

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	Tuesday 10/8 @ 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 10/14 @ 1:30PM

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

LAY READER GAIL GIRARD  
SONG LEADERS DALE LOCKWOOD, RUTH SATORIUS & SUSAN SPENCER

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**"Practice Makes Possible:  
Serving for Life"**



**Welcome!**

**Minooka United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, September 22nd, 2024 9:30am**

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\* Stand if you are able

**Entering Music**

**Welcoming**

Pastor Dave

**Preparing**

**\*Gathering**

Lay Reader

Reader: In the prayers and the praise, in the words and the wonder:

**Many Voices: We are given enough joy to live each day.**

One Voice: In the mercy offered to everyone:

**Many Voices: We are given enough grace to share each day.**

One Voice: In the justice for the oppressed, in the unexpected generosity for the lost:

**Many Voices: We are given enough compassion to be serving neighbors each day.**

**\*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!

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

In August, giving to our General Fund (that which funds our mission and ministry) was \$12,240. That’s down a bit (18%) from July, but still enough to outpace our August expenses. Your generosity keeps our ministries going!  
Thank you!

**Attendance Sept. 1st at MUMC**  
In person: 72; online: 21

**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!

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

**Grief Support Group**

A monthly Grief Support Group will be starting in October. It will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 12pm in the Sanctuary.

The first session titled "Your Grief is Unique" will be on Thursday, October 10th. It is open to anyone grieving the loss of a spouse, partner, significant other, child or sibling. Group Leaders are Karen Pubentz and Chris Vause.

**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 Manager Melissa Candler [admin@minookaumc.com](mailto:admin@minookaumc.com)  
Questions? Contact Pastor Dave [pastordavemumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastordavemumc@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 22ND**  
 9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP  
 10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 11:00AM NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION

**MONDAY 23RD**  
 7:00PM BOOK GROUP

**TUESDAY 24TH**  
 12:00PM FAITHTALK BIBLE STUDY  
 8:00AM LIFE LINE SCREENING

**WEDNESDAY 25TH**  
 5:00PM PRAYER TEAM  
 7:00PM YOUTH GROUP

**THURSDAY 26TH**  
 7:30PM BIBLE STUDY

**FRIDAY 27TH**

**SATURDAY 28TH**

**OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

~ Sunday September 29th and Oct 6th—New Member Class  
 ~Sunday October 13th—New Member Reception  
 ~Tuesday October 8th—Skeptic’s Circle



- 22 Jane Carhart
- 23 Maurice Davenport
- 24 Esther Buerstetta
- 26 Wayne Greenback
- 26 Lucas Noe
- 27 Lorelei Boyer
- 27 Jacqueline Buerstetta
- 27 Christy McGrath
- 27 Cindy White
- 28 Noah Staley



- 23 Jim & Ruth Satorius

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!

## Conversing with Children

### Praying

Lay Reader

#### [Quiet prayer]

Reader: Wow! Creator of All, hear our prayers for all that moves us.

[Petitions offered aloud or silently]

Reader: Help us! God Who Saves, hear our prayers for all who need healing and peace.

[Petitions offered aloud or silently]

Reader: Thank you! Compassionate One, hear our prayers for that which we are grateful.

[Petitions offered aloud or silently]

Reader: Our prayer continues as Jesus taught us, saying...[Lord's Prayer in language and wording most meaningful to you].

**\*Singing**                      "Make Me a Servant"                      TFWS #2176 (X2)

#### Chorus

Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
Make me a servant today.

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Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
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## MUMC and the Community



**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

### Helping Hands Food Pantry

Our Helping Hands Food Pantry is now serving 40 area families! We have a high need for protein-rich foods and monetary donations. Monies received will be used for milk and eggs. Any of these canned high protein foods are wonderful donations: tuna, chicken, salmon, Spam, peanut butter, baked beans, pork and beans, and pinto beans. We also need boxed spaghetti pasta and rice. Thank you so much for your continuing support of this ministry feeding our neighbors in need!

## \*Sending Forth

Pastor Dave

## Exiting Music

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## Reading Scripture Mark 9:33-37; 10:41-45 (CEB) Lay Reader

9 <sup>33</sup>They entered Capernaum. When they had come into a house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about during the journey?” <sup>34</sup>They didn’t respond, since on the way they had been debating with each other about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be least of all and the servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>Jesus reached for a little child, placed him among the Twelve, and embraced him. Then he said, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me isn’t actually welcoming me but rather the one who sent me.”

10 <sup>41</sup>Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>Jesus called them over and said, “You know that the ones who are considered the rulers by the Gentiles show off their authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around. <sup>43</sup>But that’s not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant. <sup>44</sup>Whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all, <sup>45</sup>for the Human One didn’t come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people.”

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.**

