

When do our Groups & Studies meet next?

Book Group - Book Club will resume 06/24	No Meeting- Monday 5/27
Bible Study Reading "The Acts of the Apostles" Interested persons can contact Jennifer Ferguson. <i>Location: Ridge Road</i>	Thursday @ 7:30PM
Faithtalk - Women's Bible Study <i>Meets at Ridge Road.</i>	Tuesday @ Noon
Prayer Team Come pray for your needs and concerns. <i>Meets at Ridge Road.</i>	Wednesday @ 5:00PM
Skeptic's Circle Via Zoom—log on to minookaumc.com/question for details to register.	Wednesday 06/26 @ 6:30PM

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

LAY READER KAREN PUBENTZ
SONG LEADERS GAIL GIRARD, RUTH SATORIUS,
& SUSAN SPENCER

CHURCH STAFF

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Proceed With Kindness



Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 26th, 2024 9:30am

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* Stand if you are able

Entering Music

Welcoming Chris Vause

Preparing

***Gathering** Lay Reader

Reader: Everlasting God, kindness, compassion, and love describe Your character. How can I be more like You?

Many Voices: How can I be an outlet of Your kindness and compassion to the people You have purposely placed in my life?

Reader: Show me, Lord! Open my heart to learn from the words of my Savior as told in the parable of the Good Samaritan. Every day, help me to recognize Your all encompassing love in action in my life.

Many Voices: I am loved, chosen, and purposed. Therefore embolden me to pray, live and love in reflection of these great truths about who I am.

***Singing** "Welcome" Worship & Song #3152

Verse 1

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in,
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace,

Refrain

Singing welcome, welcome to this place
You're invited to come and know God's grace
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

Thank you for your
prayers, presence, and gifts!

General Fund Income in April:
\$10,129.20
General Fund Expenses in April:
\$23,423.89

05/19 Attendance 72

Ridge Road Project of the Month(s): Trees

As a requirement from the village of Minooka, as many as 70 trees will be planted on the Ridge Road property. To help with this expense, the Ridge Road Project of the Month is being restarted! Any donation is welcome! A donation of \$200 or more can be given in honor or memory of a friend or family member. Your tree donation can be made now through the end of June by indicating the information on an offering envelope or via online MyEoffering. Questions? Contact Gail Girard at mumcfinancialsecretary@gmail.com or cell 815-685-3520.

Spirit Wear aka Merch!

If you would like to add to your MUMC wardrobe, there are shirts for sizing and purchase at the back of the sanctuary. The Love Your Neighbor and the MUMC logo are available in 3 colors and several styles. See Gail Girard at the end of Worship service for purchases. An online store can be accessed at any time, as well. <https://mumcgrowwithus.itemorder.com>

Magnetic Name Badges Available

As a welcoming community of found family, we want to know everyone's name. We will now be offering magnetic name badges for \$5 to replace your pinned one if you like. These badges are easier to place and more versatile. Please see Gail Girard for your new badge.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY!

Now is a great time to join our **Thursday night Bible Study!** We have finished the first season of The Chosen Bible Study and have decided to start reading The Acts of the Apostles. We will start with Acts on May 30th at 7:30 at Ridge Road. You don't need to read ahead or prepare anything. ALL are welcome for snacks, Bible reading, and good conversation! We have a great time on Thursday nights and would love for more to join us!

Volunteers Needed

Do you have four hours per month to serve others at our Helping Hands Food Pantry? Helping Hands is our church-based community food pantry, a collaborative between Minooka UMC and St. Mary's Catholic Church. It is run entirely by volunteers from our two congregations. Food Pantry hours are on the second Saturday, second Tuesday and second Wednesday of each month from roughly 9am-12 noon. Saturday hours are shorter. You don't have to commit every month. Please see Mari Kirsch or Jeannette Harris for more info..

Helping Hands is looking for some specific item's to be donated.

- *Cooking Oil
- *Chocolate Syrup
- *Jello-Any Flavor
- *Pineapple—Chunks or rings
- *Coffee-Regular Ground
- *Sugar
- *Fruit Cups
- *Pudding Snacks

Summerfest 2024

Summerfest is right around the corner and MUMC will be there representing! We are in need of cases of water to give away at our table this year. Any donations of bottled water will be appreciated.

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SUNDAY 26TH

9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP
 10:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

MONDAY 27TH

TUESDAY 28TH

12:00PM FAITHTALK BIBLE STUDY
 7:00PM—CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 29TH

5:00PM PRAYER TEAM

THURSDAY 30TH

7:30PM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY 31ST

SATURDAY JUNE 1ST

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~Tuesday May 28th @ 7PM—Church Council Meeting
- ~Sunday June 2nd—Honoring Graduates
- ~Tuesday June 4th @ 6:30PM—Trustee Meeting (Sanctuary)
- ~Sat. June 8th @ 10:30AM Memorial Service for Martha Ann Harvey



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

27	George Coley
28	Doug Lockwood
30	Kayli Jones
30	Jayme McGehee

No Anniversaries

Verse 2

Let's talk together of a time when we will share a feast,
 Where pride and power kneel to serve the lonely and the least,
 And joy will set the table as we join our hands to pray,

Refrain

Singing welcome, welcome to this place
 You're invited to come and know God's grace
 All are welcome the love of God to share
 'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

Verse 3

Let's dream together of the day when earth and heaven are one,
 A city built of love and light, the new Jerusalem,
 Where our mourning turns to dancing, every creature lifts its
 voice,

Refrain

Crying welcome, welcome to this place
 You're invited to come and know God's grace
 All are welcome the love of God to share
 'cause all of us are welcome here; All are welcome in this place.

Blessing Children

Katrina Nolan, Sunday School Director

Praying

"Memorial Prayer"

Adapted from UM Book of Worship Lay Reader

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: Creator God, before whom stand the living and the dead,
 we your children give thanks to you: for all those you have placed
 on our paths, whose lives have empowered us, whose influence
 has given us healing, we lift up thankful hearts. For the dear
 friends and family members whose faces we no longer see, but
 whose love remains with us forever...

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: For the teachers and friends of our youth, and the members of our “found family” who are now joined with you in heaven...

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: For those who sacrificed themselves, our siblings who have given their lives for the sake of others. That we may always remember them and think of them united with you in heaven, a place where the gates are open waiting for us.

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: Lord, we dedicate ourselves now to working for a world where fear is dispelled and the nations made one.

We now pray together in Jesus’ name, using the words he taught us to pray saying...[Lord’s Prayer, UMH #894]

***Singing** “Let There Be Peace On Earth” UMH #431

Verse 1

Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
The peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator,
Children all are we.
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Verse 2

Let peace begin with me;
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
And let it begin with me.

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*Sending Forth

Chris Vause

Lord, grant that what has been said with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and that what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives. May we go forth in kindness to show our world that we are Christians by our words and actions.

Many Voices: Amen.

Exiting Music



Reading Scripture Luke 10:25-37 (The Voice) Lay Reader

Just then a scholar of the Hebrew Scriptures tried to trap Jesus.

Scholar: Teacher, what must I do to experience the eternal life?

Jesus: *(answering with a question):* ²⁶ What is written in the Hebrew Scriptures? How do you interpret their answer to your question?

Scholar: ²⁷ You shall love—“love the Eternal One your God with everything you have: all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind”[a]—and “love your neighbor as yourself.”

Jesus: ²⁸ Perfect. Your answer is correct. Follow these commands and you will live.

²⁹ *The scholar was frustrated by this response because he was hoping to make himself appear smarter than Jesus.*

Scholar: Ah, but who is my neighbor?

Jesus: ³⁰ This fellow was traveling down from Jerusalem to Jericho when some robbers mugged him. They took his clothes, beat him to a pulp, and left him naked and bleeding and in critical condition. ³¹ By chance, a priest was going down that same road, and when he saw the wounded man, he crossed over to the other side and passed by. ³² Then a Levite who was on his way to assist in the temple also came and saw the victim lying there, and he too kept his distance. ³³ Then a despised Samaritan journeyed by. When he saw the fellow, he felt compassion for him. ³⁴ The Samaritan went over to him, stopped the bleeding, applied some first aid, and put the poor fellow on his donkey. He brought the man to an inn and cared for him through the night.

³⁵ The next day, the Samaritan took out some money—two days' wages[c] to be exact—and paid the innkeeper, saying, "Please take care of this fellow, and if this isn't enough, I'll repay you next time I pass through."

³⁶ Which of these three proved himself a neighbor to the man who had been mugged by the robbers?

Scholar: ³⁷ The one who showed mercy to him."

Reader: May God add blessings to the reading, hearing and living of these words.

Many voices: Amen

Proclaiming "Proceed with Kindness" Chris Vause
Certified Speaker

***Singing** "Wounded World That Cries For Healing" TFWS #2177

Verse 1

Wounded world that cries for healing
Here we hold each other's pain,
Wounded systems, bruised and bleeding
Bear the load, the scars of strain;
Dollars ration out compassion,
Hard decisions rule the day,
Jesus of the healing Spirit,
Free us to another way!

Verse 2

Through our nation's pent frustration,
Through the corridors of stress
May there move a kindlier wisdom
All may feel, and all may bless;
Tax and tithe are for a purpose
Shared to shield the poor and weak;
Past the symptoms of our sickness
Let the voice of justice speak.

Verse 3

Honor those whose loving spirit
Nurses hope, restores and heals,
Towel and basin used in service
Like the Christ who comes and kneels;
In the tending, in the mending
May we see the right and fair,
In our common quest for wholeness
Heal each other by our care.

Giving

Blessing Our Gifts with Music and Prayer Lay Reader

Many Voices: Eternal God, as we bring forth our offerings today, we are reminded of your enduring presence among us. With hearts full of gratitude, we offer these gifts as a symbol of our commitment to live lives of worship and of kindness to others, not just within these walls but in every moment of our existence. May our actions, our words, and our very lives be a testament to your loving-kindness, shining forth your love and grace to all we encounter. Amen.

***Singing** "Make Me A Servant Lord" TFWS #2176 (X2)

Chorus

Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

Repeat Chorus