

When do our Groups & Studies meet next?

<b>Book Group</b> - Title "The Life We Bury" by Allen Eskens.	Monday 08/26 @ 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 08/28 @ 6:30PM

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**"The Wisdom of Solomon"**



**Welcome!**

**Minooka United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, August 11th, 2024 9:30am**

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\* Stand if you are able

**Entering Music**

**Welcoming**

**Preparing**

**\*Gathering**

Lay Reader

Reader: As we gather together today, may the Spirit of Wisdom comfort us, inspire us, and help us recognize the symbols of life all around us:

**Many Voices; Light and noise; infants and adults; birds and animals; colors and movement; words of goodwill; acts of generosity; songs of joy.**

Reader: May we be renewed everyday, as we generously share life.

**Many Voices: Spirit of Wisdom, in all our living, may we be freed to see things afresh, to be more fully alive, and have the courage to keep trusting You.**

**\*Singing**

“Welcome”

W&S #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 the generous stewardship of your presence!**

Attendance July 28 at MUMC:  
58 in person; 26 online

**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

**Senior Luncheon is Back!**

“Forever Young” Senior

Luncheon is so glad to be BACK!

On the third Wednesday of the month, we will hold a free lunch at St. Mary’s Parish Hall for ages 55 and better! Invite friends and neighbors (55 years and older) and plan to have fun! Due to the popularity of the luncheon please make your reservation by calling 815-467-2322. We are returning September 18th at 11:30am. See you there!

**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.



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**SUNDAY 11TH**

9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30AM BACKPACK BLESSING—DURING SERVICE

**MONDAY 12TH**

**TUESDAY 13TH**

12:00PM FAITH TALK BIBLE STUDY

**WEDNESDAY 14TH**

5:00PM PRAYER TEAM

7:30AM AND 1PM 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL COFFEE AND PRAYER

6PM OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

10:30AM PARK POINTE REHAB WORSHIP SERVICE (MORRIS, IL)

**THURSDAY 15TH**

7:30PM BIBLE STUDY

**FRIDAY 16TH**

**SATURDAY 17TH**

7PM YOUTH GROUP BONFIRE

**OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

~Sunday August 18th—Sunday School Resumes!

~ Monday August 26th @ 7pm—Book Club

~Tuesday August 27th @ 7pm—Church Council Meeting

~Wednesday August 28th @ 6:30pm—Skeptics Circle

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

13 Paul Froidcoeur  
16 Karen Dorick  
17 Shirley Deary

15 William & Julie Dasbach

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.

**Backpack Blessing**

Katrina Nolan,  
Sunday School Director

Katrina: God of fresh starts and new beginnings, we bring ourselves, our big feelings, and our backpacks to you.

In our backpacks, we carry blank pages, sharpened pencils, and pointy crayons, and in our hearts, we carry big feelings, unanswered questions, and hopeful expectations. There are endless possibilities of what this new year might bring— of what we might learn, who we might meet, and who we might become.

God, our friend who is always with us, be with us through it all. Be with us as we ride the bus. Be with us as we walk. Be with us as we buckle seat belts, zip-up jackets, and tie shoes. However we get there, and whatever we wear, bless this journey into something new. For the grown-ups going back to school, With-Us God, be with them too. Thank you for our teachers, helpers, caregivers, and leaders, and for all they do to help us learn and grow. God, our friend who's full of wonder, fill their hearts and bless their hands. Amen.

## Praying

### [Quiet reflection]

Reader: We follow you, Jesus, as we worship today. In words of love and devotion sung and spoken, in service and kindness, in shared life and shared humanity. We pray for wisdom and affirmation to empower our families and communities. We pray for confession and forgiveness to reconcile personal and national enemies and lead us into integrity and goodness.

### [Quiet reflection]

Reader: We pray for thanksgiving and generosity to curb our greed and overcome poverty. We pray for intercession and compassionate acts to heal the broken, defend the weak, and guide the powerful. We pray to be your hands, feet, and voice in the world which embraces all people with kindness.

### [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]

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**\*Singing**

“Thy Word is a Lamp”

UMH #601

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp unto my  
feet and a light unto my path.

Verse 1

When I feel afraid,  
think I've lost my way,  
still You're there right beside me,  
and nothing will I fear  
as long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end.

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp unto my  
feet and a light unto my path.

Verse 2

Now I will not forget  
Your love for me and yet  
my heart forever is wandering. Jesus,  
be my guide and hold me to Your side,  
and I will love You to the end.

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp unto my  
feet and a light unto my path.

**Solomon’s Wisdom in Judgment**

<sup>16</sup> Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. <sup>17</sup> The one woman said, “Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house, and I gave birth while she was in the house. <sup>18</sup> Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house; only the two of us were in the house. <sup>19</sup> Then this woman’s son died in the night because she lay on him. <sup>20</sup> She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast and laid her dead son at my breast. <sup>21</sup> When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead, but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne.” <sup>22</sup> But the other woman said, “No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours.” The first said, “No, the dead son is yours, and the living son is mine.” So they argued before the king.

<sup>23</sup> Then the king said, “The one says, ‘This is my son who is alive, and your son is dead,’ while the other says, ‘Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one.’ ” <sup>24</sup> So the king said, “Bring me a sword,” and they brought a sword before the king. <sup>25</sup> The king said, “Divide the living boy in two; then give half to the one and half to the other.” <sup>26</sup> But the woman whose son was alive said to the king, because compassion for her son burned within her, “Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly do not kill him!” The other said, “It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it.” <sup>27</sup> Then the king responded, “Give her the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother.” <sup>28</sup> All Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him to execute justice.

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.**

**Giving**

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

**Many Voices: God of boundless love, in this sacred moment of giving, we recognize your unwavering compassion and tender mercy. Bless our gifts and our ministries so they will be a blessing for all who are burdened with pain and separateness. Amen.**

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

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.

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.