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June 2023 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!*



Visit to Don Akerberg



Mother's Day

Confirmation Sunday



Faithatlk

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~Saturday, May 27th @ 9 a.m. - Lord's Ladies Prayer Breakfast
- ~May 27th & 28th - Memorial Day Worship Services
- ~May 29th @ 10 a.m. - Village of Minooka Memorial Day Parade
- ~Saturday, June 3rd - Communion & Red Shirt Weekend
- ~Sunday, June 4th @ 9 a.m. - Communion, Red Shirt Weekend & Combined Worship
(Summer Potluck with CUMC at 10:00 a.m.)
- ~June 15th-17th - Minooka Summerfest
- ~June 17th & 18th - Father's Day Services
- ~Sunday, June 18th @ 12:30 p.m. - Farewell Reception for Pastor Sarah
- SAVE THE DATE!**
- ~Combined VBS - July 16th-20th from 6 - 8:15 p.m.



Pastor's Page - June 2023

*“⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”
(Philippians 1:6)*

FAREWELL & GOD BLESS!



SPRC will have a farewell reception with refreshments on Sunday, June 18th after the 11:30 a.m. service in Pastor Sarah's honor. Join us to bid Pastor Sarah a fond farewell and best wishes at her new church. All are invited.



Due to Pastor Sarah traveling, her June article will be published next week in the Friday email blast.

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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.

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PASTORAL CARE
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



If you know anyone or a family that needs food support, let them know about our pantry. The MUMC office or St. Mary's office can be contacted for more information.

Our Wish List: Breakfast cereal and bars, canned fruit, juice, sugar, salt and pepper, coffee, and dish soap. Please NO Mac and Cheese, mashed potatoes, or stuffing.
(Please bring donations to St. Mary's.)

Thank you for all your support. Stay healthy and safe.

Jean Jun & Virginia Guertin.

"Who's in Control"

Control. We like to think that we are able to control our lives. If we are not in control of things and people around us, we can tend to feel like failures. The first is a pride issue, while the second is a fear issue. God alone has the right to be in control. We were created to serve as stewards, caring for His creation. We are His people, called to develop self-control through His Spirit, so that, like Jesus we serve. "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it, for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters." (Psalm 24:1-2)

Sometimes God's lessons are for our benefit alone, at least for the moment. Other times, God quickly provides opportunities to pass along what He is teaching us, quickly multiplying His word and wisdom while building in greater accountability for us. Allow God's word to achieve His desired purpose in your life and as He gives opportunity, be ready to pass along what He is teaching you. When we humble ourselves before God, we seek His insight as to who He created us to be and how He wants to use us.

Blessings,

Pearl Lindley, Certified Lay Servant





CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Message from the Sunday School Superintendent

It's hard to believe our Sunday School year has already come to a close! On Sunday, May 21st we celebrated our students and teachers with a fun day of crafts, snacks and games. It has been such a joy to collaborate with the CUMC Sunday School team and to watch our classroom grow! I cannot thank the Channahon team enough, especially Brittany Alcantar as well as Lou McCoy, Char Messer, and all others who welcomed us with open arms and made this year a success.

I'm also incredibly grateful to our MUMC teachers - Mari Kirsch, Jennifer Ferguson, and Kerrienne Nischke - as well as helper Addie Satorius. Thank you all for the time and effort that you pour into our program and for helping our children experience the love of Jesus.



Thankfully we don't have to say "goodbye" just yet, only a "see you later," as we will be holding a collaborative Vacation Bible School with CUMC on July 16-20. Volunteers are still needed to help with crafts, games, and group leaders, and we are still accepting registrations for children ages 3 years through 5th grade. Please see our website at MinookaUMC.com for more details.

Finally, as we transition into the summer months I'm pleased to announce a new program which we are calling Children's Church. While we do not have access to a traditional nursery at this time, we do want to offer a space for parents with young children to utilize during service as needed. Starting Sunday June 11, we will have an adult and a youth volunteer at each Sunday service available to sit with children and help entertain them with crafts and games so that parents can attend the worship. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Thank you all again for your support of our children's ministries and have a safe and fun summer!

In Christ,
Katrina Nolan

**HAVE A GREAT
SUMMER!**



**Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2023!
A huge thank you to the confirmation mentors!**

Tred Gunderson - Will Kohler
Addie Satorius - Katrina Nolan
Lily Randich - DeeDee Casagrande



The Minooka UMC congregation along with the Sunday School collected over \$300 during the Lenten Coin Collection. Our donation will go to Heifer International. These donations will pay for two Alpacas and one flock of chicks. Donating an alpaca can lift and keep a family out of poverty by providing high-quality wool to sell raw or use in handmade goods. A flock of chickens helps provide a family in need with a starter flock of 10 to 50 chicks, along with the training that will empower them to turn a donation into a lifetime of opportunity.

Thank you for your generosity!

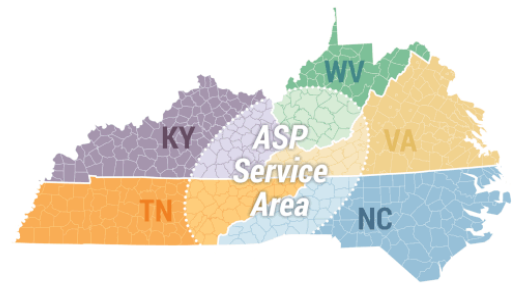


ASP

As some of you are reading this we certainly are preparing and maybe even packing for our trip to Floyd County, Kentucky. We are leaving June 10th and will be working along side Grace Methodist teams from Joliet. Our 10 missionaries are once again mostly female, Will Kohler and myself are the only two males. The last couple years "Girl Power" has been our strength. This years' heroines include Kyla Kohler, Jill Kohler, Addie Satorius, Hanna

Loverude, Chloe Sutton, Kelli Murphy, Ava Staley and Miriam Staley. I can't thank these girls enough for breaking down stereotypes and putting others in front of their own personal needs and comforts. I also want to thank you, the congregation for your support in this mission program. It is one thing to talk about Jesus and it's another to "WWJD" – helping those in need without Judgment.

Marlin Hartman



YOU DID IT!
Congratulations

Lily Anderson
Alex Chadwick
Christian Delgado
Tred Gunderson
Emma Hinds
Abby Hong
Jason Jilek
Kayli Jones
Ethan Klug
Breann Locknar
Sophia Miller
Lily Randich
Addie Satorius
Evan Satorius
Emma Tams
Zackary Wojcieszak
Ashton Yard



Late Submissions:



Jackie Kohler
Sister of Will Kohler. Jackie graduates from Lindenhurst Lakes High School.



Kim Wences
Daughter of Maria Valdez & Vladimir Wences. Kim graduates from Minooka High School. She will serve in the U.S. Navy.

Ridge Road



R.R. Project of the Month

Can you help a project by buying a portion (share) for \$25? You can buy more than one portion if you wish. Clearly mark envelopes or checks with RR P.O.M. and leave in the offering plate. You can also give online through my e-offering using the link!

The June project will be announced soon!



FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ridge Road Church Construction continues and utilities are installed, a double edge sword. The good thing is we are nearer completion inviting the neighborhood and the bad thing is now we have utility bills to pay. We have done a good job of our giving to the General Fund during this transition period due to good giving and low expenses. The rent for Channahon per month is only a \$1000 a month so we were banking some of this transitional giving. But, once again utility bills are coming in for Ridge Road. Ridge Road Project of the Month has been big plus in moving forward in small bites, thank you for your support for RRPOM, and to think a few months back we didn't know what RRPOM meant. One last Finance note for MUMC, Please continue to support the Ridge Road Building Fund we can open the wings of our new building, as you know we are still a little short.

Godspeed

*~Finance Committee &
Marlin Hartman (Church Council Chair)*

COMMUNITY NEWS




Memorial Day Parade

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023

Lineup at 9:00 AM at Mission Bible Church
412 N. Wabena Ave. Minooka, IL 60447



PARADE STARTS AT 10:00AM
ending at Veterans Park with
Memorial Service immediately following



**MINOOKA
SUMMERFEST**

**Summerfest expands to
three days this year!
Join in the fun
Thursday, Friday and
Saturday downtown
Minooka.**

JUNE 15TH, 16TH,
& 17TH

**Will County
Back to School Fair**

The 2023 Back to School Fair will take place Monday, July 24, 2023 from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm at St. Mary Immaculate, 15629 Illinois Route 59, Plainfield. It will be held as a drive-through again this year. Pre-registration is mandatory. Registration opens at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, May 23rd. Questions? Email Marianne Melcher at mmelcher@cc-doj.org

Channahon UMC invites us to join in their Summer Potlucks on the first Sunday of June, July and August after combined worship. The first one will be Sunday, June 4th. If you would like to join, sign up in the narthex to bring a dish to pass!




NOMINATIONS

The Nomination Committee met on May 21st to approve these candidates' recommendation to become members of these committees.

- *Stacy Ferguson – Building Committee (Starting June 1st/2023)
- *Chris Miller, Susan Spencer & Kim Nave – Worship Committee (Starting June 1st/2023)
- *Jennifer Ferguson – SPRC (Starting July 1st/2023)

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A Memorial Day Prayer

★ Dear Heavenly Father, as we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy everyday, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in Your strong arms. Cover them with Your sheltering grace and Your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection. We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for Your unique blessing to fill their homes, and we pray Your peace, provision and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

★ By Rob Kerby

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Romans 12:12

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**May 27th & 28th
Memorial Weekend Services**

MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER AND HONOR


On Memorial Day weekend we will honor MUMC service men & women as well as our veterans. Please join us!

SPECIAL DAYS SPECIAL PEOPLE June

3	Karen Pubentz	22	Kelly McGrath	7	Jim & Patty McGehee
3	Jack Ray	22	Oliva White	9	Don and Rebecca Brown
7	Roslyn Kryszewski	23	Lori Klug	10	Kevin & Annette McCammon
7	Ava Staley	25	Kyla Harvey	12	Craig & Dawn Nemitz
8	Kyle Coffman	26	Andrew Moorman	13	Terry & Amy Pease
9	Allyson Yenser	29	Brian Lamping	13	Jeff & Susan Spencer
12	Gail Flatness	29	JT Spencer	17	Bob & Jody Moorman
12	Bob Moorman	30	Hannah Cichon	21	Gail & Joe Girard
13	Logan Casagrande	30	Alexis Froidcoeur	23	Larry & Karen Larson
13	Kim Nave	30	Beth Pease	23	Kris & Hilary Wright
16	Jeff Harris	30	Mary Ray	25	Jim & Connie Kloiber
16	Martha Ann Harvey	30	Ron Tredennick	26	Larry & Estelle Korelc
20	Andy Anderson			28	Dick & Liz Figge
				29	Brian & Jolyn Lamping



June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:30 p.m. Bible Study (Off campus)	2	3 Communion & Red T-shirt Weekend 5:00 p.m. Worship
4 Communion & Red T-shirt Weekend 9:00 a.m. Combined Worship & Christian Ed. Recognition/ASP Commissioning 10:00 a.m. Summer Potluck w/CUMC	5	6 12:00 p.m. Faithtalk	7 5:00 p.m. Prayer Partners	8 7:30 p.m. Bible Study (Off campus)	9	10 ASP Mission Trip 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:00 p.m. Worship
11 ASP Mission Trip 11:30 a.m. Worship	12 ASP Mission Trip 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Circle	13 ASP Mission Trip 12:00 p.m. Faithtalk	14 ASP Mission Trip 5:00 p.m. Prayer Partners	15 ASP Mission Trip 7:30 p.m. Bible Study (Off campus)	16 ASP Mission Trip	17 ASP Mission Trip 11:00 a.m. Joann Malic Memorial 5:00 p.m. Worship
18 11:30 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Farewell Reception for Pastor Sarah 	19	20 12:00 p.m. Faithtalk 7:00 PM Finance Mtg.	21 5:00 p.m. Prayer Partners	22 7:30 p.m. Bible Study (Off campus)	23	24 9:00 a.m. LLPB 5:00 p.m. Worship
25 11:30 a.m. Worship	26 7:00 p.m. Book Group	27 12:00 p.m. Faithtalk 7:00 p.m. Church Council	28 5:00 p.m. Prayer Partners	29 7:30 p.m. Bible Study (Off campus)	30	

GROUPS, BIBLE & BOOK STUDY

JUNE SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

June 3rd	Communion
LAY READER	Jennifer Ferguson
June 4th @ 9 AM	Communion
LAY READER	N/A (Combined Worship)
USHER(S) & GREETERS	Volunteers Needed
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June 10th	
LAY READER	Chris Vause
June 11th	
LAY READER	Volunteer Needed
USHER(S) & GREETERS	Volunteers Needed
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June 17th	
LAY READER	Jennifer Ferguson
June 18th	
LAY READER	Volunteer Needed
USHER(S) & GREETERS	Volunteers Needed
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June 24th	
LAY READER	Chris Vause
June 25th	
LAY READER	Volunteer Needed
USHER(S) & GREETERS	Volunteers Needed

On June 3rd & 4th during worship we will recognize our Sunday School teachers and Christian Education leaders. These services will also serve as the ASP team commissioning. They leave on June 10th for their mission trip. Join us for Communion at 5 p.m. on Saturday and for combined worship and Communion at 9 a.m. on Sunday. Wear your red shirt! Join CUMC for a Summer Potluck after the service. Sign up in the narthex to bring a dish to pass.

Communion & Red Shirt Weekend

June 3rd @ 5 p.m. &

**June 4th @ 9:00 a.m.
Combined Worship**



You can visit our website at 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 2023 news is due into the office no later than **Monday, June 19th**. 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.



	Bible Study 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.
	Book Group - book selection for June is <i>The Noticer: Sometimes All a Person Needs is a Little Perspective</i> by Andy Andrews. <u>Meet in the choir room 119.</u>	Monday, June 26th @ 7 PM
	Faithtalk Women's Bible study <u>Meet in the choir room 119.</u>	Tuesday @ Noon
	Lord's Ladies Prayer Breakfast <u>Meet in the fellowship hall.</u>	Saturday, June 24th @ 9 a.m.
	Men's Prayer Breakfast Enjoy a great time of fellowship and good food with other Christian men. <u>Meet in the fellowship hall.</u>	Saturday, June 10th @ 7:30 a.m.
	Prayer Partners - prayer meeting <u>Come pray for your needs/ concerns.</u>	Wednesday @ 5 PM
	Afternoon Circle UWF <u>The meeting will be held at the home of Gail F. this month. Contact the office, Karen P. or Ruth S. for more details</u>	Monday, June 12th @ 1:00 p.m.



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.

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



Give

Prayer Needs Healing & Recovery:

Noreen Benda
(Mari Kirsch)
Chuck
(Marguerite Stelling)
Cindy
(Mary Ray)
Joy Courtright
Sylvia Courtright
Cubby
(Marlin Hartman)
Gus DeGuzman
Larry Flatness
(Gail Flatness)
Karen Gaba
Gracelyn
(Val Gunderson)
Brad & Val Gunderson
Jeff Harris
Martha Ann Harvey
Ron Herath
Tom Hoerner
(Marguerite Stelling)

Prayer Needs Healing & Recovery:

Janelle
(Roslyn Kryszewski)
Nancy Jarosik
(Ruth Casagrande)
Jude
(Karen Pubentz)
Tianna Juley
Carol Lockwood
Mergie
(Cyndi Campbell)
May
(Mindy Closen)
Michael & Marylou
(Adrienne Hartman)
Joyce O'Brien
Amy Pease
Ruth Pesack
Toni SALLESE
Bob Stelling
Julie Thompson
Marie Webb
Christine Yenser

All Military - Church Family

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

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

Congratulations to:

Welcome newborn Mason James DeVries! He is Thelma White's 11th great-grand child. His proud grandparents are Don & Becky Brown. His parents are Michael & Alex.
Mason is welcomed by big sisters Amelia & Delilah.

Christy McGrath on her retirement from 25 years of teaching at the end of this school year.



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.
¹⁸ "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. ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ 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.

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