

### *Pastor's Note*

It is February and it is a time when we focus on February 14<sup>th</sup> – Valentine's Day and the central focus on LOVE.

What does God say about love? What is love, according to the Bible? We have been given an abundance of Bible verses about loving others, so we can assume it's important.

[John 13:34-35 TLB](#) says, "And so I am giving a new commandment to you now—love each other just as much as I love you. Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

We are commanded to [love one another](#) as Jesus does. There is not one person Jesus does not love and did not come to save - this includes everyone you look eyes with, walk past on the street, hear about in the news, live next door to, stand behind in line at the grocery store, or sit next to in the waiting room. When we actively love those around us, putting their needs before our own, we are taking the same amazing love that Jesus has poured out to us and becoming a living, breathing, beautiful display for humanity.

You see, while many believe love is a just a nice, heart-warming feeling, as Christians, we are called for it to be more than that - we are called to take action. We can share God's love by noticing the unnoticed, loving the unlovely, or even by extending grace to those who are not so easy to be around.

When we look at how to love others, His Word offers plenty of insight. [Romans 12:9-10,13-16 MSG](#), gives us great examples of love in action:

*"Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle... Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality. Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody."*

Let's make it our prayer today to ask God to help us actively love others. Let us ask Him to lead us to places where He wants us to shine His light and the strength to share His love with all who surround us in our daily lives. And, maybe when we do this, we will guide people to His beauty and they, too, will begin to actively love others and then, who knows how many lives will be impacted?

**Go Be the Church!!**

### **JOIN US!**

**Worship:**  
9:45 - 10:30 am

**CONNECT:**

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

**Sunday 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/UCT15MA9CTPiIoOARv8upE\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT15MA9CTPiIoOARv8upE_Q) (Or click "Videos" on our website homepage – past sermons are posted to our video library)

# GOD IS LOVE

## Administrative Board Meeting Minutes January 2022

The Administrative Board met via Zoom video conference on Wednesday, January 11th at 6:00 pm. Bill & Theresa Berriman, Bob & Barb Leonard, Julie Warner, Janice Gregerson, Kent & Dawn Mckee, Marilyn & Bob Matthews, Carol Kimberly, Nicki French, Pastor Phil, Rodney Altes Jolene and Mike Brady, Jan and Kevin Borts, Jeri Heffelfinger and Bob Pease were present.

Pastor opened by leading the group with prayer.

Bob Leonard asked for acceptance of the December minutes that were submitted by Nicki. This approved by Janice and seconded by Bill. Theresa submitted the treasures report and all accounts balanced. All present were in favor of the treasure report.

Bob brought up issues with the sewage back up and it is in front of the church. Christ Hook is doing the work and because of the cost cutting measures that were taken in the past, it is costing more now. Some of back up wen into the church's rental property.

Pastor went over future sermons and what the focus will be with Lent coming up. He is wanting to talk about Jesus. Lent begins 2-22 and there are 6 Sundays. He will begin with book of Luke. Schedule takes up to Easter Sunday. New study groups begin 2-26. Status report will be in mid-February

Pastor stated that Leadership teams at the church have shifted around and had met on 1-9. They will be brought for final approval. The groups have been put into classes so people signing up are not signing up for life and others can shift seats or leave or however they want to join. The groups are; General Church, Communication, Worship, Christian Education, Food Pantry, Finance, Memorials, Missions, Prayer Ministry Team, Board of Trustees, Pastor/Parish Relations, Parsonage, Nominations, Outreach & Evangelism, Spiritual Growth, Congregational Care. This was 2nd by Janice, all were in favor, motion was passed. Pastor advised that they hope there is a Sunday that the officers are brought forward and a prayer is done.

Bill shared with the group a four-foot cross was made to improve the back alter area. This was done in the same stain that the rest of the wood was done in and was created by Larry and Kathryn Beard, who has done the rest of the woodwork.

Jolene gave an update on Christmas Love Gift for Uganda. \$195 has been collected so far and will be given a bit longer to collect, as 50 of that is the international transfer fee. Theresa advised the funds need to be placed into the church account as the school account is now gone. Checks have been made out to Jolene or giving her cash. Jolene advised she will provide the account numbers to set it up to have the funds sent to Florence.

Marilyn brought up that some of the people are not getting mailers of the Newsletter. I (Nicki) advised to forward the email address and they would get them added to the list, as they were being sent to everyone on the list that was provided and I want to make sure that I was not leaving anyone off.

Jeri brought up as Christmas gifts she likes to make sequence calendars and has given one to the church. It is hanging by the south doors in memory of her dear friend Roseanne who passed away. Janice submitted motion to adjourn this was second by Bill and approved by all in attendance. Pastor led the group in closing with the lord's prayer.

*Nichole French,*  
Recording Secretary

## Prayer Chain Ministry

## We are a Praying Church

We will gladly honor your prayer requests, whether they are specific or unspoken. Prayer requests may be initiated by contacting our Pastor, Warren Nielsen or Theresa Berriman.

Pastor Phil  
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Warren Nielsen  
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Theresa Berriman  
[Prayersformingo@gmail.com](mailto:Prayersformingo@gmail.com)  
515-249-0698 text or voicemail







## 2023 Midwest Mission Distribution Disaster Health Kits

The Mingo Methodist Church has started collecting items for MMDC Health Kits in January 2023. Each month you may contribute an item that has been designated for that month. The items will be assembled into kits in October to be delivered to the Greenfield Ingathering site the first Saturday in November. Each kit is valued at \$12 per kit.

All items included in the kits must be new items and cardboard needs to be removed from combs or nail files/clippers only.

~~January - 1 Hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27" NO Kitchen towels)~~

February - 1 wash cloth

March - 1 comb (Large and sturdy, NO pocket size, rattail combs w/o handles acceptable)

April - 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (NO emery boards or toenail clippers)

May - 1 bath-size bar of soap (3oz and up - DO NOT remove paper)

June - 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, NO child-size brushes)

July - 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile band aids (3/4" to 1" sizes)

*Marilyn Matthews*



## Kids Club News

**February Kids Club will be held Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup>, 4-5 pm**

**Last month's attendance numbers doubled from December!!!!**

**No School No Kids Club**

**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

The Clothes Bin Iowa has come to the City of Mingo!! Every pound of textiles recycled in Mingo benefits the Mingo Caring corner food pantry, If you have clothing, shoes or other textiles that are not good enough to be reused or donated, then drop in the green bin in parking lot outside of City Hall. These items will get shredded and recycled and a portion of the proceeds directly benefit the Mingo Caring Corner. This is definitely a better option then ending up in a landfill.

You are invited to February's Meal & a Movie

MINGO UMC

# *Meal & Movie*

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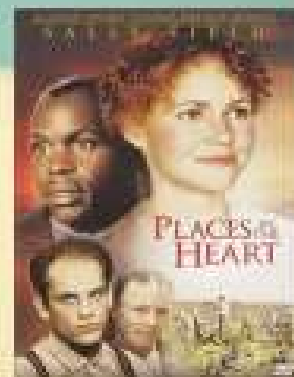
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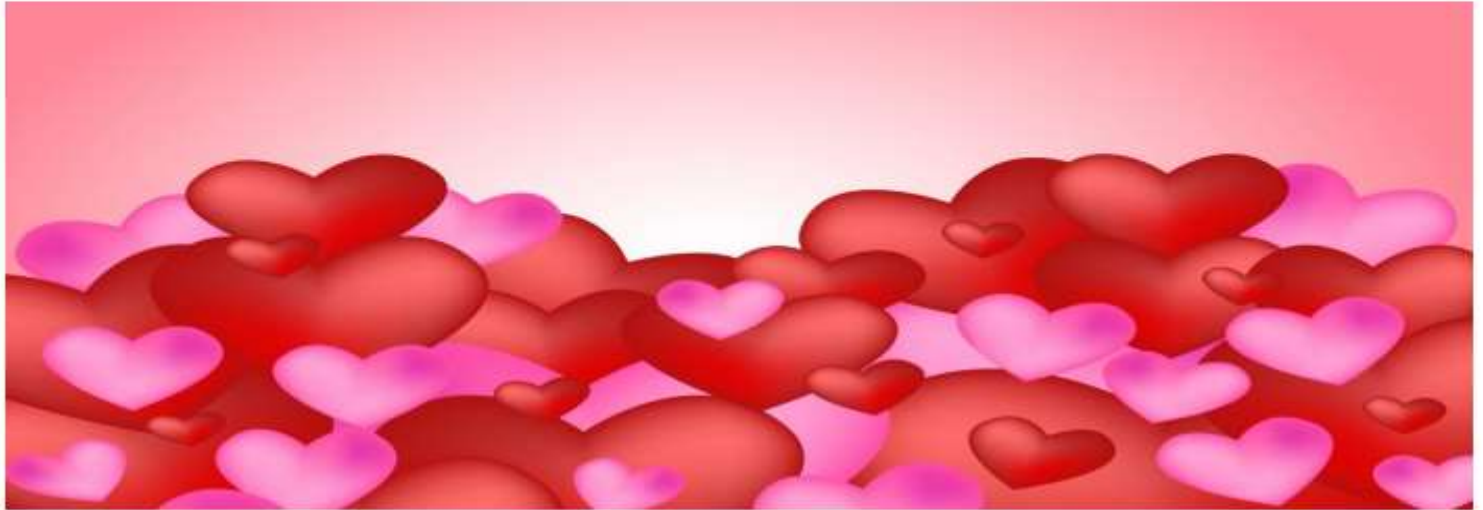
*In the  
Fellowship  
Hall*



# February

# 2023

## MINGO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 National Freedom Day	2 Groundhog Day	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 	15	16 Kid's Club 4-5 Fellowship Hall	17	18
19	20 President's Day	21	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26	27	28				
22 <sup>nd</sup> - Ash Wednesday			26 <sup>th</sup> - 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent		14 <sup>th</sup> - Meal (perfect pairs) & Movie (Places in the Heart)	
					19 <sup>th</sup> - Transfiguration Sunday	