

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 KAREN GABA
SONG LEADERS GAIL GIRARD, RUTH SATORIUS

CHURCH STAFF

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**“Practice Makes Possible:
Giving with Grace ”**



Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 6th, 2024 9:30am

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* Stand if you are able

Entering Music

Welcoming Pastor Dave

Preparing

*Gathering Lay Reader

Reader: Responding to the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we gather in the communion of the Holy Spirit to worship the God who loves and welcomes us all.

Many Voices: We gather in the presence of the Source of Life: the One who loves everyone and everything, the One who liberates all who are bound, the One who labors for healing and wholeness for all creation.

*Singing "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH #89 v1-3

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays, stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY 6TH

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

MONDAY 7TH

TUESDAY 8TH

12:00PM FAIHTALK BIBLE STUDY
6:30PM SKEPTIC'S CIRCLE (MEETS AT STARBUCKS)

WEDNESDAY 9TH

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

THURSDAY 10TH

12:00NOON GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP
7:30PM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY 11TH

SATURDAY 12TH

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~Sunday October 13th—New Member Reception
- ~Sunday October 13th @ 2pm—What's Cookin
- ~Monday October 14th @ 6pm—What's Cookin
- ~Monday October 14th @ 1:30pm—Afternoon Circle
- ~Wednesday October 16th @ 11:30am—Senior Luncheon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

8	Dillon Coffman
8	Joy Hathcock
8	Preston Klug
9	Ric Coop
9	Dennis Morris

7	Dean & Julie Geyer
9	Powell & Tammie Patterson

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 the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.

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 3

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Conversing with Children

Praying

Lay Reader

[Quiet prayer]

Reader: Wow! Creator of All, hear our prayers for all that inspires us to be more like Jesus.
[Petitions offered aloud or silently]

Reader: Help us! God Who Saves, forgive us for all the ways we fail to live your way of peace in the world. 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**

“What Gift Can We Bring”

UMH #87 v1-3

Verse 1

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
What song can we now offer in honor and praise!

Verse 2

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
Who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
For mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Verse 3

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
For knowing whatever Tomorrow may bring,
The Word is our promise always, forever;
We rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

Reading Scripture

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (CEB)

Lay Reader

¹⁷ Tell people who are rich at this time not to become egotistical and not to place their hope on their finances, which are uncertain. Instead, they need to hope in God, who richly provides everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Tell them to do good, to be rich in the good things they do, to be generous, and to share with others. ¹⁹ When they do these things, they will save a treasure for themselves that is a good foundation for the future. That way they can take hold of what is truly life.

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 Pu-bentz 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.

“Forever Young” Senior Luncheon!

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.

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.

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)

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)

***Sending Forth**

Pastor Dave

Exiting Music

Thank you for generously giving of your presence and gifts!
 You'll receive your Third Quarter generosity update this week. Based on commitments made for 2024, we expected giving to our General Fund through August to be \$84,833. Instead, through August we actually received \$98,986! Thank you for your meaningful giving!
Attendance Sept. 29th at MUMC
 In person: 62; online: 22

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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.

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 Pastor Dave

Giving Pastor Dave

Blessing our Gifts with Music

"It is Well with My Soul" Gus DeGuzman

Blessing our Gifts with Prayer

Many Voices: Generous and Loving God, as we bring our gifts before you today, we remember your infinite love that welcomes everyone, especially the vulnerable and the overlooked. Bless these gifts and use them to further your work in our community and beyond, so everyone may know and feel your love. Amen.

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Pastor Dave: It is right that we give you our thanks and praise, Eternal One, for you create the world and call it good, indeed very good, and you create us in your image, calling us to love without regard. Yet we resist our purpose, ignoring your will for our lives. Persistent One, you send prophets, pastors, and teachers to recall us to your way of wholeness, yet we tend to ignore them. In Jesus, your tenacity is embodied in human flesh, drawing us back to you and to each other, and for that, we join our voices with all creation in praising you.

Many Voices: Holy, holy, holy Host of all the beauty in our lives. We see the light. We know of love through you.

Pastor Dave: Yet, healing comes at a cost. Rejected by religious and political leaders who refused to listen, Jesus was crucified and died the death of one cast off by society. Enduring the loss of all that was most dear, you overcame the powers of evil and death, shattering the tomb of shame forever and raising Jesus to life again within the beloved community. Crucified, risen, and ascended; Jesus is our hope and embodies the resistance to all that opposes your rule, compelling us to pray for peace, justice, and wholeness for all creation. Recognizing that we must live our prayers, we turn to you, Abiding One, for nourishment. That last night with his friends, Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it, saying:

Many Voices: "This bread is broken as my body will be broken. Eat and remember me."

Pastor Dave: Later that night Jesus took the cup, blessed it and shared it, saying:

Many Voices: "This cup is poured out as my blood will be poured out. Drink and remember me."

Pastor Dave: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Come to me and never be hungry; trust in me and never thirst."

Many Voices: So we eat, we drink, we remember, and we live lives of resurrection love. Amen.

The United Methodist Church offers open Communion. That means *all* are welcome at this table. Today we serve by intinction: lightly dip the piece of bread into the cup then eat. Self-contained packets of bread and juice are also available. All the bread is gluten free.

***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)