

When do Small Groups meet next?

Book Group - "The Walk" by Richard Paul Evans	Monday 04/28 @ 7pm
Bible Study Meets at Minooka UMC	Thursday @ 6:30PM Meets next 4/24
Chair Yoga Meets at Minooka UMC	Mon. @ 11:15am
Faithtalk - Bible Study Meets at Minooka UMC	Tuesday @ Noon Meets next 4/22
Grief Support Group Meets at Minooka UMC	Thursday 05/08 @ 12 noon
Prayer Team Meets at Minooka UMC	Wednesday @ 5:00PM Meets next 4/23
Skeptic's Circle Meets at Starbucks in Channahon	Tuesday 05/13 @ 6:30PM
United Women in Faith Afternoon Circle Meets at Minooka UMC	Monday 05/12 @ 1:30PM
Youth Group 6th through 12th Grades Meets at Minooka UMC	Wednesday @ 7:00PM Meets next 4/23

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

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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

CHURCH STAFF

MINISTERS	ALL DISCIPLES OF JESUS
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"Everything [in] Between: Shouting & Silence" Palm Sunday



Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 13, 2025 9:30am

Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church
Palm Sunday April 13, 2025 9:30am

* Stand if you are able

ENTERING MUSIC

WELCOMING

Pastor Dave

PREPARING

*GATHERING

Reader: On this day, Jesus marched

Many Voices: in between the city walls and the Temple; in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers; in between oppressive poverty and greedy power; in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.

Reader: On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

Many Voices: So may we meet Christ in that liminal space. May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.

Reader: Hosanna in the highest!

Many Voices: Hosanna in between!

*SINGING

“Mantos Y Palmas (Filled with Excitement)”

UM Hymnal #279

Verse 1

Filled with excitement, all the happy throng
Spread cloaks and branches on the city streets.

There in the distance they begin to see,
Riding on a donkey, comes the Son of God.

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY 13TH

9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:50AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
12:30PM EASTER EGG HUNT

MONDAY 14TH

11:15AM CHAIR YOGA

TUESDAY 15TH

WEDNESDAY 16TH

5:00PM PRAYER TEAM

THURSDAY 17TH

6:30PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER WORSHIP SERVICE

FRIDAY 18TH

OFFICE CLOSED

10:00AM GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER WALK AT CHANNAHON UMC
7:00PM GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

SATURDAY 19TH

7:00PM HOLY SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED FROM FRIDAY 4/18 TO WEDNESDAY 4/23

Thank you for your commitments of gathering and giving!

Attendance April 6th at MUMC

In person: 67; online: 20

General Fund Giving for 4/6: \$2,777.00

Total giving in all for 4/6: 10,477.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 16 Alex Nolan
- 17 Brendan McGrath
- 17 Levi Nischke
- 17 Ethan Staley
- 18 Cyndi Campbell



Join us **TODAY** for a fun-filled Easter celebration! Bring the kids and get ready to hunt for eggs, snap a photo with the Easter Bunny, and enjoy a joyful afternoon together.

- ◇ Two Egg Hunts: We'll have separate areas for little ones and big kids, so everyone gets a chance to fill their baskets.
- ◇ Meet the Easter Bunny: Don't forget to stop by for a photo!
- ◇ Crafts & Games: Fun activities to keep the kids engaged.
- ◇ Light Refreshments: Enjoy a snack while you visit with friends.

Doors open at 12:30 PM, and the egg hunt kicks off promptly at 1:00 PM—don't be late!

This event is open to the whole community.

Everyone is welcome, so bring your family and invite a friend!

Don't miss "little Jesus" Sunday on April 27th!

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, THE SENIOR LUNCHEON WILL MOVE TO APRIL 23RD (4TH WEDNESDAY) IN OBSERVANCE OF HOLY WEEK. DUE TO AN OVERWHELMING RESPONSE, APRIL 23RDS SENIOR LUNCHEON IS FULL TO CAPACITY.

THERE WILL BE NO CHAIR YOGA MONDAY APRIL 28TH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUNDAY MAY 18TH TO ATTEND THE PRAYER WALK FOR PEACE!

Chorus

From every corner a thousand voices sing
 Praises to him who comes in the name of God.
 With one great shout of acclamation loud
 Triumphant song breaks forth:
 "Hosanna, hosanna to the King!
 Hosanna, hosanna to the King!"

Verse 2

As in that entrance to Jerusalem,
 We sing hosannas to the Christ, our King,
 To the living Savior who still calls today,
 Asking us to follow Him with love and faith.

Chorus Spanish

Mientras Mil voces resuenan por do quier;
 Hosanna al que vie-neen el nombre del Senor.
 Con un alien-to de gran exclamacion
 Pro-rrum pen con voz triunfall:
 "Hosanna! Hosanna al Rey!"
 "Hosanna! Hosanna al Rey!"

Chorus English

CONVERSING WITH CHILDREN

PRAYING

Pastor Dave

[Quiet reflection]
Call to Confession

Reader: Found Family, we are truth-tellers in the prayer of confession. We are honest about the fact that we are works in progress. We tell the truth of our lives. We lay it all out before God. But this moment of prayer isn't just about us. In the prayer of confession we also reveal who God is, and our God is merciful. Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. So let us pray, knowing that God's truth will always mean grace for us.

DISCIPLESHIP DURING HOLY WEEK

Prayer of Confession

Reader: Womb of Creation, forgive me

Many Voices: when I speak before listening, when I speak over my neighbor, when I speak with barbed words.

Reader: Creator God, forgive me

Many Voices: when I listen to society, when I listen to my friends, when I listen to the news, but I do not listen to you.

Reader: Mother, Father, Parent of us all, forgive me

Many Voices: when I shout out, but do not shout your name, when I listen, but do not listen for your voice. Forgive me. Create in me a heart like yours.

[Extended silent prayer—Contemplative prayer is simply a wordless, trusting, opening of ourselves to the divine presence. In silence we are learning how to listen; and it's in listening that we can learn to hear. Silence is one of the most profound ways to dive deeper into the mystery that is God.]

Words of Forgiveness

Reader: Found Family of faith, whether or not you stuck to your Lenten goals this year; whether or not this is your first time in church or your thousandth time; whether or not you know to speak to God or listen for God's voice, God listens to you. God is merciful. God is abounding in steadfast love. There is nothing you could do or leave undone that could keep God from loving you. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

Many Voices: We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven. Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone. Hosanna in the highest!

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

Prayers adapted from Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Our Lenten journey began Ash Wednesday with Jesus in Galilee, setting his face toward Jerusalem. Here in Holy Week, Jesus' story culminates as he reaches Jerusalem. Our worship experiences throughout Holy Week help us engage and embody that story.

GATHERING for HOLY WEEK Worship Experiences

Today, Palm Sunday, we get a taste of Jesus' reception in Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 6:30pm, we offer a simple soup supper because a meal together is the setting for Jesus' teaching on sharing bread and cup and loving one another. ('Maundy' comes from the Latin for 'command.')

Good Friday, April 18, 10:00am, Community Prayer Walk at Channahon UMC, we walk, sing, and pray the stations of the cross with siblings in Christ from area Lutheran, Catholic, and Methodist churches.

Good Friday, April 18, 7:00pm, back here at Minooka UMC for Good Friday evening, we read and sing through the final hours of Jesus' life, progressively extinguishing candles.

Holy Saturday, April 19, 7:00pm, truly an in-between time as we sit with the fact that Jesus died and wonder: How did that feel for Jesus' original followers? What could possibly be next?

Easter Sunday, April 20, 9:30am, the joyful surprise of Easter Sunday morning: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!



***SINGING**

“O How He Loves You and Me”

The Faith We Sing #2108

Verse 1

Oh, how he loves you and me!
Oh how he loves you and me!
He gave his life. what more could he give?
Oh how he loves you; Oh how he loves me;
Oh how he loves you and me!

Verse 2

Jesus to Calvary did go;
His love for sinners to show.
What he did there brought hope from despair.
Oh how he loves you; Oh how he loves me;
Oh how he loves you and me!

SENDING FORTH

EXITING MUSIC

If You Really Listen...

In the city you'll hear horns, the clatter of the subway,
mothers calling to their children, saying, "Take my hand before we cross the street."

You'll hear church bells, Salvation Army bells,
people asking for spare change, while others ask for directions.

You'll hear the whistle from the traffic cop,

the exhaust from the bus,

that a train is arriving in two minutes.

You'll hear mothers selling fresh mango,

theater kids selling tickets,

and religious groups selling ideas.

But even with all that shouting,

even with all that noise,

the birds still sing.

Against all odds,

thanks be to God,

the birds still sing.

Poem by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

***SINGING**

“Tell me the Stories of Jesus” UM Hymnal #277

Verse 1

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask him
to tell me if he were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the
sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

Verse 2

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee, And I
shall fancy his blessing resting on me; words full of kindness,
deeds full of grace, all in the love-light of Jesus' face.

Verse 3

Into the city I'd follow the children's band, waving a branch of
the palm tree high in my hand; one of his heralds, yes, I would
sing loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

READING SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-40

(Contemporary English Version) Lay Reader

²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying all this, he went on toward Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he was getting near Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples on ahead. ³⁰ He told them, "Go into the next village, where you will find a young donkey that has never been ridden. Untie the donkey and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks why you are doing this, just say, 'The Lord needs it.' "

³² They went off and found everything just as Jesus had said. ³³ While they were untying the donkey, its owners asked, "Why are you doing that?"

³⁴ They answered, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ Then they led the donkey to Jesus. They put some of their clothes on its back and helped Jesus get on. ³⁶ And as he rode along, the people spread clothes on the road in front of him. ³⁷ When Jesus started down the Mount of Olives, his large crowd of disciples were happy and praised God because of all the miracles they had seen. ³⁸ They shouted,

“Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven
and glory to God.”

³⁹Some Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, make your disciples stop shouting!”

⁴⁰But Jesus answered, “If they keep quiet, these stones will start shouting.”

Reader: Speaking God, Most days we are inundated with noise. Some of it is good—laughter, music, storytelling. Some of it is hard—arguments, slurs, the sound of bomber planes. Every day we live between silence and shouting, rotating through quiet and noise. So in the midst of this messy middle, help us to hear what is yours. Help us to hear your song, your story, your good news.

Many Voices: Help us to hear your voice, your Spirit, your will. And show us how to release the rest. We are listening. Amen.

PROCLAIMING “Everything [in] Between: Shouting & Silence”
Pastor Dave

***SINGING** “He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word”
UM Hymnal #291 v1-3,5

Verse 1
They crucified my Lord,
And he never said a mumbalin' word;
They crucified my Lord,
And he never said a mumbalin' word,
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

Verse 2

They nailed him to the tree,
And he never said a mumbalin' word;
They nailed him to the tree,
And He never said a mumbalin' word,
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

Verse 3

They pierced him in the side,
And he never said a mumbalin' word;
They pierced him in the side,
And he never said a mumbalin' word,
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

Verse 5

He hung his head and died,
And he never said a mumbalin' word;
He hung his head and died,
And he never said a mumbalin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.

GIVING Pastor Dave

BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER Lay Reader

Many Voices: God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kin-dom. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.