

When do our Groups & Studies meet next?

<b>Book Group</b> - Title "A Fever in the Heartland" by Timothy Egan.	Monday 06/24 @ 7PM
<b>Bible Study</b> Reading "The Acts of the Apostles" Interested persons can contact Jennifer Ferguson. <i>Location: Ridge Road</i>	Thursday @ 7:30PM
<b>Faithtalk</b> - Women's Bible Study <i>Meets at Ridge Road.</i>	Tuesday @ Noon
<b>Prayer Team</b> Come pray for your needs and concerns. <i>Meets at Ridge Road.</i>	Wednesday @ 5:00PM
<b>Skeptic's Circle</b> Via Zoom—log on to <a href="http://minookaumc.com/question">minookaumc.com/question</a> for details to register.	Wednesday 06/26 @ 6:30PM

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

LAY READER	CHRIS VAUSE
SONG LEADERS	GAIL GIRARD, RUTH SATORIUS & SUSAN SPENCER

CHURCH STAFF

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**“Is Our God Too Small?”**



**Welcome!**

**Minooka United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 9:30am**

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\* Stand if you are able

**Entering Music**

**Welcoming**

Pastor Dave

**Preparing**

**\*Gathering**

Lay Reader

Reader: The life of faith is a journey with others. We travel as a people, together on a winding road.

**Many Voices: We share our lives, our experiences, our hopes, our fears. So we gather to celebrate the richness and diversity of life and the never-ending love of God for all people!**

**\*Singing**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

UMH #519

Verse 1

Lift every voice and sing,  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith  
That the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope  
That the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

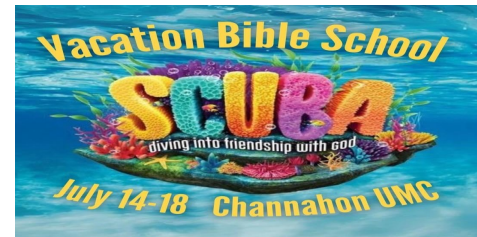
Thank you for your **prayers, presence, and gifts!**  
If those who offered an estimate of their giving to the General Fund for 2024 gave 40% of their commitment through May, we would expect to have \$52,711. Through May we have actually collected \$57,867! That's about 5% ahead of expectations—thank you!  
  
06/09 Attendance 57 Online 11

**Ridge Road Project of the Month(s): Trees**  
As a requirement from the village of Minooka, as many as 50 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>

**Book Club!**  
Our books for June are arriving at the library! The title is “A Fever in the Heartland—The Klu Klux Klan’s plan to take over America, and the Woman who stopped them” by Timothy Egan. I’ve read this book and it’s very disturbing but also thought-provoking. It is sure to lead to very good discussions.

**THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY!**  
Now is a great time to join our **Thursday night Bible Study!** We are reading The Acts of the Apostles. 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 at 7:30 on Thursday’s at Ridge Rd.



**Dive into an Unforgettable Adventure at SCUBA Vacation Bible School!**  
We're excited to invite all children, ages preschool through 5th grade, to join us for a week of underwater adventure at our SCUBA Vacation Bible School! From Sunday, July 14 to Thursday, July 18, our young explorers will dive deep into fun and faith-filled activities. They won't want to miss out on the exciting games, crafts, and lessons we have planned, so register today! We're also still looking for fantastic volunteers to help make this event a success. Whether you can lend a hand with crafts, games, or simply provide a warm smile, we would love to have you on our team. It's sure to be a rewarding experience! Both attendees and volunteers can register online at: <https://vbsspro.events/p/cmumc2024>

**PET BLESSING**  
Sunday, June 23rd at 11:30AM at Minooka UMC. We are so grateful for our pets! They are such an integral part of so many families. All are welcome to bring their pets to our open field for this service of blessing.

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**June 16th, 2024**

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**SUNDAY 16TH**

9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP

**MONDAY 17TH**

**TUESDAY 18TH**

12:00PM FAITHTALK BIBLE STUDY

**WEDNESDAY 19TH**

5:00PM PRAYER TEAM

10:30AM—PARK POINTE REHAB WORSHIP (MORRIS)

**THURSDAY 20TH**

7:30PM BIBLE STUDY

**FRIDAY 21ST**

**SATURDAY 22ND**

**OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

~Sunday June 23rd @ 11:30AM—Pet Blessing

~Tuesday June 25th @ 7PM—Church Council Meeting

~Monday June 24th @ 7PM Via Zoom—Finance Meeting

~Wed. June 26th @ 6:30PM Via Zoom—Skeptics Circle



**Happy Father's Day!**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

20 Andy Anderson  
 22 Kelly Neri  
 22 Oliva White

17 Bob & Jody Moorman  
 18 Adam & Jessica Jordan  
 21 Joe & Gail Girard

Verse 2

Stony the road we trod,  
 Bitter the chastening rod,  
 Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
 Yet with a steady beat,  
 Have not our weary feet  
 Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
 We have come over a way  
 That with tears has been watered;  
 We have come, treading our path  
 Through the blood of the slaughtered,  
 Out from the gloomy past,  
 Till now we stand at last  
 Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

Verse 3

God of our weary years,  
 God of our silent tears,  
 Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
 Thou who hast by Thy might  
 Led us into the light;  
 Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
 Lest our feet stray from the places,  
 Our God, where we met Thee;  
 Lest our hearts drunk with the wine  
 Of the world, we forget Thee;  
 Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
 May we forever stand,  
 True to our God, true to our native land.

**Conversing With Children**

## Praying

### [Quiet reflection]

Reader: God of tenderness, we thank you for this day and we thank you for our fathers. Those with us and those gone before us. Those who held us and showed us what it means to belong to one another. In a society that often demands a singular portrait of the masculine, awaken memories and stories of the tenderness of fatherhood, that our narrative would not allow the men in our lives to be reduced. Grant those who have longed for their father more than they have been held by him the space to lament, to grieve in the way they need to. Place people in their lives to remind them they are no less worthy of love.

### [Quiet reflection]

Reader: God of broken chains, on this day we remember. We pray for peace and deep rest for our ancestors; especially those who labored without agency over their bodies for generations. We marvel at the dreamers—those who imagined liberation regained, those who fought, strategized, and organized. We grieve for the brutality of families alienated from one another. We pray for every body broken, bruised, and lynched. Remind us there is no void, no evil that can match the strength of our collective hope in you. Hold us in the same holy darkness that protected so many on their journey to liberation.

### [Quiet reflection]

Reader: May we all be held and known and loved. Our prayer concludes as Jesus taught us, saying... [Lord's Prayer, UMH #894] (Adapted from Black Liturgies by Cole Arthur Riley)

## Sending Forth

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### Bring Forth the Kingdom

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**\*Singing**

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

TFWS #2190

Verse 1

You are salt for the earth, O people:  
Salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavour of life, O people:  
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!

Verse 2

You are a light on the hill, O people:  
Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God!  
(Refrain)

Verse 3

You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
Grow in the Kingdom of God!  
(Refrain)

Verse 4

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:  
Bound for the Kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
Love is the Kingdom of God!  
(Refrain)

**\*Singing**

“This is my Father’s World”

UMH #144

Verse 1

This is my Father's world,  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

Verse 2

This is my Father's world,  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
He shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;  
He speaks to me everywhere.

Verse 3

This is my Father's world.  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

## Reading Scripture

Jonah3:10-4:11 (The Message) Lay Reader

3<sup>10</sup> God saw what they had done, that they had turned away from their evil lives. He did change his mind about them. What he said he would do to them he didn't do.

4<sup>1-2</sup> Jonah was furious. He lost his temper. He yelled at God, "God! I knew it—when I was back home, I knew this was going to happen! That's why I ran off to Tarshish! I knew you were sheer grace and mercy, not easily angered, rich in love, and ready at the drop of a hat to turn your plans of punishment into a program of forgiveness!

3<sup>3</sup> "So, God, if you won't kill them, kill me! I'm better off dead!"

4<sup>4</sup> God said, "What do you have to be angry about?"

5<sup>5</sup> But Jonah just left. He went out of the city to the east and sat down in a sulk. He put together a makeshift shelter of leafy branches and sat there in the shade to see what would happen to the city.

6<sup>6</sup> God arranged for a broad-leafed tree to spring up. It grew over Jonah to cool him off and get him out of his angry sulk. Jonah was pleased and enjoyed the shade. Life was looking up.

7-8<sup>7-8</sup> But then God sent a worm. By dawn of the next day, the worm had bored into the shade tree and it withered away. The sun came up and God sent a hot, blistering wind from the east. The sun beat down on Jonah's head and he started to faint. He prayed to die: "I'm better off dead!"

9<sup>9</sup> Then God said to Jonah, "What right do you have to get angry about this shade tree?"

Jonah said, "Plenty of right. It's made me angry enough to die!"

10-11<sup>10-11</sup> God said, "What's this? How is it that you can change your feelings from pleasure to anger overnight about a mere shade tree that you did nothing to get? You neither planted nor watered it. It grew up one night and died the next night. So, why can't I likewise change what I feel about Nineveh from anger to pleasure, this big city of more than 120,000 childlike people who don't yet know right from wrong, to say nothing of all the innocent animals?"

Reader: May God bless the reading, hearing, and living of these words.

**Many voices: Amen**

**Proclaiming** "Is Our God Too Small?" Pastor Dave

**\*Singing** "Live in Charity" TFWS #2179 (X3)

Live in Charity and steadfast love,  
Live in charity; God will Dwell with you.

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**Giving** Pastor Dave

**Blessing our Gifts with Music and Prayer** Lay Reader

**Many Voices: Source of all love and goodness, our hearts are full of gratitude for all the ways you bless us and care for us. Help us to be instruments of your peace, working for the well-being of all people. Bless these offerings and strengthen our commitment to love and serve our neighbors. Amen.**