

## When do Groups meet next?

<b>Book Group</b> - "The Shadows We Hide" by Allen Eskens Meets at Minooka UMC	Monday 11/25 @ 7PM
<b>Bible Study</b> Reading "Daniel and Esther" Meets at Minooka UMC	Thursday @ 6:30PM
<b>Faithtalk</b> - Bible Study Meets at Minooka UMC	Tuesday @ Noon <b>Not meeting 11/26</b>
<b>Prayer Team</b> Praying for your joys and concerns Meets at Minooka UMC	Wednesday @ 5:00PM <b>Not meeting 11/27</b>
<b>Skeptic's Circle</b> Meets at Starbucks in Channahon	Tuesday 12/10 @ 6:30PM
<b>Youth Group</b> 6th through 12th Grades Meets at Minooka UMC	Wednesday @ 7:00PM <b>Not meeting 11/27</b>
<b>UWF Afternoon Circle</b> 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	VAL GUNDERSON
SONG LEADERS	SUSAN SPENCER, RUTH SATORIUS & GAIL GIRARD

### CHURCH STAFF

MINISTERS	ALL DISCIPLES OF JESUS
LEAD PASTOR	REV. DAVE BUERSTETTA
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## "Ruth: The New Order"



**Welcome!**

**Minooka United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, November 24th, 2024 9:30am**

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\* Stand if you are able

**Entering Music**

**Welcoming** Pastor Dave

**Preparing**

**\*Gathering** Lay Reader

Reader: God of the cosmos, attune our ears to hear you today in the great symphony of creation.

**Many Voices: God of community, open our eyes to see you today in our interconnectedness.**

Reader: God of our hearts, touch our lives so we sense you today in both the beauty and the agony of the world.

**Many Voices: Abiding God, grant us the joy of feeling ourselves a part of your vast magnificence, your all-encompassing presentness. May it be so.**

**\*Singing** "We Gather Together" UMH #131

**Verse 1**

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

**Verse 2**

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, was at our side, the glory be Thine!

**~This Week at MUMC~**

**SUNDAY 24TH**  
9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP

**MONDAY 25TH**  
12:00PM DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS  
7:00PM BOOK GROUP

**TUESDAY 26TH**

**WEDNESDAY 27TH**

**THURSDAY 28TH**  
THANKSGIVING—OFFICE CLOSED

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29TH**  
OFFICE CLOSED

**SATURDAY 30TH**

**OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

~Tuesday, December 10th @ 6:30PMPM—Skeptic's Circle

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

**Discipleship Commitments for 2025:**

- 40 commitment forms representing 51 people
- 20 forms included commitments for praying
- 22 forms included commitments for serving
- 25 forms included commitments for gathering for worship each week
- 22 forms included commitments for gathering in small groups
- 14 forms included commitments for inviting a total of 59 people to church
- 38 forms included commitments for giving a total of \$118,840.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

27	Kim Allgaeuer
28	Joan Yunker
29	Michael Dwyer

### 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 MUMC and is led by Cindy White. Our Thursday study is at 6:30pm at MUMC and is led by Jennifer Ferguson. All are welcome for Bible reading, and good conversation!

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!



**Sunday, December 1st is the beginning of Advent**—the season of anticipation and longing as we await the incarnation of God in Jesus. Our theme for Advent this year is “Words for the Beginning.” This theme will permeate our Advent experiences in worship, Sunday School, Youth Group, and adult small groups. We invite you to enter this Advent season as if you are entering a sacred new chapter, holding fast to the reminders that will bolster you for the journey ahead.

Advent studies meet for just four weeks and will be offered:

Sunday mornings before worship

Monday evenings on Zoom

Tuesdays at noon

Thursday evenings at 6:30

Contact Pastor Dave or the church office to sign up!

### Verse 3

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

### Conversing With Children

#### Praying

Lay Reader

#### [Quiet prayer]

Reader: God makes peace within us, let us claim it. God makes peace between us, let us share it. There is so much we miss as we look through our eyes trained to see only the familiar, the expected, the safe. Thank you, God, that you don't see this way. You look at each of us—woman and man, old and young, rich and poor, gay and straight—and you love what you see.

#### [Quiet prayer]

Reader: Even in the shadows of our shame and sin, even in the cold valleys of our grief and regret, you see us – not just as we are but as we can be – as you made us to be. You see the glory and the giftedness and the possibility; you see the nobility and the divine likeness which you placed there. Thank you for how you see us, God. Please give us new eyes to see ourselves and others the way you do.

#### [Quiet prayer]

Reader: Our prayer continues as Jesus taught us, saying...[Lord's Prayer UMH #894]

\*Singing

“Let All Things Now Living”

TFWS #2008

#### Verse 1

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.  
God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

#### Verse 2

The Law God enforces, the stars in their courses  
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him Divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise,  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
To God in the highest Hosanna and praise!

**Reading Scripture** Ruth 3:1-5,13-18; 4:8b-10, 13-17 (The Voice)  
Lay Reader

**Naomi (to Ruth):** My child, it is my responsibility to find a husband and place of rest for you—a place where you will find rest and contentment. <sup>2</sup> You have been working alongside the young women who serve Boaz. Is he not a part of our family? Early this evening, during the late afternoon wind, he will be on the threshing floor winnowing the barley.

<sup>3</sup> Bathe and perfume yourself. Put on your best dress, then go down onto the threshing floor. Be careful, though. Don't let him know you are there until he has finished eating and drinking. <sup>4</sup> Once he is relaxed, he will lie down to sleep. Make sure you notice where he is. Once he has lain down, go to him. Uncover his feet and lie down. He will tell you what to do.

## Small Group Opportunities for Gathering, Serving, and Learning

### 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 meet Wednesday November 27th.**

### Grief Support Group

Our Grief Support Group meets the second Thursday of each month at 12pm in the Sanctuary. It is open to anyone grieving a death. Our next gathering is Dec. 12th and is titled "Loneliness: Grief's Uninvited Guest". Contact group leaders Karen Pubentz or Chris Vause with any questions.

### The Angel Tree is Here!

The Giving Tree (aka Angel Tree) is our opportunity to live our value of giving by providing Christmas gifts for neighbors in need this holiday season. Take a tag from one of the trees in the church lobby. Purchase and wrap the gifts; then return them with the tag on the outside of the gifts by Sunday, December 15th. Remember to complete the Giving Tree tag sheet.

### What is the Scrip gift card program?

It's simple: Scrip is a way to purchase gifts cards and donate to Minooka UMC's Youth Mission Trips with ASP at the same time! How's that work? Every gift card purchased donates a percentage to our church and our church, in turn, uses that money to fund our Youth Mission Trips—all at no extra cost to you, the gift card buyer.

Gift card order forms are available on the table in the sanctuary under the Youth Group bulletin board. Fill out the form and return (with payment) to Adrienne or Marlin Hartman. Next order begins Sunday, December 1st. Orders are due December 8th and the gift cards will be distributed December 15th.

### Poinsettias

As is MUMC's tradition, orders for poinsettias given in honor or memory of loved ones will begin next Sunday, December 1st. All orders will need to be returned with payment by Sunday December 15th.

Verse 1

You are salt for the earth, O people:  
Salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people:  
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!

Verse 2

You are a light on the hill, O people:  
Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God!

(Refrain)

Verse 3

You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
Grow in the Kingdom of God!

(Refrain)

Verse 4

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:  
Bound for the Kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
Love is the Kingdom of God!

(Refrain)

**Ruth:** <sup>5</sup> I will do everything you have told me to do.

**Boaz:** <sup>13</sup> Spend the rest of the night here. In the morning, *I will give him the chance to act as your kinsman-redeemer and redeem you and your family.* If he is willing to do this, good. But if he is not willing to fulfill his responsibility, then as the Eternal One lives, *I promise I will redeem your family by marrying you.* Now remain here until morning comes.

<sup>14</sup> So Ruth lay at his feet until *early morning*—then she got up to *leave while it was still dark*, before she could be recognized by anyone, because Boaz realized no one should know the woman was on the threshing room floor.

**Boaz:** <sup>15</sup> Now bring me the outer garment you are wearing. Hold it out, *and hold on tightly.*

She did so, and Boaz filled her garment with six measures of barley grain. He handed it to her; then he *left her and* went into the town *to conduct his business.*

<sup>16</sup> When Ruth returned to Naomi’s home, her mother-in-law asked her daughter what happened. Ruth related all that Boaz had *said and done.*

**Ruth:** <sup>17</sup> He even gave me these six measures of barley grain saying to me, “You can’t go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.”

**Naomi:** <sup>18</sup> Now you must wait, daughter. *We must wait and see what happens. Be at peace.* That man will not rest today until this is resolved.

