

# Minooka United Methodist Church

December 17, 2023

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## SUNDAY 17TH

10:15AM ADVENT BIBLE STUDY  
10:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:30AM CONFIRMATION  
11:30AM WORSHIP  
6:00PM LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE



## MONDAY 18TH

## TUESDAY 19TH

12:00PM ADVENT BIBLE STUDY  
6:30PM ZOOM ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

## WEDNESDAY 20TH

12:00PM SENIOR LUNCHEON  
5:00PM PRAYER PARTNERS

## THURSDAY 21ST

7:30PM ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

## FRIDAY 22ND

## SATURDAY 23RD

### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~Sunday, December 17th @ 6:00PM - The Longest Night Service
- ~Wednesday, December 20th @ 11:30AM - Senior Luncheon
- ~Sunday, December 24th @ 3pm—Family Christmas Eve service with CUMC
- ~Sunday, December 24th @ 9PM—Christmas Eve Service

### Advent Study

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**Last Week's Attendance:**  
44 in person + 7 online  
**Last Week's General Fund Gifts:**  
Not available at the time  
**Last Week's Expenses:** \$4,430  
**Last Two Week's Ridge Road Gifts:**  
\$775

*The Longest Night Service*

*Sunday, December 17th @ 6PM*

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

19 Jay Hinds  
19 Karina McGrath  
20 Scarlett Roman  
23 Annette McCammon

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

19 Levi & Kerrienne Nischke

**Christmas Eve Worship:**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AT 3:00PM: A COMBINED SERVICE WITH CHANNAHON UMC DESIGNED FOR FAMILIES WITH CAROLS, CANDLELIGHT, AND A SPECIAL STORY TIME.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AT 9:00PM: WHEN GOD SHOWS UP, A SERVICE WITH CAROLS, CANDLELIGHT, AND COMMUNION.



Outreach Committee sends a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone for your generosity. Through the Angel Tree project, you provided thirty-three \$30 gifts cards (\$990) and 60 gifts from the tags on the tree. We also spent \$280 on hams for part of their Christmas basket. Gifts will be picked up by Jean from the food pantry and all will be handed out on Saturday, December 16th.

When do our Groups & Studies meet next?

<b>Lord's Ladies Prayer Breakfast</b> CUMC Fellowship Hall	Saturday, 12/30 @ 9:00AM
<b>Senior Luncheon</b> Free luncheon for 55 and better. Contact the office to make a reservation. Meet at St. Mary's Minooka.	Wednesday, 12/20 @ 11:30AM
<b>Prayer Partners</b> Come pray for your needs and concerns. CUMC Choir Room	Wednesday @ 5:00PM

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