## When do Groups meet next?

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Book Group - "The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot" by Marianne Cronin Meets at Ridge Rd. If Interested contact Cindy White	Monday 10/28 @ 7PM
Bible Study Reading "The Acts of the Apostles" Meets at Ridge Rd. If Interested contact Jennifer Ferguson	Thursday @ 6:30PM
Faithtalk - Bible Study Meets at Ridge Rd. If Interested contact Cindy White	Tuesday @ Noon
Prayer Team Come pray for your needs and concerns. Meets at Ridge Rd. If Interested contact Karen Gaba	Wednesday @ 5:00PM
Skeptic's Circle Meets at Starbucks If Interested contact Katrina Nolan	Tuesday 11/12 @ 6:30PM
Youth Group 6th through 12th Grades Meets at Ridge Rd If Interested contact Jennifer Ferguson	Wednesday @ 7:00PM
UWF Afternoon Circle Meets at Ridge Rd. If Interested contact Karen Pubentz	Monday 10/14 @ 1:30PM

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# "Practice Makes Possible: Inviting with Intention"



## Welcome!

**Minooka United Methodist Church** 

**Sunday, October 13th, 2024 9:30am** 

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\* Stand if you are able

**Entering Music** 

Welcoming Pastor Dave

**Preparing** 

\*Gathering Lav Reader

Reader: We practice gathering to hear again the voice of Jesus saying to us, "Come, follow me!" But will we follow when Jesus calls us to let go of our fears?

Many Voices: We want to follow Jesus anywhere he leads, and with God's help, we will.

Reader: We practice gathering to remember all that God teaches us through scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. But what about when we have to put our learning into action?

Many Voices: We want to actively live our faith, and with God's help, we will.

Reader: We practice gathering to shine as a beacon of a new way of living where following Jesus means sharing God's abundance through praying, serving, giving, and inviting. But will we keep shining when the way gets rocky and headwinds threaten our light?

Many Voices: With God's help, we will resist the fear of scarcity and opposition as we pursue the way of love, abundance, and flourishing for all creation. Amen!

\*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,

# ~This Week at MUMC~

## SUNDAY 13TH

9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00AM NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

2:00PM WHAT'S COOKIN'

#### MONDAY 14TH OFFICE CLOSED

1:30PM AFTERNOON CIRCLE

6:00PM WHAT'S COOKIN'

## **TUESDAY 15TH**

12:00PM FAITHTALK BIBLE STUDY

#### **WEDNESDAY 16TH**

12 NOON SENIOR LUNCHEON

5:00PM PRAYER TEAM

7:00PM YOUTH GROUP

### THURSDAY 17TH

6:30PM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY 18TH

SATURDAY 19TH

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

~ Tuesday October 22nd @ 7PM—Church Conference ~Sunday October 27th @ 2pm—Trunk or Treat at Heritage Woods ~Monday October 28th @ 7PM—Book Group

Thank you for generously giving of your presence and gifts!

In our first week of collecting a special offering for UMCOR's Hurricane Helene relief we received \$320. We also recently received \$2000 for UMCOR's efforts in Ukraine. Thank you for practicing giving with such generosity!

Attendance Sept. 22nd at MUMC In person: 60; online: 22





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Thelma White

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#### \*LEARNING\*

## **Thursday Night Bible Study**

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! Our Thursday Bible Study has moved to 6:30pm. Thank you for your flexibility as we move to an earlier time!

### 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.)

## **Next Steps? Good Futures Accelerator**

Now that we've been in our wonderful (and wonderfully visible) new building for some time now, 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.

#### 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 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)

#### 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)

## **Receiving New Members**

## Introduction

Siblings in Christ,

God is love. We often experience God's love as grace, a gift offered to us without price. Through this reaffirmation of our desire to follow God in the Way of Jesus Christ, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

We happily present **Donna Buck** and **John Woolfitt** who will reaffirm their faith and join our congregation today! John's wife, **Janet Woolfitt**, is too sick to be here today, but she is also joining via transfer.

## Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Donna and John, on behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

To the congregation of Minooka United Methodist Church, do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Donna and John in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Jesus the Christ. We will surround Donna and John with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Reception into the Minooka United Methodist Church

Donna and John, as members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

## \*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**

Our monthly Grief Support Group has begun and will meet on the second Thursday of each month at 12pm in the Sanctuary. It is open to anyone grieving a death. Contact group leaders Karen Pubentz or Chris Vause with any questions.

#### **UMCOR—Hurricane Helene Relief**

UMCOR is the disaster relief arm of the United Methodist Church. UMCOR Early Response Teams are helping with removal of debris, tarping of roofs, and cleaning out of homes in hard-hit areas. Giving through UMCOR means 100% of your gift goes to onsite relief efforts because UMCOR's operational costs are funded through other means.



We would appreciate donations of candy for the Trunk or Treat. Thank you in advance!

## \*Singing

#### Verse 1

Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known, Will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?

#### Verse 2

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let Me answer prayer in you and you in Me?

#### Verse 3

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, And admit to what I mean in you and you in Me?

#### Verse 4

Will you love the "you" you hide If I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found To reshape the world around, Through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?

#### Verse 5

Lord, Your summons echoes true when You but call my name. Let me turn and follow You And never be the same. In Your company I'll go Where Your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

\*Sending Forth

Pastor Dave

**Exiting Music** 

Donna and John, as members of this congregation, the Minooka United Methodist Church, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I will.

## Commendation and Welcome

Each of you here today are members of the household of God. To you and to the whole congregation of Minooka United Methodist Church, I commend Donna and John to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

Donna and John, we give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. Amen!

Welcome our newest members, Donna Buck and John and Janet Woolfitt!

**Praying** Lav 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

"Take My Life, and Let it Be"

UMH #399

#### Verse 1

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

## Verse 2

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

#### Verse 3

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

**Reading Scripture** 

John 1:35-46 (CEB)

Lay Reader

They said, "Rabbi (which is translated *Teacher*), where are you staying?"

<sup>39</sup> He replied, "Come and see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated *Christ*). <sup>42</sup> He led him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated *Peter*).

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter.

<sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law and the Prophets: Jesus, Joseph's son, from Nazareth."

<sup>46</sup> Nathanael responded, "Can anything from Nazareth be good?" Philip said, "Come and see."

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**

Pastor Dave

"Practice Makes Possible: Inviting with Intention"

Giving

**Pastor Dave** 

Blessing our Gifts with Music and Prayer

Lay Reader

Many Voices: Generous God, we bring our gifts today mindful of your abundant love and mercy. Bless these gifts and use them to further your kingdom on earth, so that all may experience your grace and love. May our giving reflect our trust in you and our commitment to practice serving others. Amen.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> The next day John was standing again with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> When he saw Jesus walking along he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, "What are you looking for?"