When do our Groups & Studies meet next?

Book Group - Title "The Life We Bury" by Allen Eskens.	Monday 08/26 @ 7PM
Bible Study Reading "The Acts of the Apostles" Interested persons can contact Jennifer Ferguson. Location: Ridge Road	Thursday @ 7:30PM
Faithtalk - Bible Study Meets at Ridge Road.	Tuesday @ Noon
Prayer Team Come pray for your needs and concerns. <i>Meets at Ridge Road.</i>	Wednesday @ 5:00PM
Skeptic's Circle Meets at Starbucks	Wednesday 08/28 @ 6:30PM

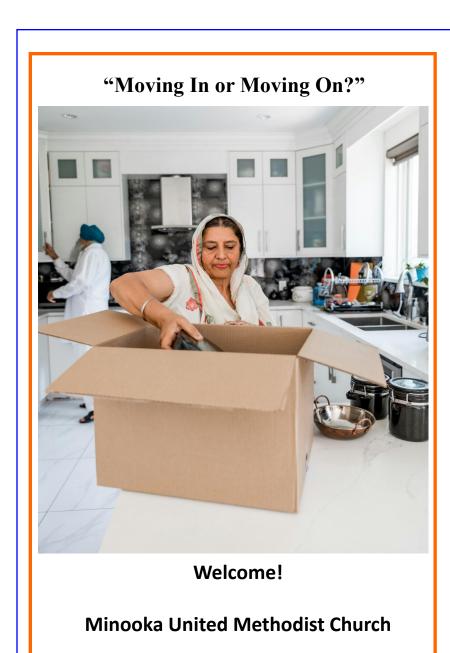
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Sunday, August 18th, 2024 9:30am

Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church Sunday, August 18th, 2024 9:30am

* Stand if you are able

Entering Music

Welcoming

Pastor Dave

Preparing

*Gathering

Lay Reader

Reader: Friends—disciples of Jesus—are you here today to receive a good word?

Many Voices: Yes! We are here to receive a good word and a blessing to carry with us into the world.

Reader: God blesses us when we join together. Are you ready to worship?

Many Voices: Yes! We are here to worship God together as we share in the good word of God's love and grace.

Reader: Then let us worship with rejoicing!

Many Voices: Praise be to God who gives us wisdom and draws us together as the found family of God!

*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.

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Thank you for generously giving of your presence and gifts! In July you gave \$1230 to our General Fund and \$310 to Ridge Road Development through our online giving platform, My E-Offering. If you want to simplify (or automate) your offerings, click on the Give link on our website.

Attendance Aug. 11 at MUMC In person: 64; online: 22

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.

Join Us for a Community Block Party!

Join us for a free block party that promises fun for the entire family on Saturday, September 7th from 1-5pm. We will have Inflatables and Activities for the Kids, Yard Games for the Adults, Free Hot Dog Meal and a Meet and Greet. It is sure to be a great time for all!



Where: Minooka United Methodist Church

When: Tuesday, September 24, 2024



Minooka United Methodist Church August 18th, 2024 www.minookaumc.com 815-467-2322



SUNDAY 18TH 9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

MONDAY 19TH

TUESDAY 20тн 12:00PM FAITHTALK BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY 21ST 5:00PM PRAYER TEAM

THURSDAY 22ND 7:30PM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY 23rd

SATURDAY 24TH

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday August 26th @ 7pm—Book Club
 Monday August 26th @ 7pm—Finance Meeting
 Tuesday August 27th @ 7pm—Church Council Meeting
 Wednesday August 28th @ 6:30pm—Skeptics Circle

HAPPY BRTHDAY!

18 Connor Yenser

- Larry Larson
 Jerry Morrow
- 20 Powell Patterson
- 21 Cadon Casagrande
- 21 Calvin Sabo
- 21 Adam Satorius
- 23 Kyla Kohler
- 24 Ron Herath24 Marguerite Stelling

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.

Conversing with Children

Praying

Lay Reader

Centering silence has its roots in the early Christian mystic tradition. Relaxing into quietness creates the space for deep listening to God.

Reader: Come apart from the busyness of family and work, and dwell in the presentness of God who is our source of being. May our lives be rich in affection, deep in understanding and sympathy for each other.

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: May the quiet which we share fill us, touch our need, enlarge our wonder, and refresh our courage to live lovingly in the world.

[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

Gus Guzman

Reading Scripture John 1:1-5, 9-14 (The Message) Lay Reader

 ¹⁻² The Word was first, the Word present to God, God present to the Word. The Word was God, in readiness for God from day one.
 ³⁻⁵ Everything was created through him; nothing—not one thing! came into being without him.
 What came into existence was Life, and the Life was Light to live by.
 The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out. *Sending Forth

Pastor Dave

Exiting Music

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Shine Jesus Shine

CCLI Song # 30426 CCLI License # 11359127 Graham Kendrick © 1987 Make Way Music (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.) For use solely with the SongSelect[®] Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com Refrain Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land With the Father's glory, Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire; Flow, river, flow, Flood the nations With grace and mercy, Send forth Your word, Lord, And let there be light.

Verse 3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, So our faces display Your likeness; Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me, shine on me.

> Refrain Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land With the Father's glory, Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire; Flow, river, flow, Flood the nations With grace and mercy, Send forth Your word, Lord, And let there be light.

⁹⁻¹³ The Life-Light was the real thing: Every person entering Life he brings into Light. He was in the world, the world was there through him, and yet the world didn't even notice. He came to his own people, but they didn't want him. But whoever did want him, who believed he was who he claimed and would do what he said. He made to be their true selves, their child-of-God selves. These are the God-begotten, not blood-begotten, not flesh-begotten, not sex-begotten. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out. true from start to finish.

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

Pastor Dave

Blessing our Gifts with Music and Prayer

Lay Reader

*Singing

"Word of God, Come Down on Earth" UMH #182, v1,3-4

Verse 1 Word of God, come down on earth, Living rain from heaven descending; Touch our hearts and bring to birth Faith and hope and love unending. Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Verse 3

Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our mortal blindness; Deaf we are; our healer be; Loose our tongues to tell your kindness. Be our Word in pity spoken; Heal the world, by our sin broken.

Verse 4

Word that speaks your Father's love, One with God beyond all telling, Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling, Word of truth, to all truth lead us; Word of life, with one Bread feed us. Many Voices: Generous God, in this moment of offering, we stand before you, acknowledging your boundless wisdom and unfailing love. As we present our gifts, we also lift our prayers for guidance and understanding. Bless these offerings and our lives, so that we may continue to worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

*Singing

"Shine, Jesus, Shine" TFWS #2173, v1&3

Refrain Shine, Jesus, shine, Fill this land With the Father's glory, Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire; Flow, river, flow, Flood the nations With grace and mercy, Send forth Your word, Lord, And let there be light.

Verse 1

Lord, the light of Your love is shining In the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, Set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.