



MINGO UMC

Messenger

FEBRUARY
2022

Pastor's Note



Pastor Phil Dicks

JOIN US!

Sunday School:

Children meet Sept. - May:
(Not meeting at this time)

Adults meet year-round:
(Not meeting at this time)

Worship:

9:45 - 10:30 am

Youth Fellowship:

(Not meeting at this time)

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This is Not Just a Program... It is a Way to Live our Life!

Together in February, we are laying the groundwork for the year ahead as we focus on the basics of Christ's ministry and His model to guide us as a church and personally!

In John 13:34-35, Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

In Genesis 12:1-3, God said, "I will bless you... and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you... and all people... will be blessed through you."

God is asking us to bless others through a "rhythm" of FRIENDSHIP & BLESSING.

That was how Jesus loved people and proclaimed the Good News!

That is what we are going to be practicing and celebrating beginning now and through Easter and beyond! But, is it possible to change the world without changing our daily routine?

When we have been transformed by God's love, we can't help but want others to experience the same grace and freedom.

How do you share it without scaring them away or offending them?

For most Christians, "evangelism" is an intimidating word that suggests handing out tracts to strangers.

But, what if there was a more organic, more authentic way to share your faith with your friends, neighbors and co-workers?

TOGETHER THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY, we will discover the method that Jesus used every day... five simple, straightforward practices that will allow any believer to do just that.

And, by consistently living "Five Ways of Blessing," we can affect not just individual lives but our entire neighborhood and community – one person at a time.

"If each of us as a Follower of Jesus would simply B.L.E.S.S. our neighbors using the **BIBLICAL MODEL and PRACTICES OF JESUS**, we really could change the world."



Here are the 5 ways and practices:

B: *Begin with prayer* – Jesus began His ministry on a mountain praying – Sunday, February 6th

L: *Listen* – Jesus asked more questions than He answered (loving gift) – Sunday, February 13th

E: *Eat* – meals move us from acquaintances to friends – Sunday, February 20th

S: *Serve - Jesus* – "He did not come to be served, but to serve." Matt. 20:28 – Sunday, February 27th

S: *Story (Storytelling)* – Bless someone with your story (friends listening to friends) – Sun, March 6th

Join us as we learn that "Sharing the Good News" can be as simple as being a good friend as we **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
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Prayer Concerns for February

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

- The Family of Jeff Heffelfinger
- The Family of Loren Smith
(Cindy Lorus' father)
- The Family of Bill McGinnis
- The Family of Marilyn Heydon
- The Family of Bruce Fick
- Mike & Mary Murphy
- Vicky Moekly & daughter, Gina
- Leanne Slaymaker
(Dawn McKee's friend)
- Steve (Theresa Berriman's brother)
- Bev Kolbe (Dawn McKee's mother)
- Michelle (Tawnya Vry's sister-in-law)
- Cindy Derby
(Connie Dicks' sister-in-law)
- Tim Dee
- Peggy Vespestad
- Abbie (Janice Gregerson's
great granddaughter)
- Dennis & Donna Gilbert
- Chuck Derby (Connie Dicks' brother)
- Carolyn Link
- Darell & Robin Reglin
- Andrés Colfax child needing
heart transplant)
- Sandy (Bill Berriman's sister-in-law)
- Marilyn (Janet Beem's mother)
- Dennis Gilbert
- Terry Holdridge
- Dan Byers
- Betty Atwood
- Sonny Deaton
- Pastor Steve & Melissa Gross Family
(Haitian missionaries)
- Chris & Jenny Heydon Family
- Cash Dickerson
(CM elementary student)
- Hu & Peggy Vespestad
- Kory & Trisha Hobbs
(Mingo area family)
- Bob Moreland
- Persecuted Christians worldwide
- Carla (Pastor Phil & Connie's daughter)
- Sasha Maslov Family
(friend of Norm McCoy)

Administrative Board Meeting Minutes

January 2022

The Administrative Board met via Zoom video conference on Wed., Jan. 12th at 6:00 pm. Rodney Altes, Bill & Theresa Berriman, Janice Gregerson, Lowell Halfhill, Carol Kimberley, Julie Warner, Kent & Dawn McKee, Marilyn Matthews, Jeri Heffelfinger, Jolene Brady, Chairman Bob & Barbara Leonard, and Pastor Phil were present.

Pastor Phil opened the meeting with prayer. Janice moved to accept last month's secretarial report as printed in the newsletter. Seconded by Theresa. Motion passed. Treasurer Theresa presented the financial report for approval. Deposits totaled \$#,###.##. Debits totaled \$#,###.##. The balance on the checkbook statement was \$###,###.## as of December 31st. All accounts balanced. It was noted that we received a rebate on the AC and furnace. Motion to approve the financial report was seconded by Carol. Approval given.

The church has received a thank you note from the Adopt-a-Family program.

Duct cleaning for the church parsonage is scheduled for next week. The quote was approx \$545.

The February Movie and Meal will be scheduled after the January movie.

The church newsletter deadline will be next Thurs., Jan. 20th. Jolene is creating an abbreviated brochure-type of newsletter for the Seasons of Love gift bags. It will feature Pastor's Note on the front with the calendar and info box including all of the service information and links on the back. Please let Jolene know by the deadline if you have any additional items for the February calendar or newsletter. Jolene also noted that she has prepared and given the 2021 year-end information to Jan Borts and sent the Missions reports to Marilyn. Marilyn will be working on preparing the Missions report soon.

The last Sunday to collect donations for our special "Love" Gift for our Uganda sister church and school was last Sunday. Berriman's will cover the \$50 international wire transfer fee. The Brady family will add their donation in memory of Trenton. Jolene and Theresa will finalize details on Sunday and Jolene will get the transfer set up through the bank.

Rodney, Bill, & Theresa met with Theresa & Ryan Maher who will be reopening an area restaurant and might be interested in purchasing the oven/stove in the church kitchen if it will fit in their kitchen area. The large range was used primarily for Turkey Suppers and is no longer needed. We do not keep the pilot lights lit at all times, but that should not be an issue in a restaurant setting. Bill checked with distributors and liquidators and the unit is worth between approx. \$1,500 - \$1,800 retail value. Bill also checked price offers with wholesalers in Waterloo and Des Moines, and he is to meet with the Maher's again tomorrow afternoon. Bill made the motion to offer the current church range unit to the Maher's (contingent upon it fitting in their kitchen) for \$825 if they will move it. Seconded by Marilyn. Motion passed. If the Maher's do agree to purchase it, they will not be able to move it until this summer. The church will find a more user-friendly and non-commercial range to replace it. It was suggested that a few people get together and find what might be available and compare costs and features to find the best choice as a replacement.

In December, Tawnya Vry visited with Theresa about the church janitor position and since she has been back to work full-time and has increased responsibilities, she has requested to pass the duties onto someone else. Lori Pease has agreed to fill the position. In order to avoid a gap in cleaning, Bill called several Board members and all agreed that the Pease family could step in. Theresa made the motion to accept Tawnya Vry's resignation as church janitor and accept Lori Pease as her replacement. Seconded by Lowell. Motion passed.

Theresa noted that she has presented cards and gift certificates from the Board to two retirees that we needed to properly congratulate but had not previously done so.

Bill also shared that the Winter-Related Closing Plan seemed to work very well and was quickly put into place when needed. He also mentioned that he and Rodney have mounted a large screen downstairs in Fellowship Hall that will make movies easier to see and hear. There is also plenty of time before the summer, but we should be thinking about having a garden giveaway at the church on some weekend(s) during June/July/August. The kid games could be paired with the event as well, so we can be getting some ideas together about that.

Marilyn gave an update on Trisha Hobbs, and noted that she really needs our prayers once again. Her cancer has metastasized and is terminal. She has entered into a trial research study using the highest dose possible. She will be making frequent trips to Iowa City. Jolene will print her most recent update in the church newsletter. Marilyn will check with her to get a current home address, since they moved out to the country between Newton and Mingo. We will not be formally organizing a meal schedule this time, but any church member can help however they feel led. Besides prayers and words of encouragement, meals, gas or gift cards, and cash donations would all be a huge help to Trisha and her family right now.

Pastor gave his report and outlined the focus topics for each Sunday through Easter. On January 23rd, in-person and online studies will begin for the book, "B.L.E.S.S. It will be the focus of the Sunday morning worship services, as well as a 4:00 pm book study. The next Sundays will follow along with the book chapters, and an additional Sunday with Communion on Feb. 20th. Then Pastor's message will move to a "Love Your Neighbor" theme. Women at the Well will have a special guest speaker for us on Sunday, Mar. 27th. In March and April, Pastor will ask for persons to share their story either verbally, or in a written form for him to share. This will lead us up to April 10th, which is Holy Week and Easter on April 17th, which is later on the calendar this year. Pastor will urge us to invite others to attend Easter services.

Jeri reminded us that the "Season of Love" Soup Supper is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 19th. Along with the gift bag "newsletter brochures," Jolene has also created the mailers and flyers to be mailed to the 50168 zip code. Some extras can be printed to send to folks with other zip codes in the surrounding areas. Theresa will deliver flyers to the businesses around Mingo as well. Apples and oranges, as well as attendance gifts have been ordered. Caleb and the Brady boys will help with water bottles and filling the bags. Theresa and Janet A. will oversee the soup. Dawn & Barbara will take photos at the event. Decorations, tablecloths and balloons have been organized but will need help to set up before the event. Rodney, Bill, Theresa, and Steve Ayers took down the nativity set on the church lawn, but left the posts up with a cross-piece for the Soup Supper banner. So overall, we seem to be in good shape.

As previously discussed, the January monthly Local Mission Giving donation of \$100.00 was sent to the Goodman Youth Group. February's donation will be sent to Colfax-Mingo Post Prom, and March's donation will go to Bidwell Riverside.

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

Jolene Brady, Recording Secretary



Trisha Strong

Update from Trisha Hobbs:

January 5, 2022

After a very, very long day and early morning, 5 or 6 vials of blood, an EKG, urinalysis, a cat scan and 'round and 'round the hospital, I am happy to say I will take my first clinical trial meds at 8 pm tonight. 🙏🥰❤️

It did not take long to quickly remind me of how long and heavy these days are for me and what the future is going to entail. This trial does not have a time limit and I can stay on it as long as it's working and I do not become too sick. They started me on the highest dose possible and we can adjust if needed.

I have had many people ask how they can help and while it's never easy I have come to that moment and sometimes it's necessary.

This time there has been no time to prepare not knowing if the trial would accept me.

I would not have been able to do the last year-long clinical trial without all the benefits and help. God definitely had a hand in it. I had just enough money clear down to the very last trip! If it was a straight shot, I drove as many miles as it takes to go from here to Africa! Insane, but life-changing for me. Each time, it has opened a new door and eligibility to move to the next treatment.

Unfortunately, these meds do not come without side effects and I still have to be a mom, wife, house cleaner, chauffeur, laundry doing, cancer fighting mama! My life can and does not stop because of cancer.

Here are some things that would tremendously help my family:

- **Meals-** Frozen or fresh meals to use on long Iowa City days after I return home as I will be making frequent trips again and on days that I'm not feeling well.
- **Gift cards** to restaurants to quickly pick up or have meals delivered.
- **Gas cards**
- **Fresh vegetables/ fruit/ healthy snacks** to keep my nutrition up.
- **Games, puzzles, activities, movie passes, dvd movies** for the kids. It's never easy to have to watch a parent go through cancer, not feel well, or be able to do normal activities.
- **Lastly, for any cash donations:**
My cash app: \$THobbs78
And Venmo: @TrishaHobbs78 (6205)

There may need to be hotel stays in this winter weather. All my medical bills, prescriptions, and co-pays add up so quickly.

I want to be as prepared as possible and if you have any other ideas to help, please feel free – these are just some essential ones I know will be life-changing for us. (Find my page on Facebook: Trisha Strong) Please PM for address if you would like to send anything.*

This is so very much appreciated and thank you for all the love and support. ❤️

Trisha Hobbs

* Please call or text Jolene at 515-508-9009 or email: communications@mingoumc.org if you'd like Trisha's home mailing address.

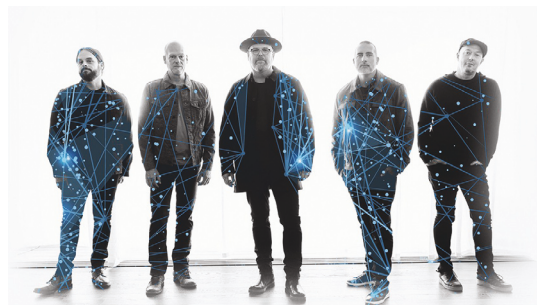


YOU'RE INVITED to the February Meal and Movie

Tuesday,
February 8, 2022
Mingo UMC
Fellowship Hall
12-Noon

We will be having a potato bar. The baked potatoes will be provided. Please bring toppings or a dessert to share. All are welcome!

Mark Your Calendars for a Spring Concert!



SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022 at 7 PM

MercyMe Concert • Wells Fargo Arena

Event sponsored by Life 107.1

Tickets: hyveetix.eventue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/SEGetEventList

MercyMe is coming to the Wells Fargo Arena on April 30, 2022, with Rend Collective and special guest Andrew Ripp!



From the family of Jeff Heffelfinger

Thank you for all your prayers for peace and understanding at the loss of Jeff. He was a man of God and we know he is without pain in heaven and living the life he truly deserved.

Luanne, Jerry, Jeri Ann, Lisa, Jeremy, Hollie, Tyler, Caleb, & Asher

*You're Invited
To Warm Up
With Us!*



FREE Soup & Sandwich Supper

Saturday, February 19, 2022 • 5-7 PM
Mingo United Methodist Church

202 W. MAIN ST. • MINGO, IA 50168



FREE GIFT
for everyone who attends!

OUR CALENDAR ~ FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10:00 am - (Zoom) Coffee Time  GROUNDHOG DAY	3	4	5
6 COMMUNION 4:00 pm - Book Study (in-person & Zoom)	7	8 12-NOON Meal & Movie (Fellowship Hall)	9 10:00 am - (Zoom) Coffee Time 6:00 pm - (Zoom) Board Meeting	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday
13 4:00 pm - Book Study (in-person & Zoom)	14  Happy Valentine's Day!	15	16 10:00 am - (Zoom) Coffee Time	17	18	19 5:00 - 7:00 pm - SOUP SUPPER
20 COMMUNION NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOOD PANTRY 4:00 pm - Book Study (in-person & Zoom)	21  PRESIDENTS Day	22 	23 10:00 am - (Zoom) Coffee Time	24	25	26
27 4:00 pm - Book Study (in-person & Zoom)	28	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. 				

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

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



February 1 —
Dave & Carol Kimberley
~ Anniversary

February 5 —
Lily Webster

February 6 —
Rodney Altes

February 10 —
Gene Beals

February 12 —
Diana Halfhill

February 17 —
Barbara Leonard

February 20 —
Jerrica Beem

February 22 —
Erin Van Peurse

February 28 —
Joe Jackson
Joyce Maggard
Laura Harder



 **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.



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

Join us in person or online!

SUNDAY SERVICES

YouTube LIVE: <https://youtu.be/72wd0gErSGo>

**Please note that we have
UPDATED LINKS**

SUNDAY PM BOOK STUDY

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81818489865>

Meeting ID: 818 1848 9865

BOARD MEETINGS

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

Meeting ID: 851 9585 4464

- **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)

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.

• **Sunday AM Worship Service:** 9:45 am (In-person & YouTube LIVE)

• **Sunday PM Book Study:** 4:00 pm (In-person & Zoom)

• **Wednesday Morning Coffee Time:** 10:00 am (Zoom)

- **Church School:** not meeting at this time
- **RUSH Youth Fellowship:** not meeting at this time
- **Email us:** communications@mingoumc.org
- **Want to stay current on alerts & notifications?**
Text: JOIN to 641-212-5900

WEDNESDAY COFFEE / MINI-WORSHIP

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

Meeting ID: 272 457 3655

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