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# June 2022 MUSTARD SEED

*The Joy Is In The Giving  
And Being Together!*

*Our church family offers us many ways to learn  
and grow together in ministry. Thank you to  
everyone who has given of their time and  
talents!*



*Memorial Day Parade*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~Wednesday, June 8th @ 6 p.m. - Grief Support Group
- ~Saturday, June 11th @ 8:00 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast
- ~Saturday, June 18th - Minooka Summerfest
- ~June 25th & 26th - ASP Report Weekend
- ~Saturday, June 25th @ 8 a.m. - Lord's Ladies Prayer Breakfast
- ~Sunday, June 26th @ 2 p.m. - One Day Sunday Fun Day VBS

SAVE THE DATE!

- ~ Saturday, July 9th @ 5 p.m. - Pipe Organ Concert
- ~Saturday, July 16th from 4-7 p.m. - Pork Chop Dinner Fundraiser
- ~Saturday, July 23rd @ 5 p.m. - Encore of our Church Spring Play





## Pastor's Page - June 2022

<sup>23</sup>“This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

<sup>24</sup> “The LORD bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup> the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup> the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:23-26)



I was blessed to offer a prayer during the Minooka Memorial Day Ceremony on May 30th. Pastor Brett Reedy (Plattville Lutheran Church) closed the ceremony by reminding us that we can all serve as benedictions, which means “good words,” to one another. This is not merely the job of one individual, but the collective work of all.

For the past 171 years, Minooka United Methodist Church has served as a benediction for Minooka and neighboring towns. We shared good words and works through our worship services and programs that cared for our community. We shared food and laughs during times of celebration. We shed tears and sorrow during times of sadness. Simply put, we put Christ’s command to “love our neighbors” into action and blessed others in Jesus’ name.

In the coming weeks, we will enter into a time of transition. As we leave our current building and prepare for our new home on Ridge Road, let’s ask for God’s blessing on the Apostolic International Church, who will be the new worshippers on Church Street. Let’s pray that God blesses their ministry in their new location. Let’s also ask for God’s blessing on our temporary worship and ministry site at Channahon UMC. Let’s continue to embrace our mission and legacy as a loving and caring people, who reflect God’s mercy and grace.

The month of May has been a roller coaster ride. On one hand, this is a month of celebration and joy. We celebrate graduations, Mother’s Day, and other milestones. On the other hand, we heard heartbreaking news of senseless shootings in Buffalo and Uvalde. As we face the reality of human brokenness, we mourn with our neighbors, whose lives have been turned upside down by unexpected tragedies. As we process the pain of violence, I encourage us to find strength and hope in our faith. Instead of being overcome by evil, hatred, and revenge, let’s overcome evil with faith. Instead of falling into depression and despair, let’s serve as beacons of God’s life, hope, and light in Jesus Christ.

I am thankful for our wonderful Sunday School teachers and Youth / Children’s Ministry teams, who helped us nurture the faith of our youngest members in 2021 – 2022. This fall, let’s pray for God’s blessing as we partner with the Channahon UMC Sunday School program. On another note, I am excited about the One Day Sunday VBS on June 26, which will be hosted by our Outreach Committee. This will be a great opportunity to bless the children in our community. On June 11, our ASP team will leave for their summer mission trip. Let’s pray for team leader, Marlin Hartman, and all of the team members as they go to serve our neighbors in Appalachia. We will have a commissioning service for the team on June 5.

Sisters and brothers, moving is hard work, but many hands lighten the load. So, I ask for your help in packing and cleaning our current home during June and July. Each Committee will clean and pack their main areas of ministry. If you are able to help, please contact the church office for more information. (Note: there is work for all ages and all skill levels.)

On June 8-10, Chris Vause and I will attend the 183rd Northern Illinois Annual Conference in Schaumburg. While there are many rumors and fears about the future of the United Methodist Church, I ask for your prayers of wisdom and discernment. This is a difficult and drawn-out process that will not be settled quickly. So, please be patient and pray for us, as well as all of our denominational delegates. During times of uncertainty, may we remember the witness of John Wesley, who called us to preach the gospel at all times and in all places. Let’s not get caught up in rumors and heresy. Let’s focus on bringing people to Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Let’s focus on embracing God’s love and sharing it with our neighbors.

I’ll close with several prayer requests. Let’s pray together for the Grief Support group that will gather on Wednesday nights. Let’s pray for the ongoing construction of our new home on Ridge Road. Let’s pray for our Building and Trustee Committees as they lead us into plans for Phase 2 of construction. In the midst of transition, may our eyes remain focused on Jesus, our Lord, who is the Source and Sustainer of our faith.

Pastor Sarah

## Minooka United Methodist Church

205 West Church Street  
Minooka, IL 60447  
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### Saturday Worship

5:00 p.m.  
Blended Worship Service

### Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m.  
Online & In-person  
Blended Worship Service

### **Church Office Hours:**

Tuesday - Friday  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### **Office Manager**

**Katie Wojcieszak**

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Church e-mail:  
admin@minookaumc.com

### **Pastor Sarah Hong**

815-212-5166  
pastor@minookaumc.com

### **Music Director**

**Jill Kohler**

jlager97@gmail.com

### **Youth Directors** **Will and Jill Kohler**

jlager97@gmail.com



Please keep us informed of members who are critically ill or in the hospital:  
Office 815-467-2322  
Pastor Sarah 815-212-5166  
To be on our Prayer Chain, please call the Church Office.



Changes are coming! It seems it is official, the pantry will be moving from the pantry. We will stay in the Annex for the summer but will be in the new location in September. Though it is the end of an era for a location, the pantry will continue with the same excellent quality of support the families have come to expect. It is not the location of the pantry, but the spirit that makes the pantry meaningful and supportive.

Many of you helped and developed this spirit. There are many memories. We want to thank the past and current volunteers for their service and support. Without you and your donations, the pantry could not have continued to serve our community. Minooka is such a generous community!

We will make a transition and continue to work together to serve our community. The future continues to be supportive of our families.

Summer has arrived. Unfortunately, it began with a school shooting. A season that's supposed to be carefree and fun has a cloud over it. We need to look in the mirror and ask ourselves what is the meaning of our lives. Let's enjoy time with our children. Thank God we can and say prayers for all the families who have lost children and loved ones. Stay healthy.

Thank you,  
Jean and Virginia

### "Words of Blessings"

Words are powerful. God spoke, and the universe was created. Jesus, the Living Word, spoke through His life, teaching, death, and resurrection, bringing life to all who trust in Him. Scripture, the Word of God, continues to speak today, revealing the way to eternal life. God gave Moses the words of blessing for the priests to speak over the Israelites. As His priests and servants, what words will we use to bless others today?

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord makes his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

Consider the following blessings that are ours in Christ Jesus. The Spirit baptizes us into one body, the body of Christ, and nourishes us with God's lifegiving power (1 Cor. 12:12-27). We have become children of God, having been adopted into the family of God. (John 1:12-13) Jesus has prayed for us to enter the unity that He and the Father share. The words of Jesus spoke forgiveness to those who crucified Him, a blessing to children, healing and strength to the hurting, and correction and encouragement to His disciples.

Peace and Blessings,

Pearl Lindley, Certified Lay Servant

**Saturday 5:00 p.m.**  
**Blended Worship**

**Sunday 9:30 a.m.**  
**Online & In-person**  
**Blended Worship**





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## 2021-2022 Sunday School Teacher Recognition

PreK- 5 gr.- Kerrienne Nischke, Katrina Nolan, Christine Yenser, Aubry White, Jody Moorman, Mari Kirsch, Kristin Ehteshami-Afshar, Ruth Satorius, Madeline Reed, & Julie Thompson (Regular Teachers & Substitute Teachers)

*Thank you to all the Sunday School teachers, aides and substitutes for all of your hard work and dedication this year!*



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS & EVENTS



\* June 4th & 5th  
ASP Team Commissioning

\*ASP trip June 12th -18th

\*June 25th & 26th  
ASP Report Weekend

*Parent volunteers are needed for all youth events.  
If you can help or need more information contact  
Will or Jill Kohler.*



## *Congratulations Confirmands*

**Congratulations to the  
Confirmation Class of  
2022!**

Preston Klug  
Kyla Kohler  
Isabel Sanchez-Lyons  
Kiera Wences



**A huge thank you to all Confirmation mentors:**

Alex Nolan  
Kim Nave  
Chris Vause  
Madeline Reed

# Community News

## Free Senior Luncheon September 21st @ Noon

“Forever Young”

Please note that due to the sale of the MUMC building on Church St. the luncheon will temporarily move to St. Mary in Minooka. Invite friends and neighbors (55 years and older).

**Reservation information to follow.**



## Grief Support Group

Join us for Grief Support at 6 pm on Wednesday evenings (June 8, 15 & 22). Meet in Fellowship Hall. Invite those who struggle with grief. Pearl Lindley and Chris Vause will be the co-leaders.



MUMC will hold a pork chop dinner fundraiser on July 16th from 4-7 p.m. Carry out only. More information to follow.



30th Annual

# BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

SERVING FAMILIES FROM WILL COUNTY

Preparing students from low-income households in Will County for a successful new school year!

**MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022**  
**3:00PM - 6:00PM**

**ST. MARY IMMACULATE PARISH**  
**15629 SOUTH ROUTE 59, PLAINFIELD**

Participants will drive through to receive school supplies.

Please register ASAP as a limited number of supplies will be available.

Registration will close once the maximum number is reached.

Visit [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org) or use the QR code.



If you need help with the online form, please call 815-774-4663.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.



**June 17th & 18th, 2022**  
**Downtown Minooka**

Live Music Under the Grainger Tent by:  
Whiskeyfist & Back Country Roads (Friday Night)  
Sealed with a Kiss & ARRA (Saturday Night)

Food Trucks & Vendors • Beer Tent  
Pork Chop/Chicken Dinner • Live Music  
All Day Family Stage Entertainment • Bean Bag Tournament  
5K Race • Kids' Games • Arts & Craft Fair • Car Show  
Lions Foundation Hearing and Vision Screening Truck



**Minooka Lions Club**  
**Fund Raiser**

More Information @

[www.MinookaLionsClub.com](http://www.MinookaLionsClub.com)

Some 2022 Fish Fry fun facts. Our church members and volunteers sold, prepared and served:



3 PC FRIED COD	134	118	94	75	85	93	599
WALLEYE	36	33	31	40	51	32	223
7 PC SHRIMP	28	48	28	29	32	41	206
CK STRIPS	33	31	16	15	19	18	132
EX.PC. COD	18	24	4	20	5	12	83
TOTAL MEALS	263	267	210	198	219	219	1376





# ONE DAY SUMMER *Fun Day*

**JUNE  
26**

**2:00-  
4:00 PM**

**CELEBRATING VBS PAST,  
PRESENT AND FUTURE!**

GAMES, SNACKS, CRAFTS, AND A BIBLE STORY  
WILL BE PROVIDED.

ALL CHILDREN AGES 3 YEARS THROUGH  
5TH GRADE ARE INVITED.



**MINOOKA UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

205 W. CHURCH ST., MINOOKA, IL 60447

**More info at [MinookaUMC.com](http://MinookaUMC.com). Come join the fun!**



**\*Minooka Summerfest\***  
On June 18th, the Outreach Committee will have a table on Mondamin St. from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Come visit us for MUMC giveaways! We would love to see you there! If you can help at the fest contact Karen Gaba.

### Resource Center Update



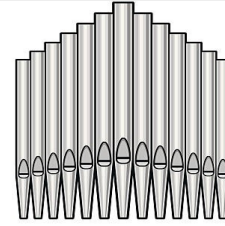
We are so thankful for all the donations of books we received for the MUMC Resource Center, however, we are unable to accept any more donations at this time. We have begun the process of packing everything for storage for our future location!

Mark your calendar!



An encore presentation of our **Church Spring Play will be held** on Saturday, July 23rd @ 5 p.m. "Let's Go Fishing" is slightly revised from the original play, "Hang on, don't let go" which was presented on Saturday, April 23. Since many people missed it or want to see it again, we will offer this play a second time. A love offering for Ridge Rd. will be collected.

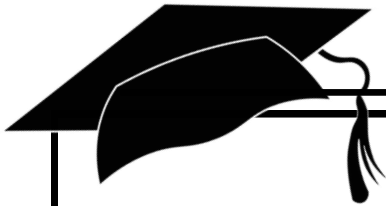
Invite your loved ones.



Mark your calendar for our Pipe Organ Concert on Saturday, July 9th at 5pm. Invite your loved ones to enjoy our pipe organ before it goes into a storage unit. We will be fundraising to help with storage fees. If you would like to donate towards our pipe organ fundraiser go directly to:

<https://www.facebook.com/fund/minookaumc/>

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



YOU DID IT!  
*Congratulations*



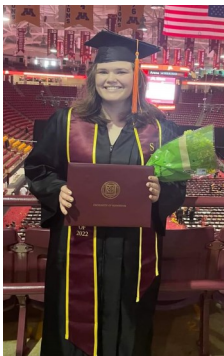
Jayden Ambrose  
Michaela Ambrose  
Hannah Beitler  
Cadon Casagrande  
Hannah Eubanks

Preston Klug  
Kyla Kohler  
Jeremy Lee  
Isabel Sanchez-Lyons  
Nicole Miller  
Katie Morrow

Kaylen Stelmaszek  
Jacey Stelling  
Logan Tarte  
Kiera Wences  
Zoe Wojcieszak



### Late Submissions:



**Kailey Pierce**  
Granddaughter of Joyce O'Brien. Kailey graduates from the University of Minnesota's College of Science and Engineering with a major in Aerospace Engineering and a minor in Astrophysics.



**Renee Miller**  
Granddaughter of Helen Daly. Renee graduates from Indiana University with a major in Non-profit Management & Leadership and a minor in Healthcare Management & Policy.



**Brendan Pierce**  
Grandson of Joyce O'Brien. Brendan graduates from Minooka High School and is planning to use the mechanical skills he learned in vocational school to enter the workforce.

## SPECIAL DAYS SPECIAL PEOPLE June

3 Karen Pubentz	20 Andy Anderson	7 Jim & Patty McGehee
3 Jack Ray	20 Jerry Morrow	9 Don and Rebecca Brown
4 Alexa Maffei	22 Kelly McGrath	10 Kevin & Annette McCammon
7 Roslyn Kryszewski	22 Olivia White	12 Craig & Dawn Nemitz
7 Ava Staley	23 Lori Klug	13 Terry & Amy Pease
8 Kyle Coffman	24 Sara Ciancanelli	13 Jeff & Susan Spencer
9 Paul Bartnik	25 Kyla Harvey	17 Rodney & Christy Hiser
9 Allyson Yenser	26 Andrew Moorman	21 Gail & Joe Girard
12 Chuck Beck	28 Cael Hiser	23 Larry & Karen Larson
12 Gail Flatness	29 Amanda Hawkins	23 Kris & Hilary Wright
13 Logan Casagrande	29 Brian Lamping	25 Jim & Connie Kloiber
13 Kim Nave	29 JT Spencer	26 Larry & Estelle Korelc
14 Natalie Ciancanelli	30 Hannah Cichon	28 Dick & Liz Figge
14 Kyle Kasmer	30 Alexis Froidcoeur	29 Brian & Jolyn Lamping
16 Jeff Harris	30 Beth Pease	
16 Martha Ann Harvey	30 Mary Ray	
17 Jackson Volz	30 Ron Tredennick	



### June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:00 PM Prayer Partners 6:00 PM Grief Support Group	2 8:15 AM Sr Exercise 9:30 AM Sr. Exercise	3	4 <b>Communion &amp; Red T-shirt Weekend</b> 5:00 PM Worship & ASP Team Commissioning
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12 <b>ASP Mission Trip</b> 9:30 AM Worship	13 <b>ASP Mission Trip</b> 6:00 PM AA Meeting	14 <b>ASP Mission Trip</b> 8:15 AM Sr Exercise 9:30 AM Sr. Exercise 10:00 AM Food Pantry 12:00 PM Faithtalk 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	15 <b>ASP Mission Trip</b> 5:00 PM Prayer Partners 6:00 PM Grief Support Group 6:00 PM Outreach Mtg.	16 <b>ASP Mission Trip</b> 8:15 AM Sr Exercise 9:30 AM Sr. Exercise	17 <b>ASP Mission Trip</b>	18 <b>ASP Mission Trip</b> 10:00 AM Summerfest 5:00 PM Worship
19 <b>Father's Day</b> 9:30 AM Worship  	20 6:00 PM AA Meeting	21 8:15 AM Sr Exercise 9:30 AM Sr. Exercise 12:00 PM Faithtalk 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Finance Mtg.	22 5:00 PM Prayer Partners 6:00 PM Grief Support Group	23 8:15 AM Sr Exercise 9:30 AM Sr. Exercise	24	25 <b>ASP Report Weekend</b> 8:00 AM Lord's Ladies Prayer Breakfast 5:00 PM Worship
26 <b>ASP Report Weekend</b> 9:30 AM Worship 2:00 PM VBS	27 6:00 PM AA Meeting 7:00 PM Book Group	28 8:15 AM Sr Exercise 9:30 AM Sr. Exercise 12:00 PM Faithtalk 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 Church Council	29 5:00 PM Prayer Partners	30 8:15 AM Sr Exercise 9:30 AM Sr. Exercise		



**GROUPS, BIBLE & BOOK STUDY**

<b>May SERVICE VOLUNTEERS</b>	
<b>June 4th</b>	<b>Communion &amp; Red T-shirts</b>
LAY READER	Chris Vause
<b>June 5th</b>	<b>Communion &amp; Red T-shirts</b>
LAY READER	Marlin Hartman
USHER(S) & GREETERS	Volunteers Needed
<b>June 11th</b>	
LAY READER	Karen Gaba
<b>June 12th</b>	
LAY READER	Val Gunderson
USHER(S) & GREETERS	Volunteers Needed
<b>June 18th</b>	
LAY READER	Chris Vause
<b>June 19th</b>	
LAY READER	Shari Millard
USHER(S) & GREETERS	Volunteers Needed
<b>June 25th</b>	
LAY READER	Karen Gaba
<b>June 26th</b>	
LAY READER	Kim Nave
USHER(S) & GREETERS	Volunteers Needed

	<b>Book Group</b> - The book selection for June is <i>Cul-De-Sac</i> by Joy Fielding.	Monday 6/27 @ 7 p.m.
	<b>Faithtalk (Family Bible library - Heroes of Long Ago)</b> <i>Meet in Fellowship Hall</i>	Tuesday @ Noon
	<b>Grief Support</b> <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	June 8, 15, & 22 @ 6 p.m.
	<b>Prayer Partners - prayer meeting</b> <i>Meet in the sanctuary.</i>	Every Wednesday @ 5 PM
	<b>UWF Circle (Formerly UMW)</b> <i>Meet @ Teardrop Restaurant. More information below.</i>	6/6 @ 1 p.m.

**June 4th & 5th**  
**Communion & Red T-Shirt Weekend**



**Men's Prayer Breakfast**  
June 11th @ 8:00 a.m.

Please join the men of this congregation for breakfast and prayer. All men are welcome.



**Coffee Fellowship**

We will hold fellowship once a month during June and July. We are still working on coordinating fellowship at Channahon UMC. Stay tuned for more information. We hope you will join us in June or July.

June 5th	LLPB
July 10th	Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Lord's Ladies Prayer Breakfast**

The next breakfast will be **Saturday, June 25th at 8:00 a.m.**

Come and join other ladies for breakfast, prayer and fellowship. If you have any questions please see Kim Nave or Gail Flatness.




Don't forget to use My E-offering to donate on-line or set up recurring giving! Go to [www.minookaumc.com](http://www.minookaumc.com) and click on the red "Give" button on the top of the webpage.




**UWF Circle**

Join us at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 6th at Teardrop Restaurant located at 410 W Mon-damin St, Minooka. This will be our last gathering before we break for summer.




You can visit our website at [minookaumc.com](http://minookaumc.com) to find the monthly calendar. The Mustard Seed, Happenings, and bulletins can be found under our Resources on the website as well.

July 2022 news is due into the office no later than **Monday, June 20th**  
If you have any questions or articles you would like in our next issue, please contact the office at 815.467.2322 or [mumc2322@gmail.com](mailto:mumc2322@gmail.com).



**Senior Exercise**

These classes are free to attend and registration is not required. Classes are held at: 8:15 & 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays & Thursdays in the annex.



**Prayer Needs Healing & Recovery:**

Vicki Allen  
 Baby Alex  
 (Vicky Napierkowski)  
 Baby Rocco  
 (Adrienne Hartman)  
 Ed B.  
 (Joann Malic)  
 Officer Tyler B.  
 (Val Gunderson)  
 Beulah Carmichael  
 (Gus D.)  
 Jo Coop  
 Rev. Gary Curl  
 (Alex Nolan)  
 Gus DeGuzman  
 Nancy Fiske  
 (Jill Kohler)  
 Jeff Harris

**Prayer Needs Healing & Recovery:**

Janet  
 (Chris Vause)  
 Tianna Juley  
 Roslyn Kryszewski  
 May  
 (Mindy Closen)  
 Joyce O'Brien  
 Amy Pease  
 Renee R.  
 (Tammie Patterson)  
 Trinity Staley  
 Bob Stelling  
 Suzanne  
 (Mari Kirsch)  
 Julie Thompson  
 Ellis Wright  
 Joan Yunker

**All Military - Church Family**

Troy Herath  
 Charles Loverude  
 Dutch Nave  
 Bret Nemitz  
 Duane Schmitke  
 Ethan Staley

**\*Please let the office know when name(s) can be taken off the list.**

Prayer is powerful! Come join us every Wednesday at 5 p.m. for approximately an hour. We come together based on the scripture in Matthew 18:18-20.

If you can't make it in person, you can text Pastor Sarah or Karen Gaba and we will pray for your needs/concerns.

Prayers get answers! We hope to see you and pray for you.



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