

**When do our Groups & Studies meet next?**

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

**LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

LAY READER DEEDEE CASAGRANDE  
SONG LEADERS GAIL GIRARD, RUTH SATORIUS & SUSAN SPENCER

**CHURCH STAFF**

MINISTERS ALL DISCIPLES OF JESUS  
LEAD PASTOR REV. DAVE BUERSTETTA  
OFFICE MANAGER MELISSA CANDLER  
MUSIC DIRECTOR JILL KOHLER  
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**"Practice Makes Possible:  
Praying Like You Mean It"**



**Welcome!**

**Minooka United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, September 15th, 2024 9:30am**

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\* Stand if you are able

**Entering Music**

**Welcoming**

Pastor Dave

**Preparing**

**\*Gathering**

Lay Reader

Reader: We gather in the presence of the Living God: the One who loves everyone and everything. The One who liberates all who are bound. The One who labors for healing and wholeness.

**Many Voices: In the midst of all of the struggles of this world, let us return to God, the One whose steadfast love endures forever. We gather seeking God’s wisdom, drawn to God’s love, ready to be transformed by the power of God’s grace.**

**\*Singing**

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”  
TFWS #2193 (x2)

Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
Lord, send Your spirit in this place;  
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send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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

Giving your financial gifts to the General Fund makes a real impact. All our ministries are possible thanks to your generosity. Big events like Block Party, Pipe Organ Concert, and Garage Sale, as well as our weekly and monthly learning and serving groups like Youth Group, bible studies, Afternoon Circle, and so much more. Thank you!  
**Attendance Sept. 1st at MUMC**  
In person: 69; online: 21

**Youth Group News**

Youth Group News

Youth Group meets every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8 pm. We provide dinner and fun, meaningful activities for the students. We have had two successful meetings so far and look forward to many more. We are working on getting to know each other and building relationships so far.

We are in need of volunteers to provide dinners for our Youth. Please plan dinner and a beverage for 10 to 15 youth if you decide to donate. You can sign up to bring a meal or to help with our Youth Group on the bulletin board located behind the sound booth!

Thank you so much to Ruth Satorius, Karen Pubentz, and Mari Kirsch for already donating meals and staying to help supervise the kids during youth group. We appreciate you!

If you have any questions about our Youth Program or would like to help, please contact Jennifer Ferguson or Pastor Dave.

**Trunk & Garage Sale Needs**

"Outreach Committee needs, plastic bags, newspaper, and drink carriers. There will be a box outside the sanctuary for donations. Thank You!"

**What’s Next?**

New Member Exploration If you recently started attending worship and want to learn more about MUMC, this group is for you. If you have been involved for a while and want to learn what is expected of members but aren’t certain about joining, this group is for you.

If you are ready to commit to being a member and want to know how to join, this group is for you.

This short-term group meets after worship (11:00-11:45am) Sundays, September 22, 29, and October 6. Those who choose to do so will be received into membership Sunday, October 13.

Register for this group by emailing Office Manger Melissa Candler  
admin@minookaumc.com

Questions? Contact Pastor Dave pastor-davemumc@gmail.com or 630.308.5047

**Next Steps? Good Futures Accelerator**

Now that we’ve been in our wonderful (and wonderfully visible) new building for six months, we know how versatile our space can be. Also, we are continually striving to better connect our ministries with the gifts and needs of our neighborhood—including ways to use our building and property to both further our mission and ministry and generate additional income.

To help us achieve that goal, Church Council unanimously voted to join Good Futures Accelerator. Good Futures Accelerator is a program offered through the Midwest Methodist Foundation of our Northern Illinois Conference. You will hear more about this year-long program this Sunday and over the next few weeks.



**SUNDAY 15TH**

9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP  
 10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 11:00AM WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING  
 3:00PM PIPE ORGAN CONCERT

**MONDAY 16TH**

**TUESDAY 17TH**

12:00PM FAITHTALK BIBLE STUDY

**WEDNESDAY 18TH**

12PM SENIOR LUNCHEON (ST. MARY'S PARISH)  
 5:00PM PRAYER TEAM  
 7:00PM YOUTH GROUP

**THURSDAY 19TH**

7:30PM BIBLE STUDY

**FRIDAY 20TH**

8:00AM TO 4:00PM GARAGE AND TRUNK SALE

**SATURDAY 21ST**

8:00AM-2:00PM GARAGE AND TRUNK SALE

**OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

~ Sunday September 22nd, 29th and Oct 6th—New Member Class  
 ~Tuesday September 24th @ 8:00AM—Life Line Health Screening



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| 16 | Becky Pease       |
| 16 | Susan Spencer     |
| 17 | Helen Daly        |
| 18 | Glen Nemitz       |
| 19 | Jennifer Brockman |
| 19 | Kevin McCammon    |
| 20 | Nikki Randich     |

**Conversing with Children**

**Praying**

Lay Reader

**[Quiet prayer]**

Reader: Let us open ourselves to the healing wisdom of God, who offers us an invitation to new life if we are willing to turn and accept it.

Wellspring of Life, you create the world in goodness and call us to share with you in its care. Yet something within us struggles to join your creative and compassionate work. We confess we have trouble discerning your voice. Our imaginations strain to envision your will. Our resolve fails to move us toward you and each other. Those who share this life with us—the earth you have entrusted to our care, our own bodies, minds, and hearts, and you, the God of the universe—are left wounded. Help us turn to you for the power to heal and be healed. Help us to let go of our anger and our hurt, to embrace the way of Jesus, who invites us to be transformed by the power of your Holy Spirit.

**[Quiet prayer]**

Reader: God Who Redeems, the mother of all mercy, hears the longings of our hearts, and through Jesus, our brother, shares our struggles, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might be forgiven and healed. Our prayer continues as Jesus taught us, saying...

**Many Voices: Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

\*Singing

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

UMH #496

Verse 1

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
That calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known,  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
My soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare  
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Verse 2

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
The joys I feel, the bliss I share  
Of those whose anxious spirits burn  
With strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place  
Where God my Savior shows His face,  
And gladly take my station there,  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Verse 3

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To Him whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since He bids me seek His face,  
Believe His Word, and trust His grace,  
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care,  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

## Inviting the Community

### **Pipe Organ Concert TODAY at 3pm!**

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 **today at 3pm.**

### **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

### **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

LIFE LINE  SCREENING  
The Power of Prevention

**You're invited to a  
Life Line Screening  
event!**

Where: Minooka United Methodist Church

When: Tuesday, September 24, 2024



## \*Sending Forth

Pastor Dave

## Exiting Music

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### O Lord, Hear My Prayer

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### Come and Find the Quiet Center

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**Reading Scripture** Mark 1:35-37; 6:45-46; 9:28-29 (The Voice)  
Lay Reader

1 <sup>35</sup> Early in the morning, Jesus got up, left the house while it was still dark outside, and went to a deserted place to pray. <sup>36</sup> Simon and the others traveling with Jesus looked for Him. <sup>37</sup> They finally tracked Him down.

**People:** Everybody wants to know where You are!

6 <sup>45</sup> Not long after, He sent His disciples out onto their boat to sail to Bethsaida on the other shore, and He sent the crowd away. <sup>46</sup> After everyone had gone, He slipped away to pray on a mountain *overlooking the sea*.

9 <sup>28</sup> Later He and His disciples gathered privately in a house.

**Disciples (to Jesus):** Why couldn't we cast out that unclean spirit?

**Jesus:** <sup>29</sup> That sort of *powerful spirit* can only be conquered with much prayer [and fasting].

**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: Praying Like You Mean It"  
Pastor Dave

**\*Singing** "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" TFWS #2200 (x3)

O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer;  
When I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer;  
Come and listen to me.

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**Giving** Pastor Dave

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

**Many Voices: Generous and Loving God, wow! Help us. Thank you. Amen.**

**\*Singing** "Come and Find the Quiet Center" TFWS #2128

Verse 1

Come and find the quiet center  
In the crowded life we lead,  
Find the room for hope to enter,  
Find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter,  
Clear our eyes that we can see  
All the things that really matter,  
Be at peace, and simply be.

Verse 2

Silence is a friend who claims us,  
Cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
Knows our being, touches base,  
Making space within our thinking,  
Lifting shades to show the sun,  
Raising courage when we're shrinking,  
Finding scope for faith begun.

Verse 3

In the Spirit let us travel,  
Open to each other's pain,  
Let our loves and fears unravel,  
Celebrate the space we gain:  
There's a place for deepest dreaming,  
There's a time for heart to care,  
In the Spirit's lively scheming  
There is always room to spare.