

Pastor's Note

Summer is a time to collect things (or any other time of the year.) It all began with collecting rocks, and other “things” on vacation. A remembrance rock or beaver chewed birch stick...or a cross in my pocket from someone...

I have cases and drawers of souvenirs...which bring back good stories and people I have met along the way. Most all have a historical connection. I love going through them and remembering. I love sharing them with my children and grandchildren....a world of collected memories and legacy.

Every time I look at them, special memories flood my mind.

One of the most well-known miracles Jesus performed is recorded in John 6:1-14: “The Feeding of the Five Thousand.” It is one of my favorite stories, and I vividly remember hearing it as a child. I often wondered what it would have been like to have been the little boy who gave Jesus his dinner (5 barley loaves and 2 fish). I imagined watching him pray over that little meal and then distribute...and continue to distribute food until every person’s hunger was satisfied. That had to be an incredible experience. Just imagine that little boy telling the story to his grandkids years down the road.

Towards the end of the story, Jesus told his disciples to gather up the leftover fragments. And this is what John records in chapter 6 verse 13: “So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.” There is a ton of significance to the number 12...especially in light of Jesus performing this miracle in a context where there was primarily a Jewish audience. There were 12 tribes in Israel and the fact that there were 12 baskets of leftovers no doubt pointed to Jesus as the “Bread of Life” (he would proclaim that in John 6:22-59)...the long-awaited Messiah.

But, I’m fascinated by another aspect of the number 12 and these baskets of leftovers. Jesus had called 12 disciples, and these disciples were the ones he tasked with collecting the leftovers. It was almost like he wanted them to have a souvenir of the miracle...a reminder that his provision is always more than enough! Of course, the food would not last forever even though it could have provided them nourishment for a short time afterward. I wonder what happened to those baskets. If I had been one of the 12, I would have kept it...as a souvenir...a reminder of what Jesus had done. I would have stashed it in my office and told everyone that entered about that time I was with Jesus, and he fed 5000+ people with a little boy’s dinner.

We have no indication of what the disciples actually did with those baskets. The Bible does not tell us the rest of that part of the story. However, I think souvenirs are important...especially if they remind us of God’s faithfulness in this season. Every day we are witnessing His hand at work...little miracles are being performed in our lives...prayers are being answered. God’s provision is always more than enough!

I want to challenge you to identify an item that you can carry with you out of this season as a souvenir of God’s faithfulness to you and your family. Use your imagination...let your kids help you pick out that item. Place it in a prominent location in your home, and take opportunities in the days ahead to celebrate God’s faithfulness! Let them tell you the story about God.

Go be the Church!

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 June 2023

The Administrative Board met via Zoom video conference on Wednesday, June 14th at 6:00 pm. Bill & Theresa Berriman, Bob & Barbara Leonard, Janice Gregerson, Jan & Kevin Borts, Bob Pease, Rodney Altes, Nichole French, Kent & Dawn Mckee were present.

Bob opened the meeting with prayer.

Bob motioned to accept the last meeting minute and all present accepted the minutes. Bob brought up the treasure report. Theresa mentioned if these are reviewed it will be noticed the offerings have decreased and will look at over the next few months and discuss. Bill motioned for there to be a meeting after a church service to discuss finances with the entire church prior to end of summer. Bill stated after we could have a pot luck and a movie. Bill made a motion for this which was seconded by Janice and all present were in favor. This brought the group back to the treasures report and this was accepted all present accepted.

Steve is back at mowing the lawn.

Theresa advised the refund that was mentioned by Ion Cleverly last month from Midwest Basement was received.

Janice inquired on the Farrar vote from their meeting last month. Bill advised that Farrar voted to disaffiliate. Rodney stated he believes they wanted to become an independent church, not a global.

Theresa stated this month's mission is Jasper County Habitat for Humanity. Also, Bidwell and Hawthorn will now will be known as family forward so in the future will just be the one organization the church will be giving to.

Theresa stated that thank you notes have been received from the Trenton Brady scholarship and from the Women at the Well for the Mother's Day donation. A donation will be sent to the Veteran's Home at Marshalltown on behalf of all the fathers.

Rondey stated they are waiting on the bank to do their background work in regard to the sale of the parsonage and it might be the middle of July before that is all finalized, at one time was the 31st of July but hopefully before then. He and Theresa have been doing a lot of leg work and running around for this.

Janice motioned to adjourn and this was seconded by Bill and all present were in favor.

Bob led the group in the Lord's prayer.

Nichole French,
Recording Secretary

Visit to Grinnell



On June 20th, a group of ten traveled to Grinnell. Our first destination, was to the Grinnell United Methodist Church to see four fabulous plaster wall sculptures created by Des Moines artists Tom & T. J. Moberg and Joe Sciorrotta. The largest wall sculpture is 9 feet tall and 80 feet long and covers an entire wall in the church's Friendship Center. There are 16 Bible scriptures illustrated in the sculpture. It is absolutely indescribable. There are three smaller sculptures, showing the artists' use of color. During our visit, we also enjoyed music played on the church's pipe organ while viewing beautiful stained-glass windows in the sanctuary.

Our second stop was next door to Hotel Grinnell. Erected in 1921, the building served as the city's junior high school until the late '70s. Nearly 40 years later, it has been repurposed into an independently owned hotel, eatery, bar and event center. We saw many of the hotel's unique rooms, including a room containing ten bunk beds and the penthouse created from the dressing room above the auditorium stage. Many of the school's features are still visible.

Next stop was lunch at the Prairie Canary Restaurant and Bar, located in a historic building on Main Street. The focus here is local produce and Iowa grown meat. Nobody left hungry.

Our final stop was Merchants National Bank. Completed in 1914, this bank was Louis Sullivan's third major "Jewel Box" bank created in the final decade of his life. The building, nearly cubical, suggests security and stability needed in a bank, but the stonework and terracotta ornamentation modify the austerity of the structure. The center of visual interest is the circular stained-glass window over the entrance. The interior decoration continues the themes of the building's exterior. The bank was designated a National Historic Landmark by the U.S. Department of the Interior and currently houses the Grinnell Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center.

Everyone had a great time!!



COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

FOOD, MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT
... DOOR PRIZES, SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVE-AWAY

5:00 to 8:00 PM

Senior Citizen Community Center

Mingo, Iowa

Saturday, July 29, 2023

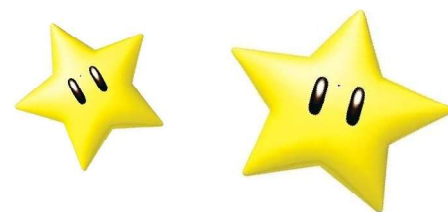
Walking Tacos, popcorn, watermelon, drinks provided

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Kids Club News

Kid's club will resume after the summer break!! Have a happy and safe summer!



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



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

July

2023

Mingo United Methodist Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion Sunday	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Board Meeting 6 pm - Zoom	13	14	15
16 Food Pantry Sunday	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Block Party Community Center
30	31					