

THE MESSENGER—August 2025



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Greetings Minden UMC members and friends,,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

What a joy it is to write to you as your new pastor. From the moment I arrived, I have felt your warmth, kindness and generosity. I appreciate the heartfelt welcome you have extended to me. Whether it was a kind check-in, a helping hand with settling in, a homemade meal or baked treat, or simply a smile and a word of encouragement—each gesture has reminded me of the deep and abiding love that is alive in this community.

It is a sacred privilege to step into this new season with you. I am filled with excitement and gratitude as I begin this journey as your pastor. I look forward to walking alongside you in worship, prayer, service, and fellowship as we continue to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

One of the great joys of ministry is getting to know the people who make up the heart of the church. I can't wait to learn more about each of you—your stories, your passions, and your hopes for our church's future. I am especially eager to listen to your dreams and visions for how we can continue to be a faithful, loving, and courageous community that shines Christ's light in our community and beyond.

Together, I believe God will lead us into a season of renewal, growth, and deepened faith. My door (and inbox!) is always open, and I welcome the opportunity to sit with you—over coffee, a walk, or a simple conversation—and hear what matters most to you.

Thank you again for your gracious welcome. I am honored to serve as your pastor and to share in the life and ministry of this amazing church. May God bless this new beginning, and may we always be open to the Spirit's leading.

**Peace and Blessings,
Rev. Kayla Mangrich**

August 2025

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3 10:00am Worship 8th Sunday after Pen- tecost 11:00am Adult Sunday School	4	5	6	7 9:30am Prayer Time	8	9
10 10:00am Worship 9th Sunday after Pen- tecost Blessing of Backpacks Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles 11:00am Adult Sunday School	11 8am-4pm WIC Rummage Sale pricing and Set up day	12 9am-7pm Rummage Sale	13 9am-7pm Rummage Sale	14 9:30am Prayer Time 9am-1pm Rummage Sale	15	16
17 10:00am Worship 10th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Adult Sunday School	18	19	20	21 9:30am Prayer Time	22	23
24 10:00am Worship 11th Sunday after Pentecost 11:00am Adult Sunday School	25	26	27	28 9:30am Prayer Time	29 Mobile Food Pantry	30
31 10:00am Worship 12th Sunday after Pentecost Fun Day and Potluck following worship Bring a side dish						

August Anniversaries

- 6—Dan & Ginger Frizane—59 years
- 6—Colton & Grooke Greving—3 years
- 12—Dave & Jane Craig—47 years
- 12—Tony & Julie Ratka—30 years
- 13—John & Pat Mullin—59 years
- 17—Mike & Lori Conyers—34 years
- 20—Jim & Virginia Madsen—19 years
- 25—Mark & Lori Loseke—24 years



August Birthdays

- 3—Pat Mullin
- 4—Mikaela Froid
- 4—Justiss Hinkle
- 5—Orlan Grams
- 5—Melissa Klabunde
- 5—Jerzee Smidt
- 6—Marcia Fries
- 6—Brooke Greving
- 6—Nathan Martin
- 7—Jan Marlatt
- 8—Kevin Smith
- 9—Keven Schutz
- 10—Braylee Kring
- 11—Lena Choi
- 11—Corey Smidt
- 15—Jentry Olsen
- 16—Jaxyn Olsen
- 17—Marah Dornhoff
- 17—Steve Maulsby
- 20—Terese Smith
- 21—Brad Janda
- 25—Levi Loseke
- 26—Marsha Granger
- 30—Gary Smidt

Life in Our Church Family...

Take a moment and say a prayer for 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.



July 2025 Financial Report...

General Giving in July	\$11,845
General Fund Giving to Date	\$89,161
General Expenses in July	\$17,874
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$119,644

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

***WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR
WEDNESDAY SCHOOL LEADERS.**

***VOLUNTEERS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF
EVERY MONTH FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING
WORSHIP.**

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN EARN CAT HOURS.
ANYONE OVER 18 IS REQUIRED TO DO THE
ONLINE SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING.**



**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 (308) 830-0336.**

**Rummage Sale Dates are August 12, 9am-7pm
August 13, 9am-7pm and August 14, 9am-1pm (\$3 bag sale).
Goodwill Truck will be here from August 13-August 20.**

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

Scripture Readers:

August 3: Marilyn Rasmussen
August 10: Lori Conyers
August 17: Leanna Warner
August 24: ?
August 31: ?

Greeters/Ushers:

August 3: ?
August 10: Lori Conyers
August 17: ?
August 24: ?
August 31: ?

Refreshment Hosts:

August 3: ?
August 10: ?
August 17: ?
August 24: ?
August 31: Church Meal

September 7:

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

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32



5th Sunday Potluck and Fun Day

The main dish will be provided.
Please bring a side dish to share.

Following the meal we will stay
and play games.
Bring your favorite board game or
card game.



Committees & Boards

Future Plans

We are excited to share that our church is looking to adopt the Simplified, Accountable Structure (formerly known as the Single Board or One Board Model). This new approach streamlines leadership from four separate administrative committees—Trustees, Finance, Staff-Parish Relations,

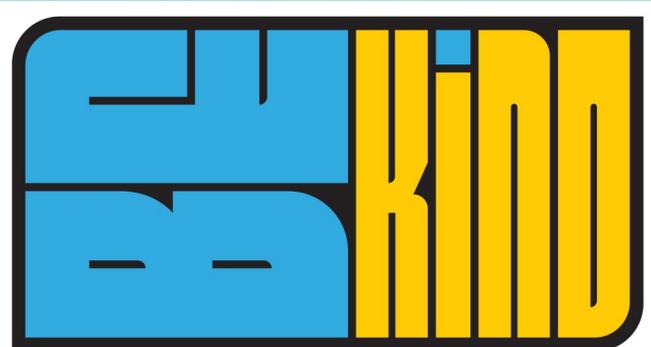
and Church Council—into one unified Leadership Board.

This single Leadership Board will handle all responsibilities previously managed by the four separate groups, enhancing efficiency, clarity, and accountability. This approach falls within the United Methodist Church Book of Discipline (§247.2) and is designed to help us better focus our energy on mission, ministry, and outreach.

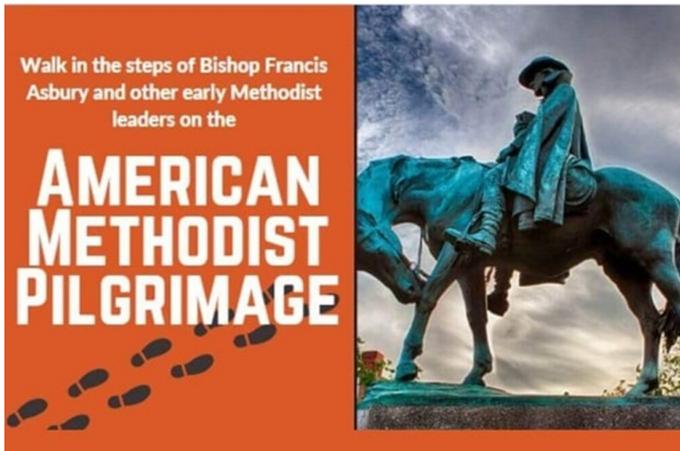
For those who wish to dive deeper into understanding this approach, we encourage you to explore the book, *Mission Possible*, which offers helpful guidance on implementing this structure successfully.

August 10th during Worship

Blessing of the Backpacks



Inaugural American Methodist Pilgrimage takes off Oct. 12



Walk where Francis Asbury walked, sit where the historic Christmas Conference convened and tour the 100-year-old United Methodist Building on Capitol Hill during the inaugural trek of the American Methodist Pilgrimage. A joint initiative between the General Commission on Archives and History (GCAH) and Education Opportunities Tours (EO), the week-long circuit of U.S. sites important to the early formation of Methodism launches Oct. 12. Prospective circuit riders can [register now and view the full itinerary](#).

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/content/registration-open-for-2025-american-methodist-pilgrimage>

“The exciting part of American Methodism is that it follows the same trajectory as our nation, grappling with many of the same issues as we moved from a group of colonies to a young nation that evolved from primarily rural to urban settings,” explains Dr. Ashley Boggan, GCAH general secretary. “When we visit some of the historical Methodist sites, we better understand how churches and Methodists across these centuries not only grew our denomination but also impacted movements within our nation. Traveling in the footsteps (and hoofprints) of Bishop Francis Asbury and his horse, we’ll also travel alongside early Methodists as they struggled with key questions of witness and structure that are still relevant today.”

Equipping Disciples

Can we get 75 volunteers to go to Sager Brown in 2026? Yes, we can!! Our next UMVIM Trip to work in the Sager Brown UMCOR Depot is January 31 to February 7, 2026. United Methodist Volunteers in Mission is a grassroots movement of United Methodists who seek to put their “Christian Love in Action.” Since the 1970s, UMVIM has offered a framework through which disciples can engage in short-term mission locally, nationally, and globally. Our volunteers are lay and clergy, young and old, with differing abilities and vocations, from all walks of life. Tens of thousands of United Methodists engage in short-term mission

each year in ministries as varied as disaster response, community development, pastor training, microenterprise, agriculture, Vacation Bible School, building repair and construction, and medical/dental services. There is a place for everyone to serve.

Our goal is to have 75 individuals from the Great Plains to fill up Sager Brown for the week. We can do this! We will work from Monday through Thursday of the week. The cost is \$340 per person which includes housing, meals and a \$50 non-refundable deposit. You can hold your space by submitting your check, made payable to Great Plains Conference, on the memo line write

“2026 UMVIM Trip” and mail to PO Box 4187, Topeka, KS 66604. For more information, contact Rev. Hollie Tapley, UMVIM coordinator, at htapley@greatplansumc.org.

For more information go to <https://umvim.org/what-is-umvim>.



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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

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