
Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church

October 26, 2025 9:30am

* Stand if you are able

ENTERING MUSIC

WELCOMING

Marlin Hartman

PREPARING

*GATHERING

Lay Reader

Reader: As we gather together today, may the Spirit of Wisdom comfort us, inspire us, and help us recognize the symbols of life all around us:

Many Voices; Light and noise; infants and adults; birds and animals; colors and movement; words of goodwill; acts of generosity; songs of joy.

Reader: May we be renewed everyday, as we generously share life.

Many Voices: Spirit of Wisdom, in all our living, may we be freed to see things afresh, to be more fully alive, and have the courage to keep trusting You.

*SINGING

“Welcome”

W&S #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.

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY 26TH

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

MONDAY 27TH

11:45AM CHAIR YOGA
1:00PM LINE DANCING
7:00PM BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY 28TH

12:00PM BIBLE STUDY
7:00PM CHURCH CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY 29TH

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

THURSDAY 30TH

5:30PM CHAIR YOGA
7:00PM BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR DAVE

FRIDAY 31ST HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1ST



Thank you for your commitments of gathering and giving!
Attendance October 19th at MUMC
In person total: 53 online: 16
General Fund Giving for 10/19: \$4,505.55
Total giving in all for 10/19: \$5,605.86

Melissa will be out of the office from 10/27 thru 11/3.
Church office hours will be 10:00am to 1:00pm
10/27 thru 11/3.



27 Nancy Biel
29 Stephanie Ambrose
29 Thomas McGrath
Nov 1 Olivia Nischke



Happy Unanniversary Everyone!

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!

LINE DANCING IS HERE!

Join us every 1st, 3rd and 4th Monday of the month 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!

VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION

We will be honoring our Church Family Veterans and active Military on Sunday, November 9th. If you are a veteran or active in the military, please add your name to the clipboard on the usher's desk in the back of the sanctuary. You may also add your child, grandchild, or spouse.

HOLIDAY PREPARATION

The Worship Committee is looking for families to bring in your Nativity sets to display during the Advent Season. The tables will be set up along the south wall of the sanctuary. We will have cards to set next to your Nativity with your family name and any history you would like to share about the set. They will be roped off and covered during the week. Please bring your Nativity in Sunday, November 23rd or Monday, November 24th. Please contact Kim Nave if you would like to participate or have any questions.

Fall Potluck Luncheon Hosted by Church Council

Sunday, November 9th, Church Council is hosting a Fall Potluck after worship and all are welcome. There is a sign up sheet in the church lobby. We hope to see everyone there.

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.

CONVERSING WITH CHILDREN



PRAYING

Lay Reader



[Quiet reflection]

Reader: We follow you, Jesus, as we worship today. In words of love and devotion sung and spoken, in service and kindness, in shared life and shared humanity. We pray for wisdom and affirmation to empower our families and communities. We pray for confession and forgiveness to reconcile personal and national enemies and lead us into integrity and goodness.

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: We pray for thanksgiving and generosity to curb our greed and overcome poverty. We pray for intercession and compassionate acts to heal the broken, defend the weak, and guide the powerful. We pray to be your hands, feet, and voice in the world which embraces all people with kindness.

[Quiet reflection]

Reader: Bless us, Wellspring of Life, that we may become the building blocks of your commonwealth among us. Our prayer continues as Jesus taught us, saying... [Lord’s Prayer, UMH #894]

***SINGING**

“Sanctuary”

TFWS #2164 (x2)

Lord, prepare me
To be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy,
Tried and true.
With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.
(Repeat)

**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

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
(Refrain)

Verse 4

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
(Refrain)

***SENDING FORTH**

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EXITING MUSIC

Don't forget, next Sunday morning, about 2am, the clocks fall back an hour!



READING SCRIPTURE

Lay Reade

1 John 4:20 & 1 Peter 4:8 NIV

1 John 4:20

²⁰Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

1 Peter 4:8

⁸Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

Reader: May God bless the words we have read and plant them deeply in our minds, our hearts, and our lives.

Many Voices: Amen.

PROCLAIMING

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How to Hate?

***SINGING**

“We All Are One in Mission”

TFWS # 2243

Verse 1

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
To plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.

Verse 2

We all are called for service, to witness in God’s name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others by God’s surprising grace,
So every folk and nation may feel God’s warm embrace.

Verse 3

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God’s redeeming Word.
We all are one in missions; we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

GIVING

Marin Hartman



BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER

Lay Reader

Many Voices: God of boundless love, in this sacred moment of giving, we recognize your unwavering compassion and tender mercy. Bless our gifts and our ministries so they will be a blessing for all who are burdened with pain and separateness. Amen.

***SINGING**

The Faith We Sing #2223

“They’ll know we are Christians by our love”

Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

Verse 2

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:
(Refrain)