NEW NORMAL: "Hello, Welcome to Church... on the Road!"

**F**or the last few months, we have been talking about returning to normal in our living. However, we have been challenging ourselves to find out what is "normal" for living out our lives. We are consciously choosing to decide what will be priorities and major priorities in our "NEW NORMAL." We talked about ENCOURAGEMENT, LOVING and DOING (like in "Go Be the Church!"). It all can be bundled up in "What is our calling?"

Jesus called the early disciples to a NEW NORMAL. And that NORMAL was nothing like they thought it was going to be... in fact, it was GREATER THAN THEY THOUGHT POSSIBLE. Their CALLING was fulfilling, challenging, rewarding, and relationally connecting them with one another and with God. The NEW NORMAL called them out to live their lives in a "way" that people noticed and decided to live in a similar "way!"



**This summer, we are DOING A NEW NORMAL.** We have the capability now of connecting on a Sunday morning as we travel on the road! HELLO, WELCOME TO WORSHIP! It's our theme for the summer! "Normally," we take a vacation from our jobs and our life and from church! We can't attend, because we are doing what we have always done in the summer. But this summer, we can have a "NEW NORMAL!" We can join worship any Sunday, from a cell phone, a laptop, and iPhone, an iPad...even an Apple watch! We can "Go Be the Church" on the GO and still "BE the CHURCH"...and **IN CHURCH!**

**This summer, we want to "TAKE CHURCH WITH US ON VACATION!" - HELLO, WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** You can share with us going down the road, on a mountaintop or on a lake or river. You can invite others in the campground or friends and family to join us on a Sunday morning. We are going to keep track of where you are and who are with you.

**Now comes the FUN PART! We are going to hold a summer "Mini-Worship" on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights at 8 PM (it will still be light!)... A rally gathering under the stars! Only 30 minutes (or less)... we can check in from wherever... connect with one another and hear what's going on and where we are at the time. WE WILL BE TEST DRIVING THIS BEGINNING in JUNE to see how it goes and decide if we want to continue... A song, a video, a summer thought from the pastor (or some other invited person), a prayer, then off to bed (or the campfire). It is not limited to just travelers, but anyone who wants to join (or misses church). It will take the place of our Tuesday night vespers and our Wednesday AM connection. You can still bring "coffee to the service" but you might want to make it de-cafeinated! No telling where we might be coming from... or where the pastor might be each night. But God will be with us! Have any thoughts to share with the pastor in the planning or special requests... let me know at: phildicks@gmail.com - Invite your friends and family... and new persons.**



**It all BEGINS on Wednesday, June 2nd @ 8 PM and/or Sunday, June 6th @ 8 PM. HELLO, WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

**Go be the church!**

Pastor Phil

## 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 June

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

- The Family of Homer Hall
- The Dunbar/Cory Families
- The Family of Ed Doty
- The Family of Mike Phelan
- The Family of Pastor Perezi Were
- The Family of Jerry McGinnis
- Marilyn (*Janet Beem's mother*)
- Ted Rogers (*husband of Peggy Vespstad's cousin*)
- Judy Ingram
- Steve (*friend of Nielsen's*)
- Andrés (*Colfax child needing heart transplant*)
- Sandy (*Bill Berriman's sister-in-law*)
- Candy Sparks
- Dennis Gilbert
- 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*)
- Barbara DeReus (*Betty Karns's sister-in-law*)
- 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*)
- Hu & Peggy Vespstad
- Carol Tiffany
- Kory & Trisha Hobbs (*Mingo family*)
- Bob Moreland
- Steve Sesker (*Peggy Vespstad's brother*)
- People of Bolivia, Haiti, Uganda, and other persecuted Christians
- Carla (*Pastor Phil & Connie's daughter*)
- Mike & Mary Murphy
- Nolan Kelsey (*friend of the Brady's*)
- Sasha Maslov Family (*friend of Norm McCoy*)
- Christians & missionaries in India & Nepal

## Administrative Board Meeting Minutes

May 2021

The Administrative Board met via Zoom video conference on Wed., May 12th at 6:00 pm. Bill & Theresa Berriman, Carol Kimberley, Lowell Halfhill, Bob & Marilyn Matthews, 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. Seconded by Marilyn. Motion passed.

Treasurer Theresa presented the financial report for approval. Deposits totaled \$xxxx.xx. Debits totaled \$xxxx.xx. The balance on the checkbook statement was \$xxxxxx.xx as of April 30th. All accounts balanced. It was noted that the name "GIG" on line #1206 of the report is the name of the booking agent for the Block Party entertainment. Also to mention, the blinds purchased for the parsonage included blinds for the whole house, plus the installation. These types of purchases will be kept separate from rent records in the future. Motion to approve the financial report was seconded by Lowell. Approval given.

Bill & Theresa reported that the fluorescent bulbs and ballasts have been cleared out of the church and were properly discarded at the Metro Waste Authority in Bondurant. There were disposal fees for this service.

Bill reported that the Block Party on Aug 7th may need to be moved back to the church location, rather than the Middle School because one of the walls was damaged during the demolition and may not be fixed in time. More information will be coming soon.

The church parking lot will be closed this coming Sunday (May 16th) since the concrete needs to cure and the second installation is scheduled to take place this Friday. Jolene will send out a notice to the congregation that parking will be available on the street and the far west side of the lot. Handicapped spots will still be available.

Carol K. noted that the graduation gifts have been purchased and reception plans have been made for June 6th, which will be Youth Sunday and graduation recognition day. Since Youth Sunday is planned for that first Sunday in June, Communion will move to the following Sunday, June 13th.

Jolene reminded us that the newsletter deadline is Thursday, May 20th.

Pastor Phil shared his report. Our Memorial Day service will be Sunday, May 30th and Bill has a video link he will share to use during the service. Pastor Phil will be taking part in the Memorial Day service at 9:00 am on Monday, May 31st at the Ashton Chapel. Father's Day Sunday will be June 20th.

Bill reported that major tree trimming was done today at the church, including tree removal along the side of the creek since the church owns that property. MidAmerican Energy disconnected the power to the church. The power had not yet been restored, but should be soon. A church clean-up day will also be needed soon. The shed will need to be cleaned out, along with brush and limbs. Rodney's excavator will be helpful. Tawnya will make a list of inside projects that need to be done. A date will be set soon.

Bill also mentioned that the Alumni Association has asked to borrow the large tent for their reunion this year, which will take place the first Saturday in June. It was agreed that they may use the tent, with the understanding that it must be taken down right afterwards. Rodney is familiar with the tent, so he should be able to help.

Several concerns were addressed regarding the future of the church and what might be done in order to become a "community church" by reaching out to more individuals or especially families with younger children within town. In order to grow the church, we need to begin by growing relationships with those within the community. The Block Party might be a good focus to make quality connections with more families and children and find out what their needs might be. Then we might be able to fill that need for them, whether that be through engaging programs or other activities geared towards the younger generation. Pastor Phil would like to meet with others who would be motivated to help with this.

As previously discussed, the May monthly Local Mission Giving donation of \$100.00 will be used to mail another box of supplies to Uganda. The June monthly donation will go to the Jasper County Habitat for Humanity and the July donation will be sent to Hawthorn Hill.

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

*Jolene Brady, Recording Secretary*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY! –

Delbert “Sonny” Deaton turns 85 years young on Friday, June 4th. The Deaton family would like to shower him with birthday cards & notes of well wishes. Please send greetings to:

**Sonny Deaton**  
PO Box 72  
Mingo, IA 50168



## RUSH Youth Fellowship

Youth Sunday will be coming up soon! Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 6th at 10:45 am during the normal morning worship service. This is the

fun day when the church youth take over the service. We will also recognize and celebrate our high school graduates. **RUSH YF is open to all youth 7-12 grades. If you have any questions please call Dawn and Kent at 641-363-3299.**

## SEND A WARM MESSAGE OF LOVE –

In December of last year (2020), Jolene, Saralee and I heard news that rocked us. Our dear friend from Uganda, Pastor Perezi Were, had passed away unexpectedly. Through a postmortem, Florence told us that the doctors had discovered an undetected heart problem and Perezi had passed away from a blood clot in his lung. Perezi and Florence were in their early 40s when Saralee and I traveled to Uganda. So this would put him at his late 40s.

Because they live in Uganda, Perezi’s death left Florence in a much more difficult life situation. All things are put into the man’s name — the church, the school, the property, etc. It took her almost 5 months to get a death certificate in order to be able to carry on with Perezi’s legacy. Even though they were married for over 20 years, Perezi’s death notice had to be made public for a month so that anyone who believed they had a claim to his property could be notified. How different this is from us in the States! Business matters are still being settled but it is with great joy that Florence has the support of her congregation and school to continue on.

When I heard of this sadness, I decided to crochet a “prayer shawl” in patriotic colors to send to Florence to let her know of the people here in America who love and care for her, the family, the church, and the school. Every time I worked on the shawl, prayers were said for her.

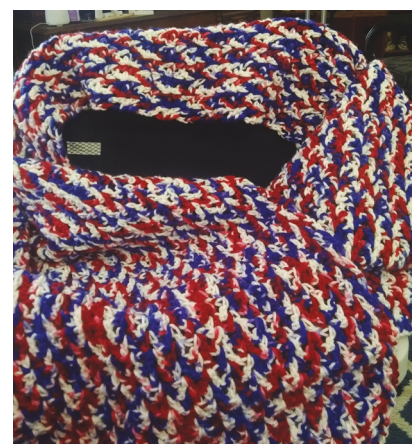
The shawl is now completed and I would like to send it to Florence. **But I would like to add warm messages of love to the Ugandan family from our church family. If you would like to write a card (and maybe include a picture of your family), I will be preparing the box for her to mail by the end of June. You can drop cards off at church or get them to Jeri by June 25th (the last Sunday in June). I will also have blank cards available if you need one.**

Thank you for your prayers and sharing your love with someone half-way across the world.

*Jeri Ann Heffelfinger*



*Florence & the late Pastor Perezi Were.*



## MISSION KITS FOR 2021 –

### Midwest Mission Kits & Projects

**Sending Hope and Empowerment Around the World and Around the Corner**

The Mingo UMC will collect items for the UMCOR Hygiene Kits to be collected at the Ingathering later this year. Please note what will be accepted for each item in these kits. These kits will go to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Illinois for distribution.

- **Apr** ~ 1 Bath Hand Towel – No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- **May** ~ 1 Bath Washcloth – No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- **June** ~ One comb with at least 6” of teeth – No rattail or pocket combs
- **July** ~ 1 Adult Toothbrush – No multipacks
- **Aug** ~ 1 Bar Soap – 3 oz bar or larger – No Ivory or Jergen’s soap
- **Sept** ~ 1 toenail or fingernail clipper – No emery boards or metal nail files
- **Oct** ~ 10 adhesive band aids (3/4 by 3 inches)

Midwest Mission is a Cooperating Depot in the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Disaster Relief Network. Midwest Mission receives, stores & makes all UMCOR Kits and disburses them upon the request of UMCOR, once a Domestic Relief Form has been approved.

Midwest Mission distributes its kits, UMCOR Kits, resources and supplies after receiving a request from fellow partners, community members, missionaries, non-profits, and UMCOR. Supplies are given free of charge regardless of gender race or religion.

If you would like more information on MMDC, go to their website at **midwestmission.org**

*(Please see listing on next page)*

# Kits



## PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT (\$15 VALUE)

- 1 Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
  - 1 Bath Washcloth - No dishcloths
  - 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multipacks
  - 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
  - 1 Shampoo - 15-18 oz
  - 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
  - 1 1-gal Resealable Plastic Bag
- Place all items in the resealable plastic bag  
\$2 Donation for razor and toothpaste



## HOME CARE KIT (\$20 VALUE)

- 2 Liquid Household Cleaners - 16-40 oz
  - No spray bottles
  - 2 Dish Soaps - 16-34 oz
  - 2 Liquid Laundry Detergents - 32-64 oz
  - 1 Scrub Brush - with or without handle
  - 1 5-gal Round Bucket with resealable lid
- Place all items in the bucket



## STUDENT KIT (\$16 VALUE)

- 3 Notebooks - 1 subject spiral 8"x 10 1/2"
  - 1 Ruler - 12" long with metric
  - 6 Pencils - unsharpened
  - 1 Pencil Sharpener
  - 1 Eraser - 2" or larger
  - 1 Box 12 Colored Pencils
  - 1 Box 24 Crayons
  - 1 Pair of Student Scissors
  - 1 One Handle Cloth Bag \*
- Place all items in the cloth bag



## TORNADO KIT (\$50 VALUE)

- 2 Pairs Work Gloves
  - 24 1-gal Resealable Plastic Bags
  - 2 Permanent Markers
  - 1 Roll Duct Tape - prefer colored
  - 2 Dust Masks - No surgical masks
  - 24 Heavy Duty Trash Bags - 33-45 gal
  - 24 Clear / White Trash Bags - 20-33 gal
- \$20 Donation for 2-18 gal totes

## LAYETTE KIT (\$45 VALUE)

- 6 Cloth Diapers \*
  - 2 Gowns or Sleepers \*
  - 2 Onesies or Undershirts
  - 2 Infant Washcloths - No adult washcloths
  - 6 Diaper Pins - must have protective plastic closures
  - 1 Sweater \*, Sweatshirt or Jacket (0-6 months) - knitted, crocheted or sewn with front opening - No ties or buttons
  - 2 Receiving Blankets - 28"x 28" to 32"x 32"
- No crib, fleece or thermal blankets  
Bundle items inside one of the blankets and secure with diaper pins  
\$2 Donation for diaper cream



## BIRTHING KIT (\$9 VALUE)

- 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
  - 1 Pair Gloves - surgical or thin rubber gloves
  - 1 Square Yard Clear Plastic Sheeting - 4 mil thick - No trash bags or shower curtains
  - 3 Pieces Cotton String - each 12" long - No yarn
  - 1 Razor Blade - single edge - cover in paper or cardboard to prevent injury
  - 2 Receiving Blankets - 28"x 28" to 32"x 32" - No crib, fleece or thermal blankets
  - 1 1-gal Resealable Plastic Bag
- Place all items in the resealable plastic bag



## FEMININE HYGIENE KIT (\$50 VALUE)

- 1 Bath Washcloth
  - 1 Bar Soap 3-4 oz
  - 3 Pairs of Underwear - sizes: child 10-14 women: 5-8
  - 6 Day Pads and 3 Night Pads \*
  - 1 Drawstring Carrying Bag \*
  - 1 Waterproof Bag \*
  - 1 One Handle Cloth Bag \*
  - 1 Care and Calendar Sheet \*
- Place all items in the cloth bag

\* Find Instructions & Patterns online

# Projects



## RICE MEALS

These are assembled at your location with ingredients purchased from Midwest Mission. At a cost of only 17 cents per meal, you can feed a family for \$1.00.



## HOMEMADE ITEMS

For all instructions and some patterns go to [midwestmission.org/kits-projects-patterns/midwest-mission-kits](http://midwestmission.org/kits-projects-patterns/midwest-mission-kits). Other patterns are available by contacting Midwest Mission.



## STUDENT DESKS

Made from reclaimed bleacher wood and countertops, these desks seat 2-4 students. Please notify Midwest Mission of potential bleacher wood donations.



## BICYCLES & SEWING MACHINES

Refurbished by missionaries in the Midwest Mission shops.



## MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

Items accepted: folding walkers, crutches, canes, wheelchairs, shower chairs, and orthopedic supplies.

# Requirements

- All kit items must be NEW.
- Kits should contain ONLY the requested items.
- No handprints, footprints, paw prints or camouflage on fabrics.

# OUR CALENDAR ~ JUNE 2021

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 and information, visit <b>FarrarUMC.org</b> or the Farrar United Methodist Church Facebook page.		1	2  8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	3	4	5
<b>6 YOUTH SUNDAY</b> <b>Recognition of Graduates</b> 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	7	8	<b>9</b> 6:00 pm - (Zoom) Board Meeting 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	10	11	12
<b>13 COMMUNION</b> 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	<b>14</b>  <b>FLAG DAY</b>	15	<b>16</b> 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	17	18	19
<b>20 FATHER'S DAY</b> <b>FOOD PANTRY</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	<b>21</b>  Summer Begins	22	<b>23</b> 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	24	25	26
<b>27</b> 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	28	29	<b>30</b> 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	<b>ADVANCED PLANNING: Mark Your Calendars For These Upcoming Events at the Mingo UMC!</b> • <b>Sunday, July 11</b> - Chautauqua Outdoor Church Service & Potluck - 10:45 am • <b>Saturday, Aug. 7</b> - Community Block Party - More info to come		

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

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



**June 1 —**  
Lori Pease

**June 4 —**  
Delbert "Sonny" Deaton

**June 5 —**  
Colton Brady

**June 6 —**  
Pastor Jill Flyr

**June 12 —**  
Lindsey Doty

**June 16 —**  
Pastor Dana Wimmer

Judi Tiffany  
Lois Nolte  
Marlys Shiermeister

**June 18 —**  
Marie Wolgamuth

**June 22 —**  
Mariah Webster

**June 23 —**  
Mindy Webster

**June 24 —**  
Tawnya Vry

**June 29 —**  
Carla Altes

**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!

**Please note that we have updated Zoom links for worship services & meetings:**

#### SUNDAY SERVICES & BOARD MEETINGS

**Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85195854464>

**Meeting ID:** 851 9585 4464

#### VESPERS & COFFEE / SUMMERTIME MINI-WORSHIP

**Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2724573655>

**Meeting ID:** 272 457 3655

- **Facebook:** Mingo UMC (Like our page!)
- **Website:** [www.mingoumc.org](http://www.mingoumc.org)
- **YouTube channel:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT15MA9CTPjIoOARv8upE\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT15MA9CTPjIoOARv8upE_Q)  
(Or click "Videos" on our website homepage –  
past sermons are posted to our video library)

• **Sunday AM Worship Service:** 10:45 am (In-person & Zoom)

• **Sunday Evening Mini-Worship:** 8:00 pm (Zoom)

• **Wednesday Evening Mini-Worship:** 8:00 pm (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](mailto: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.  
Masks are optional & no  
longer required.

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