



CHURCH CONFERENCE 2023

NOVEMBER 15TH, 2023
MINOOKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
P.O. Box 819
Minooka, Illinois 60447



Minooka United Methodist Church
2023 Church Conference

Agenda

WELCOME

Pastor

CALL TO ORDER

DS/Presiding Elder

OPENING PRAYER

Lay Leader

HYMN "Many Gifts, One Spirit" (UMH #114) or a hymn choice by the church

SCRIPTURE

Lay Leader

(Choose one of the following passages or read both.)

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. (NRSV)

Matthew 9: 10-12

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner^ἑ in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting^ἑ with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' ¹² But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' (NRSV)

MESSAGE

DS/Presiding Elder

"I believe the tables of the gospels suggest God's dream for us and they call us to become whole people who live in a healing and whole community. Our best parables are about inviting those in the highways and hedges to the table, about taking the last seat and putting others before us. . . Perhaps the most remembered scripture about the table is: 'Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.' The psalm suggests God is preparing the table and calls us to: 'come to the table and be God's table people even in the presence of hurt and division."

(Bishop Dan Schwerin during his State of the Church address at the 2023 NIC Annual Conference)

HOLY CONFERENCING

- How have you experienced God's love and grace at a table?
- How do you extend Christ's table in your life and through your mission and ministry?
- How do we become one body in Christ?

Litany (Unison)

We are called to be God's table.

We gather as a beloved community

Blessed with a theology of abundance

To equip vital faith communities

That we would make disciples of Jesus Christ

For the transformation of the world.

First and foremost, we believe God is preparing this table and that collectively, we are at a moment in time that our prayer could be framed as, 'by Your Spirit make us one in Christ that we may be one in ministry.'

This is, first, God's table, a table of life in Christ as one body.

(Adapted from Bishop Dan Schwerin's State of the Church address)

HYMN "One Bread, One Body" (UMH #620) or a hymn/song selected by the church

BUSINESS:

1. Leadership Nominations and Election
1. Clergy Compensation
2. Ministry Recommendations
3. Lay Servant Reports
4. Additional Business

SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY COMMUNION Hymnal pages 15-16

DS/Presiding Elder

(The host pastor prepares the elements. Communion is served in accordance with the church's practice.)

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

Pastor

Minooka United Methodist Church

Mission Statement:

Minooka United Methodist Church is an inclusive gathering of found family learning to be more like Jesus and actively serving the community.

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REPORT OF THE PASTOR 2024

Rev. Dave Buerstetta

Minooka UMC

In my first four months as Lead Pastor of Minooka United Methodist Church I have learned that this church is strong. The people are resilient and faithful. We care deeply about our neighbors and we are extremely excited to begin a new chapter in our new building on Ridge Road...soon.

Any day now.

Maybe by Christmas?

Or January? Definitely by January. We hope.

Even still, hope remains. Minooka UMC has Open Hearts for including, Open Minds for learning, and Open Doors for serving.

Enduring both the shock of a new pastor and the frustration of delays in occupying the new building has not dimmed the effectiveness of ministry done by this congregation. In 2023 we transformed lives by serving our community locally and globally as we:

- Sent 10 youth and adults on a mission trip to Floyd County, Kentucky where they helped build homes through Appalachian Service Project (ASP).
- Raised \$300 in the Lenten Coin Collection to help impoverished families in South America through Heifer International.
- Provided dinner for over 100 neighbors experiencing homelessness through our partnership with Daybreak Center.
- Gifted dozens of plants and over 260 bottles of cold water at Minooka Summerfest.
- Served hundreds of meals at our “Forever Young” Senior Luncheons.
- Aided victims of the deadly Maui fires through a special offering of \$1700!

We also continue growing in our faith by learning to be more like Jesus as we gather and worship. In 2023 Minooka UMC:

- Celebrated six baptisms.
- Welcomed five new members.
- Confirmed three young people who publicly professed their faith.
- Gathered for two ongoing bible studies.
- Explored new ideas in one monthly book group.
- And recently added a new support group for families.

From the beginning of our time together this summer, I’ve been heart-broken learning that so many of our people and families have had to survive a trauma. Significant illnesses; devastating accidents; and deaths of loved ones. Add to that the ending of important relationships through divorce or disputes and it is clear that so many of our folks have been through hell on earth. But you have not allowed that to be the end of your story!

I am amazed and inspired by your resiliency and your faithfulness. I am well aware I have not yet heard all of your stories of survival. But over and over again I’ve heard how this congregation helped people through those

horrible times. Being found family for each other is paramount to our identity as a congregation. The way forward into a future faithful to God whom we meet in Jesus involves caring for other people. We heal ourselves and our world in community.

We may be in a time of our wandering but we are not lost. Rather we are a found family with strong, deep roots that make us unafraid of acknowledging our suffering and unafraid of being joyful. That is a witness all of our neighbors need to hear.

As we move together with God into 2024, will do all we can to create our future as an inclusive people who shine a light into the shadows of the world through our compassion, our mercy, and our love.

Going through a pastoral change is a challenging time for any congregation. However, Minooka UMC has made that transition look easy. People have been and continue to be immensely welcoming of me and my family. Thank you!

The danger of thanking people by name is, of course, that some worthy folks gets left off the list. *Everyone* I've met here so far is willing to work hard at keeping this congregation faithfully following Jesus. No one acts as if a task is beneath them. For instance, six or eight people showed up to clean the chairs for our Ridge Road worship space and then move them into the new building. Thank you!

Still, there are a few folks I need to identify for how exceedingly helpful they are. Any times my transition into being your new pastor is bumpy are on me. All the ways that transition is going smoothly are due to their faithfulness to Jesus and dedication to our congregation. I am so very grateful for:

Office Manager **Katie Wojcieszak** — most of us have no idea just how much Katie does for us!

Chris Vause, the most engaged and engaging Lay Leader I've ever encountered.

Council Chairperson **Marlin Hartman**

Katrina Nolan, Sunday School Director and Digital Marketing Director (Did I just make up that title? Maybe! But it is true and paramount to our future at Ridge Road!)

SPRC Chairperson **Claude Crawshaw**

Cindy White, Worship Chairperson and First Officer of the Office

Building Committee Chairperson **Val Gunderson**

So many folks that help in so many ways—mostly behind the scenes. People such as **Karen Crawshaw, Gail Flatness, Gail Girard, Ron Herath, Gordon McCoy, and Bob Moorman.**

Plus my predecessor, **the Rev. Sarah Hong**, who was wonderfully gracious throughout our transition. But more importantly I'm grateful to Pastor Sarah for loving you all so very well for so many years.

All those leaders are doing so much good work for God’s Kin-dom. Still, perhaps the best indicator of the current health and vitality of this congregation—and simultaneously the best indicator of our bright future—is our triumvirate of powerful, lay lead teams:

The **Speaker Team** of **Pearl Lindley, Kim Nave, Marlin Hartman, and Chris Vause.**

Most churches I know would be thrilled to have even one lay person moved enough to share a message and dedicated enough to hone their craft. We have four!

The **Care Team** of **Karen Pubentz, Ruth Satorius, Mari Kirsch, Gordon McCoy, Jody Moorman, Guy Carlson, and Chris Vause.**

Sharing God’s love through calls, cards, and visits. They will connect with you in hospitals, care facilities, homes, and anywhere else.

The **Prayer Team** of **Karen Gaba, Jan Stadt, Mari Kirsch, Jennifer Ferguson, Tammie Patterson, and Chris Vause.**

Undergirding everything Minooka UMC does and says, everywhere we go and serve, with fervent prayers.

In 2024 Minooka UMC will continue to follow God in the Way of Jesus as an inclusive gathering of found family learning to be more like Jesus and actively serving the community.

Plotting Goodness,
Pastor Dave

Building Committee

By the time you read this at Church Conference, after several delays, we hope to have obtained our occupancy permit from the Village of Minooka for our new building on Ridge Road! In the past year we have gone from the shell of the building to completion of the sanctuary, church office, conference room/nursery, and rest rooms. Our organ has been refurbished and installed in the sanctuary after several months of storage. The parking lot and a required portion of the landscaping have been completed. In 2024, the committee looks forward to completing the bike path and the remainder of the landscaping and to begin on the plans for the dedicated Sacred Space. Special thanks from the Committee and our congregation to Claude Crawshaw, Bob Moorman, and Gordon McCoy for all of the work with our contractor and the Village of Minooka.

~~Valerie Gunderson, Building Committee Chair

Christian Education

Over the past year, MUMC has joined forces with Channahon United Methodist Church to provide a combined Sunday School for our children. Our classes now convene at 10:30 a.m., strategically positioned between the two Sunday services, allowing for the participation of students from both congregations. I'm very thankful for the partnership between our two churches. This joint effort has not only created efficiencies across both programs but has also allowed our children to forge new friendships.

In addition to this, MUMC and CUMC joined forces for a memorable "Stellar" Vacation Bible School this summer. The children and volunteers had a blast learning about faith, space, and the importance of "Shining Jesus' Light" in the lives of others.

Furthermore, our church family had the privilege of celebrating the confirmation of three remarkable young adults who professed their faith and commitment to the church. This was a moment of great pride and joy for our confirmands and their parents and sponsors!

As we look ahead to the upcoming year at Ridge Road, our Sunday School teachers have embarked on a book study centered around the book "It Takes a Church to Raise a Parent: Creating a culture where parenting for faith can flourish" by Rachel Turner. We're excited as we plan not only to continue offering Christian education to our youth but also to expand our support and encouragement to parents and families within our church community. We are truly looking forward to the journey that lies ahead.

~~Katrina Nolan, Sunday School Superintendent

Church Council Report

Church Council has been extremely busy with the building of the new Church on Ridge Road, modifying schedules and activities since sharing the Channahon United Methodist Church with their congregation. The Channahon United Methodist Church has been extremely welcoming with their Christian Love and sincere hospitality. It has been a great situation for our transition to the new church on Ridge Road. Finances have been a struggle with the building challenges the new church has presented and limited ability to grow while worshipping in Channahon. Church leadership has remained strong with good attendance at meetings and efforts directed at having occupancy of our new Church. Committee structure within the church is also being addressed to parallel the needs our congregation

~~Marlin Hartman, Church Council Chair

Financial Resourcing Committee Report

Our MUMC Financial Resourcing Committee is responsible for overseeing our congregation's financial resources. This committee is dedicated to being good stewards of our MUMC financial resources and we take this responsibility very seriously.

We were presented with a Mission Links Certificate during the NIC Annual Conference. This certificate shows our dedication to the conference's Connectional Giving program (this used to be the Rainbow Covenant). The requirements to become a Mission Link Church are to pay 100% of our apportionments and to donate to at least seven missions, causes or missionaries in different categories (These options are all included and selected from a list provided by the conference).

We have watched the progress on our Ridge Road building. This project has been a big portion of our budget/expenses this year. Thank you for your faithful giving to this project.

As we prepare for the new year, please pray and carefully consider your giving contribution for 2024. If you have already turned in your pledge cards, Thank you. If you have not, please return them in the next few weeks. With the information from these estimates of giving, we can better plan for the upcoming year.

Thank you for your faithful and generous giving which supports the many important ministries here at Minooka UMC.

~~Shari Millard, Finance Committee Chair

Lay Leader Report

The year of 2023 was a busy one preparing and planning for the opening of our new church building on Ridge Road. It was hard to sell and move from our sanctuary on Church Street yet we were thankful for the opportunity to share space with Channahon UMC since last December! CUMC has been such a generous host letting us share worship, Sunday School and fellowship opportunities. Our Transition Team conducted a survey of our new neighbors, identified possible resources for formation of a Praise Band, and began planning for a Community Open House. We have re-formed our Care Team to meet the needs of our home bound members. Thanks to Karen Pubentz, Ruth Satorius, Guy Carlson, Gordon McCoy, Mari Kirsch and Jody Moorman for all their hard work! Our Prayer Partners are going strong under the leadership of Karen Gaba and a prayer chain is in place to lift confidential needs to our Lord. In 2024 I look forward to continued outreach and spiritual growth as we serve our new-found family members in our home on Ridge Road!

~~Chris Vause, Lay Leader

MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2023 (Oct. 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023)

**Pastor Dave Buerstetta
Minooka United Methodist Church
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Total Professing Members ~ Last Report 254

Baptism

Olivia Ferguson
Stacy Ferguson
Jack Cullen McGrath
Lucas Thomas Noe
Gabiella Randich
Liliana Randich
Owen Yenser

Additions since last report 11

On Profession of Faith

Jennifer Ferguson
Stacy Ferguson
Tred Gunderson*
Karina McGrath
Christy McGrath
Christopher Miller
Robert Moorman
Liliana Randich*
Toni Sallese
Addison Satorius*
Joan Yunker

*Indicates our **Confirmands**

Restored

Michael McGrath 1

Transfer from other United Methodist Churches

Mike Hammerstein 2
Sue Hammerstein

Transfer from other non-United Methodist Churches 0

Correction on Computer for Members 0

TOTAL MEMBER ADDITIONS 14

Deductions since last report -26

Removed at 2022 Church Conference

Melody Bartnik	James Joerger	Connor Spencer
Paul Bartnik	Jenna Joerger	Angela Van Winkle
Sarah Beck	Kathy Joerger	Stephen Van Winkle
Meghan Nicole Blenck	Kyle Joerger	David Volz
Adam Ciancanelli	Kyle Kasmer	Jackson Volz
Sara Ciancanelli	Noah Kasmer	Sherri Volz
Dakota Coffman	Allan Miller	Mattisen Walter**
Kim Coffman	Cole Spencer	
Danielle Davis**		
Christy Hiser		
Rodney Hiser		

<u>Withdrew</u>	-2
Jay Giacomi	
Tiffany Giacomi	

<u>Transfer to other United Methodist Churches</u>	
Jordan Roman	-1

<u>Transfer to other non-United Methodist Churches</u>	0
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<u>Deaths</u>	-5
Linda Akerberg	
Joann Malic	
Connie Morris	
Art Webb	
Darlene Thornton	

TOTAL DEDUCTIONS -34

TOTAL MEMBERS Sept. 30, 2023 234

An attempt has been made to locate the following people, but at this time we do not have a current address for them (**) or they have not responded to our first letter asking if they wish to remain a member, transfer their membership to another United Methodist Church, have joined another denomination or withdraw their membership. First read 2021

Second Reading

Christy Dwyer	Mary Glover	Stephanie McComas
Amy Glover	William Glover**	John Taylor
Daniel Glover	Matthew McComas	Stacy Taylor

First Reading

Hannah Cichon
Ray Cichon

~~Prepared by: Karen Crawshaw, Membership Secretary 09/30/2023

Memorial Committee

From October 17, 2022 through October 20, 2023, donations were received In Memory Of:

Tom & Phyllis McCoy - Gerry Pubentz - Arthur Webb - Darlene Thornton - Joann Malic -

Aaron Satorius - Linda Akerberg, and In Honor Of: Annetta Ackerman - Robert Ackerman -

Diane Bobbitt.

Donations were received as follows: ASP Trip - \$1,000.00; Undesignated - \$200.00; and

Ridge Road Development - \$8,550.00. **Total Received: \$9,750.00.**

During this period, \$1,000.00 was placed in the ASP Mission Trip Fund; \$900.00 was used to purchase a ceiling fan for the sanctuary at the new Ridge Road Church; and \$9,395.00 was used to purchase and plant trees and shrubs on the Ridge Road property.

~~Johanna Spencer, Chair of Memorial Committee

Missions Committee 2023

Daybreak Ministry

MUMC continues to serve one evening meal 6 times/year for the residents/guests of Daybreak Shelter. The Catholic Charity sponsored facility offers short term shelter for homeless individuals in the Joliet area.

The shelter's population has recently increased from the approximately 25 residents to more than 40. Gracious donations from church members of buns, chips, pop, veggies and dessert have been given to help with this ministry.

The residents are always appreciative and MUMC is happy to provide this service.

~~Gail Girard, Daybreak Coordinator

Outreach Committee

1. April - received donations of plastic eggs & candy, filled & hid over 6,000 eggs on the CUMC grounds for children & parents to attend.
2. June- paid for a table to represent MUMC at Minooka summerfest. Handed out over 260 cold bottles of water & the tie-dyed Koozies stating "it's cool to be kind"
3. July - supported & volunteered with CUMC for VBS week
4. October- MUMC / CUMC Portillos fundraiser night.
Partnering with Heritage Woods Minooka for Trunk or treat
5. December- planning our annual "Giving Tree" to help the people of the food pantry.

~~ Karen Gaba, Outreach Committee Chair

Staff Parish Relations Committee Report

This year we bid farewell to Pastor Sarah Hong and welcomed Pastor Dave Buerstetta to our congregation. Katie, our Office Manager, continues to do an excellent job and we are blessed to have her services. Our music accompanists continue to perform well at each church service. Due to phasing out Saturday night services, we had to say farewell to Laura Wagner. A big thank you to our staff for their service throughout the year.

In 2024 SPRC will provide the necessary staff as we occupy our Ridge Road building.

~~Claude Crawshaw, SPRC Chair

Trustee Report

In 2023, several repairs were necessary at the parsonage. I hung window blinds in the family room, installed a water softener, a kitchen faucet, replaced smoke detectors, and a keyless deadbolt on the front door. I arranged for a repairman to replace the ejector pump and found a carpenter to install the sliding glass door for the basement walkout. I maintain the Ridge Road property lawn and did yard clean up at the parsonage this fall.

In 2023, I will continue to use my abilities as needed for parsonage maintenance. I will continue to mow and trim at the Ridge Road property.

~~Ron Herath, Vice Trustee Chair

United Women of Faith/United Methodist Women

Since the last annual conference report, this group was able to donate by purchasing new clothing for the Giving Tree at Christmas time in 2022 and making a \$200 donation to the Cunningham Children's Home in March 2023.

Our group was able to provide support to our congregation by providing funeral luncheon for Joan Malic in June 2023. Her family was so grateful in having comforting food and the opportunity to visit during their time of loss.

We were able to aid locally by donating \$1,000 to the Apostolic Church in Minooka when they suffered tornado damage. We learned later that they had a \$1,000 deductible on their building insurance policy. UWF/UMW began a local ministry of providing a collection point for BINGO prizes for the Garden at Park Point (a residential care facility) where several of our members now reside.

Afternoon Circle continues to meet monthly on the first Monday. We are continuing our study the women of the Bible and having a time for refreshments as we share our joys and concerns.

~~ Karen Pubentz, UWF Treasurer

Worship Committee

First, thank you again to Channahon UMC for being so generous and accommodating to us during this past year. Little did we know when we came here last December, that we'd still be worshipping here now. Sharing the CUMC's home and joining our congregations together in worship services and other activities has been a blessing to all of us.

The arrival of Rev. Dave Buerstetta and his family has brought renewed energy to our congregation. Pastor Dave's messages are very thought-provoking and inspire us to love as Jesus does. This kind of love will go a long way when we finally move to Ridge Road and meet our new neighbors. We will be prepared to share with them the kind of faith from which no one needs to heal.

We recently discontinued our Saturday service so that we can all worship together on Sundays in an effort to have our church family together in as big a contingent as possible offering an energetic and enthusiastic worship experience. We hope that visitors and people returning after an absence will have a great experience and want to come back again.

Thank you to all the people who give so freely of their time and talents to make our worship services so special and meaningful.

As we transition to Ridge Road, let's be the found family for those who are searching.

~~Cindy White, Worship Committee Chair

Minooka United Methodist Church
Rev. Dave Buerstetta
Report of the Lay Leadership for 2024

Church Council	Year of Graduation
Marlin Hartman (Chair)	2024
Jim Satorius (Vice Chair) (Men's Prayer Breakfast)	2025
Shari Millard (Finance Chair)	2026
Bob Moorman (Building Committee Chair)	2026
Gail Flatness (Outreach-E.C.S Chair)	2026
Gail Girard (Finance Secretary)	2024
Katrina Nolan (Sunday School Director)	2025
Chris Vause (Lay Leader)	2026
Karen Crawshaw (Membership Ch. & M. Secretary)	2025
Kim Nave (Memorial Chair)	2026
Ruth Satorius (UWF Representative)	2026
Alex Nolan (SPRC Chair)	2026
TBA (Trustee Co- Chairs)	2024 (Voted on in January)
Ashley Grygienc (Children's program Coordinator)	2025
Cindy White (Worship Chair)	2024
Dave Buerstetta (Pastor)	
John Schroeder (Treasurer) – Outsource	

Building Committee	Year of Graduation
Bob Moorman (Chair)	2026
Val Gunderson (Vice Chair)	2026
TBA (Trustee Representatives)	2024 (Voted on in January)
Jim Satorius	2025
Chris Vause (Secretary) (Lay Leader)	2026
Les Millard	2026
Stacy Ferguson	2025
Dave Buerstetta (Pastor)	

Certified Lay Speaker	
Pearl Lindley	
Chris Vause	
Local Lay Speaker	
Kim Nave	

Lay Member to NIC Annual Conference	
Alex Nolan	2024
Chris Vause	2024

Christian Education	Year of Graduation
Katrina Nolan (Sunday School Director)	2025
Marlin Hartman (Youth Representative)	2026

Ruth Satorius	2024
Mari Kirsch	2025
Madeline Reed	2024
Christine Yenser	2024
Aubry White	2025
Jody Moorman	2024
Kerrienne Nischke	2024
Dave Buerstetta (Pastor)	

Communication & Technology Ministry	Year of Graduation
Cindy White	2024
Claude Crawshaw	2024
Jim Satorius	2024
Katrina Nolan	2024
Katie Wojcieszak (Office Manager)	
Dave Buerstetta (Pastor)	

Outreach (Evangelism, Care Team & Spirit)	Year of Graduation
Gail Flatness (Chair)	2026
Madeline Reed (Secretary)	2026
Mari Kirsch	2026
Karen Gaba	2026
Jody Moorman	2026
Tammie Patterson	2024
Ashley Grygienc	2024
Marian Gaba	2026
Kristin Ehteshami-Afshar	2024
Dave Buerstetta (Pastor)	

Finance Committee	Year of Graduation
Shari Millard (Chair)	2026
Alex Nolan (SPRC Representative)	2026
Marlin Hartman (Church Council Representative)	2024
TBA (Trustee Representative)	2024 (Voted on in January)
Gail Girard (Financial Secretary)	2024
Karen Crawshaw	2024
Chris Vause (Lay Leader)	2026
Dave Buerstetta (Pastor)	

Membership Committee	Year of Graduation
Karen Crawshaw (Chair)	2025
Val Gunderson	2026
Mindy Closen	2026
Dave Buerstetta (Pastor)	

Memorials Committee	Year of Graduation
Kim Nave (Chair)	2026
Thelma White	2026
Martha Ann Harvey	2024
Karen Dorick	2025
Helen Daly	2025
Judy Clusen	2025
Dave Buerstetta (Pastor)	

Mission Team	
Marlin Hartman (ASP)	
Gail Girard (Daybreak)	
Johanna Spencer (Food Pantry)	
Dave Buerstetta (Pastor)	

Nomination Committee	
Dave Buerstetta (Pastor, Chair)	
Karen Crawshaw	2024
Chris Vause (Lay Leader)	2026
Marlin Hartman (Church Council Chair)	2024
Ruth Satorius	2025
Kim Nave	2025

Staff Parish Relationship Committee	
Alex Nolan (Chair)	2026
DeeDee Casagrande	2024
Chris Vause (Lay Leader)	2026
Frank Hathcock	2025
Gordon McCoy	2024
Susan Spencer	2025
Jennifer Ferguson	2025
Dave Buerstetta (Pastor)	

Trustee Committee	
TBA (Co- Chairs)	2024 (Voted on in January)
Ron Herath	2025
John Nave	2024
Chris Vause (Lay Leader)	2026
Jim Satorius	2024
Kim Nave	2024
Alex Nolan	2025
Gordon McCoy	2025
Will Kohler	2025
Toni Sallese	2025
Les Millard	2026
Stacy Ferguson	2026

Dave Buerstetta (Pastor)	
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Worship Committee	
Cindy White (Chair)	2024
Jill Kohler (Music Director & Accompanist)	
Karen Pubentz	2025
Ruth Satorius	2026
Cyndi Campbell	2025
Mari Kirsch	2025
Mary Ray	2024
Chris Vause	2026
Chris Miller	2025
Susan Spencer	2025
Kim Nave	2025
Dave Buerstetta (Pastor)	

Pastor Sarah Hong
Minooka United Methodist Church
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ATTENDANCE:

Rev. Brian Gilbert, DS	Gordon McCoy
Pastor Sarah Hong	Katrina Nolan
Claude Crawshaw	Karen Pubentz
Karen Crawshaw	Jim Satorius
Gail Girard	Ruth Satorius
Marlin Hartman	Johanna Spencer
Mari Kirsch	Chris Vause
Pearl Lindley	Cindy White

District Superintendent, Brian Gilbert, opened the meeting.

Chris Vause, Lay Leader, gave the opening prayer.

Rev. Gilbert based his message on Matthew 3: 13-17. Baptism is an action from God and we are the receivers. Baptism cannot be taken from you. It is God's grace declared to us at Baptism. We can reaffirm our Baptism but not be re-Baptized. By His grace we are called to remember our Baptism and be thankful.

We are being called to "A New Mission Field" at the site of our new construction on Ridge Road. Our work will continue to be to serve our Lord and the community.

Many have questioned the importance of the Yearly Statistical Reports. Does anyone look at them? The answer is yes. The reports are available to review at UMdata.org Statistical Reports.

The list of Lay Nominations was presented by Pastor Sarah Hong. Vote passed.

Claude Crawshaw, Chair of Staff Parish Relations, recommended the Pastor Compensation Package:

Salary \$52,059.00 with Housing Exclusion of \$3,000.00; Accountable Reimbursements of \$6,000.00. Vote passed.

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Chris Vause has completed requirements for becoming a Certified Lay Speaker. Vote passed with an AMEN.

Pearl Lindley, who has been a Certified Lay Speaker for 31 years, was recertified with a HALLELUJAH.

The Budget for 2023 was presented. Vote passed.

The Membership Report was given by Karen Crawshaw. Three members who were listed on the "First Reading" at the October 24, 2021, Church Conference Meeting, have stated they wish to remain members of MUMC. Vote passed. Karen noted that the five members who passed away this past year, represented 199 years of membership at MUMC.

MUMC is in the process of building a new church on Ridge Road. Things are changing. Marlin Hartman, Chair of Church Council, reminded us that we need to adapt to these changes and stay positive.

Chris Vause reminded us that we will be sharing the Thanksgiving Service at Channahon United Methodist Church this year and will be using their facilities for our worship services when the sale of MUMC is final. She asked us to continually remember that we are a guest in their home.

Rev. Gilbert was asked about the "split" in the United Methodist Church. He said he likes to think of it as a "splintering". There are 367 churches in the Northern Illinois Conference and only eleven (11) are considering joining the Global Methodist Church. (In Texas approximately two hundred churches are considering the move.) His concern is that they are strong enough to survive. The decision to "splinter" from the UMC is definitely not one to make quickly. Application for non-profit (501-C3 status) has to be done and declared. Pastors to fill the need may not be available. Financial requirements must be met. Lots to consider before making the decision. The eleven churches in the conference have been in talks and have been respectful.

Karen Crawshaw made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Marlin Hartman. Motion carried.

Pastor Sarah Hong closed the meeting with a prayer.

**Minooka United Methodist Church
Pastor Dave Buerstetta
2024 Budget**

	<u>2024 Budget</u>
Administrative	
Computer/Software	\$ 2,100.00
Equipment/Contract	\$ 5,000.00
Lay Member Conf Workshops	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 700.00
Office Supplies	\$ 1,500.00
Postage	\$ 1,000.00
Subscriptions	\$ 50.00
Web Site/Computer Support	\$ 1,500.00
Treasurer Fee	\$ 4,800.00
Total Administrative	\$ 17,150.00
Buildings & Grounds	
Church Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00
Church Utilities	\$ 10,000.00
Custodial Supplies	\$ 800.00
Equipment	\$ 1,000.00
Garbage Disposal	\$ 1,000.00
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00
Parsonage Maintenance	\$ 3,500.00
Parsonage Utilities	\$ 3,000.00
Property Insurance	\$ 12,000.00
Red Door Loan Interest	\$ 26,891.00
Snow Removal	\$ 3,000.00
Total Buildings & Grounds	\$ 64,691.00
Christian Education & Youth	
Adult Bible Study/Study Groups/Workbooks	\$ 100.00
Backpack Blessing	\$ 100.00
Confirmation	\$ 100.00
Curriculum	\$ 300.00
Craft Supplies	\$ 150.00
Teacher Appreciation	\$ 100.00
Training/Back Ground Checks	\$ 100.00
VBS	\$ 600.00
Youth Activities	\$ 500.00
Scholarship Program	\$ 100.00
Total Christian Ed	\$ 2,150.00
Church Council	
Training/Retreat	\$ 200.00
Open House	\$ 3,500.00
Total Church Council	\$ 3,700.00

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Finance	
Apportionments	
Conference Apportionments	\$ 22,848.00
General Church Funds	
World Service	\$ 120.00
Ministerial Administration Fund	\$ 120.00
Episcopal Fund	\$ 120.00
General Administration Fund	\$ 120.00
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	\$ 120.00
Black Colleges	\$ 120.00
Africa University	\$ 120.00
General Church Funds Total	\$ 840.00
Total Apportionments	\$ 23,688.00
Connectional Giving	
Accessibility Sunday #782	\$ 50.00
Grace Children's Hospital #418520	\$ 50.00
Missionaries Larry & Jane Kies #09572Z	\$ 50.00
United Meth. Com. on Relief #999895	\$ 50.00
Tree of Life #123615	\$ 50.00
Kids Above All #5000011	\$ 50.00
Morning Star Mission #60000143	\$ 50.00
Total Connectional Giving	\$ 350.00
Total Finance	\$ 24,038.00
Financial Resourcing	
Fund Campaign/Stewardship	\$ 100.00
Giving Envelopes	\$ 350.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 60.00
Total Financial Resourcing	\$ 510.00
Membership	
New Member Meeting	\$ 350.00
Total Membership	\$ 350.00
Missions	
ASP Mission Trip	\$ 250.00
Total Missions	\$ 250.00
Outreach	
Advertising	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 500.00
Grief Outreach	\$ 150.00
Fellowship	\$ 300.00
Trunk or Treat	\$ 150.00
Upper Room Devotional	\$ 200.00
Total Outreach	\$ 1,800.00

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Personnel		
Office Manager	Salary	\$ 33,024.00
Sub ADM Assistant	Salary	\$ 1,680.00
Cleaning Service		\$ 10,188.00
Accompanist/Choir Sun	Salary	\$ 7,635.00
FICA-Employer		\$ 4,390.00
Miscellaneous		\$ 200.00
Nursery Caregivers	Salary	\$ 2,340.00
Pastor		
*Base Salary		\$ 50,000.00
Health Insurance		\$ 19,560.00
Pension (CPP)		\$ 1,875.00
Pension (CRSP)		\$ 8,125.00
Prof/Bus/Travel/Cont Ed		\$ 6,000.00
Sunday Worship Guest Speaker		\$ 600.00
Staff Continuing Ed		\$ 200.00
Workmans Comp		\$ 1,225.00
Youth Director		\$ 2,520.00
Prof/Bus/Cont Ed		\$ 1,000.00
Total Personnel		\$ 150,562.00
Worship		
Altar/Sanctuary		\$ 450.00
Choir Music		\$ 100.00
Copyright License		\$ 300.00
Copyright Song Select		\$ 250.00
Pre-Service Coffee Time		\$ 1,200.00
Miscellaneous		\$ 600.00
Pew Bags For Children		\$ 200.00
Praise Team		\$ 300.00
Special Musicians		\$ 800.00
Total Worship		\$ 4,200.00
Total Budget		\$ 269,401.00