

When do our Groups & Studies meet next?

Book Group - Title The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot by Marianne Cronin	Monday 10/28 @ 7PM
Bible Study Reading "The Acts of the Apostles" <i>Meets at Ridge Rd.</i> If Interested Contact Jennifer Ferguson	Thursday @ 7:30PM
Faithtalk - Bible Study <i>Meets at Ridge Rd.</i> If Interested contact Cindy White	Tuesday @ Noon
Prayer Team Come pray for your needs and concerns. <i>Meets at Ridge Rd.</i> If Interested contact Karen Gaba	Wednesday @ 5:00PM
Skeptic's Circle <i>Meets at Starbucks</i> If Interested contact Katrina Nolan	Tuesday 10/8 @ 6:30PM
Youth Group 6th through 12th Grades <i>Meets at Ridge Rd</i> If Interested contact Jennifer Ferguson	Wednesday @ 7:00PM
UWF Afternoon Circle <i>Meets at Ridge Rd.</i> If Interested contact Karen Pubentz	Monday 10/14 @ 1:30PM

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

LAY READER KIM NAVE
SONG LEADERS DALE LOCKWOOD, RUTH SATORIUS & JAIDEEN AGBAYANI,

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**“Practice Makes Possible:
Gathering for Good”**



Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 29th, 2024 9:30am

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* Stand if you are able

Entering Music

Welcoming Pastor Dave

Preparing

*Gathering Lay Reader

Reader: Fountain of life; Pulse of life; Breath of life...

Many Voices: All of creation is filled with the presentness of God.

Reader: A living, green blue planet;

Many Voices: Peoples from every corner of creation;

Reader: The vast reaches of space above us, and the rocks, hills, trees, and wonders of our wild places.

Many Voices: In our gathering today may we sense the God's presence in each other, in all creativity, in all creatures, and in all creation!

*Singing "Gather Us In" TFWS #2236 v1-2,4

Verse 1

Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness
Vanished away, see in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY 29TH

9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00AM NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION

MONDAY 30TH

6:30PM TRUSTEES COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY OCTOBER 1ST

12:00PM FAIHTALK BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY 2ND

1:00PM TRUSTEES
5:00PM PRAYER TEAM
7:00PM YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY 3RD

1:00PM NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
7:30PM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY 4TH

SATURDAY 5TH

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

~ Sunday Oct 6th—New Member Exploration
~ Tuesday October 8th—Skeptic's Circle
~ Thursday, October 10th @ 12 noon—Grief Support Group
~ Sunday October 13th—New Member Reception

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

September

30 Joy Clendening

October

1 Dick Figge
3 John Nave
4 Robert Nave
4 Glen Yunker
5 Ron Stadt

1 Don & Dee Dee Casagrande
4 Don & Jane Carhart
5 Marlin & Adrienne Hartman

LEARNING

Thursday Night Bible Study

Our Thursday night Bible study will finish the Acts of the Apostles this Thursday!! We will not be meeting October 3rd for a vacation week.

Please join us when we resume on October 10th to dive into the Old Testament! We will be following "Life Lessons From Daniel and Esther," by Max Lucado, while reading, of course, Daniel and Esther!

Our Thursday night group is a great way to learn more about our faith and to get to know other believers in a safe and confidential setting! You don't have to be a Bible scholar or expert; no need to even read ahead!

We hope to see you at 7:30 each Thursday evening!

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, through 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 Questions? Contact Pastor Dave pastordavemumc@gmail.com or 630.308.5047

Skeptic's Circle

Questions about faith and the meaning of life can sometimes feel overwhelming. The Skeptic's Circle offers a welcoming space for open, honest conversation about the emotions, doubts, and ideas you might have been taught not to question. Our aim is to explore the big questions of life and faith, providing an environment where deconstruction and doubts are not only accepted but encouraged. We will meet at the Starbucks located at Route 6 and Yellow Pine Drive in Channahon.

PLANNING

Some Planning Groups are committees who, well, plan and organize our ministries and events. These include Worship Committee, Christian Education & Youth Committee, and Outreach Committee. Other Planning Groups are responsible for our physical plant, financial support, or legal responsibilities. These include Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, and Staff-Parish Relations Committee. Church Council guides the overall working of the church, overseeing mission, ministry, and administration and is comprised of the Chairpersons of all our committees plus a few at-large members.

Most of our committee meetings are open, meaning anyone can attend. (However, only committee members have a vote in meetings.)

Verse 2

We are the young our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who yearn for your face, we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,

Called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,

Gather us in, the proud and the strong;

Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,

Give us the courage to enter the song.

Verse 4

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away, but here in this place the new light is shining,

Now is the kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,

Gather us in and make us your own;

Gather us in, all peoples together,

Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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...

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

“Mighty to Save”

W&S #3038

John Auclair & Jaideen Agbayani



SERVING

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!

Grief Support Group

A monthly Grief Support Group will be starting in October 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 a death. Contact group leaders Karen Pubentz or Chris Vause with any questions.

Prayer Team

If Jesus Christ, God’s son, needed to PRAY and make vital, personal contact with God the Father EVERY day; do you think there’s a possibility that You need to do that too? Prayer Team wants to personally invite you to come join us in prayer on Wednesday’s @ 5pm in the Sanctuary. We stand on the scripture of Matthew 18:19-20. If you are not able to attend in person, please reach out to Pastor Dave or Karen Gaba with your requests or concerns and we will lift them up in prayer.

What’s Cookin’?

A Series of Cooking and Sharing Lessons

Get ready to have some fun learning what Kim and Gail have to share about making cooking fun, economical, and easy! Meet some new friends!

Class One Includes:

- ✓ Stocking Your Pantry Economically
- ✓ Knife Skills to Make Food Prep Easier
- ✓ Name That Food!



TWO DATES TO CHOOSE FROM:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
2:00-3:00 PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14
6:00-7:00 PM

Minooka United Methodist Church, 1210 S. Ridge Road

REGISTER TODAY!

Call the church office at 815-467-2322. Limited to the first 25 people.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

*Sending Forth

Pastor

Dave

Exiting Music

Thank you for generously giving of your presence and gifts!

For the FOURTH consecutive month, ALL of our General Fund committees' expenses were UNDER budget. In other words, all of our leaders are consistently conscientious about using the resources allocated to them.

We have tremendous leaders!

Your generosity keeps our ministries going—Thank you!

Attendance Sept. 22nd at MUMC

In person: 63; online: 24

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Draw the Circle Wide

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Reading Scripture

Acts 2:37-47 (The Voice)

Lay Reader

³⁷ When the people heard this, their hearts were pierced; and they said to Peter and his fellow apostles,

Pilgrims: Our brothers, what should we do?

Peter: ³⁸ Reconsider your lives; change your direction. Participate in the ceremonial washing of baptism in the name of Jesus God's Anointed, *the Liberating King*. Then your sins will be forgiven, and the gift of the Holy Spirit will be yours. ³⁹ For the promise of *the Spirit* is for you, for your children, for all people—even those considered outsiders and outcasts—the Lord our God invites everyone to come to Him.

⁴⁰ Peter was pleading and offering many logical reasons to believe. ⁴¹ Whoever made a place for his message in their hearts received the baptism; in fact, that day alone, about 3,000 people joined the disciples.

⁴² The community continually committed themselves to learning what the apostles taught them, gathering for fellowship, breaking bread, and praying. ⁴³ Everyone felt a sense of awe because the apostles were doing many signs and wonders among them. ⁴⁴ There was an intense sense of togetherness among all who believed; they shared all their material possessions in trust. ⁴⁵ They sold any possessions and goods *that did not benefit the community* and used the money to help everyone in need. ⁴⁶ They were unified as they worshiped at the temple day after day. In homes, they broke bread and shared meals with glad and generous hearts. ⁴⁷ The new disciples praised God, and they enjoyed the goodwill of all the people *of the city*. Day after day the Lord added to their number everyone who was experiencing liberation.

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: Gathering for Good"
Pastor Dave

***Singing** "We Gather Together" UMH #131

Verse 1

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Verse 2

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, was at our side, the glory be Thine!

Verse 3

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Giving

Pastor Dave

Blessing our Gifts with Music and Prayer

Lay Reader

Many Voices: Generous and Loving God, guide us to use these resources to promote justice, mercy, and compassion in our community. May we always act with gratitude and wisdom. Bless these gifts and those who give them so that, together, we may reflect your love and grace in the world. Amen.

***Singing**

"Draw the Circle Wide"

TFWS #3154

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side, draw the circle, draw the circle wide.