

**Minooka United Methodist Church  
December 3rd, 2023**

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**SUNDAY 3RD**

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

**MONDAY 4TH**

**TUESDAY 5TH**

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

**WEDNESDAY 6TH**

5:00 PM PRAYER PARTNERS

**THURSDAY 7TH**

7:30PM ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

**FRIDAY 8TH**

**SATURDAY 9TH**

**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 Two Week's Attendance:**  
93 in person + 24 online  
**Last Two Week's General Fund Gifts:** \$7,871.00  
**Last Two Week's Expenses:** \$8,860  
**Last Two Week's Ridge Road Gifts:** \$2,749

*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."



**MEMORIAL CORRECTION**

The list of 2023 Memorials shared last week inadvertently left off James Daly. Our apologies for the error. Thank you to all who offered gifts to our congregation in his memory.



Can you help one of our neighbors in need by filling an item on their Christmas wish list? There are still tags available on the Angel Tree. Wrapped gifts can be returned to the church during office hours on Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00AM-2:30PM, during Prayer Partners on Wednesdays between 5:00-6:00PM or on Sundays during worship. **Please include gift receipts when possible and return gifts no later than Sunday, December 10th.**

**WHEN DO OUR GROUPS & STUDIES MEET NEXT?**

<b>Afternoon Circle</b> Contact Karen P. or Ruth S. for information. <i>Meets off campus.</i>	Monday, 12/11 @ 1:00PM
<b>Lord's Ladies Prayer Breakfast</b> <i>CUMC Fellowship Hall</i>	Saturday, 12/30 @ 9:00AM
<b>Men's Prayer Breakfast</b> <i>CUMC Fellowship Hall</i>	Saturday, 12/16 @ 7:30AM
<b>Senior Luncheon</b> 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
<b>Prayer Partners</b> Come pray for your needs and concerns. <i>CUMC Choir Room</i>	Wednesday @ 5:00PM

**Need to reach Pastor Dave?**  
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