

*Pastor's Note*



**Making  
Time  
For  
Jesus**



**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)

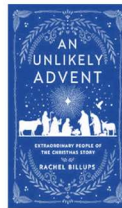
**Sunday Book Study**  
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81818489865>  
Meeting ID: 818 1848 9865  
4:00 pm (In-person & Zoom)

**Board Meetings**  
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85195854464>  
Meeting ID: 851 9585 4464

• **Facebook: Mingo UMC** (Like our page!)

• **Website:** [www.mingoumc.org](http://www.mingoumc.org)

• **YouTube channel:**  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT15MA9CTPjtoOARv8upE\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT15MA9CTPjtoOARv8upE_Q) (Or click "Videos" on our website homepage – past sermons are posted to our video library)



**OUR ADVENT STUDY – Every Sunday for Mingo (& Mingo UMC)**

– Two Time Options: (1) Study in Mingo (\*2 to 3 pm) and (2) Study in Colfax (\*3:30 to 4:30 pm)–

**Open to Everyone** (In Person and On-Line ZOOM)

It is called: "An Unlikely Advent: Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story"

Expect the unexpected this Christmas. Let me tell you about this Advent Study...This four-week Advent study focuses on The experiences of four often overlooked characters in the Nativity story - Each set of unexpected characters has something to teach about living faithfully on the journey to Christmas. A Video and Time of Listening and Sharing – One Hour Only.

**December 3rd – FIRST Sunday of Advent – 9:45 AM WORSHIP: "Kids MUSICAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM"**

- Advent Lesson: Two Time Options: (1) Study in Mingo (\*2 to 3 pm) and (2) Study in Colfax (\*3:30 to 4:30 pm)–  
→ (CHECK THIS OUT...Kids Program @ Mingo UMC beginning at 9:45 AM – Join us at BOTH Services!)

**December 10<sup>th</sup> – SECOND Sunday of Advent – 9:45AM WORSHIP: Advent/Christmas Worship – ANGELS!**

- Advent Lesson: Two Time Options: (1) Study in Mingo (\*2 to 3 pm) and (2) Study in Colfax (\*3:30 to 4:30 pm)–  
**For an ENCORE PERFORMANCE of the "Kids MUSICAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM", which includes OUR KIDS, to show support and consider attending COLFAX UMC at 11 AM.**

**December 17<sup>th</sup> – THIRD Sunday of Advent – 9:45 AM WORSHIP: Our Advent/Christmas Worship Please consider . after our Worship to attend COLFAX UMC for the amazing "Steel Drum CHRISTMAS MUSICAL CONCERT" It was a great hit last year and enjoyed by all. Please consider to come be a part.**

- Advent Lesson: Two Time Options: (1) Study in Mingo (\*2 to 3 pm) and (2) Study in Colfax (\*3:30 to 4:30 pm)–

**December 24<sup>th</sup> FOURTH Sunday of Advent – 9:45AM - 30 Minute WORSHIP: First Christmas (Eve) Candlelight WORSHIP – something NEW for you to experience on the Day before Christmas**

A Briefer First Experience of a Morning Christmas Eve Service with Story, Music, Kids and Candlelight for ALL!

**December 24<sup>th</sup> – 7 PM –30 Minute Christmas Eve Candlelight Community "Open to All" Service - @ COLFAX - Family Traditional Carols, Christmas Story, Music, Kids Program and more...Candles!**

**December 31<sup>st</sup>– "NEW YEARS EVE" MORNING WORSHIP – 30 minute Worship Service @ 9:45 am –**  
A Special "Mini-New Yea's Service" so Families and Anyone can drop into A Early New Year's Eve Service!  
**COMMUNION SERVICE!** Start 2024 Putting Jesus First! 30 minutes in Worship! Open to ALL!

**\*\*REMEMBER BEGINNING JAN 7<sup>th</sup> – MINGO WORSHIP BEGINS at 9:00 AM.**

## Administrative Board Meeting Minutes November 2023

The Administrative Board met via Zoom video conference on Wednesday, November 8th at 6:00 pm. Bill & Theresa Berriman, Julie Warner, Janice Gregerson, Kent & Dawn Mckee, Pastor Phil and Rodney Pease were present. Kevin later joined.

Pastor opened by leading the group with prayer.

Janice brought up the minutes from October. Theresa made a motion to accept the minutes and this was seconded by Kent.

Janice questioned the insurance on the parsonage and Theresa advised that the parsonage has been sold since the last meeting so guide One Insurance has been cancelled. Theresa advised Dawn and Kent offered to buy the projector and have donated to do that. That is an update on the minutes.

Janice moved on to the treasure report and Bill made motion to approve the report and this was seconded by Rodney all present were in favor.

Janice stated if there will be a Christmas program she assumes will need sacks and treats and Bob usually gets the treats and the other Bob the sacks and neither is here tonight.

Bill asked if we were going to discuss service times. Pastor said we can discuss; he states his goal is to get folks together from both churches. He has already gotten some input but would like to get times not only locked in but also when we would begin implementing. He said what he has gotten back from the Colfax folks is they would like to be done before noon. He said this is just feedback and this is not locked in, but they would be looking at 10:30-11:30 so Mingo would be possibly 9:15- 10:15. Bill said it is coming into winter and some roads are not very good still at 9am. Pastor advised he is open to those pieces and will continue to make adjustments. He is asking for feedback and getting folks together and see what that could look like. He said as Bill stated it is coming to Winter and it will be nice to not start at 7:30 in the morning to try to go somewhere. He said that is the best he can advise now as he wants the church to make that decision. Maybe next week set up a Zoom meeting and get together and see what would go on. All he has so far is that Colfax wants to be done by 11:30.

Pastor said he has some scheduling stuff to go over. He has all the Sunday's put in from now till January. 11-12 will be about a unique Mary and Martha, as we need some listeners and some doers in our church. Sunday the 19th will be around the Table of Thanks, and is as pure as he can get for a Thanksgiving service. Sunday the 26th will be Breaking of the Bread, Eyes Are Open. He wanted to know if the Church would be ready for Advent.

Bill stated the whole church does not need to help with the hanging of the greens as there are a lot of new decorations. Bill said that the Pease family will be doing the inside of the church. And on the last Saturday of November they will set up the Nativity set outside He said he could get Julie and Craig, Rodney Theresa and possibly Kent to help they could get that set up around 10 am no problem so it will be up before the 3rd.

Pastor advised Sunday 3rd is the first Sunday of Advent and the kids of Colfax and Mingo will be doing a program that Sunday to start off Advent in the Mingo Church, which will also be communion Sunday. He continues with that afternoon at 2:30 to 3:30 at Mingo will be the Study called an "Unlikely Adventure; Ordinary People of the Christmas Story," with the Colfax to follow. He says there will be 4 sections but will be doing it in three weeks so they are not meeting on Christmas Eve.

On Sunday December 10th, the 2nd Sunday of Advent and that will be on Herod and the Magi, with a DVD and he will bring a copy of it to be played. On the 17th will see where that goes, may have some special music as he has had conversations with a steel band, still being worked on. Christmas Eve morning will be a replay of the Christmas Eve service and will be a shorter service. The Christmas Eve service will be 6 to 6:30. This will be the last Sunday of the Advent. Bill asked if Pastor wanted the Christmas Eve service on YouTube to which he replied yes that would be nice.

Sunday Dec 31st will be a communion Sunday also and will celebrate leading into the new year. This will be a shorter service as well. It will be about God is a god of the past, present, and future, pulling that together.

Sunday January 7th will be another communion Sunday, so there will be two, kind of stuck together. He asked the group about decorations and if staying up through Magi Sunday which is the 7th or the 14th, he will confirm that, so there is not a rush to get them down.

Pastor advised the Advent studies will be on Dec. 3rd, 10th and the 17th. There will be no study on the 24th.

Bill asked Pastor to move the December Communion to the 2nd Sunday due to the program being on that first Sunday. Pastor agreed to move the December Communion to the 2nd Sunday.

Janice asked if anyone had anything else. Bill asked for there to be prayers for peace around the world as there is a lot going on.

Pastor closed the meeting with a prayer.

*Nichole French,*  
Recording Secretary







IOWA CONFERENCE of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Ingathering



In Oct., the children assisted the pastor in praying over our Ingathering kits as they were being blessed. There were 26 kits packaged, boxed and ready for the Midwest Mission on Nov. 4th.

Blessings on all who contributed, assisted and transported this year's contribution.



We are taking off on our Adopt A Family mission for this year. Sign up sheets for the project are in the adult classroom along with instructions. The items will be taken to Colfax on Monday Dec.11th, so the sooner we have the gifts, the better. Everyone's assistance with this project is greatly appreciated.



## 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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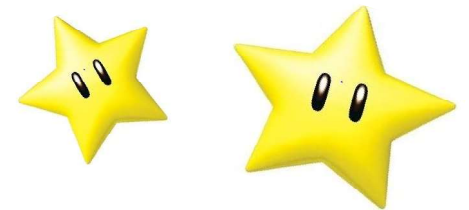
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## Kids Club News

Kid's club will resume after the New Year!! Have a happy holiday season 😊



## 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





# December

# 2023

## Mingo United Methodist Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 <a href="#">First Sunday of Advent</a>	4	5	6	7 <a href="#">Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</a>	8	9
10	11	12	13 <a href="#">Board Meeting</a>	14	15	16
17 <a href="#">Food Pantry Sunday</a>	18	19	20	21 <a href="#">Winter Solstice</a>	22	23
24 <a href="#">Christmas Eve</a>	25 <a href="#">Christmas Day</a>	26	27	28	29	30
31 <a href="#">New Year's Eve</a>						