



MINGO UMC

# Messenger

OCTOBER 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:

### Pastor Dicks:

515-418-0807

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641-363-4229  
(to leave a message)

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## Our October Church-Wide Study:

*Join us on Sunday Mornings in our Study & Discussion*

**B**ack in the mid-1970s, I had a decision to make. I was on the “front line” when my community experienced an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit that transformed countless lives and spawned a number of persons entering the ministry. I saw God’s Spirit – the Holy Spirit – bring about a modern “Pentecost.” But the cementing of that experience came in the time I spent investigating what it really meant to be a Christian and to find a denomination to connect with that spiritually challenged me to:

*“Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.”*

Recently, on a Sunday morning, I shared briefly about my journey and God who led me to a “theology of grace, anchored in scripture, and based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the present and continuing movement of the Holy Spirit.” It was the Core Beliefs and Values that welcomed me under the “Big Tent” of United Methodism where I found the “freedom” and could mature in the practice of the faith!

My first step was to allow God to lead me in an understanding of...

**PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**#BeUMC**



### WHAT ARE OUR CORE BELIEFS & VALUES?

Discovering what the core values are that connect the people of The United Methodist Church throughout history as we face challenges...knowing that God is with us and calls you and me to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world! So, throughout this October, I invite you to join me in capturing a fuller understanding as United Methodist Christians in embracing the fullest understanding of...

### WHAT ARE OUR CORE BELIEFS & VALUES

**WHEN:** (Beginning Sunday, Sept 25th) and throughout October, WE WILL REVISIT THE CORE BELIEFS OF A UNITED METHODIST. This 4-Sunday study will give us an opportunity to gather and learn and discuss and embrace our Wesleyan heritage and envision a promising future.

**WHERE:** We will meet at 4 - 5 pm at the centrally-located Mingo United Methodist Church in the sanctuary which will allow us to openly make the studies available to anyone on Zoom or other online platforms. *(Recorded for later viewing.)*

### The theme of Each Weeks Study will be:

**# 1 - Disciple Making** – Sunday, September 25th - Core Values: Christ-centered, Deeply rooted, Disciple-making, Faithful and Grounded in Scripture.

**# 2 - Belonging & Inclusion** – Sunday, October 2nd - Core Values: Committed, Grace-filled, Jesus-seeking, Praying and Spirit-filled.

**# 3 - Connect & Impact** – Sunday, October 9th - Core Values: Missional, Connected, World-changing and Generous.  
**Note:** Sunday, October 16th will be our afternoon Charge Conference so we will not hold a session on this date, but will move to the next Sunday afternoon (October 23rd) for Session #4.

**# 4 - Experience of God through The UMC** – Sunday, October 23rd - Core Values: Committed, Grace-filled, Jesus-seeking, Praying and Spirit-filled.

### A FREE STUDY GUIDE IS AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD -

**CLICK HERE** to be taken to the online page to DOWNLOAD & PRINT.

(<https://www.resourceumc.org/-/media/umc-media/2022/05/23/13/51/beumc-discussion-guide.ashx>)

If you have any questions or wish to be a part, please share your interest by emailing: phildicks@gmail.com

Many were confirmed as United Methodists or have been part of a United Methodist Church. Now is the time to revisit those core beliefs and to refresh our full understanding from the prophet Micah, sometimes called the “great requirement” in Micah 6:8: “What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.” Do no harm, do good, and attend to the ordinances of God. Simple.

*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: (until 9/30/22)**  
Jolene Brady  
jolene@bradyworks.com  
**515-508-9009**

**Farrar Contact:**  
Warren Nielsen  
nielsenwl72@gmail.com  
**515-707-4967**

## Prayer Concerns for October

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

- The Family of Mary Murphy
- The Family of Mark Nolte  
(Pastor Eldon Nolte's son)
- The Family of Roseanne Luing Storm  
(Jeri Ann Heffelfinger's friend)
- The Family of Robbin Reglin
- The Family of Chuck Rosenbaum  
(Bob Moreland's friend)
- The Family of Steve Sesker  
(Peggy Vespstad's brother)
- Jeff Hanke (Jenny Heydon's brother)
- Carolyn Link
- Maddie (Lori Cory's niece)
- Bev Kolbe (Dawn McKee's mother)
- The Family of Ed Krow  
(Bob Matthews' brother-in-law)
- The Family of Jillian Blair  
(Friend of Mike & Jolene Brady)
- Janet Beem's mother, father, &  
school coworkers
- Tawnya Vry
- Jim (Tawnya Vry's brother)
- Mary Ragan
- Sarah Shonrock (Jolene Brady's friend)
- Steve (Theresa Berriman's brother)
- Michelle (Tawnya Vry's sister-in-law)
- Cindy Derby  
(Connie Dicks' sister-in-law)
- Dennis & Donna Gilbert
- Chuck Derby (Connie Dicks' brother)
- Sandy (Bill Berriman's sister-in-law)
- 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 Vespstad
- 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

September 2022

The Administrative Board met via Zoom video conference on Wed., September 14th at 6:00 pm. Bill & Theresa Berriman, Janice Gregerson, Rodney Altes, Bob & Marilyn Matthews, Jeri Heffelfinger, Carol Kimberley, Kent & Dawn McKee, Kevin & Jan Borts, Nichole French, 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 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 August 31st. All accounts balanced. Motion to approve the financial report was seconded by Kevin. Approval given.

The Mingo UMC will once again host Trunk or Treat – this year it will be on Saturday, Oct. 29th, from 3:00 - 5:00 pm. Janice made the motion for the church to purchase an outdoor banner to be displayed along Hwy. 117 and Main St. to advertise the event. The banner will cost \$106. Seconded by Kevin. Motion carried.

Jolene has been offered and accepted a full-time position with the City of Newton and will be retiring from all church positions and duties the end of this month (September). Replacement duties for Jolene were discussed and are to begin October 1st, 2022.

### REPLACEMENT DUTIES PLAN:

#### Nichole (Nicki) French will take over:

Emails: Daily, weekly, monthly, seasonal/holiday (including information from the District); send out weekly worship links with information from Pastor; create the monthly newsletter and send out electronically; as well as take on the position of Recording Secretary for meetings (Administrative Board Meetings, etc.) Salary: \$200.00 per month

*\* It was noted that the newsletter will no longer be printed and mailed. Church members will personally print extra copies to give to others without digital/online viewing capabilities. Jolene will add Nicki's contact information to this current (October) newsletter so others will be able to contact her.*

#### Reyna Heer will take over:

EZ Texting all general church communications, Facebook: daily, weekly, monthly, seasonal announcements/upkeep; and post the monthly newsletter to Facebook. Salary: \$50.00 per month

*\*It was discussed that around 3/4ths of all of the texts sent out on EZ Texting are for the Prayer Chain. This would be difficult for Reyna to do since she is in school. She could send out the general church messages, but we will still be looking for a volunteer to help with the Prayer Chain Ministry who might be available throughout the daytime. Jolene also noted that Reyna will need to contact Lori Pease so she can "friend request" her. The Mingo UMC Facebook page was created as a page on Lori's personal account. Once they become Facebook "friends," then she will be allowed to post to the church Facebook page.*

#### Prayer Chain Ministry Team Leader (Volunteer Still Needed):

#### **We are still looking for a volunteer to lead the Prayer Chain Ministry Team.**

In the past, this has included the monthly prayer focus email and blog, as well as daily/weekly prayer chain texts and emails. Warren Nielsen is the Farrar UMC contact. He prefers to do the traditional calling whenever a request comes in. Jolene has done the EZ Texting messages and emailing for the group. Jolene can explain how to use the EZ Texting online portal and app to the new leader(s), as needed.

*\* It was noted that Jolene & Jeri still try to keep in regular contact with Florence Were from Uganda. Jolene & Jeri will continue to relay information to the church when it becomes available. Our church can continue to donate to Florence whenever they wish.*

#### MingoUMC.org Website:

The church website will be handled by Wired Impact, INC along with Bill Berriman. Wired Impact will create a new website consisting of 5 pages. They handle the creation and content for \$179.00 per month. The hosting and registration will remain with GoDaddy. The communications@mingoumc.org email address will remain the same, as it's through Microsoft 365. Bill will be helping with the website, but he has asked for volunteers to help him as needed.

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## Financial Duties / Reconciliation of Accounts:

Theresa Berriman will assume the financial duties of the Mingo United Methodist Church School checking account and credit card, and the Mingo Youth Fellowship checking account. Marilyn Matthews will be the second signer on these accounts. Jolene Brady and Janet Beem will be removed from both of these accounts and Theresa Berriman and Marilyn Matthews will be added to both of these accounts. A transfer of these names will be requested at Bank Iowa.

Jolene will be in contact with Nicki and Reyna to send them the information they need to hopefully facilitate a smooth transition of these duties.

Bill moved to accept the "Replacement Duties Plan" in its entirety, with the transfer of Jolene's duties to end on September 30th, 2022, and new appointments to begin on October 1st, 2022. Marilyn seconded. Motion carried.

Jolene reminded everyone that the newsletter deadline is next Tuesday, Sept. 20th. It was also noted that World Communion Day will be celebrated on Sunday, Oct. 2nd. Dawn will provide Jolene with the address for the Kentucky mission / disaster relief, so a check with the remaining Red Bird Mission funds will be sent to them.

Pastor gave his report –

1. Sunday, Sept. 18th will be the "Loaves & Fishes" service and celebration at the Quarry in Colfax. All churches are invited to attend. Farrar & Mingo will still have their regular morning worship services. The service at the Quarry will be from 11:00 – 11:30 am with a 12-noon meal. Main dishes will be provided, but you may bring a side dish to share and chairs for sitting if you wish. The fun and festivities will run from 12-noon – 7:00 pm. All families and friends are invited.
2. Study groups will be starting up on Sunday, Sept. 25th and run through October. They'll be held in the Mingo church sanctuary from 4:00 - 5:00 pm and will focus on the four main elements of beliefs.
3. Sunday, October 16th will be the Charge Conference held at the Newton UMC at 3:30 pm.
4. "Task Force" committee members include Rodney Altes, Kevin Borts, Marilyn Matthews, and Pastor Phil. They met on Aug. 25th and Sept. 13th to discuss the topic of human sexuality in relation to the United Methodist Church. They will collect any questions the congregation may have and lay out a plan to take back to the Board and the congregation with answers and information.

Jeri noted that the remaining Matthew 25 Grant funds were used to replenish school supplies and purchase items for the Trunk or Treat event. Jeri will be writing up a report to share with us on how the \$5,000 was spent and all of the blessings it provided throughout the year.

Everyone was reminded to come help support Jeri's Garage Sale which the proceeds will go towards our girls in Uganda. The Sale will be Thursday, Sept. 15th and Friday, Sept. 16th, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm.

As previously discussed, the September Local Mission Giving in the amount of \$100.00 was given to Women at the Well. Theresa made the motion that October's Local Mission Giving in the amount of \$100.00 be given to the Salvation Army, November's donation will go to the Food Pantry, and December's donation will go to Hope Ministries. Seconded by Janice. Motion carried.

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

*Jolene Brady* Recording Secretary



Through Jeri Ann's Garage Sale, Craft & Vendor Fair and donations,

over \$400 was raised to purchase personal sanitary hygiene kits for our girls in Iganga.

What a blessing! **THANK YOU!**

## 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

IOWA CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



# Ingathering



## November 5, 2022

### 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)

SPECIAL  
SUNDAY

OCTOBER 2, 2022



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



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

## Calling All Gardeners & Fruit Growers

### COMMUNITY PRODUCE GIVEAWAY

Saturday Mornings, 9 am - 12-noon

Now thru October 8 • Mingo Community Center Shelter

Extra vegetables, fruit, flowers, or plants can help your neighbors who are in need of what you may have in excess! For further information, contact **Bill Berriman** at 515-238-1169 or [wberriman32@gmail.com](mailto:wberriman32@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU** so much for supporting the Newton Christian School and our annual Family Fun Day. We are honored by your donation. It's because of the support from donors like you that our school is able to continue to provide quality Christian education in our community. Thank you again for your generosity!

*Newton Christian School*  
Fundraising Committee

## Important Information –

Please note these upcoming changes:

### *A Note from Jolene ~*

Dear Church Family,  
I have been offered and accepted a full-time position with the City of Newton this September and I am retiring from my magazine/publication work. While I am very happy for this opportunity, I am also sad that I will no longer be able to fulfill my duties as the church Administrative Assistant after September 30th. I will be stepping out of the leadership roles in the church committees and activities that I currently hold. To help in this transition, I will finish out church duties through the month of September. I will be available to answer any questions as needed to hopefully facilitate a smooth transition in the passing of the baton.

Thank you,

*Jolene*

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**These new appointments will begin on  
October 1st, 2022.**



# OUR CALENDAR ~ OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!</b>  Faith Power Assembly Church &amp; 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. <b>THEY CONTINUE TO FACE MANY HARDSHIPS &amp; DANGERS AT THIS TIME.</b></p>						<b>1</b> Produce Giveaway 9:00 am - 12 noon Mingo Community Center
<b>2</b> <b>WORLD COMMUNION DAY</b> 4:00 - 5:00 PM CORE BELIEFS STUDY Mingo UMC	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Yom Kippur	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Produce Giveaway 9:00 am - 12 noon Mingo Community Center
<b>9</b> 4:00 - 5:00 PM CORE BELIEFS STUDY Mingo UMC	<b>10</b> Columbus Day	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 6:00 pm - (Zoom) Board Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>FOOD PANTRY</b> 3:30 PM CHARGE CONFERENCE Newton UMC	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 4:00 - 5:00 PM CORE BELIEFS STUDY Mingo UMC	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Trunk or Treat</b> Church parking lot 3:00 - 5:00 pm
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:

Send all newsletter entries to Nichole French by the 20th of the month.  
Thank you! [frenchie64254@gmail.com]



**Oct 3 —**  
Darlene Shaffer  
Sandy Hulse Johnson

**Oct 4 —**  
Janice Gregerson

**Oct 6 —**  
Carol Tiffany

**Oct 9 —**  
Debra Halfhill Pekarek

**Oct 10 —**  
Matt McKee

**Oct 11 —**  
Matt Keeling

**Oct 13 —**  
Inge Van Peursem

**Oct 14 —**  
Jan Borts  
Jocelyn Harder

**Oct 21 —**  
Karen Borts Zicco



### 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.



# Join us in person or online!

## SUNDAY SERVICES

**YouTube LIVE:** <https://youtu.be/72wd0gErSGo>  
9:45 am (In-person & YouTube LIVE)

## SUNDAY PM BOOK STUDY

**Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81818489865>  
**Meeting ID:** 818 1848 9865  
4:00 pm (In-person & Zoom)

## 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)  
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