



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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What Would Jesus Say to the Mingo UMC? *"Do Something!"*

For the past several weeks, interested persons from the Farrar and Mingo UMCs have been meeting to re-ignite talk about "Doing Something" to help us to live out our mission as defined by Jesus and to grow the kingdom of God and grow as disciples. Now we are meeting individually back in our own churches to focus in on our church and our future.

As a part of this effort, I have been preaching all about "What Would Jesus Say to Us?" But this sermon series has been different. It is re-igniting and reminding ourselves of the true mission and purpose that God and Jesus gave to the church...our church...and our people who are called to make "thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven."

So often we end up just "doing something" and hope that it yields someone becoming part of our church. We try something in the hope that it will somehow connect with people – non- or nominally religious people and get them to come join us in *"Go Be the Church."*

This year, we have closed more United Methodist churches than in the past. That has made lots of people nervous as they face the prospect of where we are going, where are we going to get new people to join us, and how can we keep from becoming a "nice" but slowly shrinking church. Someone shared "it is not that we are losing members to other churches," they said, "we are losing them to the cemetery...we are dying off!" I was saddened this year to see churches that were once so alive...now finding it necessary to close. No one wants their church to close...we want to live or at least be resurrected in a more relevant and growing way.

Our church has as strong, proud, and long history. The people that "are our church" are great faithful and committed people. But together we are facing a new age, a new world, and people who think differently. But together, they are facing the same identified needs of busy lives, jumbled priorities, raising kids successfully, all kinds of commitments and events that take time from family life. They are looking for meaning, purpose and help in finding and keeping God and loving one another as a part of their life. They want to "BE the difference" and "MAKE a difference" in this world, our community and in relationships to one another, especially to those in need.

Rather than just guessing on what we think those needs are, we are making an effort to ASK NEW PERSONS and FAMILIES about what they know are needs for them, how they see our church and what we need to do to help them connect and GO BE THE CHURCH with us! My thanks to person in our church who have committed themselves to talking about this. One such group is the "Do Something Group" at Mingo meeting on Wednesday nights to re-ignite (following the pandemic) our church efforts on connecting with people, learning from them and then prayerfully matching their needs with new and continued programs and events at our church, especially as we head into the fall.

We are open for others joining us. We are open to anyone being a part of the discussion and of the effort to relate and listen to new persons in our church and even in the growing of new events and opportunities to meet and grow... doing life and faith together!

How can you do that?

- Join us each Sunday – in-person or online to catch the vision of what God and Jesus have for us and our church.
- Pray for our church and those who are actively involved and new persons – non- and nominal Christians with whom Jesus spent all of His time and ministry on earth.
- Be open to change and learning new ways from others, but especially from God!
- Be a part of the discussion through various groups and outreach efforts coming up.
- Volunteer! We have lots of ways for anyone, any age, anywhere to be a part of the solution! We need you. God and Jesus needs you!
- Get to know and connect with people – build real relationships with them like Jesus did with non- and nominally believing people, especially friends or people that we live by or meet here in Mingo, but who need the very invitation to connect with us and our work together.

I invite you to connect or share your interest, comments, or questions with Bill Berriman and/or Rodney Altes or Pastor Phil – they are helping to spear-head our effort together in August and this coming fall to **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).

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Jolene Brady
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515-508-9009

Farrar Contact:

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Prayer Concerns for August

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

- The Family of Norman Leonard (*Bob Leonard's brother*)
- The Family of Jay Berriman (*Bill Berriman's brother*)
- The Family of Pastor Perezi Were
- Carolyn Link
- Pastor Eldon Nolte
- Marilyn (*Janet Beem's mother*)
- Ted Rogers (*husband of Peggy Vespestad'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 (*Tawnya Vry's brother*)
- Jim Brady (*Mike Brady's father*)
- Frank Ehler (*Jolene Brady's father*)
- Sarah Shonrock (*Jolene Brady's friend*)
- 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 Vespestad
- Carol Tiffany
- Kory & Trisha Hobbs (*Mingo family*)
- Bob Moreland
- Steve Sesker (*Peggy Vespestad's brother*)
- People of Bolivia, Haiti, Uganda, and other persecuted Christians
- Carla (*Pastor Phil & Connie's daughter*)
- Mike & Mary Murphy
- Sasha Maslov Family (*friend of Norm McCoy*)
- Christians & missionaries in India & Nepal

Administrative Board Meeting Minutes

July 2021

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

Pastor Phil opened the meeting with prayer. Carol moved to accept last month's secretarial report as printed in the church newsletter. Seconded by Jeri. Motion passed.

Treasurer Theresa presented the financial report for approval. Deposits totaled \$#,###.##. Debits totaled \$#,###.##. The balance on the checkbook statement was \$##,###.## as of June 30th. It was noted that Norm McCoy continues to work with the renter on applying for grants. The grants can be applied only to past rent, not future payments. The renter is close to having clearance from the doctor to return to work, so will hopefully get caught up soon. All accounts balanced. Motion to approve the financial report was seconded by Jeri. Approval given.

Carol reported that she sprayed Roundup in some locations around the church and on the sidewalks, but ran out before being able to complete the job. She has plans to get more. It was also noted that there is a wasp nest south of the AC unit, so it will be sprayed.

The Block Party for Aug. 7th is on schedule. Flyers were mailed out and information was posted on social media after the 4th of July weekend. Reminders will be posted as the time gets closer. Theresa has taken inventory of the school supplies and will get the list to Jolene once finalized. Individual water bottles are a new item that has been requested this year by many schools. Jolene also reminded us that the newsletter deadline is Tuesday, July 20th.

Jeri reported that she applied and was awarded two grants through the Iowa UMW. She received a "Women in Ministry" grant for \$500 to use towards her lay ministry and another grant for \$750 to be used for youth outreach ministry, which will cover the cost of face painting, glitter tattoos, and a balloon artist for the Block Party, as well as help cover the supplies needed for this year's Trunk or Treat, which will be a "God is our Super Power" theme.

Jeri also shared that a Facebook group called "Visit 939 Iowa" drove through Mingo on this past Sunday and took photos around town, including one of the church during our tent revival and posted them to their page. The group's goal is to visit each of Iowa's towns, and they visit about 10-15 per day. So we gained some additional exposure on Sunday!

Bill noted that the AC/Furnace split system has been ordered through Bryan DeJong at Baxter Comfort Solutions and no down payment was needed. We are all set for installation this fall. The price did increase just a bit, to a total of \$22,711.00, but that includes 2 furnaces, 2 ACs, installation, add ons including the air purifier and humidifier, as well as disposal of old system.

Pastor shared his report and thanked everyone for their work with the Chautauqua tent revival service. He also thanked everyone for attending the "Do Something" meetings on the past Wednesday nights. Pastor would like to meet again at 6:00 pm on Wed., July 21 to discuss and share thoughts on the book "Autopsy of a Deceased Church - 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive," and how it may apply to our congregation, especially in relation to activities or groups reactivating this fall. Farrar will focus on their PIE (Persons In Evangelism) group, while Mingo will kick things off with a focus on the Block Party. Donations to help cover the cost of the books may be left in the offering plate, but please make a notation that it is for the book. Pastor's new Sunday sermon series will be "What Would Jesus Say to the Mingo UMC?". It will be a 3-part message to both churches, but tailored to each individual congregation.

As previously discussed, the July monthly Local Mission Giving donation of \$100.00 will go to Hawthorn Hill. Jolene noted that the Newton Christian School is planning on having their Family Fun Day fundraiser in September and they will be meeting within the next couple weeks to iron out details. Jeri moved that the August donation be given to the Newton Christian School for their fall fundraiser and that September's donation be sent to Women at the Well. Seconded by Theresa. Motion carried.

Bill invited others to stay online for a quick after-action review of the Chautauqua after the conclusion of the Board meeting. Bill moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Rodney. All prayed "The Lord's Prayer" together in closing.

Jolene Brady, Recording Secretary

After-Action Review of the Chautauqua Tent Revival: (held on Sun., July 11, 2021)

- Everyone agreed that the Chautauqua was an enjoyable event.
- It was a lot of work to put together, but especially coming out of the Covid lockdowns it felt really good to get together as a group.
- It does not need to be an annual event, but could perhaps have it again in 3-5 years.
- The food was good and it was fun to watch the younger children.
- It was nice to get to meet Pastor Phil's friends, John Green & his family from Iowa City. We were also able to show the Green's the inside of the church.
- Jeri suggested that perhaps we could forgo using YouTube videos or background music with the songs since it caused some difficulties with the Zoom broadcast. In the future, we could just have Janet play the songs.

Next up will be the Block Party. Bill mentioned that he met with the Mingo City Council earlier this week. We will have 1 to 2 firetrucks at the party. We are planning on renting a golf cart. Jeri reminded that we will be using the popcorn popper, too. More details will be shared soon.



THANK YOU!

Dear Friends at Mingo Church,
Thank you for your gift for my graduation from Southeast Polk. Mama can't wait to put my picture, diploma, and tassel in it. Thanks again!

Caleb Heffelfinger

THANK YOU!

MANY THANKS to Pastor Dicks and the Church family for your food donations, your cards and memorial gifts and to each of you for helping with the funeral services.

Bob & Barbara Leonard

NORMAN CHARLES LEONARD OBITUARY (1938-2021)

Norman Charles Leonard, 83, of Georgetown, Texas, passed away on June 26, 2021. He was born on January 23, 1938, to Ralph Leonard and Clara (Dykstra) Leonard at Grandma (Annie Emmaline Leonard's) home in Colfax, Iowa. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, who he married on June 21, 1958, at the Mingo United Methodist Church. They just celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. He also had two sons, Gregory (Mary) of Afton, OK, and Jeffrey (Machelle) of Stillwater, OK, and an older brother, Joseph Robert "Bob" (Barbara) of Mingo, and a sister, Jane Leonard Fischer, from Bloomington, MN. He had four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren in OK plus many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, MaryAnn and a brother-in-law, Stan Fischer.

He grew up on the farm north of Mingo, and graduated from Farrar High School. He held jobs in Des Moines, Sigourney, Holdenville, OK and Georgetown, TX. He worked at Summy Building Systems as a plant manager and for Western Auto Distribution Center as a mechanic in the truck shop in Texas.

He suffered a massive stroke Saturday morning, June 26, 2021, after going for his morning walk. The ambulance was called about 8:00 a.m. and he passed away that evening at the hospital. Funeral arrangements were held Saturday, July 17, at the Mingo United Methodist Church with burial at the Ashton Cemetery north of Mingo.



CONGRATULATIONS! Iowa Conference United Methodist Women Announce Recipients of Barbara Csomay BE BOLD GRANTS

The Mingo United Methodist Church has been blessed with two "Be Bold Grants" announced in late June, 2021.

Jeri Ann Heffelfinger received a "Be Bold Grant for Women in Ministry." This grant is given to women, both clergy and laywomen, to be able to participate in an educational event or class. This grant was for \$500.

Jeri is taking classes from the Iowa School of Lay Ministry. It is a 3-year program. She has taken 5 classes to date and will be taking another 5 classes from August to November to complete her first year. These classes are offered via Zoom so travel burdens are not stressful for the students not in central Iowa.

The Iowa Conference also offered a "Unit Be Bold" grant to projects that enhance the United Methodist Women purpose. Jeri wrote a grant for the Mingo UMW unit that placed emphasis on youth activities and youth outreach activities. The concept included face painting, balloon artistry, air brush tattooing, and various things that would be used at church and community events such as the county fair, trunk or treat, and local fun days. The development of this outreach program would be to promote the United Methodist Church to the young in our community.

The Mingo UMW received a grant of \$750 to purchase items needed to develop and implement the program. Just an FYI, the Mingo UMW also received a \$500 grant last year from the IAUMW. The women provided a meal and purchased items to put into COVID care bags that were given to the staff of The Gardens Assisted Living where Jeri had been working.

MISSION KITS FOR 2021 -

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.

- **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.

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



A FUN, FREE Event the Whole Family Can Enjoy!

**FUN
GAMES &
CONTESTS**

**Denise
Forney**

WILL PERFORM!

Community BLOCK PARTY!



~ West Main Street, Mingo, IA • Sponsored by the Mingo UMC ~

Saturday, August 7th • 5:00 - 9:00 pm

Food, Music, Entertainment & FUN!

**Walking tacos, popcorn, watermelon
& drinks will be provided.
Bring your lawn chairs!**

**Fire Truck • Games • Tattoos
• Balloon Art • Face Painting
• Music • LOTS OF FUN!!!**

Sign in at the welcome table!

Handicapped accessible parking available.

**School
supply
give-away**
(while supplies last)



OUR CALENDAR ~ AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 COMMUNION 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	2	3	4 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	5	6	7 5:00- 9:00 PM COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY
8 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	9	10	11 6:00 pm - (Zoom) Board Meeting 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	12	13	14
15 FOOD PANTRY 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	16	17	18 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21
22 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	23	24	25 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	26	27	28
29 8 pm - (Zoom) Mini-Worship	30	31	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. 			

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

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



Aug 4 —
Carroll Rumbaugh

Aug 9 —
Dawn McKee

Aug 11 —
Kent McKee

Aug 12 —
Pastor Eldon Nolte

Aug 13 —
Rod Sparks

Aug 14 —
Clara Sparks
Pastor Dana & Jessica
Wimmer ~ Anniversary

Aug 16 —
Mike & Jolene Brady ~
Anniversary

Aug 21 —
Bob Pease

Aug 24 —
Ben Kimberley
Julie Warner

Aug 28 —
Mildred "Chubb" Borts

Aug 30 —
Ethan Brady
Edith Patrick

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.





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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
- **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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