

## When do Groups meet next?

<b>Book Group</b> - "The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot" by Marianne Cronin <i>Meets at Ridge Rd.</i> If Interested contact Cindy White	Monday 10/28 @ 7PM
<b>Bible Study</b> Reading "The Acts of the Apostles" <i>Meets at Ridge Rd.</i> If Interested contact Jennifer Ferguson	Thursday @ 6:30PM
<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 11/12 @ 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 VAL GUNDERSON  
 SONG LEADERS DALE LOCKWOOD, GAIL GIRARD & RUTH SATORIUS

### CHURCH STAFF

MINISTERS ALL DISCIPLES OF JESUS  
 LEAD PASTOR REV. DAVE BUERSTETTA  
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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 Lay 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 FAIHTALK 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



18 Colin Klug  
19 Thelma White

14 Eli & Aubry White  
15 Les & Shari Millard

## \*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**

“The Summons”

TFWS #2130

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**

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]

