



MINGO UMC

# Messenger

MARCH  
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)

### CONNECT:

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## Are You Ready to be a B.L.E.S.S.ing Every Day?

**W**elcome to March and to our **Mission Critical** as we learn and begin to implement the 5 everyday ways to love our neighbor, change our community, and the world.

For the past two months, we have been discovering, learning and implementing the 5 Everyday B.L.E.S.S. practices. We have been discovering that these practices are grounded in the Old Testament but lived out by Jesus. They are:

- B: Begin with Prayer** - We've identified over 500 persons that they are praying for 3 times daily.
- L: Listen** - The importance of listening with our hearts. Listening like Jesus.
- E: Eat** - Learning the importance of eating that moves us into deeper relationship for sharing
- S: Serve** - Serving together in our community alongside others to build relationships
- S: Story** - Each identifying our story of when God was most real and do storytelling.

Now we're focusing on loving our neighbor, our family, friends and those with whom we work. Our goal, like Jesus, is to learn to live in relationship with one another. Like the words of Saint Francis of Assisi - *preach the gospel at all times, and if necessary use words* captures our imagination. Together, we are learning to be a spiritual influence in our neighborhood and in our community.

- We are learning to love our neighbor the way Jesus did.
- We are working on avoiding ways to make the Good News complicated when it should simply come from the heart.
- We want to learn to move beyond relationally-awkward conversations, because the gospel was meant to be shared in our routine exchanges between friends and neighbors.
- We want to put into practice the five simple ways that can bless people within the rhythm of their every day lives!
- We want to make sure that we understand what God's responsibility is and what our responsibility is.
- We are learning and then implementing what God has asked us to do. This is not a program, it is our **"Lifestyle for Daily Living."**
- We believe in faith that the people we are loving and living around us will come to know the love of God and follow Jesus because we have been a blessing to them. It's that simple.



Let's come, all together, throughout the month of March as we head towards Easter to see the "Fruit of our Blessing." Each Sunday, we will be sharing together and hearing as people share their faith stories and discoveries in blessing one another. We will also be launching some "B.L.E.S.S. Small Groups" where we can voluntarily share our "Blessings Ministry" and how we are blessed in return. These small groups can provide us an opportunity to strengthen one another by holding ourselves accountable and share the results that we have seen in the lives of the persons we are praying for daily.

Join us any Sunday and join us in being blessed so we can be a blessing. We're putting to the test what is the mission of Jesus - it's simply unstoppable when Christ-followers recognize the opportunities around us and the responsibility to help people experience the love of Jesus. God is with us! **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 March

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

- The Family of Jeff Heffelfinger
- The Family of Loren Smith  
(Cindy Lorus' father)
- The Family of Margie McKinney  
(Michelle Feters' mother)
- Bishop Laurie Haller
- The Family of Bill McGinnis
- The Family of Marilyn Heydon
- The Family of Bruce Fick
- Tawnya Vry
- Jim (Tawnya Vry's brother)
- Mary Ragan
- Mike & Mary Murphy
- Vicky Mockly & 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

February 2022

The Administrative Board met via Zoom video conference on Wed., Feb. 9th at 6:00 pm. Rodney Altes, Bill & Theresa Berriman, Janice Gregerson, Carol Kimberley, Kent & Dawn McKee, 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 Bill. Motion passed.

Treasurer Theresa presented the financial report for approval. Deposits totaled \$x,xx.xx. Debits totaled \$x,xxx.xx. The balance on the checkbook statement was \$xx,xxx.xx as of January 31st. All accounts balanced. Motion to approve the financial report was seconded by Carol. Approval given.

Theresa reported that duct cleaning for the church parsonage was completed last week for \$545 and the bill has been paid. Additionally, the old stove in the church kitchen has been sold and the new replacement range will be delivered Feb. 22nd. The new stove/range will be kept in the nursery until the old one can be removed.

Bill noted that he has visited with Hometown Pride and the contact for the Food Pantry at the Mingo Library about the idea for a summertime garden giveaway. It would work well to hold the event at the Mingo Community Center shelter on Saturday mornings from 9 am - 12-noon. Surplus produce (fruit & vegetables), potted plants, and cut flowers could be made available.

The church has received several thank you notes, including those from Jeri Heffelfinger, Tawnya Vry, Goodman's Youth Group, and Hope Ministries. The notes are posted on the bulletin board at church.

The March Movie and Meal will be Wed., Mar. 16th at 12-noon and the movie will be "Risen." More information will be posted and sent out.

The church newsletter deadline will be Sun., Feb. 20th.

Jolene reported that our special "Love" Gift for our Uganda sister church and school was sent to Florence on Jan. 19th. The church congregation's generous donations totaled an amazing \$1,600.00. Florence emailed a heartfelt thank you message that Jolene will place in the next church newsletter. Florence mentioned that the schools had been shut down due to the pandemic for such a long time and finally reopened on Jan. 10th, but they found that much of their furniture and portions of their school had been damaged by termites and adverse weather conditions during the closure. So our Love Gift came at just the perfect timing and means so much to them as they work to repair and replace damaged items.

Pastor gave his report and outlined the remaining topics for each Sunday through Easter with his message focusing on the "B.L.E.S.S." book and "Love Your Neighbor" theme. "Love One Another" yard signs will be available to purchase for \$15 each for those who would like to place a sign in their yards and make a special connection with the community. An Ash Wednesday service will be held in-person at the Mingo UMC at 6:00 pm on Wed., Mar. 2nd. Farrar & Colfax UMCs are invited to join us. YouTube live will be available as well. 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. Looking ahead, April 10th is the beginning of Holy Week and Easter on April 17th.

Jeri shared her "Bless Mingo" story that she posted on Facebook. Some time ago, she had donated unfinished hand-embroidered quilt blocks that her grandmother had made. As Jeri was visiting Many Hands Thrift Shop, she saw a beautiful quilt created from the very blocks that she had previously donated. She told them that if the quilt was ever for sale, she would purchase it. In a wonderful show of love and generosity, the shop gifted Jeri the special quilt.

Jeri also reminded us that the "Season of Love" Soup Supper is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 19th. The event will be fairly informal and everyone is invited to come help make the evening a success.

The February monthly Local Mission Giving donation of \$100.00 was to go to Colfax-Mingo Post Prom, but Theresa has not heard back from them yet. As previously discussed, March's donation will go to Bidwell Riverside.

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

*Jolene Brady*, Recording Secretary



# MISSION News

January 24, 2022

Dearest Mingo Church Friends,  
What a surprise, what a lovely surprise! Thank you for the love gift funds. Praise be to the living God who lives forever and keeps us under the shadow of His wings! I am so grateful for you, my dear friends, for your love and care for us! Thank you for your prayers and your continued support especially during a time such as this! God always moves your hearts to stand with us during the critical moments in our life journey!

Schools opened on the 10th of January, however, some wood destroying insects ate up some of the school furniture on our properties due to a long period of closure! The weather conditions did some harm, too, to the wooden classroom blocks causing them to rot!

There has been a financial need of boosting us due to the effects of the long quarantine. Thank you for allowing God to use you all, our beloved brethren. We are so grateful for you!  
THANK YOU!

My eyes are too heavy with sleep, please allow me to end here. May God bless and increase you.

Blessings and much love,

*Florence*

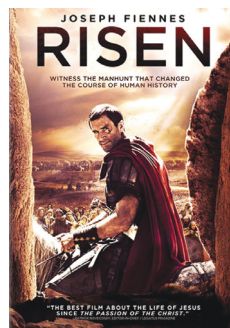


## A Great Night for a Social Gathering!



Gift bags were prepared and handed out at the Soup & Sandwich Supper on Saturday, Feb. 19th. A big thank you to all of the helping hands – it was great to see so many smiling faces!

## A NOTE OF THANKS FROM UGANDA



## YOU'RE INVITED to the March Meal and Movie

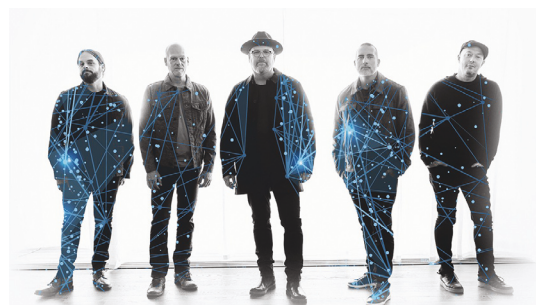


Wednesday,  
March 16, 2022  
Mingo UMC  
Fellowship Hall  
12-Noon



We will be having a pizza lunch. We will get everyone's preferences & order the pizzas. (We'll pass the hat that day.) 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](https://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!

## MINGO CARING CORNER



**FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHES CLOSET**  
Located at the Mingo City Library

Anyone in Mingo, Colfax, or the surrounding rural area is eligible to benefit from the Mingo Caring Corner. Stop by to check out the Caring Corner, especially when a little help is needed!

### ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF:

- Non-perishable food items
- Health & beauty items
- Gently used winter coats, hats, gloves, mittens & scarves

**PLEASE DELIVER YOUR DONATIONS DOWNSTAIRS**

### LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday 3 pm - 5 pm  
Tuesday 9 am - 12 noon  
Wednesday 1 pm - 5 pm  
Thursday 9 am - 12 noon  
Friday - Closed  
Saturday - 9 am - 11 am  
Sunday - Closed

## PARTNERS

We continue to partner and receive your gifts for the following long-established mission outreach programs.

Check out their websites below; connect with their Iowa representatives; and easily make your donation through Iowa Ingathering.

### SELF-HELP INTERNATIONAL

[www.selfhelpinternational.org](http://www.selfhelpinternational.org)

### HEIFER PROJECT

[www.heifer.org/catalog](http://www.heifer.org/catalog)

### MOBILITY WORLDWIDE IOWA – HAWARDEN

[www.mobilityworldwide.org](http://www.mobilityworldwide.org) or

[rlcbgreen@hotmail.com](mailto:rlcbgreen@hotmail.com)

### CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKET PROJECT

[cwsblankets.org](http://cwsblankets.org) or [lblue@cwsglobal.org](mailto:lblue@cwsglobal.org)

You will receive a mailing in late June with your packing and reporting information, along with our 2022 remittance form. You are encouraged to reprint this flyer or pull the identical information from the conference website ([IAUMC.org/ingathering](http://IAUMC.org/ingathering)) and use as a bulletin insert, in your newsletter or to carry through the weeks to help with shopping and sharing.

This is the ONLY information to use for the 2022 Ingathering.



## PARTNERS

The Ingathering team is pleased to continue its partnership with Midwest Mission Distribution Center. They are an UMCOR Cooperating depot, and also partner with many other nonprofits. They regularly ship two to three containers of humanitarian relief each month, domestically and internationally.

The kits Midwest Mission is focused on in 2022 are outlined for your convenience, along with updated lists of specific supply needs for each kit type. **NOTE: We are excited that the kits fully meet the highest priority needs, as Midwest Mission listened to feedback from kit recipients and have made significant changes accordingly.**

## REQUIREMENTS

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

Other items for Midwest Mission will be accepted at the sites. Please no bikes or electric sewing machines at this time.

## CONNECT

Sign up for our newsletter at:  
[www.midwestmission.org/news/newsletters](http://www.midwestmission.org/news/newsletters)  
or text "news" to: 855-589-1314

## INGATHERING FACTS

Your Ingathering Team is ready and willing to answer any questions you may have this year.

- Yes, the sites are the same. Drop-off time is 8-10 a.m.
- Individual sites may plan indoor activities. Plans will be announced in the mid-June mailing.
- Yes, you need to find your own sturdy boxes and pack your kits in them before dropping them off. As long as ONE person can lift and carry the box, the size is OK. Boxes need to be closed so they can be stacked.
- Yes, you may still make all cash gifts (always!)

## DISTRICT REPS.

The Iowa Conference moved into five districts. Ask your pastor or church treasurer which one you are in now. These members of the Ingathering team are on call to help you as you help others. You may contact any of them with your questions.

### RIVERVIEW PARK – Bruce & Mary Baker

[rangel4us@hotmail.com](mailto:rangel4us@hotmail.com)

Bruce: 845-216-8509 Mary: 845-216-8508

### CAMP CLEAR LAKE – Harold Werley

[haroldew@hotmail.com](mailto:haroldew@hotmail.com)

712-873-3555

### PICTURED ROCKS– Jan

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319-269-2211

### GOLDEN VALLEY – Judy Brotherton

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563-264-5372

### ALDERGATE – Mary Morris

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641-782-2715

Jim Tussey: [jim\\_w\\_tuss@yahoo.com](mailto:jim_w_tuss@yahoo.com)

641-782-8704

### INGATHERING COORDINATOR – Alaire Willits

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## KITS

### PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT (\$13 VALUE)

- 1 Hand Towel – No kitchen towels
  - 1 Washcloth – No dishcloths
  - 1 Adult Toothbrush – No multipacks
  - 1 Bar Soap – 3-4 oz
  - 1 Shampoo – 12.5-19 oz
  - 1 Deodorant – 2-3 oz – stick, roll on or pump
  - 1 1-gallon Resealable Plastic Bag
- Place all items in the resealable plastic bag.  
Add a \$2 Donation per kit for razor and toothpaste.

### 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 or a plastic grocery bag

**November 5, 2022**



The Purpose of Mission Ingathering is to show the love of Christ to the world's people by ministering to their needs and to work together as a community to collect as many donations as possible.



Dear  
Mingo UMC ~

We will be collecting items for the Personal Dignity Kit and Student Kit this year.

**For March, we'll collect hand towels & washcloths -or- 3 spiral-bound notebooks.**

Look for the complete donation list to come in the April newsletter.

Thank you!








*Marilyn Matthews,*  
Missions

Social Media: [Midwestmission.org](http://Midwestmission.org)





# OUR CALENDAR ~ MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 <small>10:00 am - (Zoom) Coffee Time</small>  6:00 pm - Service at Mingo UMC	3	4	5
6 <b>COMMUNION</b>  4:00 pm - Book Study (in-person & Zoom)	7	8	9 <small>10:00 am - (Zoom) Coffee Time</small>  6:00 pm - (Zoom) Board Meeting	10	11	12
13 <small>Daylight Savings Time Begins</small>  4:00 pm - Book Study (in-person & Zoom)	14	15	16 <small>10:00 am - (Zoom) Coffee Time</small>  12-NOON Meal & Movie (Fellowship Hall)	17 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> 	18	19
20 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>  <b>FOOD PANTRY</b> 4:00 pm - Book Study (in-person & Zoom)	21	22	23 <small>10:00 am - (Zoom) Coffee Time</small>	24	25	26
27  4:00 pm - Book Study (in-person & Zoom)	28	29	30 <small>10:00 am - (Zoom) Coffee Time</small>	31	 <b>Ways to Connect —</b> To find out about Farrar UMC upcoming events & information, visit <a href="http://FarrarUMC.org">FarrarUMC.org</a> 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 Perezzi's passing. **THEY CONTINUE TO FACE MANY HARDSHIPS & DANGERS AT THIS TIME.**





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The people of The United Methodist Church®

**Join us in person or online!**

### SUNDAY SERVICES

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

### SUNDAY PM BOOK STUDY

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

**Meeting ID:** 818 1848 9865

**Please note that we have  
UPDATED LINKS**

### BOARD MEETINGS

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

**Meeting ID:** 851 9585 4464

- **Facebook:** Mingo UMC (Like our page!)
- **Website:** [www.mingoumc.org](http://www.mingoumc.org)
- **YouTube channel:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT15MA9CTPjloOARv8upE\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT15MA9CTPjloOARv8upE_Q)  
(Or click "Videos" on our website homepage – past sermons are posted to our video library)

• **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](mailto:communications@mingoumc.org)
- **Want to stay current on alerts & notifications?**  
**Text:** JOIN to 641-212-5900

### 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.



### WEDNESDAY COFFEE / MINI-WORSHIP

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

**Meeting ID:** 272 457 3655

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