

THE MESSENGER—October 2026

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340 N Newell Ave, Minden, NE 68959



Greetings Members and Friends of MUMC,

October has a way of reminding us to pay attention. Across Nebraska, the fields are changing. Combines move through rows that have been growing quietly all summer. The days become shorter, the air becomes cooler, and leaves begin their brilliant transformation. Harvest season invites us to notice what has been growing around us; and to give thanks for what God has provided.

But harvest also reminds us that growth does not happen overnight. Long before anything is gathered, seeds are planted. There are months of waiting, tending, trusting, and hoping.

The same is true of our life together as the Church. Throughout this past year, we have been exploring what it means to Love, Serve, and Lead as disciples of Jesus Christ. We have considered the practices that deepen our relationship with God, and most recently, through our *Every Member a Minister* series, we have celebrated the gifts God has given each of us for ministry.

Now, as we enter October, I want to invite us into another important practice of discipleship: Engaging in Holy Conversations. Holy conversations are not necessarily conversations filled with religious language. They are conversations in which we make room for God by making room for one another. They begin when we become willing to listen; not simply so that we can respond, but so that we might truly hear.

Throughout October, we will explore what happens when the Church becomes a community willing to listen deeply. We will consider listening to the needs in our midst, paying attention to the voices and experiences we might otherwise overlook. We will explore conversations that build community, remembering that relationships are strengthened when people know they are heard, valued, and welcomed.

We will also wrestle with truth-telling in love. Christian community does not require us to agree about everything, nor does love mean avoiding difficult conversations. Scripture calls us to speak the truth in love so that our words might build up rather than tear down. Holy conversation asks us to speak honestly while remembering that the person across from us is someone created in the image of God.

Finally, we will consider when private conversations become public faith. Sometimes a conversation around a kitchen table, in a church hallway, at the grocery store, or over a cup of coffee becomes the beginning of something much larger. When we listen to one another and to the movement of the Holy Spirit, conversation can become compassion, compassion can become action, and action can become a public witness to the love of Jesus Christ.

Perhaps that is another kind of harvest. We plant seeds whenever we listen. We cultivate them whenever we build relationships. We nurture them when we speak truth with grace. And sometimes God allows us to see those seeds bear fruit in transformed lives and stronger communities.

October also brings an important moment in our shared ministry. Our annual Charge Conference will be held Sunday, October 18, at Kearney First United Methodist Church. Charge Conference is more than an administrative requirement. It is an opportunity to remember that we are connected to something larger than ourselves and to celebrate, evaluate, and prepare for the ministry God is calling us to undertake together.

As the fields around us are harvested this fall, I invite you to consider what God may be cultivating among us. What needs are waiting for someone to notice? Whose story needs someone willing to listen? What difficult truth needs to be spoken with love? What conversation might God use to deepen a relationship, strengthen our community, or move us beyond the walls of the church? Some of the holiest moments in our lives begin with something remarkably simple: "Tell me more. I'm listening."

May we become a church that listens well, speaks with love, builds community, and trusts that even an ordinary conversation can become holy ground.

Peace & Blessings,
Pastor Kayla

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Prayer Time 1:30pm	2	3
4 9am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 19th Sunday after Pentecost 7pm Youth Group@BLC	5 7pm Girl Scouts	6	7 7pm Girl Scouts	8 Prayer Time 1:30pm	9	10
11 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 20th Sunday after Pentecost 7pm Youth Group	12	13 7pm Boy Scouts	14 9:30am United Women in Faith	15 Prayer Time 1:30pm	16	17
18 9am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 21st Sunday after Pentecost 3pm Charge Conference@Kearney 7pm Youth Group@BLC	19 8am-4pm WIC 7pm Girl Scouts	20	21 7pm Girl Scouts	22 Prayer Time 1:30pm	23	24
25 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 7pm Youth Group	26	27 7pm Boy Scouts	28	29 Prayer Time 1:30pm	30	31 Happy Halloween 

Scripture Reader & Call to Worship

October 4 Kent Verbeck
 October 11 KayLyn McBride
 October 18
 October 25 Dawn Moyer

Refreshment Hosts

October 4 Froid Family
 October 11
 October 18
 October 25

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

October Birthdays

2—Brodie Kring
 4—Janice Garrett
 5—Dylan Janda
 5—Kaleigh Melroy
 5—Drew Rome
 9—Knox Smidt
 11—Karli Havens
 12—Mark Klabunde
 13—Malcom Dornhoff
 17—Susan Fries
 17—Zachary Froid
 17—Addison Klabunde
 19—Louise Carlson
 20—George Sinsel
 21—Jack Lammers
 26—Natalie Janda
 28—Al Lux
 29—Judy Hansen

October Anniversaries

5—Todd & Kelli
 Suchsland—30 years
 15—Nathan & Kylea
 Strasburg—10 years
 30—Dave & Allyson
 Jameson—45 years

Sunday School

Let the little children come to me...
 Mark 10:14

Every Sunday at 9:00 AM

Ages Pre-K to 5th Grade

Bible Lesson

Come learn, grow, and have fun!



Help Us Gather Holiday Foods

Good Fellows needs items for the Minden Community Christmas Boxes

Please consider donating:

- canned vegetables
- instant potatoes
- cream of mushroom soup
- canned sweet potatoes
- turkey gravy in jars
- cranberry sauce
- boxed biscuit mixes
- other holiday-related non-perishable foods

All items need delivered to the Presbyterian Church on December 9th

Please check all labels and make sure items are not expired.



September 2026 Financial Report

General Giving
In September
\$12,542

General Fund
Giving to Date
\$124,604

General Expenses
in September
\$15,551

General Fund Expenses
to Date
\$151,728

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

All Saint's Sunday



Sunday, November 1st



Recognizing those we
have lost in the last two years



If you have a loved one you want
recognized, please contact the church:

(308) 832-1995

Prayer List

Val Kauk

Gabby Froid

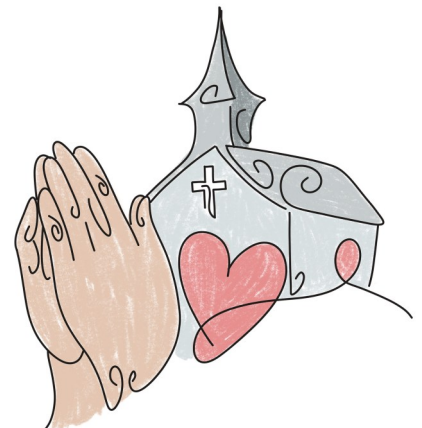
Brenda Oltean

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 October 11 & 25

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Scott & Laurie—Custodians

*From the smallest blessing
to the greatest gift,
there is always a reason
to thank God.*

