

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

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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

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**"Who's Hungry?"**



**Welcome!**

**Minooka United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, August 25th, 2024 9:30am**

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\* Stand if you are able

**Entering Music**

**Welcoming**

Pastor Dave

**Preparing**

**\*Gathering**

Lay Reader

Reader: Friends, where do we find God’s presence among us?

**Many Voices: God calls us to witness extraordinary love in ordinary moments.**

Reader: Disciples of Jesus, how does God’s presence work among us?

**Many Voices: God uses the messy and mundane to heal and restore us all.**

Reader: Found Family, what does God’s presence do in our midst?

**Many Voices: God opens us to recognize presence, sustenance, and abundance where the world perceives isolation and lack.**

Reader: Beloved, as we continue to learn to follow Jesus, why are we here?

**Many Voices: We gather to worship God with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness!**

**\*Singing**

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

UMH #641(x2)

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

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

With the holiday and a Sunday away at CUMC, the July financial report could have been rough. Instead, thanks to your faithful giving, we added \$2600 to the General Fund in July!

Attendance Aug. 18 at MUMC  
In person: 66; online: 21

**Garage and Trunk Sale**

We’re having a garage and trunk sale 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?**

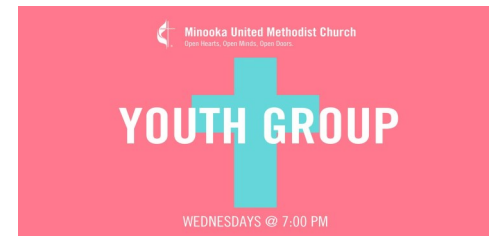
Here at Minooka UMC, our ministries include feeding, praying, welcoming, offering safe space, learning, worshiping, and so much more. Ministries that bring to life our purpose, mission, and vision. Your generous commitments of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness make it all possible.

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!



**Youth Group!**

Join us every Wednesday from 7-8 pm for a time of fun, fellowship, and faith! Our Youth Group provides a welcoming and safe space for students to connect with their peers, build confidence, and grow in their faith in Jesus Christ. Dinner is provided. For more details, please contact Jennifer Ferguson.

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**SUNDAY 25TH**

9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

**MONDAY 26TH**

7:00PM BOOK CLUB

7:00PM FINANCE MEETING

**TUESDAY 27TH**

12:00PM FAITHTALK BIBLE STUDY

7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 28TH**

10:30AM WORSHIP AT PARK POINTE REHAB

5:00PM PRAYER TEAM

6:30PM SKEPTIC'S CIRCLE

**THURSDAY 29TH**

7:30PM BIBLE STUDY

**FRIDAY 30TH**

**OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

~Monday September 2nd—Labor Day Office Closed

~ Wednesday September 4th @ 7pm—Youth Group Begins

~Saturday September 7th @ 1-5pm—Block Party

~Sunday September 15th @ 3pm—Organ Concert

~Wednesday September 18th @ 11:30am—Senior Luncheon



26 Liz Figge  
26 Pegi Laneuville  
26 Wendy Tredennick  
28 Dale Lockwood  
28 Joye O'Keefe

15 William & Julie Dasbach  
29 Frank & Joy Hathcock

**Conversing with Children**

**Praying**

Lay Reader

**[Quiet prayer]**

Reader: The world is not healed, Compassionate God, by correct ideas or doctrine.

**Many Voices; No, the world is healed when faith becomes a fire that captures our hearts, that consumes our lives, and that moves us into actions of love and justice.**

Reader: We pray for all people in our community, friends and family members, strangers and newcomers. May our faith may be expressed through actions of love, welcome, inclusion, and celebration.

**Many Voices: We pray for all people in our nation, leaders and followers, those with much, and those with little. May our faith be expressed through actions of generosity, listening, and respecting. May we find Trinitarian unity in our diversity.**

**[Quiet prayer]**

Reader: We pray for all people in our world, those who believe as we do, and those who believe differently. May our faith may be expressed through actions of peacemaking, freedom-bringing, creation-caring, and hope-giving.

**Many Voices: Our world is not healed, Merciful God, when faith is just words, ideas, or rituals. Rather, when faith is put into Christlike action, healing happens.**

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

Reid Spears

## Reading Scripture

John 9:1-25 (The Voice)

Lay Reader

**9** While walking along the road, Jesus saw a man who was blind since his birth.

**Disciples:** <sup>2</sup> Teacher, who sinned? Who is responsible for this man's blindness? Did he commit sins that merited this punishment? If not his sins, is it the sins of his parents?

**Jesus:** <sup>3</sup> Neither. His blindness cannot be explained or traced to any particular person's sins. He is blind so the deeds of God may be put on display. <sup>4</sup> While it is daytime, we must do the works of the One who sent Me. But when the sun sets and night falls, this work is impossible. <sup>5</sup> Whenever I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.

<sup>6</sup> After He said these things, He spat on the ground and mixed saliva and dirt to form mud, which He smeared across the blind man's eyes.

**Jesus** (to the blind man): <sup>7</sup> Go, wash yourself in the pool of Siloam.

Siloam means "sent," and its name reminded us that his healing was sent by God. The man went, washed, and returned to Jesus, his eyes now alive with sight. <sup>8</sup> Then neighbors and others who knew him were confused to see a man so closely resembling the blind beggar running about.

**Townspeople:** Isn't this the man we see every day sitting and begging in the streets?

**Others:** <sup>9</sup> This is the same man.

**Still Others:** This cannot be him. But this fellow bears an uncanny resemblance to the blind man.

**Formerly Blind Man:** I am the same man. It's me!

## 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

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

## \*Sending Forth

Pastor Dave

## Exiting Music

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### Fill My Cup, Lord

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### A Place at the Table

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### Bring Forth the Kingdom

Words: Marty Haugen (Matthew 5:13-16) Music: Marty Haugen  
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**Giving** Pastor Dave

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

**Many Voices: Generous God, you restore people to health and shine light into the lives of those who are discouraged. We dedicate our offerings—and ourselves—to the work of your kingdom on earth until all have the resources they need to live and to flourish. Amen.**

**\*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)

**Townspeople**<sup>10</sup> How have your lifeless eyes been opened?

**Formerly Blind Man**<sup>11</sup> A man named Jesus approached me and made mud from the ground and applied it to my eyes. He then said to me, “Go, wash yourself in the pool of Siloam.” I went and washed, and suddenly I could see.

**Townspeople**<sup>12</sup> Where is this man who healed you?

**Formerly Blind Man**: I don’t know.

<sup>13-14</sup> The townspeople brought the formerly blind beggar to appear before the Pharisees the same day Jesus healed him, which happened to be on the Sabbath Day. <sup>15</sup> The Pharisees began questioning him, looking for some explanation for how he could now see.

**Formerly Blind Man**: He smeared mud on my eyes, and I washed; now I see.

**Some Pharisees**<sup>16</sup> God can’t possibly be behind this man because He is breaking the rules of the Sabbath.

**Other Pharisees**: How can such a lawbreaking scoundrel do something like this?

The Pharisees were at odds with one another about Jesus and could not agree *whether His power came from God or the devil*.

**Pharisees** (to the formerly blind man)<sup>17</sup> What do you say about this man, about the fact He opened your eyes so you could see?

**Formerly Blind Man**: I have no doubt—this man is a prophet. <sup>18</sup> Some of the Jews suspected the whole situation was a charade, that this man was never blind. So they summoned the man’s parents to testify about his condition.

**Pharisees:** <sup>19</sup> Is this man your son? Do you testify that he has been blind from birth? How therefore does he now see?

**Parents:** <sup>20</sup> We can tell you this much: he is our son, and he was born blind. <sup>21</sup> But his new sight is a complete mystery to us! We do not know the man who opened his eyes. Why don't you ask our son? He is old enough to speak for himself.

<sup>22</sup> The man's parents were a bit evasive because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. It had been rumored that anyone who spoke of Jesus as the Anointed One would be expelled from the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> So they deferred the thorny question to their son, <sup>24</sup> and the Pharisees called on him a second time.

**Pharisees:** Give God the credit. He's the One who healed you. All glory belongs to God. We are persuaded this man you speak of is a sinner who defies God.

**Formerly Blind Man:** <sup>25</sup> If this man is a sinner, I don't know. I am not qualified to say. I only know one thing: I was blind, and now I see.

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

**Many Voices: Amen.**

**Proclaiming** "Who's Hungry?" Pastor Dave

**\*Singing** "A Place at the Table" W&S #3149, v1-3,5

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 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!