

When do our Groups & Studies meet next?

Book Group - Title "The Measure" By "Nikke Erlick"	Monday 09/23 @ 7PM
Bible Study Reading "The Acts of the Apostles" Interested persons can contact Jennifer Ferguson. Location: Ridge Road	Thursday @ 7:30PM
Faithtalk - Bible Study <i>Meets at Ridge Road.</i>	Tuesday @ Noon
Prayer Team Come pray for your needs and concerns. <i>Meets at Ridge Road.</i>	Wednesday @ 5:00PM
Skeptic's Circle <i>Meets at Starbucks</i>	Wednesday 09/10 @ 6:30PM
Youth Group 6th through 12th Grades <i>Meets at Ridge Rd</i>	Wednesday @ 7:00PM
UWF Afternoon Circle <i>Meets at Ridge Rd.</i>	Monday 09/09 @ 1:30PM

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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

CHURCH STAFF

MINISTERS ALL DISCIPLES OF JESUS
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"Practice Makes Possible: Opening Move"



Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 8th, 2024 9:30am

**Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church
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* Stand if you are able

Entering Music

Welcoming

Pastor Dave

Preparing

***Gathering**

Lay Reader

Reader: We are grateful God is present in our lives bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, and growth out of difficulty.

Many Voices: We are grateful that, in Christ, God does not leave us alone but labors to make us whole.

Reader: We seek to see God’s hand in the unfolding of our lives.

Many Voices: We attend to the gentle guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that we may know the joy of following Jesus.

***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 generously giving of your presence and gifts!

Not everyone who gives regularly made a commitment to give a specific amount in 2024. But, through July, those who did commit to giving a specific amount have exceeded that amount by 18%! That’s over \$13,500! Thank you for your generosity!

Attendance Sept. 1st at MUMC
In person: 80; online: 16

Youth Group News

Volunteers are needed to help with our Youth Group program. Please consider using your gifts to support this ministry by signing up to come help or by providing a meal for our Youth at one of our upcoming meetings. You can sign up on the Youth Group bulletin board located behind the sound booth in our sanctuary. Meetings are Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 pm beginning on September 4th. We will serve dinner and participate in all sorts of games, crafts, and meaningful activities throughout the year.

Parents, the deadline to sign your child up for the Northern Illinois Conference Youth Retreat for students in grades 6 - 12 is September 9th. The camp will take place in Lake Geneva September 27 - 29. We are excited to spend a weekend praising God and getting to know other Youth who want to follow Jesus. Please see the flyers for this event, also located on our bulletin board!

Please contact Jennifer Ferguson or Katrina Nolan for further information!

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.

Trunk & Garage Sale Needs

"Outreach Committee needs, plastic bags, newspaper, and drink carriers. All items will be used to help support MUMC's Jems in the Garage & Treasures in the Truck Sale. There will be a box outside the sanctuary for donations. Thank You!"



You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!

Where: Minooka United Methodist Church

When: Tuesday, September 24, 2024





SUNDAY 8TH

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

MONDAY 9TH

1:30PM AFTERNOON CIRCLE

TUESDAY 10TH

12:00PM FAITHTALK BIBLE STUDY
6:30PM SKEPTICS CIRCLE (MEETS AT STARBUCKS)

WEDNESDAY 11TH

10:30AM PARK POINTE REHAB WORSHIP (MORRIS)
5:00PM PRAYER TEAM
6:00PM OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00PM YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY 12TH

7:30PM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY 13TH

SATURDAY 14TH

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~Sunday September 15th @ 3pm—Organ Concert
- ~Sunday September 15th @ 11AM—Worship Committee Meeting
- ~ Wednesday September 18th @ 12PM—Senior Luncheon
- ~ Sunday September 22nd, 29th and Oct 6th—New Member Class

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

9	Nicole Czarnecki
10	Derek Dailey
11	Mason Smith
12	Karen Crawshaw
12	Caleb Froidcoeur

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

[Quiet prayer]

Reader: There is so much we miss as we look through our eyes trained to see only the familiar, the expected, the safe. Thank you, Loving God, that you don't see this way. You look at each of us: woman and man, old and young, rich and poor, gay and straight, and you love what you see. Even in the shadows of our shame and sin, even in the cold valleys of our grief and regret, You see us – not just as we are, but as we can be – as you made us to be. You see the glory and the giftedness and the possibility. You see the nobility and the divine likeness which you placed there. Forgive us for all the times and ways we fail to see others or ourselves the way you do.

[Quiet prayer]

Reader: Thank you, Wellspring of Life, for how you see us. Please give us new eyes and new ears to see and hear like you do. Bless us, 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** "God Will Take Care of You" UMH #130, v1&4

Verse 1

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
beneath his wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you,
through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

Inviting the Community

Join Us for a Community Block Party!

Minooka United Methodist Church is thrilled to have recently relocated to our new building on Ridge Road, and we can't wait to meet all our new neighbors! Join us for a free block party that promises fun for the entire family.

Date: Saturday, September 7

Time: 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Location: 1210 S. Ridge Road, Minooka

What to Expect: Inflatables and Activities for the Kids - Bounce, play, and have a blast with a variety of activities designed just for kids. Yard Games for the Adults - Enjoy some friendly competition with yard games like cornhole, horseshoes, and more.

Free Hot Dog Meal - Hungry? Grab a free hot dog meal on us and enjoy a delicious bite. We'll also have an ice cream truck on site for a sweet treat! Meet and Greet - Get to know your neighbors and our church staff in a welcoming, festive atmosphere. We're excited to open our doors and share this special day with you. Whether you're new to the neighborhood or a familiar face, come and enjoy a day of community, fun, and fellowship. For more information, please contact the church office at 815-467-2322. See you on September 7th!

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?

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

PIPE ORGAN CONCERT

We are excited to welcome guest organist Mark Downey, the Music Director at St. Charles Episcopal Church and Dean of the Fox Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The concert will feature a selection of hymns and organ music that will uplift and inspire. While there is no charge for admission, a free will offering of a nonperishable food item for Helping Hands Food pantry would be appreciated. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music in our community on Sunday, September 15th at 3pm.

***Sending Forth**

Pastor Dave

Verse 4

No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
lean, weary one, upon his breast,
God will take care of you.

Exiting Music

Refrain

God will take care of you,
through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

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Reading Scripture

Mark 7:24-37 (The Voice)

Lay Reader

²⁴ From there Jesus and His followers traveled to the region of Tyre [and Sidon] *on the Mediterranean coast*. He hoped to slip unnoticed into a house, but people discovered His presence. ²⁵ *Shortly after He arrived*, a woman whose daughter was filled with an unclean spirit heard that He was there, so she came directly to Him and prostrated herself at His feet.

²⁶ The woman was *not a Jew, but* a Syrophenician (a Greek) by birth. *All the same*, she came to Jesus and begged Him to cast the unclean spirit out of her daughter.

Jesus (shaking His head): ²⁷ I must feed the children first. It would do no good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.

Syrophenician Woman: ²⁸ Yes, Lord, but even the dogs under the table may eat of the children's crumbs.

Jesus (smiling and nodding): ²⁹ This is a wise saying. Go back home. Your daughter is free of the spirit that troubled her.

³⁰ And when she returned to her house, *she discovered that it was as Jesus had told her*. Her daughter lay on her bed, in her right mind, whole and healthy.

³¹ Jesus traveled on His way through Tyre and Sidon, eventually returning to the region of the Sea of Galilee. From there He pressed on to the area of the Ten Cities. ³² *Among the sick* who were brought to Him was a man who was deaf and could barely speak at all, and those who brought him begged Jesus to lay His hands on the man. ³³ Jesus took him aside from the crowd, alone, and touched his ears with His fingers. Then after spitting on His fingers, Jesus touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ Looking heavenward to God, Jesus sighed and commanded,

Jesus: Open up and let this man speak.

³⁵ [Immediately] the man could hear, his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Jesus ordered those *who had witnessed this* to tell no one; but the more He insisted, the more zealously people spread the word.

People (astonished): ³⁷ He does everything so well! He even returns sound to the deaf and mute.

Reader: May the Fount of Wisdom bless the words we have read and plant them deeply in our minds, our hearts, and our lives.

Many Voices: Amen.

Proclaiming "Practice Makes Possible: Opening Move"
Pastor Dave

***Singing** "Open Our Eyes" TFWS #2086 (x2)

Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch Him,
and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.
(Repeat)

Giving Pastor Dave

Blessing our Gifts with Music and Prayer Lay Reader

"People Need the Lord" Gus Guzman

Many Voices: Generous God, we dedicate these offerings with hearts guided by your wisdom and grace. May our gifts embody your love, spreading honor, kindness, and justice to all. Use these offerings to uplift those in need, fostering hope and peace in our community. Amen.

***Singing** "I've Got Peace Like a River" TFWS #2145

Verse 1

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

Verse 2

I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

Verse 3

I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.