

THE MESSENGER—September 2026



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Greetings Members and Friends of MUMC,

When you hear the word minister, whose face comes to mind? Perhaps you picture the pastor standing in the pulpit, presiding at Communion, or offering a prayer. Yet one of the beautiful truths of our United Methodist tradition is that ministry belongs to the whole church. Through our baptism, each of us is called and empowered to participate in Christ's work. In other words, every member is a minister.

Throughout our previous sermon series, *Following the Grace-Filled Way*, we explored practices that help us make room for God's grace. Prayer, study, simplicity, service, confession, worship, and celebration are not ways of earning God's love. They are means through which God forms us into people who can love more fully and serve more faithfully. Now we move from formation toward vocation: How will the grace shaping us become ministry through us?

During September, we will use the image of the human body to consider four important dimensions of ministry.

- In Exodus 31:1–11, God calls Bezalel and Oholiab and fills them with the Spirit, giving them ability, intelligence, knowledge, and skill in craftsmanship. Their creativity becomes an offering to God and a gift to the community. Our hands represent creativity—the many ways we build, repair, cook, decorate, write, teach, make music, solve problems, and imagine new possibilities. Creativity is not merely a hobby; it can be holy work.
- In Exodus 18:13–27, Jethro sees Moses attempting to carry the entire burden of leadership by himself. He wisely tells Moses, “The task is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone.” Our head represents administration—the planning, organizing, decision-making, and stewardship that allow ministry to flourish. Administration may happen behind the scenes, but it is deeply spiritual work when it equips others, shares responsibility, and helps the church use its resources faithfully.
- In Luke 10:38–42, Jesus enters the home of Martha and Mary. Martha offers active service, while Mary offers attentive presence. Together, their story reminds us that true hospitality involves more than preparing food or opening a building. Our heart represents hospitality—making room for others, listening to their stories, recognizing their dignity, and helping them know they belong. Hospitality is where service and presence meet.
- Finally, in Matthew 28:16–20, Jesus sends the disciples into the world to make disciples, baptize, and teach. Our feet represent discipleship because following Jesus always involves movement. We gather to worship, but Christ also sends us into our homes, workplaces, schools, neighborhoods, and community. Discipleship is both growing in our own faith and helping others encounter the grace of Christ.

These four images also bring our continuing mission into focus: With our hearts, we love boldly. With our hands, we serve joyfully. With our heads, we lead courageously. With our feet, we carry Christ's love into the world.

Every member is a minister, but that does not mean every member must do everything. Moses could not carry the work alone, and neither can any one of us. God gives different gifts to different people so that we may share in ministry together. Some ministries happen in the sanctuary, while others happen in the kitchen, classroom, office, board meeting, hospital room, grocery store, or over a neighbor's fence. Wherever God's people use their gifts in love, ministry is happening.

As we begin this month, I invite you to consider: What has God placed in your hands? What wisdom or ability has God given your head? For whom is God asking you to make room in your heart? Where might Christ be sending your feet?

May we discover together that ministry is not reserved for a select few. By God's grace, every member is a minister—and together, we can love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously.

Peace & Blessings,
Pastor Kayla

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Prayer Time 1:30pm	4	5
6 10:00am Worship 135h Sunday after Pentecost	7 	8	9 9:30am United Women in Faith	10 Prayer Time 1:30pm	11	12
13 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 16th Sunday after Pentecost	14 7pm Girl Scouts	15	16 7pm Leadership Board	17 Prayer Time 1:30pm	18	19
20 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 17th Sunday after Pentecost	21 8am-4pm WIC 7pm Girl Scouts	22	23	24 Prayer Time 1:30pm	25 Minden High School Homecom- ing	26
27 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 18th Sunday after Pentecost	28	29	30			



YOUTH GROUP!

FUN • FRIENDS • FAITH • BELONGING

SEPTEMBER 20

7:00 PM

Join us for a fun evening of fellowship, games, and time together!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

September Birthdays

1—Lonna Rowse
 3—Cozette Sinsel
 7—Chloe Choi
 7—Lori Loseke
 8—Lori Conyers
 9—Bill Hunter
 9—Logan Payne
 11—Larry Snavelly
 11—Tim Tunnell
 14—Mary Nelson
 15—Elaine Curren
 16—Amelia Propp
 17—Deb Smidt
 19—Fred Will
 20—Rod Duffey
 21—Marlys Farm
 26—Avery Froid
 26—Byron Kring

September Anniversaries

2—Tim & Susan Tunnell—
 26 years
 10—Dudley & Michelle
 Scharff—32 years



August 2026 Financial Report...

General Giving in August	\$12,640
General Fund Giving to Date	\$111,647
General Expenses in August	\$18,616
General Fund Expenses to Date	\$135,919

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



SUNDAY ADVENTURE





DISCOVER
GOD'S LOVE.
GROW IN FAITH.
HAVE FUN!



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR KIDS

PRE-K – 5TH GRADE
SUNDAYS • 9:00 – 10:00 AM
BEFORE CHURCH




*A place where kids explore the Bible, grow in faith,
and build friendships that last a lifetime!*



BIBLE STORIES

True stories from God's
Word that teach and
inspire.



FUN ACTIVITIES

Hands-on crafts, games,
and creative experiences
that make learning
meaningful.



FRIENDSHIPS

A safe, welcoming place
to grow, laugh, and
encourage one
another.



FAITH THAT GROWS

Helping kids discover
God's love and how it
can grow in their
everyday lives.

STARTING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2026! 

GRAB-AND-GO ADVENTURES
AVAILABLE ON DATES
WHEN WE ARE AWAY! 

NEW!



EARN STICKERS. TRACK YOUR JOURNEY.

Kids earn a sticker for their passport each week
they attend Sunday Adventure!

LET'S GROW TOGETHER IN FAITH! 

**ALL KIDS
ARE WELCOME!
ALL ARE
LOVED!** 



Minden United Methodist Church

Where faith grows and community thrives.

Questions? Text MaryJo or call the church office.



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Scripture Reader & Call to Worship

September 6 KayLyn McBride

September 13

September 20

September 27



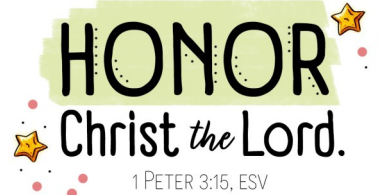
Refreshment Hosts

September 6 Jack Hultquist

September 13 James & Jeanette Wilkinson

September 20

September 27

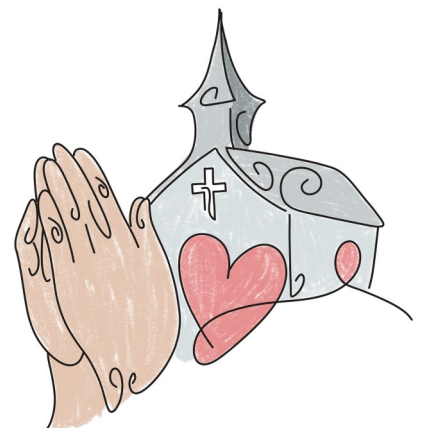


Prayer List

Val Kauk	Gabby Froid
Brenda Oltean	Rod Duffey
Orlan Grams	

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.



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**Sunday School 9am
Sunday Worship 10am
Youth Group 7pm Sept. 20**

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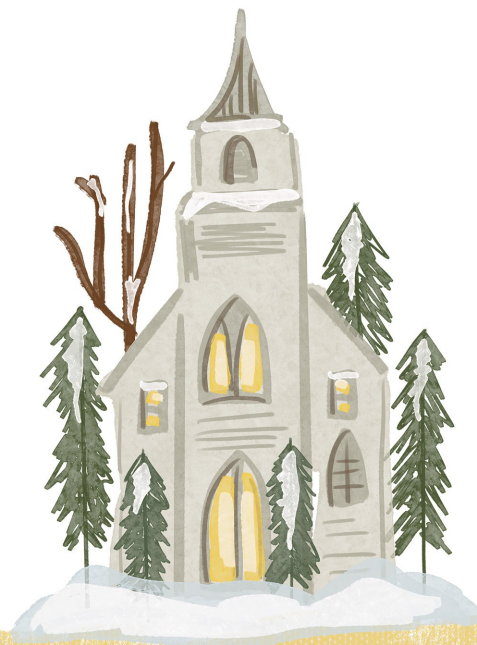
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**Jeanette Wilkinson—Prayer Chain
402-756-0772**

Scott & Laurie—Custodians



*Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him
with joyful songs.*

Psalm 100:2, NIV