

Pastor's Note

EASTER 2023

I need Easter more than anything this year!

The disciples had been through it. They had experienced with Jesus some pretty rough moments and days. They had been on a tough journey from the safety of Galilee through the "Wilderness of Samaria." They had seen the miracles and teachings of Jesus played out. The 10 lepers and only one returned – Jesus was teaching about gratitude to God as a priority. He taught the disciples about "the Greatest Commandment" and introduced "The Lord's Prayer." Jesus packed in lots of the most important teachings in the last two months of his life.

The Palm branches waving crowd soon called for Jesus's crucifixion. The disciples were exhausted and divided and were struggling as they buried Jesus and the love they once shared was in seeming shambles...

...then along came Easter and the Resurrection...

A Resurrection not only for Jesus, but for those who were in need of being "Found!"

Jesus the Good Shepherd, Jesus goes and finds those who were in need of being "Found!" Some Jesus found behind locked doors, others were on a road called Emmaus as they left all that had happened behind them. Some had returned to the old times of fishing and others just could not believe what had happened and were filled with doubts.

But Jesus found them all and invited them to receive healing. He picked them up from their fears and doubts and exhaustion and brought them back into the Focus of a New Relationship with himself. And it worked! The Holy Spirit came upon them and they were once again focused on Jesus and his Mission. Right or wrong, sadness turned into Joy and their hearts danced again. Peter and John found that focusing on Jesus and His Mission brought healing and a New Pentecost of God's Holy Spirit leading them and birthing a New Church that was alive and growing.

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Jesus is Alive and among us. We are expectant of a new outpouring of His Holy Spirit to bring healing and mission to each of us as Jesus finds us – wherever we are.

Ask and you shall receive, Seek and you shall find (and be found), Knock and the door will be opened to us all! Maybe what we saw at the end of the service each week...that one of our littlest attendees (Steven) shouts out to remind us: **"GO BE THE CHURCH!"** is our Easter Call...

GO BE THE CHURCH! God is with us...and that makes all the difference!

Pastor Phil 

JOIN US!

Worship:
9:45 - 10:30 am

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Sunday Services
YouTube
LIVE: <https://youtu.be/72wd0GrSGo>
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

• **YouTube channel:**
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT15MA9CTPjIoOARv8upE_Q (Or click "Videos" on our website homepage – past sermons are posted to our video library)

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.

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Administrative Board Meeting Minutes February 2022

The Administrative Board met via Zoom video conference on Wednesday, March 8th at 6:00 pm. Bill & Theresa Berriman, Bob & Barb Leonard, Julie Warner, Janice Gregerson, Kent & Dawn Mckee, Marilyn & Bob Matthews, Nicki French, Pastor Phil, Rodney Altes Jan and Kevin Borts, Lowell Halfhill were present.

Pastor opened by leading the group with prayer.

Bob Leonard asked for acceptance of the Board minutes as printed in February newsletter and all present were in favor, none opposed. Bob moved on to treasure report and went over account balances and activity. All accounts balanced. Kevin 2nd all present were in favor.

Bob read a statement submitted by Carol Kimberley, who resigned from her leadership position with the church. Mike and Jolene Brady also submitted a letter that was read to the group resigning her leadership position with the church.

Marilyn requested to speak on the topic as well and addressed group on behalf of herself Bob Matthews, also resigning from their leadership positions with the church.

Theresa requested to go to Old Business, Last month it was brought up about the leadership list and was sent out to everyone to review as it was brought up last month. Bill requested a motion to move forward and accept the leadership roles as listed and back fill as needed. This was 2nd by Janice and all present were in favor.

Rodney requested, as Chairman of Trustees of the Mingo UMC, he made a motion upon the recommendation of the Four Members Information Committee to obtain information regarding keeping our church as United Methodist Church of Mingo and requested a 2nd motion, this was seconded by Janice. Rodney stated on that we now go from administrative board meeting to Executive Board meeting as set out in the Charge Conference, as outlined in the Book of Discipline, paragraph 252 sub paragraph 5, which lists the people who vote on administrative council. Names will be read and votes counted. Vote total was 87.5% passing was as follows;

Bob Leonard	Yea
Lowell Halfhill	Yea
Kevin Borts	Yea
Jan Borts	Yea
Rodney Altes	Yea
Theresa Berriman	Yea
Janice Gregerson	Yea
Phil Dicks	Chose to abstain

Charge Conference will be notified we will remain the United Methodist Church. We will not return to the Administrative Board meeting

Rodney advised the group the trustees of two church committees, Mingo and Farrar are working on parsonage issues.

Bob adv he has no other business at this time.

Pastor stated he wanted to remind of the Lenten season studies taking place on Sunday evening from 4 - 5. Then coming up on and the maundy Thursday service which will be in Mingo, this includes an invitation for Farrar to join that night beginning at 6 pm. Good Friday service also begins at 6 pm, also for Mingo and Farrar. Palm Sunday will be the beginning of all of that, taking place the week before, with a special service with everything you would expect for Palm Sunday service. Easter service will be at regular time, 9:45 and we may have kids and puppets come over from the Colfax church. Some of it will be the kids standing there moving. They are working on doing a puppet program so it will be the kids and the puppets telling the Easter Story. They may also come and be a part of the maundy Thursday service ad will extend invitations to any of the kids that want to join. More information will be coming on that.

This Sunday will be a hymn sing and anyone that has a favorite and was sent to him and will be sending a list on that with the help of Lowell. Some stories that have not been heard and songs that don't usually make it to the list. Will have Janet the organ and Cheryl Overland from Colfax on the piano going together.

Janice made motion to adjourn which was seconded by Bill.

Everyone joined in Lord's Prayer

Nichole French,
Recording Secretary



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday – Thursday Evening, April 6th – 6:00 PM (30 minutes) @ Mingo UMC

The beginning of Holy Communion with the disciples in the Upper Room is the focus of this Worship Service as we re-tell the story of the Disciples and Jesus – a Living Last Supper.

Good Friday – Friday Evening, April 7 – 6:00 PM (30 minutes) @ Mingo UMC

Experience the sounds and sights of the final hours of Jesus' life. Songs we will share will be familiar and invite us through their melody and words to express all that the "Man of Sorrows" experience this night of nights that we call Good Friday. We will discover the "Good" in "Good Friday" and visually experience these final moments on the cross musically and with extinguished candles in a century-old ritual called: "Tenebrae."

Easter Resurrection Worship Celebration –

❖ **Sunday Morning 9:45 AM @ Mingo UMC**

What an Easter Celebration is planned for this year! We are pulling out all the stops and making it a celebration of Easter with all the Traditions of music, sight and sound. We have designed this Service for a +

POSITIVE LIFT!

From the Music to the Ringing Bells!

Christ is Risen! From Easter Lilies to every traditional celebrative song of Easter we are looking for a
RESURRECTION!

This is a great service to invite a friend or neighbor to join you.

Invite them to come and to sit with you!

Special Music will be a part.

Other Family Easter Events





IOWA CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Ingathering



2023 Midwest Mission Distribution Disaster Health Kits

The Mingo Methodist Church has started collecting items for MMDC Health Kits beginning 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 \$13 per kit.

All items included in the kits must be new items.

- January — 1 Hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27" NO Kitchen towels)
February — 1 wash cloth (no dishcloths)
March — 1 adult soft bristle toothbrush — no multipacks
April — 1 shampoo (12.5 oz – 19 oz)
May — 1 bath-size bar of soap (3oz and up – DO NOT remove paper)
June — 1 deodorant (23 oz stick, roll on, or pump – NO SPRAY)
July — 1 Gallon resealable plastic bag

ADD a \$2.00 donation per kit for a razor and toothpaste. PLACE all items in the resealable plastic bag.

Marilyn Matthews



Kids Club News



Will be held on Thursday, April 20th from 4-5pm.

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

April

2023

Mingo United Methodist Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fool's Day
2 	3	4	5	6 	7 	8
9 	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 2nd Sunday of Easter	17	18 Holocaust Remembrance Day	19	20 	21	22 Earth Day
23 3rd Sunday of Easter;	24	25 World Malaria Day	26 Administrative Professionals' Day	27	28	29
30 4th Sunday of Easter						