

When do Groups meet next?

Book Group - "The Shadows We Hide" by Allen Eskens Meets at Minooka UMC	Monday 11/25 @ 7PM
Bible Study Reading "Daniel and Esther" Meets at Minooka UMC	Thursday @ 6:30PM
Faithtalk - Bible Study Meets at Minooka UMC	Tuesday @ Noon Not meeting 11/26
Prayer Team Praying for your joys and concerns Meets at Minooka UMC	Wednesday @ 5:00PM
Skeptic's Circle Meets at Starbucks in Channahon	Tuesday 12/10 @ 6:30PM
Youth Group 6th through 12th Grades Meets at Minooka UMC	Wednesday @ 7:00PM Not meeting 11/27
UWF Afternoon Circle Meets at Minooka UMC	Monday 12/09 @ 1:30PM

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

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

LAY READER	KIM NAVE
SONG LEADERS	SUSAN SPENCER, RUTH SATORIUS & DALE LOCKWOOD
ACCOMPANIST	REID SPEARS

CHURCH STAFF

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"Ruth: The Rom Com?"



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Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 17th, 2024 9:30am

**Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 17th, 2024 9:30am**

* Stand if you are able

Entering Music

Welcoming Pastor Dave

Preparing

***Gathering** Lay Reader

Reader: We gather today in a wider search for truth and purpose. In this quest, may we greet one another with open hearts and open minds. May we inspire each other to consider new questions and seek deeper meaning. May we, together, cultivate both wisdom and compassion.

Many Voices: Let all who enter this sacred place find comfort in this community, in this found family of faith!

***Singing** "Great is the Lord" TFWS #2022

Refrain

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just;
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Verse 1

Great is the Lord And worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord!

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY 17TH

9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:45AM FRIENDSGIVING
2:00PM WHAT'S COOKIN'

MONDAY 18TH

6:00PM WHAT'S COOKIN'

TUESDAY 19TH

12:00PM FAIHTALK BIBLE STUDY
7:00PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 20TH

12:00PM SENIOR LUNCHEON
5:00PM PRAYER TEAM
7:00PM YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY 21ST

6:30PM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22ND

SATURDAY 23RD

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

~Monday, November 25th @ 7:00PM—Book Group
~Thursday November 28th—Thanksgiving Day

The office will be closed Thursday 11/28 and Friday 11/29 for Thanksgiving.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

18 Elijah Nolan
20 Callen White
20 Frank Hathcock
20 Katie Satorius
21 Pastor Dave Buerstetta
21 Toni Sallese
22 Stacy Ferguson
23 Sue Hammerstein
23 Estelle Korelc

21 Ron & Jan Stadt

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!

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!



Join us Sunday November 17th at 2pm or Monday November 18th at 6pm for "What's Cookin". Please call the office at 815.467.2322 to register.



Advent begins Sunday December 1st. Advent small group opportunities will be announced soon.

Refrain

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just;
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Verse 2

Great is the Lord And worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord!

Refrain

Great is the Lord, he is holy and just;
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Verse 3

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice
I lift up my voice:
Great are you, Lord!

Conversing With Children

Praying

Lay Reader

[Quiet prayer]

Reader: Faithful God, teach us the courage to repent of the way of grasping power, of befriending the powerful in the hope of protection and security. That way appears to be natural and safe. Teach us the humility to turn away from the way of accumulating things, of trusting in wealth in the hope of easy comfort. That way appears so enticing, so persuasive.

[Quiet prayer]

Small Group Opportunities for Gathering, Serving, and Learning

Reader: Loving God, Protector of the widow, the orphan, and the immigrant—in a world where many know despair, you raised your Son Jesus to give hope for humanity and renewal to the earth. Continue to strengthen and unify your Church in its struggles against the forces of death in the world, where violence against creation and humanity obscures the hope of the new life you offer.

[Quiet prayer]

Reader: Compassionate God, lead us in Your way, the way of true security, true wealth, the way of Christ, the servant, the way of meekness and simplicity. Lead us in Your way, the way of caring for the neglected, feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, protecting the threatened, and challenging the powerful. Lead us in the foolish way of the Gospel, that brings salvation to all. Our prayer continues as Jesus taught us, saying...[Lord's Prayer UMH #894]

Singing

Reid Spears

Reading Scripture Ruth 2:1-23 (Common English Bible)

Lay Reader

Now Naomi had a respected relative, a man of worth, through her husband from the family of Elimelech. His name was Boaz.²Ruth the Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field so that I may glean among the ears of grain behind someone in whose eyes I might find favor."

Naomi replied to her, "Go, my daughter."³ So she went; she arrived and she gleaned in the field behind the harvesters. By chance, it happened to be the portion of the field that belonged to Boaz, who was from the family of Elimelech.

⁴ Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem. He said to the harvesters, "May the Lord be with you."

And they said to him, "May the Lord bless you."

⁵ Boaz said to his young man, the one who was overseeing the harvesters, "To whom does this young woman belong?"

⁶ The young man who was overseeing the harvesters answered, "She's a young Moabite woman, the one who returned with Naomi from the territory of Moab"

Gather for worship, stay for Friendsgiving!

Today, right after our worship experience (about 10:45am) will be an opportunity to gather with our found family for a potluck meal! All are welcome!

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.

Youth Group will NOT be meeting Wednesday November 27th.

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 December 12th.

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.

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)

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 4
For Just and unjust, a place at the table,
Abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
In anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
For just and unjust, a new way to live.
(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

⁷ She said, 'Please let me glean so that I might gather up grain from among the bundles behind the harvesters.' She arrived and has been on her feet from the morning until now, and has sat down for only a moment." ⁸ Boaz said to Ruth, "Haven't you understood, my daughter? Don't go glean in another field; don't go anywhere else. Instead, stay here with my young women. ⁹ Keep your eyes on the field that they are harvesting and go along after them. I've ordered the young men not to assault you. Whenever you are thirsty, go to the jugs and drink from what the young men have filled." ¹⁰ Then she bowed down, face to the ground, and replied to him, "How is it that I've found favor in your eyes, that you notice me? I'm an immigrant." ¹¹ Boaz responded to her, "Everything that you did for your mother-in-law after your husband's death has been reported fully to me: how you left behind your father, your mother, and the land of your birth, and came to a people you hadn't known beforehand. ¹² May the Lord reward you for your deed. May you receive a rich reward from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you've come to seek refuge." ¹³ She said, "May I continue to find favor in your eyes, sir, because you've comforted me and because you've spoken kindly to your female servant—even though I'm not one of your female servants."

¹⁴ At mealtime Boaz said to her, "Come over here, eat some of the bread, and dip your piece in the vinegar." She sat alongside the harvesters, and he served roasted grain to her. She ate, was satisfied, and had leftovers. ¹⁵ Then she got up to glean. Boaz ordered his young men, "Let her glean between the bundles, and don't humiliate her. ¹⁶ Also, pull out some from the bales for her and leave them behind for her to glean. And don't scold her."

¹⁷ So she gleaned in the field until evening. Then she threshed what she had gleaned; it was about an ephah of barley. ¹⁸ She picked it up and went into town. Her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. She brought out what she had left over after eating her fill and gave it to her. ¹⁹ Her mother-in-law said to her, "Where did you glean today? Where did you work? May the one who noticed you be blessed."

She told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked and said, "The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz."

²⁰ Naomi replied to her daughter-in-law, "May he be blessed by the Lord, who hasn't abandoned his faithfulness with the living or with the dead." Naomi said to her, "The man is one of our close relatives; he's one of our redeemers."

²¹ Ruth the Moabite replied, "Furthermore, he said to me, 'Stay with my workers until they've finished all of my harvest.'"

²² Naomi said to Ruth her daughter-in-law, "It's good, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, so that men don't assault you in another field."

²³ Thus she stayed with Boaz's young women, gleaning until the completion of the barley and wheat harvests. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

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 "Ruth: The Rom Com?" Pastor Dave

***Singing** "In Christ There is No East or West" UMH #548

Verse 1

In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Verse 2

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding humankind.

Verse 3

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
And neither slave nor free;
Both male and female heirs are made,
And all are kin to me.

Verse 4

In Christ now meet both East and West,
In Him meet South and North;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

Giving

Pastor Dave

Blessing our Gifts with Music and Prayer

Lay Reader

Many Voices: God of all creation, our offerings are tokens of gratitude for the incomprehensible bounty of gifts you freely give us. You bless us with life and breath, and with beauty all around us. Heighten our senses to see your masterpiece of creation everywhere we go. Amen.

***Singing**

"A Place at the Table"

W&S #3149

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.