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Issue 3

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

# March 2023 MUSTARD SEED

*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!*



*Afternoon Circle*



*Family Game Night*



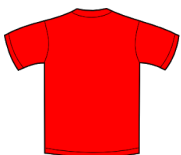
*Lenten Bible Study.*



*Ash Wednesday Fellowship*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~Saturday, March 4th @ 3:45 p.m. - Saturday Lent Bible Study (**Time Change**)
- ~Saturday, March 4th @ 5 p.m. - Communion and Red Shirt Weekend (**Time Change**)
- ~Sunday, March 5th @ 9 a.m. - Combined Worship, Communion & Red Shirt Weekend
- ~Monday, March 13th @ 1:00 p.m. - Afternoon Circle (Meets off campus.)
- ~Wednesday, March 15th @ 11:30 a.m. - Senior Luncheon
- ~March 18th @ 7:30 a.m. - Men's Prayer Breakfast is Back!
- ~Saturday, March 25th @ 9 a.m. - Lord's Ladies Prayer Breakfast
- ~Saturday, April 8th @ 10 a.m. - Community Easter Egg Hunt



LESS  
FRET  
MORE FAITH



## Pastor's Page - March 2023



how she could mature in her prayer life and learn other ways to pray. Perhaps some of you are asking the same question. Yes, Jesus invites us to ask, seek, and knock, but what are the other aspects of prayer? How can we grow in our relationship with God?

Recently, a friend shared that she felt sorry about asking God for too many things. She felt like her prayers were a laundry list of requests. She asked

Lent is a wonderful time to deepen our prayer life. Jesus models for us a healthy prayer life – one that is more than simply unloading our wishes to God. As we read in the Gospels, we see that prayer is a means of connecting with God. It is a way of communing and communicating with God. When we pray, we share the concerns of our hearts. However, prayer is also incorporated in listening, praise, and times of being still. God longs to hear us. However, God also wants to speak to us. So, rather than simply telling God your wish list and wrapping things up with a quick amen, let me encourage you to be still before God. Take time to listen for the whispers of the Holy Spirit. Take time to rest in the goodness of God's grace.

As we wrap up the second month of 2023, I am grateful for our congregation's flexibility in our temporary location. Thank you for your patience with different worship times and new meeting locations and times. Thank you for your gracious and positive attitudes as we do our best to be gracious guests in our current setting. Once again, I want to thank the Channahon UMC pastor, staff, and congregation for their warm welcome and embrace. We are grateful for the opportunity to share in ministry together (eg. joint worship services, Ladies' Prayer Breakfast, Men's Prayer Breakfast). We are grateful for their kindness, flexibility, and hospitality.

Speaking of partnerships, praise God for St. Mary Catholic Church, who continues to offer their space for the monthly Senior Lunch "Forever Young" ministry. Thank you to the leadership and devotion of Gail Flatness, Dawn Nemitz, and other volunteers, who bless over 100 seniors each month. Let's continue to offer prayers and support for this ministry, that shares God's love with our community seniors.

More good news – the construction on our new home on Ridge Road is moving along well. The windows are installed. The electricity and gas are connected. The process of painting the walls and ceilings is almost complete. While there's more work to be done, let's praise God for God's faithfulness and dreams of a new ministry in this new chapter of Minooka UMC.

On February 18, over 2 dozen MUMC leaders gathered for Diversity Training. Led by our guest speaker, John Hackett, we learned about generational differences among five generations: Builders, Boomers, Generation X, Millennials and Generation Z. I found these lessons very helpful as we dream about reaching our unchurched neighbors. Our neighbors are not monocultural. They are a wide mix of generations with different experiences, perspectives, and values. For example, our speaker shared that the total population of Millennials (born 1982-2000) and Generation Z (born after 2001) will be more than 75% of the entire U.S. population by the year 2028. Therefore, churches need to ensure that our ministries are relevant to the needs and questions of these generations. Thank you to Gail Girard, Chris Vause, and Marlin Hartman for organizing this meaningful event.

I want to thank John & Kim Nave for leading the "Mr. & Mrs." devotion during February. Every Sunday, John and Kim read their devotions on "Love & Marriage." Every Saturday, Stacy & Jennifer Ferguson read these devotions. I hope these devotions and sermons encouraged everyone in your relationships with God and one another.

In January, a small group started a Bible study through the Gospel of John. (You can see a picture of this group above.) It has been an exciting opportunity for learning, sharing, and building friendships as we deepened our faith in God. Speaking of small groups, I invite everyone to join one of our 6 Lenten Small Groups. We have a fabulous group of Small Group Leaders: Chris Vause, Karen Gaba, Cindy White, Marlin Hartman, and Kim Nave. I hope all of you will join us in this Lenten journey.

I am thrilled to announce that we will have our Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th at Channahon UMC. Please help us prepare by donating candy, plastic eggs, and showing up to help prepare for this event on April 8. This will be a fun opportunity to reach out and bless children from our congregation and community. Speaking of youth, praise God for the fun Youth Game Night on February 24. We had a great turnout with many youngsters and lots of smiles. Thank you to Jill & Will Kohler for leading this youth event.

When the world around us is filled with depressing and negative news, I invite us to look around and count our blessings. Let's remember God's faithfulness and proclaim the "Goodness of God." While the challenges ahead of us are many, the blessings ahead are more numerous than the stars in the sky and sands in the sea. So, let's humble ourselves, place ourselves into God's gracious hands, and let's be a witness of Christ's resurrection hope.

Pastor Sarah



## Minooka United Methodist Church

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Minooka, IL 60447

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Facebook: Minooka United Methodist Church

### Saturday Worship

5:00 p.m.

Blended Worship Service

### Sunday Worship Schedule

11:30 a.m.

Online & In-person

Blended Worship Service

*\*We will hold a combined service with CUMC the first Sunday of each month @ 9 a.m.*

### **Church Office Hours:**

Tuesday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### **Office Manager**

**Katie Wojcieszak**

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Church e-mail:

admin@minookaumc.com

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815-212-5166

pastor@minookaumc.com

### **Music Director**

**Jill Kohler**

jlager97@gmail.com

### **Youth Directors**

**Will and Jill Kohler**

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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.

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

**Sunday 11:30 a.m.**  
**Online & In-person**  
**Blended Worship**



***Pantry needs:***

***Peanut butter***

***Jelly***

***Crackers***

***Soup***

***Cereal***

***Ketchup***

***Ramen noodles***

*Please bring donations to St. Mary's.*

### **“Be Strong and Courageous”**

Being a servant of God is not for the fainthearted. Both Moses and the Lord repeatedly called Joshua to be strong and courageous. They warned him not to give into fear or discouragement, but to trust the Lord's presence with him, and they reminded him that the Lord would never forsake him. “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

We thank God for the assurance of His presence with us as we serve Him. Certain results are accomplished only by intentional, focused prayer. Actually Jesus said that at times both prayer and fasting were required. Leading like Jesus means not just wishing that things would change, but seeking God for the change He wants to bring about and the role He has for us to play in leading. “Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.” (Luke 18:1)

Blessings,

Pearl Lindley, Certified Lay Servant





## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



### Children's Message Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to deliver the Children's Message at the start of Sunday service. The Sunday School Superintendent will work with you. To sign up, contact Pastor Sarah or Katrina Nolan.

### Sunday School Information

Our Sunday School now meets in combination with CUMC on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in their education wing.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Join us on Saturday, April 8th at 10 a.m. Fourth graders and under are invited. Meet on the CUMC lawn.

## Confirmation

### March Class Schedule

- ~Sunday, March 5th, Class @ 10:15 a.m. (Zoom) - What is sin? I believe in Jesus Christ & Who is Jesus?
- ~Sunday, March 12th - Attend Greek Orthodox online Worship
- ~Wednesday, March 19th @ 7:00 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Service
- ~Sunday, February 26th, Class @ 10:00 a.m. (In person) - Life After, Resurrection, Heaven & Confirmation Sunday Skit Practice



**Our Confirmation Class includes: Addie, Lilly, & Tred**  
Please keep them in your prayers as they continue this faith journey.



Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th @ 11:30 a.m.



**CUMC Family Movie Night**  
Meet in fellowship hall at 6 p.m. on March 17th  
All ages are welcome.  
Free fun for the whole family!  
Popcorn and beverages are provided.



ASP 2023 -June 10th-17th, 2023

The Minooka United Methodist Church is planning its annual mission trip to the Appalachian area the second week of June. Our missionaries will head to Kentucky. We will be teaming up with Grace Methodist for this year as we transition to our new church. Practice work sessions will be both team building and skill improvement. Youth participation has decreased over the years and this is a request for all youth graduating 8th grade through graduation from high school to join our team. These trips are an experience of a lifetime for these teenagers. If you have a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, neighbor kid talk to them and get them in contact with me to explain the process. The sooner the better, but due to financial commitment, May 1 is our deadline for participation.

God's work is not always easy or glamorous, our youth always step up to do jobs that many would refuse. WWJD, I think we know who is beside us in spirit.

ASP Mission Leader

Marlin Hartman



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Free Senior Luncheon March 18th @ 11:30 a.m.

*“Forever Young”*

*We will hold a free lunch at St. Mary Church for ages 55 and better on the third Wednesday of the month! Invite friends and neighbors (55 years and older).*

*Please make your reservation by calling the office at 815-467-2322*

***DUE TO THE POPULARITY OF THIS EVENT REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE TAKEN AFTER WEDNESDAY MARCH 8TH.***



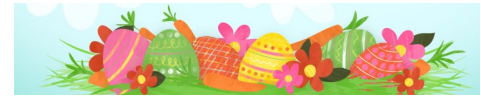
**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Join us for our community  
Easter Egg Hunt!**

Saturday, April 8th @ 10 a.m. -

Fourth grade and under are invited to meet on the CUMC church lawn.

This event is free to the community!



## Leadership / Teambuilding Retreat January 29th Summary

The MUMC retreat held January 29th was a successful event. Thirty-three (33) attendees showed their spiritual gifts by participating in working on short-term and long-term goals. One of the short-term goals was to identify a method to survey and inform our new neighborhood for what they want in a church and who we are.

The most important short-term goal identified was “Finish Phase 2 and get us in a “Completed Church”. Most of the long-term goals hinge on the accomplishment of Completing Phase 2.

To accomplish that Goal of getting us into Ridge Road we need to finish the financial campaign. We are close to the end of a 20-year journey, well within reach.

### Faith and Legacy

I mentioned a Twenty-Year journey, many of the donors to the Ridge Road Development Fund, up till a few years ago, only had a dream, a vision of what their dollars, their gifts would become. We, at this time see every dollar turn into a physical piece of our building. As with our faith, for those who saw, it was easy to believe in his presence on earth. Many believe even without seeing. We have the ability to see our faith grow in by our efforts.

Legacy, I have heard the United States has not been this divided since the 1850’s, pick a reason, politics, crime, gun control the list goes on and on. Do you, do we, does MUMC want to be part of the solution to a better community, a better state and a better America. Our gifts to get us into the Ridge Road church will be a Legacy of Love through diversity and inclusivity. It will be accomplished by Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.

### Update on Church Leadership Implementation

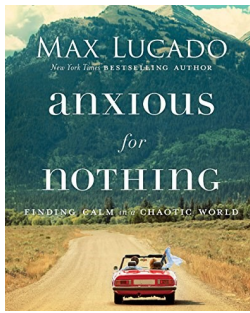
After the Leadership training on January 29th our church wasted no time working on the ideas for growth and success. These are the action items prioritized from the numerous ideas generated from the brainstorming.

1. Create Survey to inform our new neighborhood of who we are and what we can do for them to improve their life.
2. Identify total costs to “Occupy Church”
3. Create a “Praise Team” for music and worship modernization
4. Train present members to be Greeters and Ushers
5. Have an “Open House”
6. Identify Neighborhood Facebook groups for communication
7. Generational Diversity Training – Another item identified was for our church to understand generational diversity. We were fortunate to have John Hackett of John Maxwell Leadership Co. provide training on February 18th. This training was an eye-opening perspective on the generational goals and perceived challenges.

Minooka United Methodist Church continues to take the steps to be Faith Orientated Organization with the goal of helping all get through life. Younger Generations relate to “Faith” not “Religion”, let us continue to grow and learn. Be part of it and help anyway you can. Thank you.

Church Council





### Lenten Bible Study

Our study based on the book “Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World” by Max Lucado has begun. It’s not too late to join!

Stop letting anxiety rule the day. Join Max on the journey to true freedom and experience more joy, clarity, physical renewal, and contentment by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sign up sheets and details can be found in the office.

#### Class Dates & Times:

- \*Saturday @ 3:45 p.m. 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, & 3/25  
Leader: Karen Gaba
- \*Sunday @ 10:15 a.m. - 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, & 3/26  
Leader: Kim Nave
- \*Monday @ 5:45 p.m. (Zoom) - 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, & 3/27  
Leader: Chris Vause
- \*Tuesday @ 10:30 a.m. (bi-weekly) - 3/7, & 3/21  
Leaders: Pastor Sarah & Marguerite Stelling
- \*Tuesday @ Noon - 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, & 3/28  
Leader: Cindy White
- \*Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m. - 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, & 3/29  
Leader: Marlin Hartman

#### March Sermons

“Anxious for Nothing” (by Max Lucado)

March 4th/5th – Let Your Gentleness be Evident to All

March 11th/12th – Present your Requests to God

March 18th/19th – The Peace of God will Guard Your Heart

March 25th/26th – Meditate on These Things



Prairie South District Superintendent Brian Gilbert will come and preach on April 2nd (Palm Sunday) at 9 a.m. (Combined worship).

Invite others and plan to attend!

May’s Combined worship with Channahon UMC will be May 14th (Mother’s Day) at 9 a.m. – You can spend more time with your mother and family after 9 a.m. worship!

(Confirmation will be held on May 7th at 11:30 a.m.)

## Ridge Road UPDATE



#### **Ridge Road**

#### **Project of the Month!**

#### **MARCH!**

#### **RR Project of the Month (RR P.O.M)**

This month’s project is **COUNTERTOPS**

I'm a Countertop!

How can you participate?

You can help the project by buying a portion (share) of the project for \$25.

Can you buy more than one portion?

Of course!

I want to help, now what?

Clearly mark envelopes or checks with RR P.O.M. and place in offering plate. You can also give using the E-offering online link!

#### **Ridge Rd. Building Tours:**

~Saturday March 11th @ 6:15 pm  
(after 5 pm service)

~Sunday March 12th & 26th @ 12:45 pm  
(after 11:30 am services)

Contact Bob Moorman or Val Gunderson with questions.



## MUMC Coins for Lent Calendar

This Lenten season we are inviting our church to participate in a mission project to support Heifer International. This organization sponsors gifts of livestock to help lift families out of poverty and hunger.

Please consider taking home a coin collection box and calendar, they can be found in the church foyer. During Lent, clean out your purse, your car, and between your couch cushions to fill up your collection box, and bring it back to church before Easter.

To give you an idea of the impact that each of our small gifts can make, when put together, if each member of our church donated...

- ... 40 pennies, together we could sponsor a flock of chicks for a family
- ... 40 nickels will sponsor a goat or sheep
- ... 40 dimes will sponsor an alpaca
- ... 40 quarters will sponsor a cow

These animals provide an ongoing source of income, food and clothing for these families. Please join us in our mission!



## FINANCE COMMITTEE



**February 26, 2023**

**Attendance: 56**

**Last Week General Fund: \$3,059.80**

**Year to Date General Fund: \$47,114.12**

**Amt. Needed per Week to Pay**

**Expenses: \$4,428.83**

**Amount Needed Year to Date: \$39,859.47**

**Excess (Shortfall): \$(1,369.03)**

**YTD: \$7,254.65**

## EASTER EGG Hunt

The Outreach committee is looking for donations of individually wrapped candies for the annual Easter egg hunt. An egg stuffing party is scheduled for Monday, April 3rd at 11:30 a.m. Contact Karen Gaba with questions.



## Holy Week 2023

### Palm Services

Saturday,

April 1st

Worship @ 5 PM

Sunday,

April 2nd

Combined Worship

@ 9 AM

DS

Rev. Brian Gilbert

will preach.



### Maundy Thursday

April 6th

Soup & Salad

Meal @ 6 PM

Combined

Worship @ 7 PM



### Good Friday

April 7th

Ecumenical

Crosswalk @

10AM at CUMC

Combined

Worship @ 7 PM



### Community Easter

Egg Hunt

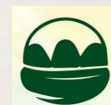
Saturday,

April 8th

@ 10AM on

CUMC church

lawn



### Easter Services

Saturday,

April 8th

Worship @ 5 PM

Sunday,


April, 9th

Worship

@ 11:30 AM




## SPECIAL DAYS SPECIAL PEOPLE March

3 Emma Hinds 3 Gail Girard 4 Jim Satorius 5 Bret Nemitz 7 Zachary Harvey 7 Mari Kirsch 7 Charlotte Nischke 8 Kristin Ehteshami-Afshar 8 Patrick Dawson 8 David Harvey 9 Pam Coley 9 Kristopher Wright 12 Ken Klug 15 Jim McGehee 15 Rev. Caleb Hong 17 Nadia Bivens	19 Dawson Casagrande 19 Stephanie Millard 21 Gary Gossen 21 Joyce O'Brien 22 Brett Hinds 22 Craig Nemitz 23 Kaitlyn Craig 23 John McGrath 24 Teri Parrish 26 Warren Dailey 26 Dawn Nemitz 28 Dick Parrish 28 Debbie Thompson 29 Shelley Boyer-Dailey 29 Isabel White 30 Sean McCammon	 2 Adam & Katie Satorius 12 Bob & Cindy White
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### March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:00 p.m. Prayer Partners 6:30 p.m. Lent Bible Study	2 7:30 p.m. Bible Study (Off campus)	3	4 <b>Communion &amp; Red Shirt Weekend</b> 3:45 p.m. Lent Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Worship
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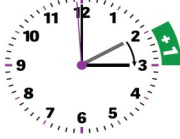


## GROUPS, BIBLE & BOOK STUDY

<b>FEBRUARY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS</b>	
<b>March 4th</b>	<b>Communion &amp; Red Shirts</b>
LAY READER	Mari Kirsch
<b>March 5th @ 9 AM</b>	<b>Communion &amp; Red Shirts</b>
LAY READER	Chris Vause
USHER(S) & GREETERS	Volunteers Needed
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<b>March 19th</b>	
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<b>March 25th</b>	
LAY READER	Karen Gaba
<b>March 26th</b>	
LAY READER	Marin Hartman
USHER(S) & GREETERS	Volunteers Needed

	<b>Bible Study</b> This small group studies "Gospel of John (N.T. Wright)" <u>Meets off campus. Contact Pastor Sarah or the office.</u>	Thursday @ 7:30 p.m.
	<b>Book Group - book selection</b> <i>Take My Hand</i> by Dolen Perkins-Valdez <u>Meets in choir room 119.</u>	Monday March 27th @ 7 PM
	<b>Faithtalk</b> This Bible study group is participating in the Lenten Bible study <u>Meet in choir room 119.</u>	Tuesday @ Noon
	<b>Lord's Ladies Prayer Breakfast</b> <u>Meet in the fellowship hall.</u>	Saturday, February 25th @ 9 a.m.
	<b>Men's Prayer Breakfast</b> Enjoy a great time of fellowship and good food with other Christian men. <u>Meet in fellowship hall.</u>	Saturday, March 18th @ 7:30 a.m.
	<b>Prayer Partners - prayer meeting</b> <u>Come pray for your needs/ concerns.</u>	Wednesday @ 5 PM
	<b>Afternoon Circle UWF</b> <u>Meeting locations are announced in the Happenings. Karen &amp; Ruth can be contacted for more information.</u>	Monday, March 13th @ 1 p.m.

**SPRING FORWARD**      *Daylight savings begins on March 12th!*




Set clocks ahead one hour.

**Prayer Partners** will change from 4 PM to 5PM on March 1st.

**Saturday worship** will change from 3 PM to 5 PM on March 4th.

\*\*Daylight savings begins on March 12th.




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.




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.

April 2023 news is due into the office no later than **Monday, March 20th**. If you have any questions or articles you would like in our next issue, please contact the office at [815.467.2322](tel:815.467.2322) or [mumc2322@gmail.com](mailto:mumc2322@gmail.com).



**Prairie South Lay Academy**  
The Prairie South Spring 2023 Lay Academy is March 11th & 18th from 8:30 AM - 3 PM at Sycamore UMC. The cost is \$40 a person. Registration can be found on the website below. <https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-south-lay-academy-spring-23>

**March 4th & March 5th**  
**(Combined worship on Sunday with CUMC @ 9 AM)**

**Communion & Red Shirt Weekend**





**Senior Exercise**

*These free classes offered by Morris Hospital now take place at Minooka Village Hall in the community room on Tuesday & Thursday at 8:30 & 9:30 a.m.*

**Prayer Needs Healing & Recovery:**

Cyndi Campbell  
 Chuck  
 (Marguerite Stelling)  
 Cindy  
 (Mary Ray)  
 Joy Courtright  
 Cubby  
 (Marlin Hartman)  
 Gus DeGuzman  
 Kristin Ehteshami-Afshar  
 Jennifer Ferguson  
 Larry Flatness  
 (Gail Flatness)  
 Brad & Val Gunderson  
 Ruth Hanna  
 Jeff Harris  
 Jude  
 (Karen Pubentz)  
 Tianna Juley

**Prayer Needs Healing & Recovery:**

Roslyn Kryszewski  
 Carol Lockwood  
 Lucile  
 (Joy Clendening)  
 Margie  
 (Cyndi Campbell)  
 May  
 (Mindy Closen)  
 Judie Millard  
 (Les Millard)  
 Jody Moorman  
 Connie Morris  
 Joyce O'Brien  
 Amy Pease  
 Shane  
 (Cyndi)  
 Bob Stelling  
 Julie Thompson

**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.**

**Sympathies to:**

Alex and Katrina Nolan on  
 the passing of Alex's uncle,  
 Rev. Gary Curl (NIC retired  
 pastor).



How would you feel if you knew that people were praying for you, your concerns, or your family on a regular basis? Pretty comforting right! 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. <sup>18</sup>“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in My name, I am there among them.”

Prayer is powerful! We pray for each other, stand in agreement with each other, and we know our prayers are heard. 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.

**NEW MAILING ADDRESS**

While we are worshiping in our temporary location, we have a new mailing address. If you wish to mail an offering or other correspondence, please send it to:

**Minooka UMC**  
**PO Box 819**  
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