



THE MESSENGER—July 2025

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Dear friends,

From June 5 to 7, I had the opportunity to attend the United Methodist Annual Conference held at Wesleyan University in Salina, Kansas. While the conference included voting, administrative work, and times of learning, the moments that stood out most to me were much more personal and spiritual.

First, I was grateful to experience worship, not as a leader, but simply as a participant. As pastors, we often focus on leading others in worship, but during this time, I was able to receive. Through the preaching, music, and prayer, I felt renewed and strengthened. It was a much-needed reminder of how important it is for spiritual leaders to also be spiritually fed.

Second, it was a joy to reconnect with fellow pastors and lay leaders from across our state. We shared stories, offered encouragement, and reminded one another that we are not alone in the ministry. These conversations gave me new hope and a deeper sense of connection to the larger Church.

Third, a significant moment of the conference was the announcement of the United Methodist Church's new mission statement:

"The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections."

This updated statement builds upon the previous mission—"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world"—by adding clarity and calling us to action.

Let me briefly highlight the three key parts of the new statement:

- Love Boldly – We are called to love God deeply and welcome all people, regardless of their background or story.
- Serve Joyfully – We follow Jesus by serving others with compassion and true joy, especially those in need.
- Lead Courageously – We are encouraged to stand against injustice and work for peace, justice, and reconciliation in the world.

This new vision is a powerful reminder that discipleship is not just about what we believe, but how we live. As we move forward together as a church, I pray that we may grow in love, serve with joy, and lead with courage—both here in our community and in the wider world.

May we walk together in the Spirit—with bold love, joyful hearts, and courageous faith.

Grace and peace, Pastor Peter Choi

July 2025

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		1	2	3	4 9:30am Prayer Time Annual Fireworks show at the Kearney County Fairgrounds	5
6 10:00am Worship 4th Sunday after Pentecost Lunch following worship	7	8	9 9:30am United Women in Faith 6pm Finance Mtg	10	11 9:30am Prayer Time	12
13 10:00am Worship 5th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Adult Sunday School	14 8am-4pm WIC	15	16	17	18 9:30am Prayer Time Kearney County Fair	19 Kearney County Fair
20 10:00am Worship 6th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Adult Sunday School Kearney County Fair	21 7pm Boy Scouts	22	23	24	25 9:30am Prayer Time	26
27 10:00am Worship 7th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Adult Sunday School	28	29	30	31		

July Anniversaries

- 14—Scott & Delaine Maxon—23 years
- 23—Ed & Lonna Rowse—31 years
- 24—Rod & Linda Duffey—27 years
- 28—Gary & Deb Smidt—51 years

July Birthdays

- 1—Dawn Moyer
- 4—Virginia Madsen
- 6—Aubree Kring
- 9—Randy Nolan
- 10—Aiden Sinsel
- 11—Nadine Fahrlander
- 13—Hailey Choi
- 13—Elta Kern
- 16—Bobbie Heitman
- 17—Doug Fellers
- 20—Leslie Lambert
- 22—Susan Tunnell
- 23—Alaina Suchsland
- 28—Leah Boudreau
- 28—Julie Ratka



Life in Our Church Family...

Take a moment and say a prayer for: Dr. Finkner's Friends and Family, The Choi Family, and all that need God's comfort.

Please call the office when you know of any illness, hospitalization, new babies, marriages, joyous or sad news among your friends or family members.

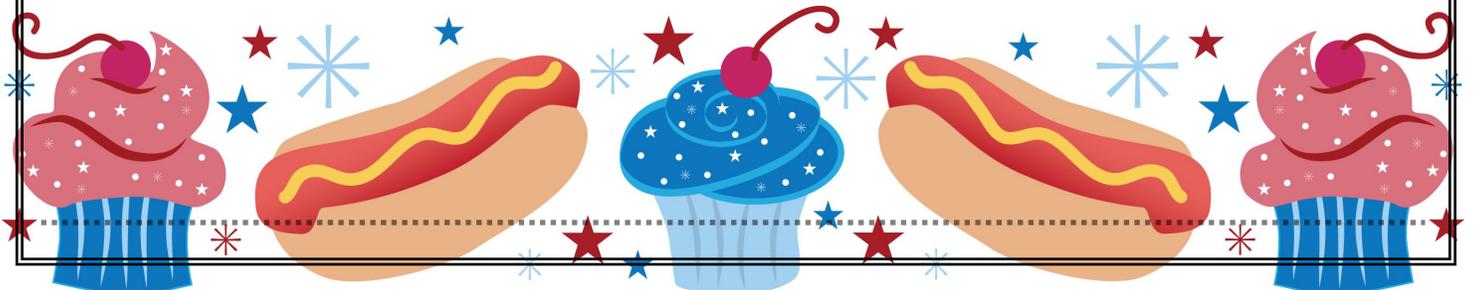
If you or your family has a prayer request and you would like to put on the Prayer Chain call Jeanette Wilkinson at 402-756-0772.

Summer Community Happenings

July 4th Annual Fireworks Show at the Kearney County Fairgrounds

July 18 at 6:30pm Missoula Children's Theatre presents
 "Hercules" at the Minden Opera House.

July 18-20 Kearney County Fair



June 2025 Financial Report...

General Giving in June	\$11,845
General Fund Giving to Date	\$89,161
General Expenses in June	\$15,766
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$101,750

(This report does not include the final days in June)



FELLOWSHIP LUNCH NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 6. ALL FOOD IS PROVIDED PLEASE COME AND WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR, KAYLA MANGRICH.



**Please keep bringing items for the rummage sale.
All clean and gently used items are welcome
and can be put in room 103.
If you have questions about an item you would like to
donate please call Jodi 830-0336.
Rummage Sale Dates are August 12-14, 2025.**

Please Call (308) 832-1995 if you can fill one of the open dates or email managerumcminden@msn.com.

Scripture Readers:

July 6: Havens
July 13: ?
July 20: Nadine Fahrlander
July 27: ?

Greeters/Ushers:

July 6: Havens Family
July 13: ?
July 20: ?
July 27: ?

Refreshment Hosts:

July 6: meal after worship
July 13: Linda Duffy
July 20: ?
July 27: ?

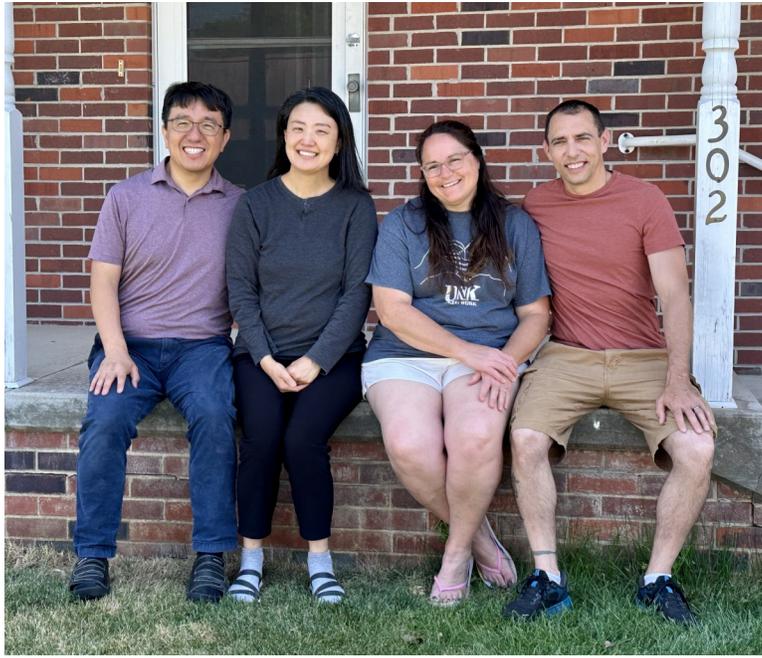
July 6:

Communion Steward: Shirley Fellers
Servers: ? _____, ? _____ ? _____ and
? _____.



“I realize we’ve run into the lunch hour,
and I’m sorry. Now, who’s the wise
guy who ordered pizza?”





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Spend time with God this summer

Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

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