

# THE MESSENGER—September 2025



*A Publication of The United Methodist Church 340 N Newell Ave, Minden, NE*

**Dear Minden UMC Family,**

Grace and peace to you! I'm so grateful for the energy and love I'm already seeing at Minden UMC. Thank you for the warm welcome, the stories you've shared, and the ways you're already caring for one another. As the seasons begin to turn, I am filled with gratitude and excitement for the many ways God is at work in our church. Each week I see new opportunities for growth, joy, and connection among us, and I want to share a few of those with you.

This fall brings with it some wonderful ministries for our children, youth, and adults. Wednesday School will once again provide our kids with a chance to learn Bible stories, practice prayer, and grow in faith through fun, hands-on activities. Our Youth Group is open to all students in grades 7–12 and promises a year of fellowship, games, and real conversations about life and faith. In addition, Confirmation classes will begin for any student in grades 7–12 who have not yet been confirmed. This is a meaningful time of exploration, where students learn what we believe as United Methodists and how we live out our faith in daily life.

For adults, our Sunday mornings will focus on the Minor Prophets—short books of the Bible with powerful messages. Through both worship and Adult Sunday School, we will listen together for God's call to justice, mercy, and hope in the world today. I believe this journey will challenge us, encourage us, and strengthen our walk with Christ.

I also want to take a moment to celebrate the joy of our recent **5th Sunday Funday potluck**. What a blessing it was to share food, laughter, and good conversation with one another. Thank you to everyone who brought a dish, stayed to eat, and played games. A special word of thanks goes to Dave and Jane for providing the meat and setting up, the Tunnels for the delicious cake, and Larry and Nancy for their faithful help with setup. Your generosity and hospitality made the day truly special.

Finally, I would love the opportunity to meet with you. SPRC and I will be hosting several **meet-and-greet gatherings** in the Fellowship Hall, and I hope you'll stop by:

- **Sunday, September 7 at 3:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, September 14 at 3:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m.**

These times are meant for conversation, questions, along with sharing your memories and hopes for our church. Bring your stories, your dreams, and even your little ones—everyone is welcome.

Friends, I am deeply grateful to be serving as your pastor. Thank you for the ways you are already showing Christ's love to one another and to the community. Let us continue to be a church where God's Spirit is alive, where relationships flourish, and where faith takes root and grows strong.

# September 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

|  | <b>1</b><br> | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>   | <b>4</b><br>Prayer Time  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  |
|--|---|-----------|--|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>7</b><br>10:00am Worship<br>13th Sunday after Pentecost<br>11am SPRC Mtg<br>11:00am Adult Sunday School<br>3pm Meet the Pastor                          | <b>8</b><br>7pm Girl Scouts<br>7pm Boy Scouts   | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b> 9:30am<br>United Women in Faith<br>3:30pm-5pm<br>Wednesday School<br>6pm Finance Mtg<br>7:00pm Meet the Pastor | <b>11</b><br>Prayer Time | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> |
| <b>14</b><br>10:00am Worship<br>14th Sunday after Pentecost<br>11:00am Adult Sunday School<br>3pm Meet the Pastor  | <b>15</b><br>8am-4pm WIC  | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br>3:30pm-5pm Youth Group Kick Off-Ice Cream Party<br>7:00pm Meet the Pastor                                   | <b>18</b><br>Prayer Time | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> |
| <b>21</b><br>10:00am Worship<br>Kids Sunday School<br>15th Sunday after Pentecost<br>11:00am Adult Sunday School<br>4pm Confirmation<br>Parent/Student Mtg | <b>22</b>   | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b><br>3:30pm-5pm<br>Wednesday School<br>6:30pm Youth Group  | <b>25</b><br>Prayer Time | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> |
| <b>28</b><br>10:00am Worship<br>16th Sunday after Pentecost<br>11:00am Adult Sunday School   | <b>29</b><br>7pm Boy Scouts   | <b>30</b> |  |                          |           |           |



# Hello fall



## September Anniversaries

- 2—Tim & Susan Tunnell—25 years  
10—Dudley & Michelle Scharff—31 years

## September Birthdays

- 1—Lonna Rowse  
3—Cozette Sinsel  
7—Chloe Choi  
7—Lori Loseke  
7—Colton Greving  
8—Lori Conyers  
9—Bill Hunter  
11—Larry Snaveley  
11—Tim Tunnell  
15—Elaine Curren (103!!!)  
17—Deb Smidt  
19—Fred Will  
20—Rod Duffey  
21—Marlys Farm  
26—Avery Froid



## **Life in Our Church Family...**

Take a moment and say a prayer for Family & Friends of Anita Gleason, Alyssa Kahle, Marlys Farm, all the teachers and students, and all others 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.



Praying  
FOR You

### August 2025 Financial Report...

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| General Giving in August      | \$19,092  |
| General Fund Giving to Date   | \$118,367 |
| General Expenses in August    | \$15,444  |
| General Fund Expenses to Date | \$135,108 |

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



## CONFIRMATION MEETING

September 21, 2025 @ 4:00p.m.

- ✓ Hear requirements
- ✓ Discuss meeting times
- ✓ Get your questions answered

For all students and parents 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade

**CONTACT**

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## 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 Call (308) 832-1995 if you can fill one of the open dates or email [managerumcminden@msn.com](mailto:managerumcminden@msn.com).

**Scripture Readers:**

September 7: Kent Verbeck  
September 14: Marilyn Rasmussen  
September 21: ?  
September 28: ?

**Greeters/Ushers:**

September 7: ?  
September 14: ?  
September 21: ?  
September 28: ?

**Refreshment Hosts:**

September 7: ?  
September 14: ?  
September 21: ?  
September 28: ?

**September 7:**

Communion Steward: Dave & Jane Craig  
Servers: ? \_\_\_\_\_, ? \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_ and  
? \_\_\_\_\_.



Fall 2025 Sermon Series

Hosea\*Joel

**THE**

Amos\*Obadiah

**MAJOR LIVES**

Jonah\*Micah

**OF**

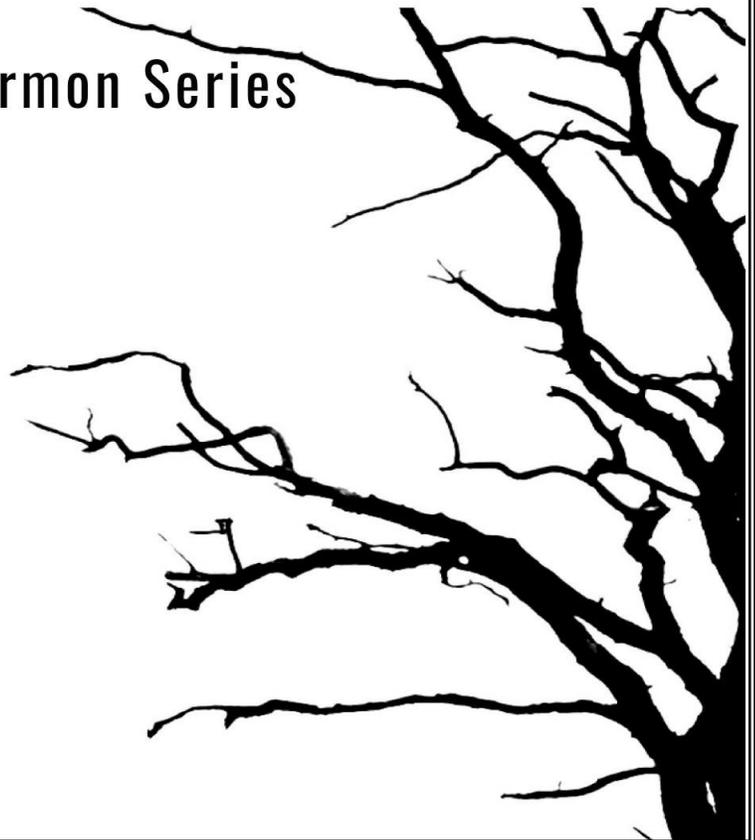
Nahum\*Habakkuk

**THE**

Zephaniah\*Haggai

**MINOR PROPHETS**

Zechariah\*Malachi





## Committees & Boards

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. We look forward to the potential opportunities this structure will provide for the future of the leadership of our church!

### *Meet & Greet with Pastor Kayla*

September 7th & 14th at 3:00pm  
September 10th & 17th at 7:00pm  
Fellowship Hall

### **Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course**

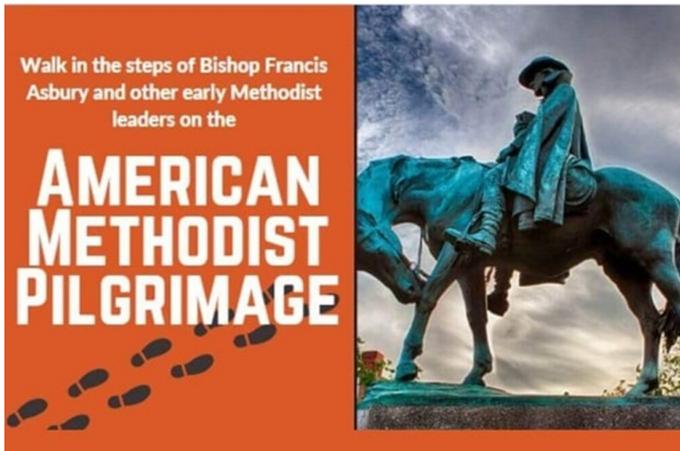
Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course

Friday, October 24, 2025 6pm-8pm & Saturday, October 25, 2025 9am-5pm

Kearney First UMC 4500 Linden Dr, Kearney, NE 68847

Questions contact Jim Cederburg, Western Nebraska Lay Servant District Director at [dlsd.westernne@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:dlsd.westernne@greatplainsumc.org). For more details & to register go to <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/lay-events>. The Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course is an introductory course designed to equip new church leaders and renew current leaders in The United Methodist Church. This course covers the core categories: Ministry of the Baptized, Leading, Caring, and Communicating; it also emphasizes ministry in daily life and sharing faith stories. (poster on bulletin board)

# 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.”

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## 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](mailto:htapley@greatplansumc.org).

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



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**Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.**  
**Adult Sunday School 11:15am**  
**Wednesday School 3:30pm-5:00pm**



**New Number?**  
**New Address?**  
**New Haircut?**  
**Let Us Know!**

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***JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME***  
***YESTERDAY AND TODAY***  
***AND FOREVER.***

***HEBREWS 13:8***