

When do Groups meet next?

Book Group - To be Announced Meets at Ridge Rd.	Monday 11/25 @ 7PM
Bible Study Reading "The Acts of the Apostles" Meets at Ridge Rd.	Thursday @ 6:30PM
Faithtalk - Bible Study Meets at Ridge Rd.	Tuesday @ Noon
Prayer Team Come pray for your needs and concerns. Meets at Ridge Rd.	Wednesday @ 5:00PM
Skeptic's Circle Meets at Starbucks	Tuesday 11/12 @ 6:30PM
Youth Group 6th through 12th Grades Meets at Ridge Rd	Wednesday @ 7:00PM
UWF Afternoon Circle Meets at Ridge Rd.	Monday 11/11 @ 1:30PM

For more information about our groups please contact the church office.

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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

CHURCH STAFF

MINISTERS	ALL DISCIPLES OF JESUS
LEAD PASTOR	REV. DAVE BUERSTETTA
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“Now What? Move to the Margins!”



Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 3rd, 2024 9:30am

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* Stand if you are able

Entering Music

Welcoming Pastor Dave

Preparing

*Gathering Lay Reader

Reader: As we gather to worship on this All Saints Day, we remember, Ever-Living God, and give thanks for:
Many Voices: The countless saints of history who tilled the soil of faith.

Reader: We remember, Ancient of Days, and give thanks for:
Many Voices: The ancestors who planted seeds of justice.

Reader: We remember, Fount of Justice, and give thanks for:
Many Voices: The gentle strength of grandparents, the loyalty of friends, the kindness of strangers, the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.

Reader: We remember, Gracious God, and give thanks for:
Many Voices: The supreme love of Jesus shown forth in the lives of his disciples, young and old, dead and living, articulate and silent, strange and familiar, brilliant and ordinary.

Reader: We remember in every time and place the saints who have shown us the face of God.
Many Voices: We are surrounded by a great a cloud of witnesses, so let us worship God with joy!

*Singing "For All the Saints" UMH #711 (v1,2,4,6,1)

Verse 1
For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY 3RD
9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
ALL SAINTS DAY
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

MONDAY 4TH

TUESDAY 5TH
12:00PM FAIHTALK BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY 6TH
5:00PM PRAYER TEAM
7:00PM YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY 7TH
6:30PM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

SATURDAY 9TH

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~Sunday November 10th @ 11am—Good Futures Meeting
- ~Monday, November 11th @ 1:30—Afternoon Circle
- ~Tuesday, November 12th @ 6:30pm—Skeptic’s Circle
- ~Wednesday November 13th @ 6:30pm—Outreach Meeting

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

3 Connie Sigman
4 Jody Moorman
9 Liliana Randich

7 Jack & Mary Ray
8 Pam & George Coley
8 Jon & Lauren Bivens
9 Stacy & Jennifer Ferguson

LEARNING

Weekly Bible Studies

It is always a great time to join our Tuesday or Thursday Bible Study! Our Faithtalk study meets Tuesdays at 12noon at Ridge Rd and is led by Cindy White. Our Thursday study is at 6:30pm at Ridge Rd and is led by Jennifer Ferguson. All are welcome for Bible reading, and good conversation!

Did you catch that new time for Thursday Bible Study? It now starts at 6:30pm. Thank you for your flexibility as we move to an earlier time. We are currently studying Daniel and Esther.

For all our studies: no prior bible reading or knowledge or expertise is needed. No question is dumb and no one is forced to read the bible in one particular way. We all learn as we go by exploring what the text says, what it leaves unsaid, what history and tradition tell us about the text, and how our own experience influences our reading. Hope to see you there!

Weekly Sunday School

Sunday School for Preschool and Elementary School-aged children is offered every Sunday at 10:30am, after our worship experience. We engage our students using inspiring stories, creative crafts, and fun games—all done under the guidance of loving, dedicated teachers. All our teachers are background checked and Safe Sanctuary trained.

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

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness dread, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 4

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 6

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 1

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Conversing With Children

Remembering Our Saints

Singing	"Jesus, Remember Me"	UMH #488 (x3)
	Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.	
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Pastor Dave: God Who Redeems, we stand before you today just as generations of believers have, and pray for your forgiveness and grace.

Many Voices: We know we do not always love as you would have us love. Just as you did for our mothers and fathers, and for our ancestors, Beloved God, have mercy on us today.

Pastor Dave: We remember and give thanks for the communities who have shaped us, and who shape us still this day.

Many Voices: Hold us and comfort us as we mourn the passing of friends, family, and all those we hold dear.

Pastor Dave: Living God, we give you thanks for those who have gone before us, whose lives have shown us your love, and whose witness connected us to this community of faith known as Minooka United Methodist Church. Today we remember and are especially grateful for:

Jeff Harris
Martha Ann Harvey
Bob Stelling
Marie Webb

We also remember and are grateful for all our loved ones who have entered eternal life.

[quiet prayer]

Pastor Dave: Friends, hear the good news: Jesus taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Therefore we, and all who have come before us, are rightly known as saints—the holy ones of God! So in thankfulness, we pray as Jesus taught us saying...[Lord’s Prayer UMH #894]

Singing “Jesus, Remember Me” UMH #488 (x3)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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. Our next gathering will be November 14th titled “Grieving during the holidays”.

Gather for worship, stay for Friendsgiving!

Sunday, November 17th, right after our worship experience (about 10:45am) will be an opportunity to gather with our found family for a potluck meal! Look for a sign up for main dishes, sides, appetizers, salads, desserts, etc. soon!

Weekly Youth Group

Youth Group meets every Wednesday evening from 7 to 8 pm. We provide dinner and fun, meaningful activities for 6th-12th grade students. We are working on getting to know each other and building relationships. All our leaders are background checked and Safe Sanctuary trained.

We are in need of volunteers to provide dinner and a beverage for 10 to 15 people. 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 Ministries, please contact Jennifer Ferguson or Pastor Dave.

Verse 2
There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness,
Bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

Verse 3
In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing;
In our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

***Sending Forth**

Pastor Dave

Exiting Music

Reading Scripture John 11:32-44 (The Voice) Lay Reader

³² Mary approached Jesus, saw Him, and fell at His feet.

Mary: Lord, if only You had been here, my brother would still be alive.

³³ When Jesus saw Mary's *profound grief and the moaning* and weeping of her companions, He was deeply moved by their pain in His spirit and was intensely troubled.

Jesus: ³⁴ Where have you laid his body?

Jews: Come and see, Lord.

³⁵ *As they walked*, Jesus wept; ³⁶ and everyone noticed how much Jesus must have loved Lazarus. ³⁷ But others were skeptical.

Others: If this man can give sight to the blind, He could have kept him from dying.

³⁸ Then Jesus, who was intensely troubled by all of this, approached the tomb—a *small* cave covered by a *massive* stone.

Jesus: ³⁹ Remove the stone.

Martha: Lord, he has been dead four days; the stench will be unbearable.

Jesus: ⁴⁰ Remember, I told you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God.

⁴¹ They removed the stone, and Jesus lifted His eyes toward heaven.

Jesus: Father, I am grateful that You have heard Me. ⁴² I know that You are always listening, but I proclaim it loudly so that everyone here will believe You have sent Me.

⁴³ After these words, He called out in a thunderous voice.

Jesus: Lazarus, come out!

⁴⁴ Then, the man who was dead walked out of his tomb bound from head to toe in a burial shroud.

Jesus: Untie him, and let him go.

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 "Now What? Move to the Margins!"

Pastor Dave

Giving Pastor Dave

Blessing our Gifts with Music and Prayer Lay Reader

Many Voices: Compassionate God, who weeps with us and offers us eternal hope, we present our gifts with grateful hearts. Call us to new life and purpose through our giving. Use these offerings to build your kingdom and bring comfort to the grieving and light to those in bleakness. May our contributions reflect your love and grace, transforming our community into a place of hope and renewal. Amen.

Celebrating Communion

Pastor Dave: All are welcome to this table, for this is a table of hospitality, of sharing, and of celebration. For all the saints and sages who went before us, who have spoken to our hearts:

Many Voices: We express our thanks.

Pastor Dave: For all the saints and sages who live beside us:

Many Voices: We offer our gratitude.

Pastor Dave: For all the saints and sages who live beyond us, who challenge us to change the world with them:

Many Voices: We pledge our courage.

Pastor Dave: We break bread and pour wine because these are the gifts that strengthen our journey together. We remember and honor the justice imperative that is our biblical heritage:

Many Voices: That justice is not belief but action, not silence but voice, not tolerance but compassion.

Pastor Dave: A banquet reminds us of our common humanity and our common need for just relationships. In gratitude for all the ways you love us and save us from ourselves, we remember Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, and we claim your promise of hope for the healing of all creation.

Many Voices: Living Christ, ever present, we welcome you in our lives.

Pastor Dave: On the night before he died, Jesus took the loaf of bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying:

Many Voices: This bread is broken as my body will be broken. Remember me whenever you eat it.

Pastor Dave: When supper was finished, Jesus took the cup of wine, blessed it, and gave it to his friends, saying:

Many Voices: This cup is poured out as my blood will be poured out. Remember me whenever you drink it.

Pastor Dave: With thanksgiving we eat and drink; With joy we remember, and with Christ's inclusive love we gather together around this table.

Many Voices: Amen!

The United Methodist 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. Please walk up the center aisle and return by the side aisles. On the way back to your seat, you are invited to light a candle in honor of a loved one.

If you have mobility issues, we will bring the elements to you. Self-contained packets of bread and juice are also available. All the bread is gluten free.

***Singing**

"Hymn of Promise"

UMH #707

Verse 1

In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise;
Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.