

When do our Groups & Studies meet next?

<b>Book Group</b> - Title "Mad Honey" by Jodi Picoult.	Monday 07/22 @ 7PM
<b>Bible Study</b> Reading "The Acts of the Apostles" Interested persons can contact Jennifer Ferguson. Location: Ridge Road	Thursday @ 7:30PM
<b>Faithtalk</b> - 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> Meets at Starbucks	Wednesday 07/24 @ 6:30PM

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

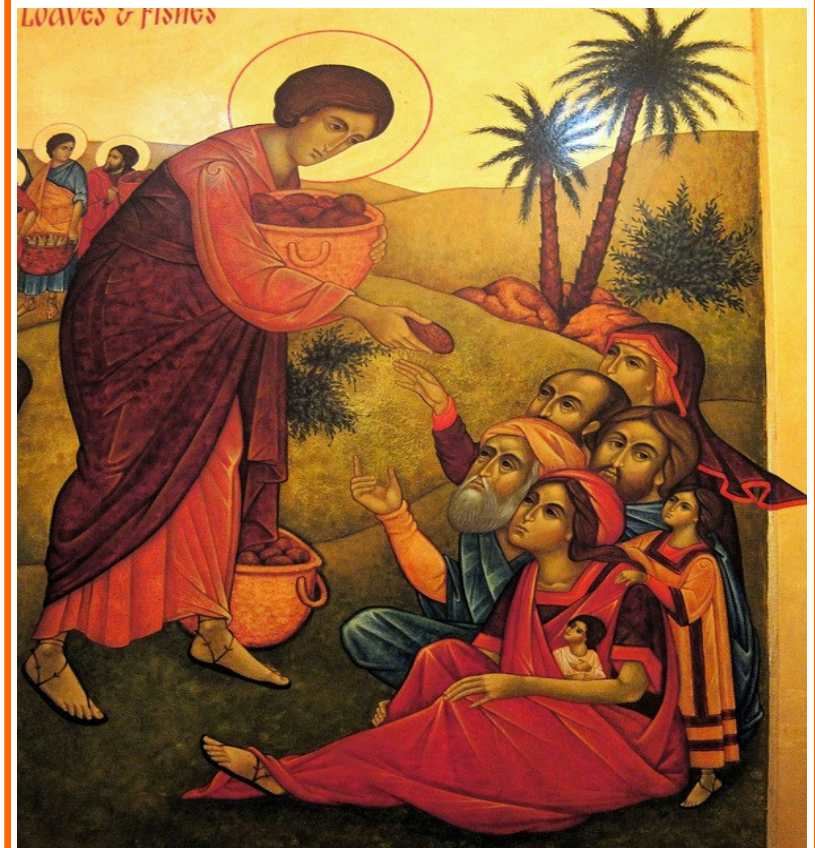
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**"Guess Who's Staying for Dinner?"**



**Welcome!**

**Minooka United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, July 14th, 2024 9:30am**

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\* Stand if you are able

**Entering Music**

**Welcoming**

Pastor Dave

**Preparing**

**\*Gathering**

Lay Reader

Reader: Our Creative God gives us a rich symphony with which to lift our praises. Our words, our songs, our time, our energy, and our actions—

**Many Voices: All given in acknowledgement of God’s gracious and benevolent love for us.**

Reader: We give back to God in lavish faithfulness as we care for the world God made, and for all people whom God loves.

**Many Voices: We worship in music, prayer, and thought today—and by our discipleship every day!**

**\*Singing**

“We Gather Together”

UMH #131

Verse 1

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Verse 2

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, was at our side, the glory be Thine!

**Thank you for generously giving your presence and gifts!**

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July 7 attendance: 67 in person; 19 online

Giving to General Fund in June: \$18,222.79

Expenses from General Fund in June: \$14,322.91

What a tremendous turn-a-round in June to have almost \$4000 more income than expenses!

Thank you!

07/07 Attendance 67 Online 19

**What do you call a Garage Sale when you don’t have a garage and the sale is indoors? Is it a Sanctuary Sale? Is it a Garage Sale in the Sanctuary (aka Multipurpose Room)?**

Whatever the title, we’re having one September 20th & 21st! Do you have items in your home that you have been meaning to donate? Let the Outreach Committee take them off your hands! Please go through your basements, closets, homes, and garages and bring your items to MUMC. Soon, tables will be placed in the Sanctuary to collect your items for the sale. Proceeds from this community-wide event will go to our General Fund, empowering our mission and ministries to make disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world. We are also looking for volunteers.

For more info please reach out to Gail Flatness at 815.342.5535

**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.

**What does discipleship entail?**

Here at Minooka UMC, our ministries include feeding, praying, welcoming, offering safe space, learning, worshiping, and so much more. Ministries that bring to life our purpose, mission, and vision. Your generous commitments of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness make it all possible.

We recently asked you to consider adding a little extra financial gift to ensure we have the income needed to fund all our current ministries—and many of you already responded! Thank you!

In the coming weeks and months you will have the opportunity to express your commitment in all five areas of discipleship. Please begin praying and thinking about how you will give of your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness in the next year.

**SEE YOU NEXT SUNDAY 07/21 at 9AM AT CUMC!**

July 21st we will celebrate our combined VBS with a combined worship service at Channahon UMC located at 24751 W Eames St, Channahon, IL 60410 at 9:00am. After so many of our CUMC friends attended when we hosted a combined service in April, I hope you’ll all plan to be there to support all our VBS families and crew and to see our CUMC friends again! (Due to this special worship event, there will be no worship experience at our Ridge Road location July 21st.)

**Prayer Team**

If Jesus Christ, God’s son, needed to PRAY and make vital, personal contact with God the Father EVERY day; do you think there’s a possibility that You need to do that too?

Prayer Team wants to personally invite you to come join us in prayer on Wednesday’s @ 5pm in the Sanctuary. We stand on the scripture of Matthew 18:19-20.

If you are not able to attend in person, please reach out to Pastor Dave or Karen Gaba with your requests or concerns and we will lift them up in prayer.

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July 14th, 2024

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### SUNDAY 14TH

9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP  
10:45AM TRUSTEE MEETING  
6:00PM VBS BEGINS AT CUMC!



### MONDAY 15TH

6:00PM VBS AT CUMC

### TUESDAY 16TH

12:00PM FAITH TALK BIBLE STUDY  
7:00PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
6:00PM VBS AT CUMC

### WEDNESDAY 17TH

5:00PM PRAYER TEAM  
6:00PM VBS AT CUMC

### THURSDAY 18TH

7:30PM BIBLE STUDY  
6:00PM VBS AT CUMC

### FRIDAY 19TH

### SATURDAY 20TH

### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

~Sunday July 21st @ 9AM—Combined Service at CUMC

~Monday July 22nd @ 7:00PM—Book Club

~Wednesday July 24th @ 6:30PM—Skeptics Circle (Meet at Starbucks)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

14 Marion Geyer  
15 Dee Dee Casagrande  
15 Karli Gossen  
15 Hilary Wright  
19 Avery Klug

14 John and Christy McGrath  
19 Robert & Karen Nave

Verse 3

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

### Conversing With Children

### Praying

Lay Reader

[Centering silence has its roots in the earliest of monastic traditions of the 'desert Fathers and Mothers' and the Christian mystic tradition. Relaxing into quietness creates the space for deep listening and draws you into yourself.]

Let us be still and know that all will be well, that in all manner of things it will be well...

### [Quiet reflection]

Draw your deep breath, knowing you are welcomed and valued now, here. Be at peace and at one with yourself and with those close by...

### [Quiet reflection]

Let us be guided by love and imagination for what is yet to be, this day and each day...

### [Quiet reflection]

Reader: Bless us, Wellspring of Life, that we may become the building blocks of your commonwealth among us. Our prayer continues as Jesus taught us, saying... [Lord's Prayer, UMH #894]

**\*Singing**

“This is My Song”

UMH #437

Verse 1

This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating with  
hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

Verse 2

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.

O hear my song, Thou God of all nations,  
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

Verse 3

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:  
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;  
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

Refrain

Praying, let us work for peace,  
Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

**\*Sending Forth**

Pastor Dave

**Exiting Music**

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A Place at the Table

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**Many Voices: As we bring forth our gifts, may we also bring our vulnerabilities, trusting in your grace to transform our weaknesses into strengths for the work of your kin-dom. Amen.**

**\*Singing** "Song of Hope" (Canto de Esperanza) TFWS #2186

Verse

May the God of hope go with us ev'ry day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to ev'ry land and race.

Refrain

Praying, let us work for peace,  
Singing, share our joy with all,  
Working for a world that's new,  
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Verso

¡Dios de la esperanza, danos gozo y paz!  
Al mundo en crisis, habla tu verdad.  
Dios de la justicia, mándanos tu luz,  
Luz y esperanza en la oscuridad.

Estribillo

Oremos por la paz,  
cantemos de tu amor,  
luchemos por la paz,  
fieles a ti, Señor.

Verse

May the God of hope go with us ev'ry day,  
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
Bringing light and hope to ev'ry land and race.

<sup>30-31</sup> The apostles then rendezvoused with Jesus and reported on all that they had done and taught. Jesus said, "Come off by yourselves; let's take a break and get a little rest." For there was constant coming and going. They didn't even have time to eat.

<sup>32-34</sup> So they got in the boat and went off to a remote place by themselves. Someone saw them going and the word got around. From the surrounding towns people went out on foot, running, and got there ahead of them. When Jesus arrived, he saw this huge crowd. At the sight of them, his heart broke—like sheep with no shepherd they were. He went right to work teaching them.

<sup>35-36</sup> When his disciples thought this had gone on long enough—it was now quite late in the day—they interrupted: "We are a long way out in the country, and it's very late. Pronounce a benediction and send these folks off so they can get some supper."

<sup>37</sup> Jesus said, "You do it. Fix supper for them." They replied, "Are you serious? You want us to go spend a fortune on food for their supper?"

<sup>38</sup> But he was quite serious. "How many loaves of bread do you have? Take an inventory."

That didn't take long. "Five," they said, "plus two fish."

<sup>39-44</sup> Jesus got them all to sit down in groups of fifty or a hundred—they looked like a patchwork quilt of wildflowers spread out on the green grass! He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples, and the disciples in turn gave it to the people. He did the same with the fish. They all ate their fill. The disciples gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. More than five thousand were at the supper.

Reader: Into this day will break moments of awareness, tiny shards of light that illumine the whole reality of existence.

**Many Voices: May this reading be such a moment and may we be blessed by its gift. Amen.**

**Proclaiming** "Guess Who's Staying for Dinner?" Pastor Dave

**\*Singing** "A Place at the Table" W&S #3149

Verse 1

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
For everyone born, clean water and bread,  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
For everyone born, a star over head.

Refrain

And God will delight  
When we are creators of justice and joy,  
Yes, God will delight  
When we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

Verse 2

For woman and man, a place at the table,  
For revising the roles, deciding the share,  
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
For woman and man, a system that's fair.

Refrain

And God will delight  
When we are creators of justice and joy,  
Yes, God will delight  
When we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

Verse 3

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
For young and for old, the right to belong.

Refrain

And God will delight  
When we are creators of justice and joy,  
Yes, God will delight  
When we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

Verse 4

For just and unjust, a place at the table,  
Abuser, abused, with need to forgive,  
In anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,  
For just and unjust, a new way to live.

Refrain

And God will delight  
When we are creators of justice and joy,  
Yes, God will delight  
When we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

Verse 5

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
To live without fear, and simply to be,  
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
For everyone born, the right to be free.

Refrain

And God will delight  
When we are creators of justice and joy,  
Yes, God will delight  
When we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

**Giving**

Pastor Dave