

When do Small Groups meet next?

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

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Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 19, 2025 9:30am

Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church

October 19, 2025 9:30am

* Stand if you are able

ENTERING MUSIC

WELCOMING

Pastor Dave

PREPARING

*GATHERING

Lay Reader

Reader: Give us, Author of Life, a little sun, a little happiness, and some work.

Many Voices: Give us a heart to comfort those in pain.

Reader: Give us the ability to be good, strong, wise, just, and free, so that we may be as generous with others as we are with ourselves.

Many Voices: Finally, Ever-Loving God, let us all live as your own one family. Amen.

*SINGING "For the Beauty of the Earth" UM Hymnal #92, v1-4

Verse 1

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Verse 2

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light; Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY 19TH

9:30AM WORSHIP EXPERIENCE
10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:45AM CONFIRMATION COHORT

MONDAY 20TH

11:45AM CHAIR YOGA
6:30PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 21ST

12:00PM BIBLE STUDY
6:30PM SKEPTIC'S CIRCLE

WEDNESDAY 22ND

5:00PM PRAYER TEAM
7:00PM YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY 23RD

5:30PM CHAIR YOGA

FRIDAY 24TH

SATURDAY 25TH



Pastor Dave will be on vacation October 23-26. Please contact Chris Vause for pastoral care emergencies.

Thank you for your commitments of gathering and giving! Attendance October 12th at MUMC In person total: 70 online: 19 General Fund Giving for 10/12: \$2,771.23 Total giving in all for 10/12: \$2,916.82



- 19 Thelma White
20 Guy Carlson, Jr.
20 Katrina Nolan
20 Addison Satorius
22 Karen Gaba
22 Chris Miller
24 Don Akerberg
25 Chris Vause



Happy UnAnniversary Everyone!

LINE DANCING IS HERE!

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.

NEW THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY EXPERIMENT!

Join us on Thursdays, **October 30th, November 6th, & November 20th** at 7:00pm as Pastor Dave leads a look at some of the underrated New Testament books, beginning with Philemon.

All are welcome. No prior bible reading or knowledge or expertise needed. We will all learn as we go along, 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. Having a study bible really helps. We have some available to borrow, just ask!

Verse 3

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony, linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Verse 4

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

CONVERSING WITH CHILDREN

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**

The Faith We Sing #2193 (x2)

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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READING SCRIPTURE Acts 2:37-47 (The Voice) Lay Reader

³⁷ When the people heard this, their hearts were pierced; and they said to Peter and his fellow apostles,

Pilgrims: Our brothers, what should we do?

Peter: ³⁸ Reconsider your lives; change your direction. Participate in the ceremonial washing of baptism in the name of Jesus, God’s Anointed, *the Liberating King*. Then your sins will be forgiven, and the gift of the Holy Spirit will be yours. ³⁹ For the promise of *the Spirit* is for you, for your children, for all people—even those considered outsiders and outcasts—the Lord our God invites everyone to come to Him.

⁴⁰ Peter was pleading and offering many logical reasons to believe. ⁴¹ Whoever made a place for his message in their hearts received the baptism; in fact, that day alone, about 3,000 people joined the disciples.



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

- To celebrate ministry we accomplished, and challenges faced, here at Minooka UMC in 2025.
- To share hopes and plans for 2026.
- To hear an inspiring message from our Bishop Dan Schwerin.
- To practice gathering, one of our core commitments as disciples of Jesus Christ
- To be welcomed, as it is an open meeting (though only members may vote on formal proposals).

WAIT, JUST WHAT IS CHURCH CONFERENCE?

What some churches or denominations call their annual business meeting or their annual congregational meeting, we United Methodists call Church Conference.

Can I be real a second? Just for a millisecond? We United Methodists use the word “conference” to mean, like, 37 different things. That’s dumb because it is confusing. Still, we are stuck with Church Conference as the name for *“our once-per-year gathering to which the entire congregation is invited for the purpose of reflecting on the mission and ministry of 2025 and setting our mission and ministry agenda for 2026.”*

Maybe we can’t help or change the name, but what we can help and effect is the future of our congregation. Hope to see you at **Church Conference on Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00pm!**

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.

***SENDING FORTH**

Pastor Dave

EXITING MUSIC

⁴² The community continually committed themselves to learning what the apostles taught them, gathering for fellowship, breaking bread, and praying. ⁴³ Everyone felt a sense of awe because the apostles were doing many signs and wonders among them. ⁴⁴ There was an intense sense of togetherness among all who believed; they shared all their material possessions in trust. ⁴⁵ They sold any possessions and goods *that did not benefit the community* and used the money to help everyone in need. ⁴⁶ They were unified as they worshiped at the temple day after day. In homes, they broke bread and shared meals with glad and generous hearts. ⁴⁷ The new disciples praised God, and they enjoyed the goodwill of all the people *of the city*. Day after day the Lord added to their number everyone who was experiencing liberation.

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

Pastor Dave

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Verse 1

Amazing abundance poured out on this land,
The mark of your gracious and generous hand.
Your blessing is richest on those who will give
With joy and thanksgiving so others may live.

Verse 2

A holy compassion is born through the cries
When tragedy threatens and heroes arise.
God's spirit is present and felt everywhere
That hands reach through darkness and battle despair.

Verse 3

We pray for communion, all nations so strong
That difference is honored and all might belong.
A tapestry woven by myriad hands,
A banner of freedom the bright braided strands.

Refrain

We praise God for the nations, O help us to see
The whole world is yours, Lord, and yearns to be free!

GIVING

Pastor Dave



Many Voices: Persistent and just God, you do not turn away when your people cry out. Receive these gifts as acts of our faith—faith that keeps moving, faith that keeps hoping, faith that keeps working for justice, even when the world says it's too late or too little. Make us a people who do not lose heart. Shape our prayers into action and our generosity into grace, until your kin-dom comes—on earth, as it is in heaven. In the name of Christ, amen.

***SINGING** UM Hymnal #548
"In Christ There Is No East or West"

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.