



MINGO UMC

Messenger

JULY 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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“Come on, Disciples... Let's DO SOMETHING about it!”

Jesus said, “Come on, Disciples... Let's DO SOMETHING about it!” When the Disciples woke up and began to see the needs around them and even in their own community, Jesus challenged them: “Let's DO SOMETHING about it!” Matthew West, a contemporary Christian singer and songwriter wrote a great song called: “DO SOMETHING” (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_RjndG0IX8). The words say:

*I woke up this morning
Saw a world full of trouble now, thought
How'd we ever get so far down, and
How's it ever gonna turn around
So, I turned my eyes to Heaven
I thought, “God, why don't You do something?”
So, I shook my fist at Heaven
Said, “God, why don't You do something?”
He said, “I did, I created you!”*

A few weeks ago, a member of our congregation called me and talked about something that was “motivating” them. With all the number of kids “tightening,” of kids attending (to put it nicely), and the number of kids graduating or not around anymore, he said, “I need to do something about this!” I need to DO SOMETHING about getting people, families, and kids to get connected!

I agreed and offered some possible options... especially around a couple of “invitational” open-to-the-community events this summer. It was exciting to see some passion around this. This year, one of the largest numbers ever of United Methodist churches “faded away.” Nice churches, nice people... but finally the last person out had to turn off the lights! They let things go and “did church” but lacked the passion and energy focused in the direction that Jesus told them. There are some options for “reaching out and inviting people into community”... around a passion of “Doing Something!” “Doing Something” is universal in its invitation and it demands all disciples, followers of Jesus, even nominal believers to “Do Something.”

So, let's talk about it! On a Zoom meeting, let's discuss this so everyone can be a part... even those on vacation! We can listen, then launch, or we can designate who will be the last one to “turn off the lights” as we leave the building. Jesus says: “Grow! Make Disciples” Jesus' ideas and methods were earth-shaking! It was so radical that they crucified Him for implementing them (let alone just talking about them).

If you're interested, or in a listening mode, or panicked, or just ready to step up to the plate... I invite you to join me in a discussion ONLINE... @ a ZOOM MEETING – 7 PM on the next few Wednesdays to start (June 23, June 30 and July 7th... getting ready for the Chautauqua Sunday, June 11th) on Pastor's Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2724573655>

Any thoughts, ideas or sharings: phildicks@gmail.com or 515-418-0807

“DO SOMETHING” *Go be the church!*

Pastor Phil

TAKE CHURCH WITH YOU ON VACATION!

This summer, we want to “TAKE CHURCH WITH YOU ON VACATION!” Or as a Mid-Week (Wed) @ 8 pm “pick-me-up,” or as a “Touch-Base” on Sunday Eve @ 8 pm

A Mini-Worship of 20 minutes:

- 5 minutes of “*Music & Scripture*”
- 5 minutes “*Message*” by Pastor
- 5 minutes “*Prayers*”
- 5 Minutes “*Connection Time*” Where are U?

ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2724573655>



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 July

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

- The Family of Jay Berriman
(Bill Berriman's brother)
- The Family of Pastor Perezi Were
- Marilyn (Janet Beem's mother)
- Ted Rogers (husband of
Peggy Vespstad's cousin)
- Judy Ingram
- Nick Crivaro
- Janice Gregerson
- Bill McGinnis
- Andrés (Colfax child needing heart
transplant)
- Sandy (Bill Berriman's sister-in-law)
- Candy Sparks
- Dennis Gilbert
- Luanne Heffelfinger
- Miriam McCoy
- Dan Byers
- Jim (Taunya Vry's brother)
- Jim Brady (Mike Brady's father)
- Frank Ehler (Jolene Brady's father)
- Barbara DeReus (Betty Karns' 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

June 2021

The Administrative Board met via Zoom video conference on Wed., June 9th at 6:00 pm. Bill & Theresa Berriman, Carol Kimberley, Kent & Dawn McKee, Julie Warner, Bob Pease, Jolene Brady, and Chairman Bob & Barbara Leonard were present. Pastor Phil was absent.

Chairman Bob opened the meeting with prayer. Bob L. moved to accept last month's secretarial report as printed in the church newsletter. Seconded by Carol K. Motion 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 \$xx,xxx.xx as of May 31st. It was noted that Norm McCoy is working with the renter on applying for a grant. All accounts balanced. Motion to approve the financial report was seconded by Kent. Approval given.

Theresa reported that Marie Molyneux's memorial to the church totaled \$xx,xxx.xx. The cement parking lot project used \$xx,xxx.xx. The outdoor carpeting down payment totaled \$xxx.xx, leaving a balance of \$x.xx. Marie's donation has been a true blessing and the work that has been completed through it will be appreciated for many years to come.

A church clean-up day is still slated for the near future, but Rodney has had difficulty getting parts to repair his excavator. A date will be set soon. It was noted that the SE side near the church is weedy and will need attention. It was suggested to work on that area separately from the clean-up day, perhaps in the fall. It was requested that clean fill dirt be used in the future, to keep thistles at bay.

The Block Party for Aug. 7th is still on schedule, but no new information was available.

Youth Sunday and graduation recognition day was last Sunday, so Communion will be this upcoming Sunday, June 13th.

Jolene reminded us that the newsletter deadline is Sunday, June 20th, which is also Father's Day, so it would be appreciated if content could arrive before the weekend if possible. It was noted that a May newsletter was returned with a "forwarding time expiration" for Beau & Emily Perry, so their address has been updated.

Jolene also reported that she has been running into difficulties with social media, even though she has been very careful not to post any political wording or verbiage that will set off the algorithm. Current mainstream media (including Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, and other sites) is heavily restricting and censoring Christian values and information. She was recently banned from Facebook for "abusing their policies," even though nothing negative was posted or commented on. The blocks last anywhere between a few hours to a few days or weeks, or even months. She contacted Jeri Ann to make updates and changes as needed during the ban. Lori Pease and Pastor Phil also have access to the Facebook page, so information can hopefully still be shared. Several other pastors, churches, and organizations have been experiencing restrictions. It would be wise to explore and learn about alternative platforms, such as Telegram and Rumble, to help side-step the censorship.

McKee's shared that they may be stepping down from the leadership position for the youth group since Lillie and many of the older youth have now graduated. There are only a few youth remaining in the church at this time. Bill noted that he has several church belongings that he has been storing at his home. He would like to move some of these items into the youth room closets and storage areas.

Chubb has requested to resign as Chairman/Treasurer of the Memorial Committee, but will remain active. Julie has offered to fill this leadership role. Julie will check with the bank to see the names listed on the signature cards for the account. If needed, Theresa will be added in order to have at least two signatures on the account. Theresa made the motion to accept Mildred "Chubb" Borts' resignation as Chairman/Treasurer of the Memorial Committee and to instate Julie Warner in her place. Seconded by Bob P. Motion carried.

The outdoor "Chautauqua" tent meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 11th. Bill and Jeri Ann have been discussing the worship layout for that morning. We will start learning one of the songs this coming Sunday.

As previously discussed, the June monthly Local Mission Giving donation of \$100.00 will go to the Jasper County Habitat for Humanity and the July donation will be sent to Hawthorn Hill.

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

Jolene Brady, Recording Secretary



Youth Sunday

Our Youth Sunday was Sunday, June 6th at 10:45 am during the normal morning worship service. The church youth had fun taking over the service. We also celebrated our high school graduates ~ Caleb Heffelfinger, Lillie McKee & Elizabeth Collins. Good luck in all your future endeavors, Graduates!



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.

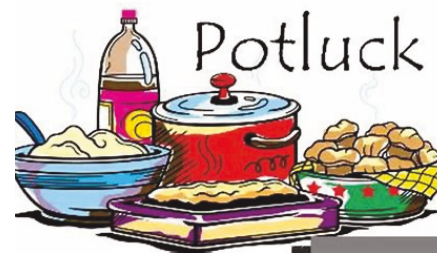
If you would like more information on MMDC, go to their website at midwestmission.org

LORD SEND A REVIVAL CHAUTAUQUA SUNDAY

Sunday, July 11th, 2021



Mingo UMC
10:45 am



Tent Service followed by potluck.
Everyone Welcome!

Sandwich fixings and drink provided.
Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share.
Bring your own lawn chairs and table serviceware.

WEATHER CONCERNS Heat or Rain:
We will be in the basement of the church

OUR CALENDAR ~ JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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.		ADVANCED PLANNING: <i>Mark Your Calendars For These Upcoming Events at the Mingo UMC!</i> <hr/> • Saturday, Aug. 7 - Community Block Party - More info to come		1	2	3
4 COMMUNION  Happy 4TH of July! 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	5	6	7 7 pm - (Zoom) Discussion with Pastor 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	8	9	10
11 Chautauqua Outdoor Church Service & Potluck - 10:45 am 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	12	13	14 6:00 pm - (Zoom) Board Meeting 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	15	16	17
18 FOOD PANTRY 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	22	23	24
25 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	26	27	28 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	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

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 Perez's passing. **THEY CONTINUE TO FACE MANY HARDSHIPS & DANGERS AT THIS TIME.**





Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church®

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
- **YouTube channel:**
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
- **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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