

When do Small Groups meet next?

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

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

**LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

LAY SPEAKER                      KIM NAVE


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**"Everything [in] Between: Power & Humility  
Maundy Thursday**



**Welcome!**

**Minooka United Methodist Church**

**Thursday, April 17, 2025 6:30pm**

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Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church  
Maundy Thursday April 17, 2025 6:30pm

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\* Stand if you are able

ENTERING MUSIC

WELCOMING Kim Nave

PREPARING Kim Nave

\*GATHERING Kim Nave

Reader: This is the night of love. And this is the table of love. At this table, Christ, who loves us, is with us

**Many Voices: He is with us, and we are his. We belong to God. And so we pray: We are yours, all yours, blessed Triune God, all our lives, all our thanks, all our praise, all our fears, all our grumbling, all our hesitations, all our loves, all our joys, all our passions, we give them all to you, with bodies, and minds and voices. Yours, all yours!**

Reader: You're the blessing, you're the praise, from the unimaginable silence before the big bang, beyond the farthest reaches of time and space we may ever find, from infinity to infinity, everlasting to everlasting, you are God, boundless in love and power.

**Many Voices: What are we that you should notice us? What are we that you should love us? What are we that you should call us into covenant with you, a covenant we continually broke and you continuously sustained? Mercy! How full of mercy!**

Reader: How can we but praise you, joining our voices with the song of angels and saints, seraphim and martyrs, strangers and family in every generation.

**~This Week at MUMC~**

**THURSDAY 17TH**

6:30PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER & WORSHIP SERVICE

**FRIDAY 18TH**

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

**SATURDAY 19TH**

7:00PM HOLY SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

**SUNDAY 20TH**

9:30AM EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

**MONDAY 21ST**

EASTER MONDAY—OFFICE CLOSED

**TUESDAY 22ND**

12:00PM FAITH TALK BIBLE STUDY  
OFFICE CLOSED

**WEDNESDAY 23RD**

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



## Call Me In

You could call me out.  
You could hang me out to dry.  
You could list my sins.  
You could shrink me down to size.  
Or, you could call me in.  
You could grab my hand.  
You could show me what I missed.

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### WHY DO WE CALL TODAY 'MAUNDY' THURSDAY?

Maundy Thursday is an alternative title for Holy Thursday. The English word 'Maundy' comes from a Latin word meaning 'commandment.' Ok, so why do we essentially call this Commandment Thursday?? 'Commandment' refers to the story from the gospel according to John wherein, on his last night with his friends, Jesus washed the disciples' feet and said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34). Adding further confusion, many Maundy Thursday worship experiences focus instead on the Last Supper because the other gospel accounts say that's what happened that night. Meaning, we don't always read the gospel story that supplies the name. Sometimes being the church is, well, weird.

### PRAYING

Kim Nave

Reader: Lord, we come to you looking to be fed. We remember the stories of miraculous feeding, of manna in the wilderness, and the abundance of loaves and fishes, and the miracle of the wine at the wedding in Cana. We ask your blessing on these ordinary elements, the bread and the juice. We believe you feed us in ways that go far beyond our literal understanding. Through the awesome wonders of creation to the joy of human love and the power found in a group of people working on your behalf, you have blessed us. You became present to us in Jesus and blessed us further with your grace and mercy. You remain present to us in the working of the Holy Spirit. We give thanks for all the ways you show your love for us as we pray together using the words Jesus taught us:

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### READING SCRIPTURE John 13:1-17 (The Message) Lay Reader

13<sup>1-2</sup> Just before the Passover Feast, Jesus knew that the time had come to leave this world to go to the Father. Having loved his dear companions, he continued to love them right to the end. It was suppertime. The Devil by now had Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, firmly in his grip, all set for the betrayal.

3-6 Jesus knew that the Father had put him in complete charge of everything, that he came from God and was on his way back to God. So he got up from the supper table, set aside his robe, and put on an apron. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples, drying them with his apron. When he got to Simon Peter, Peter said, "Master, *you wash my feet?*"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, “You don’t understand now what I’m doing, but it will be clear enough to you later.”

<sup>8</sup> Peter persisted, “You’re not going to wash my feet—ever!” Jesus said, “If I don’t wash you, you can’t be part of what I’m doing.”

<sup>9</sup> “Master!” said Peter. “Not only my feet, then. Wash my hands! Wash my head!”

<sup>10-12</sup> Jesus said, “If you’ve had a bath in the morning, you only need your feet washed now and you’re clean from head to toe. My concern, you understand, is holiness, not hygiene. So now you’re clean. But not every one of you.” (He knew who was betraying him. That’s why he said, “Not every one of you.”) After he had finished washing their feet, he took his robe, put it back on, and went back to his place at the table.

<sup>12-17</sup> Then he said, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You address me as ‘Teacher’ and ‘Master,’ and rightly so. That is what I am. So if I, the Master and Teacher, washed your feet, you must now wash each other’s feet. I’ve laid down a pattern for you. What I’ve done, you do. I’m only pointing out the obvious. A servant is not ranked above his master; an employee doesn’t give orders to the employer. If you understand what I’m telling you, act like it—and live a blessed life.

**PROCLAIMING** (Part #1)      “Washing Feet”                      Kim Nave

**READING SCRIPTURE**      Matthew 26:17-29 (The Message)  
Lay Reader

<sup>17</sup> On the first of the Days of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and said, “Where do you want us to prepare your Passover meal?”

**GIVING** to MUMC’s Good Samaritan Fund through Easter Offering

As is our tradition, we are collecting a special Easter Offering. A tithe (i.e. the first 10%) of that offering goes to our Good Samaritan Fund that offers assistance to church members and community members alike who need help making ends meet. The remainder goes to the General Fund that makes all our ministry and mission possible.

**INVITING** friends and family

Who in your circle of influence needs the good news of Jesus and the love and care of our wonderful found family of faith?

## *Power Like a Seed*

In a world that wants power like a machine gun,  
power like a bomber plane,  
power like a gated fence to keep the hungry out,  
I want power like a seed—  
power that will crack me open and grow something good;  
power like an open door,  
an invitation that says, “Come on in;”  
power that feels like a strong spine with a soft heart.  
I want the power to listen, to lean in, to ask follow-up questions.  
But more than anything, I want the power to bring us together,  
to lift you up.

There are different kinds of power.

One will build a wall.

One will plant a garden.

We should know by now, only one will bear fruit.

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## DISCIPLESHIP DURING HOLY WEEK

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

**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!

<sup>18-19</sup> He said, "Enter the city. Go up to a certain man and say, 'The Teacher says, My time is near. I and my disciples plan to celebrate the Passover meal at your house.'" The disciples followed Jesus' instructions to the letter, and prepared the Passover meal.

<sup>20-21</sup> After sunset, he and the Twelve were sitting around the table. During the meal, he said, "I have something hard but important to say to you: One of you is going to hand me over to the conspirators."

<sup>22</sup> They were stunned, and then began to ask, one after another, "It isn't me, is it, Master?"

<sup>23-24</sup> Jesus answered, "The one who hands me over is someone I eat with daily, one who passes me food at the table. In one sense the Son of Man is entering into a way of treachery well-marked by the Scriptures—no surprises here. In another sense that man who turns him in, turns traitor to the Son of Man—better never to have been born than do this!"

<sup>25</sup> Then Judas, already turned traitor, said, "It isn't me, is it, Rabbi?"

Jesus said, "Don't play games with me, Judas."

<sup>26-29</sup> During the meal, Jesus took and blessed the bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples:

Take, eat.

This is my body.

Taking the cup and thanking God, he gave it to them:

Drink this, all of you.

This is my blood,

God's new covenant poured out for many people  
for the forgiveness of sins.

"I'll not be drinking wine from this cup again until that new day when I'll drink with you in the kingdom of my Father."

**PROCLAIMING** (Part #2 )      “The Supper”      Kim Nave

**SHARING COMMUNION**      Pastor Dave

Pastor: Jesus Christ who comes in our God’s name, you are worthy. Lamb of God for all creation slain, you are worthy. You are holy, O God! Worthy in your birth! Worthy in your living!

**Many Voices: Worthy in your loving! Worthy in your serving!**

Pastor: You preached good news that God’s kingdom has drawn near and gathered disciples, then and now, to learn and show the world what life in God’s reign means:  
Healing for the sick. New life for the dead, cleansing for the lepers, sight for the blinded, food for the hungry, freedom for the oppressed, love poured out for all.

**Many Voices: Worthy the night you took a towel and basin, washed your disciples’ feet, and taught them to do likewise.**

Pastor: Worthy too, the same night we betrayed you, when you took the bread, blessed it and broke it, and gave it to your disciples. Worthy when you told them, “This bread is broken as my body will be broken. Eat it and remember me.”

**Many Voices: We remember.**

Pastor: We remember, and we praise you with our lives, proclaiming with one voice the mystery of faith:

**Many Voices: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Bless these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us Christ’s body, Christ’s blood. Make us one body in Christ enlivened by his love now and forever, amen.

[The United Methodist offers open Communion. That means all are welcome at this table. If you have mobility issues, we will bring the elements to you. Self-contained packets of bread and juice are also available. All the bread is gluten free.]

**PRAYING AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION**

**Many Voices: Thank you, God for uniting us with Jesus in this holy mystery. We are no longer our own, but yours. So send us, and put us to leading and serving, loving as you have loved us wherever we go. Amen.**

**SENDING FORTH**

Kim Nave