

**Minooka United Methodist Church
December 10th, 2023**

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SUNDAY 10TH

10:15AM ADVENT BIBLE STUDY
10:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30AM CONFIRMATION
11:30AM WORSHIP

MONDAY 11TH

1:00PM AFTERNOON CIRCLE

TUESDAY 12TH

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

WEDNESDAY 13TH

5:00PM PRAYER PARTNERS

THURSDAY 14TH

7:30PM ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY 15TH

SATURDAY 16TH

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~Sunday, December 10th - Angel Tree Gifts Due
- ~Monday, December 11th @ 1:00PM - Afternoon Circle
- ~Sunday, December 17th @ 6:00PM - The Longest Night Service
- ~Saturday, December 16th @ 7:30AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast
- ~Wednesday, December 20th @ 11:30AM - Senior Luncheon

Advent Study

An Unlikely Advent: Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story

In this four-week Advent study, Rev. Rachel Billups guides readers through the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace by sharing the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the shepherds. Choose from one of our four sessions or attend one that fits your schedule for that week.

Kim Nave leads Sundays at 10:15am in Room 144.

Cindy White leads Tuesdays at 12noon in the Choir Room.

Pastor Dave leads Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm on Zoom.

(Participants need to email Pastor Dave for the Zoom link.)

Jennifer Ferguson leads Thursday evenings at 7:30pm in the Choir Room.

Thank you for your prayers, presence, and gifts!

Last Week's Attendance:

52 in person + 7 online

Last Week's General Fund Gifts:

\$4,922.40

Last Week's Expenses: \$4,430

Last Two Week's Ridge Road Gifts: \$775

The Longest Night Service

Sunday, December 17th @ 6PM

For some of us this holiday season contains more sorrow, grief, or loneliness than it does joy or festive cheer. The encroaching darkness of the winter solstice—the longest night of the year—can exacerbate those feelings. So we take time amidst the celebrations of the season to entreat God in honesty and humility, bringing our questions and our despair. (That's why this service is sometimes called Blue Christmas.) Still, we are clear that despair is not our final home. So in this service we pray and sing together as we put our hope in Jesus' promise "to be with us, even to the end of time."



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.



Afternoon Circle

Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month and revolve around fellowship and sisterhood. Join us on December 11th at 1:00PM at the home of Mari K. Contact Karen P. or Ruth S. for more information.

WHEN DO OUR GROUPS & STUDIES MEET NEXT?

Afternoon Circle Contact Karen P. or Ruth S. for information. <i>Meets off campus.</i>	Monday, 12/11 @ 1:00PM
Lord's Ladies Prayer Breakfast <i>CUMC Fellowship Hall</i>	Saturday, 12/30 @ 9:00AM
Men's Prayer Breakfast <i>CUMC Fellowship Hall</i>	Saturday, 12/16 @ 7:30AM
Senior Luncheon Free luncheon for 55 and better. Contact the office to make a reservation. <i>Meet at St. Mary's Minooka.</i>	Wednesday, 12/20 @ 11:30AM
Prayer Partners Come pray for your needs and concerns. <i>CUMC Choir Room</i>	Wednesday @ 5:00PM

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