

When do Small Groups meet next?

<b>Book Group - "Firefly Lane"</b> by Kristin Hannah	Monday 10/27 @ 7pm
<b>Chair Yoga</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Mon. @ 11:45am Thurs. @ 5:30pm
<b>Faithtalk - Bible Study</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Tuesday @ Noon
<b>Grief Support Group</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Thursday 11/13 @ 12 noon
<b>Prayer Team</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Wednesday @ 5:00PM
<b>Skeptic's Circle</b> Meets at the Minooka Library	Tuesday 10/21 @ 6:30PM
<b>United Women in Faith Afternoon Circle</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Monday 10/13 @ 1:30pm
<b>Youth Group</b> 6th through 12th Grades Meets at Minooka UMC	Wednesdays @ 7:00PM

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

**LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

LAY READER KAREN GABA  
 SONG LEADERS RUTH SATORIUS, GAIL GIRARD,  
 SUSAN SPENCER

**CHURCH STAFF**

MINISTERS ALL DISCIPLES OF JESUS  
 LEAD PASTOR REV. DAVE BUERSTETTA  
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**Welcome!**

**Minooka United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, October 12, 2025 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, "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, inviting, and giving. But will we keep shining when the way gets rocky and headwinds oppose us?

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!

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY 12TH

- 9:30AM WORSHIP EXPERIENCE
10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:45AM NEW MEMBER RECEPTION
11:30AM GOOD FUTURES MEETING

MONDAY 13TH

- 11:45AM CHAIR YOGA
1:30PM UMF AFTERNOON CIRCLE

TUESDAY 14TH

- 12:00PM BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY 15TH

- 12:00PM SENIOR LUNCHEON @ ST. MARY'S PARRISH HALL
5:00PM PRAYER TEAM
7:00PM YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY 16TH

- 5:30PM CHAIR YOGA

FRIDAY 17TH

- 4:45PM YOUTH SERVING AT "FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN"

SATURDAY 18TH



Confirmation Cohort Schedule

- Sunday, October 12: No Confirmation Cohort
Sunday, October 19: Confirmation Cohort gathers right after worship.
Sunday, October 26: No Confirmation Cohort this day.

Thank you for your commitments of gathering and giving!
Attendance October 5th at MUMC
In person total: 72 online: 22
General Fund Giving for 10/5: \$5,720.45
Total giving in all for 10/5: \$6,084.45

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

18 Colin Klug

14 Eli & Aubry White
15 Les & Shari Millard



### HELP US WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Our MUMC found family has gotten a little bigger and today, we are celebrating! Join us after worship to welcome our new members and enjoy some sweet treats while you get to know them better.

### WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND CHURCH CONFERENCE on OCTOBER 28th at 7:00PM?

Because we don't do faith alone!  
Because we are better together!  
Because our once-per-year Church Conference is a time for celebrating the ministry we've attempted and accomplished together in 2025!  
Because you'll get to hear a message from our Bishop Dan Schwerin!  
Oh, and, you know, we also get to see our proposed budget and leadership teams for 2026.  
Anyone is welcome to attend our Church Conference; only MUMC members may vote.

### LINE DANCING IS COMING SOON!

Join us Monday, October 20th and Monday October 27th at 1pm to Line Dance! Come on out and have tons of fun learning new moves or simply finding your rhythm. It's sure to be a great time. Our Line Dancing gatherings will be accepting free will offerings. We hope to see you there!

### CHAIR YOGA SCHEDULE UPDATE

Due to changes in our instructor's schedule, we've had to adjust our Chair Yoga times. Chair Yoga is now:  
**Mondays from 11 :45am-12:30pm**  
**Thursdays from 5:30-6:15pm**  
There is no charge for Chair Yoga, though we do accept a free will offering.

\*SINGING "Welcome" Worship & Song #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,

#### 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

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 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

Crying 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.

## RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

### Introduction

Siblings in Christ, God is love. We 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 **Colleen** and **Frank Cvitanovich, Skylar Dunnagan, Jill Lesko,** and **Amanda Sramek** who will reaffirm their faith and join our congregation today!

### Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Colleen, Frank, Skylar, Jill, and Amanda, 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?

**Many Voices: We do.**

## GIVING

Pastor Dave



## BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER

Lay Reader

**Many Voices: Generous and Loving God, as we bring our gifts before you today, we remember your infinite love that welcomes everyone, especially the vulnerable and the overlooked. Bless these gifts and use them to further your work in our community and beyond, so everyone may know and feel your love. Amen.**

**\*SINGING** "Sent Out in Jesus' Name" The Faith We Sing #2184

Verse

Sent out in Jesus' name,  
Our hands are ready now  
To make the earth the place  
In which the kingdom comes.  
The angels cannot change  
A world of hurt and pain  
Into a world of love,  
Of justice and of peace.  
The task is ours to do,  
To set it really free.  
O help us to obey  
And carry out Your will.

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**EXITING MUSIC**

**READING SCRIPTURE** 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (CEB) Lay Reader

<sup>17</sup>Tell people who are rich at this time not to become egotistical and not to place their hope on their finances, which are uncertain. Instead, they need to hope in God, who richly provides everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>Tell them to do good, to be rich in the good things they do, to be generous, and to share with others. <sup>19</sup>When they do these things, they will save a treasure for themselves that is a good foundation for the future. That way they can take hold of what is truly life.

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.**

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**\*SINGING** "What Gift Can We Bring" UM Hymnal #87, v1-3

Verse 1

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?  
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
What song can we now offer in honor and praise!

Verse 2

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,  
Who planted and watered so dreams could come true.  
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,  
For mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Verse 3

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,  
For knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,  
The Word is our promise always, forever;  
We rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Colleen, Frank, Skylar, Jill, and Amanda in your care?

**Many Voices: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Jesus the Christ. We will surround Colleen, Frank, Skylar, Jill, and Amanda 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

Colleen, Frank, Skylar, Jill, and Amanda, 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.**

Colleen, Frank, Skylar, Jill, and Amanda, 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 Colleen, Frank, Skylar, Jill, and Amanda to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**Many Voices: Colleen, Frank, Skylar, Jill, and Amanda, 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, Colleen and Frank Cvitanovich, Skylar Dunnagan, Jill Lesko, and Amanda Sramek!

## **PRAYING**

Lay Reader

[Quiet prayer; settling and centering can create space for deep listening]

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...[Lord's Prayer in language and wording most meaningful to you].

## **\*SINGING**

UM Hymnal #89, v1-3

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

### Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

### Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around Thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in Thee.

### Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
all who live in love are Thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.