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

July 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!



*Survey Participants
Gift Pick Up*



Yenser Baptism



Happy Birthday Roslyn!



Pastor Sarah Farewell Fellowship

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~Saturday, July 1st - NO 5 PM WORSHIP SERVICE (Will resume July 8th)
- ~Sunday July 2nd @ 10 AM - Ice Cream Social with CUMC
- ~Sunday, July 2nd - 11:30 AM First Worship Service with Rev. Dave Buerstetta
Communion will be served.
- ~Sunday, July 2nd @ 12:30 AM - Fellowship - Meet & Greet Pastor Dave
- ~Saturday, July 8th @ 5 PM - Worship & Red Shirt Weekend
- ~Sunday, July 9th @ 9AM - COMBINED Worship & Red Shirt Weekend
- ~Wednesday, July 12th - VBS Training - Choose from 1 PM or 6 PM
(Contact the CUMC church office for info.)
- ~Saturday, July 15th @ 7:30 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast
- ~July 16th - July 20th from 6 - 8:15 PM - Stellar VBS
- ~Sunday, July 23rd @ 9 AM - COMBINED Worship



Pastor's Page - July 2023

THE REV. DAVE BUERSTETTA BIOGRAPHY

Striving to follow Jesus by loving God and loving our neighbors makes Dave passionate about building community, pursuing social justice, and exploring relational theology. From the biblical tradition and our own experiences, we've inherited a beautiful vision calling us to partner with God's Spirit to create a just and caring society that understands "we are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality."

After growing up in eastern Iowa, Dave (he/him) earned a B.A. from Augustana College (IL) and an M.Div. from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Though he is ordained by American Baptist Churches, USA, he has served as one of the pastors at Woodridge United Methodist Church since 1995. While Dave is devoted to the many aspects of pastoral ministry, he derives the most delight from preaching, designing worship services, conversing with children, teaching youth and adults, and organizing outreach projects.

Recognizing that the body-mind-spirit connection is key for living abundantly, Dave stays active working out regularly (usually at CrossFit Thunderbolt in Oswego), reading extensively, and praying contemplatively.

As proud parents of high school students Joshua and Jacqueline, Dave and his spouse Joann can often be found at Josh's baseball games or Jacqueline's cheer competitions. They reside in Naperville.

Dave's creative expressions include writing and podcasting—especially in his entrepreneurial endeavor as co-founder of Coffee 'n' Capes, an online retailer of premium coffee and comic books. He enjoys geeky science fiction and superhero shows and is a White Sox fan.



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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

**See page 9 for combined worship dates with CUMC. Worship will be held at 9 AM only on those dates.*

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Tuesday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Please keep us informed of members who are critically ill or in the hospital:
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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



Welcome to summer! Just as the season is changing, we are experiencing a change in two of our religious leaders. The Pantry Team would like to send a heartfelt "Thank You" to Pastor Sarah and Father Tuan for all their dedication, support, and everything they gave the Pantry. We send "Best Wishes" as they accept and start their new assignments. May God bless them and guide them in their future leadership.

With Pastor Sarah and Father Tuan leaving, we will welcome and offer our support to our new leaders. We will also offer invitations to come visit the Pantry and help them recognize the generosity of the community they have come to.

Our second subject we would like to address is our volunteers. Our volunteers are members of both churches and the community. Although we have recruited three new volunteers this year, five of us have been volunteers for seven years. We are not looking for praise, but for the realization that we are seven years older. Health issues, family events, doctors appointments, and travel opportunities have begun to affect us. The volunteers have committed 2-3 hours each month all these years. Therefore, I would like 1 volunteer from your church community and St. Mary's. By having two new volunteers, we can be fully staffed every month on our pantry days. Our volunteer schedule can allow a more flexible schedule for each volunteer. So, if you can give the pantry 2-3 hours on one day in a month, please let Katie or me know. You will volunteer for the second Tuesday, Wednesday, OR Saturday.

Next, we need to offer a big "Thank You" to the Channahon Methodist Church for their generous and timely food drive and donation. We are also very fortunate to several individuals whom have made significant donations. "Thank You".

Finally, special blessings and enjoy the summer weather, events, and vacations!

Jean Jun



"Walking with the Lord"

Out for a walk, some children surge ahead of their parents, while others must be pulled forward step-by-step. How do we respond to God's initiative and leadership in our lives? Do we drag our feet? Do we try to run ahead of Him? Scripture reminds us that as the Lord is working out His plan in the world, He directs every step that His people take. "The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand." (Psalm 37:23-24)

God is present to steady us when we stumble and to strengthen us when the way is hard. Following Jesus leads to being caught up in His vision for the world and transformed by His Spirit. As we surrender to His purposes, the desires of our hearts begin to reflect His heart. Increasingly we walk in step with Him. "But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him." (2 Peter 3:13-14) Let us move forward in step with Jesus!

Blessings,

Pearl Lindley, Certified Lay Servant





VBS 2023

Join us for our FREE Stellar VBS! Channahon & Minooka UMC will hold this event in combination with each other. VBS will be held July 16, 2023 — July 20, 2023, from 6:00 pm — 8:15 pm at Channahon UMC located at 24751 W. Eames Street, Channahon. Children 3 years old through 5th grade (grade in the fall) are invited.

Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. Invite your friends and neighbors to attend!

If you're ready to launch, you can REGISTER NOW by going to
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/cumc2023>



VBS VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers can also register at the above link.

VBS TRAINING date/times – Wednesday, July 12th at 1pm OR 6pm
 Please let the CUMC office know if you are not able to attend either one.

CUMC Ice Cream Social

On July 2nd CUMC will hold an ice cream social after their 9 am service instead of a potluck. All MUMC congregants are invited to enjoy some ice cream before our 11:30 am service. Please sign up in the narthex or call the CUMC church office at 815-467-5275 so they know how many people to plan on.



Care Team

We have a new Care Team here at MUMC! The purpose is to visit members who are sick, homebound or in health care facilities such as nursing homes. Members of the Care Team are Karen Pubentz, Ruth Satorius, Mari Kirsch, Guy Carlson and Chris Vause. If you know someone in our church family who needs a visit, please contact Karen Pubentz or Chris Vause. We also are welcoming others who would like to join this ministry.



Cake & Ketchup Party

In July MUMC will be collecting food items for the Daybreak Shelter in Joliet. Daybreak provides support services to homeless individuals and families. They have reached out to us for some specific food items. Guess what? They need cake mixes and condiments. Items we all use during the summer picnic season!

From July 1st thru July 16th we will be collecting cake mixes and ketchup (or BBQ sauce, hot sauce, mustard) in response to this need. Please bring your donations when you come to services. We will have a box located near the usher table on those three weekends.

If you have questions about donating food please contact Chris Vause or Gail Girard.

If you would like to volunteer to serve on our Daybreak Team in the future, please contact Gail Girard.



ASP Appalachia

SERVICE PROJECT®



Summer theme:
 Luke 10:27 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and Love your neighbor as yourself" (NIV)



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 July project of the month is the media center camera!



FINANCE COMMITTEE

No updates at this time.

COMMUNITY NEWS



RESOURCE DAY

GAP (Grundy Area Providers) is an effort by local service providers to give resources to those in need as a quarterly "One Stop Shop". Get information and services from over 25 different agencies that could help you and your family.

WHERE:

WE CARE OF GRUNDY COUNTY
530 BEDFORD RD
MORRIS

WHEN:

~~Wednesday, April 19th~~
Wednesday, July 19th
Wednesday, October 18th
from 10am-1pm

LUNCH, SNACKS AND SOFT DRINKS
WILL BE AVAILABLE.

THERE WILL BE A FREE RAFFLE FOR FUN,
FABULOUS PRIZES!



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 manda-
tory. Registration opens at 8:00
AM on Tuesday, May 23rd.
Questions? Email Marianne
Melcher at mmelcher@cc-doj.org

On June 17th, the outreach committee represented MUMC at Minooka Summerfest. MUMC had a table and handed out about 30 succulent plants with a "QR" code to add their email to our email list and 264 cold bottles of water with our Koozies that say "It's Cool to be Kind". The cold bottles of water were well received as it didn't take long for that day to "heat" up. Everyone admired the fun colors on the Koozies and believe it or not, we talked to many people who are actively watching the Ridge Road construction and are interested in coming to our church.

Special thanks to Tammie Patterson, Olivia Ferguson, Chris Vause, Jennifer & Stacy Ferguson and Piper Gunderson for bringing coolers & promoting MUMC to so many.

Big Thank you to Gail Girard for creating the MUMC tablecloth so we could show who we are.









SPECIAL DAYS SPECIAL PEOPLE July

2	Hannah McComas	15	Dee Dee Casagrande	3	John & Maria Larabee
2	Stephanie McComas	15	Karli Gossen	5	Jeff & Jeanette Harris
3	Erin Van Winkle	15	Hilary Wright	6	John & Nikki Randich
4	Christopher Satorius	16	Bonnie Davy	13	Will & Jill Kohler
5	Rebecca Brown	19	Avery Klug	14	John and Christy McGrath
5	Julie Dasbach	21	Marie Webb	19	Robert & Karen Nave
5	Jessica Froidcoeur	21	Tammie Patterson	22	Michael & Sarah Beitler
7	Ashton Yard	23	Jayden Ambrose		
8	Sylvia Courtright	23	Michaela Ambrose		
9	Madeline Reed	23	Danny Harvey		
10	Hannah Loverude	24	Kerrienne Nischke		
10	Ashley Grygienc	26	Kaden Gossen		
11	Melody Coop	26	Beth Froidcoeur		
12	Aubry White	26	Julie Thompson		
13	Maggie Auclair	27	Johanna Spencer		
13	Alyssa Grygienc	28	Nancy Anderson		
13	Gordon McCoy	29	Lew Davies		
14	Marion Geyer	31	Les Millard		



July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 No Saturday Worship
2 Communion 10:00 a.m. CUMC Ice Cream Social 11:30 a.m. Worship 12:30 am. Fel- lowship-Meet & Greet Pastor Dave	3	4 	5 5:00 p.m. Prayer Partners	6 7:30 p.m. Bible Study (Off cam- pus)	7	8 Red Shirt Weekend 5:00 p.m. Worship
9 Red Shirt Weekend 9:00 a.m. Combined Worship	10	11 12:00 p.m. Faithtalk	12 5:00 p.m. Prayer Partners	13 6:30 p.m. SPRC 7:30 p.m. Bible Study (Off cam- pus)	14	15 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:00 p.m. Worship
16 11:30 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. VBS 	17 6:00 p.m. VBS 	18 12:00 p.m. Faithtalk 6:00 p.m. VBS 7:00 p.m. Finance Mtg. 	19 5:00 p.m. Prayer Partners 6:00 p.m. VBS 	20 7:30 p.m. Bible Study (Off cam- pus) 6:00 p.m. VBS 	21	22 5:00 p.m. Worship
23 9:00 a.m. Combined Worship	24 7:00 p.m. Book Group	25 12:00 p.m. Faithtalk 7:00 p.m. Church Council	26 5:00 p.m. Prayer Partners 6 :00 p.m. Worship Mtg.	27 7:30 p.m. Bible Study (Off cam- pus)	28	29 9:00 a.m. LLPB 5:00 p.m. Worship
30 11:30 a.m. Worship	31					

GROUPS, BIBLE & BOOK STUDY


JULY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS	
July 1st LAY READER	No Worship Service N/A
July 2nd @ 11:30 AM LAY READER USHER(S) & GREETERS	Communion Chris Vause Volunteers Needed
July 8th LAY READER	Chris Vause
June 9th @ 9 AM LAY READER USHER(S) & GREETERS	Combined Worship Karen Pubentz Volunteers Needed
July 15th LAY READER	Karen Gaba
July 16th LAY READER USHER(S) & GREETERS	Shari Millard Volunteers Needed
July 22nd LAY READER	Chris Vause
July 23rd LAY READER USHER(S) & GREETERS	Marlin Hartman Volunteers Needed
July 29th LAY READER	Karen Gaba
July 30th LAY READER USHER(S) & GREETERS	Jennifer Ferguson Volunteers Needed
*If you are not able to lay read, please contact the office.	

	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 - The book selection for July is <i>River, Cross My Heart</i> by Breana Clarke. <u>Meet in the choir room 119.</u>	Monday, July 24th @ 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, July 29th @ 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, July 15th @ 7:30 a.m.
	Prayer Partners - prayer meeting <u>Come pray for your needs/ concerns.</u>	Wednesday @ 5 PM
	Afternoon Circle UWF Breaking for summer. Meetings resume in September.	



The July combined services with CUMC will be held on Sunday, July 9th at 9 a.m. and on Sunday, July 23rd at 9 a.m.
Wear your red shirt!

COMBINED
WORSHIP SERVICE



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.



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.

August 2023 news is due into the office no later than **Monday, July 17th**. 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.



Prayer Needs Healing & Recovery:

Nancy Anderson
 Noreen Benda
 (Mari Kirsch)
 Chuck
 (Marguerite Stelling)
 Cindy
 (Mary Ray)
 Joy Courtright
 Sylvia Courtright
 Vicky Daulton's Friend
 Gus DeGuzman
 Hannah Eubanks
 (Danny Harvey)
 Larry Flatness
 (Gail Flatness)
 Gracelyn
 (Val Gunderson)
 Jeff Harris
 Martha Ann Harvey
 Tom
 (Marguerite Stelling)

Prayer Needs Healing & Recovery:

Janelle
 (Roslyn Kryszewski)
 Jude
 (Karen Pubentz)
 Tianna Juley
 Carol Lockwood
 Margie
 (Cyndi Campbell)
 May
 (Mindy Closen)
 Dale Nave
 Joyce O'Brien
 Amy Pease
 Ruth Pesack
 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
 Noah Staley

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



Do you need a prayer partner? Karen Gaba (Co-lay reader of MUMC) will be available to pray with you and stand in agreement with you for your concerns and needs. We meet in the sanctuary every Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Heifer International gratefully recognizes

Minooka United Methodist Church

for your contribution of healthy animals and training
 in their care to help struggling families overcome a life of hunger and poverty.

"The Earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalm 24:1

Christy Moore
 Heifer International

June 2023
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