

When do Small Groups meet next?

Book Group - "The Road to Grace" by Richard Paul Evans	Monday 08/25 @ 7pm
Bible Study Meets at Minooka UMC	Thursday @ 7:30PM
Chair Yoga Meets at Minooka UMC	Mon. @ 11:15am
Faithtalk - Bible Study Meets at Minooka UMC	Tuesday @ Noon
Grief Support Group Meets at Minooka UMC	Thursday 9/11 @ 12 noon
Prayer Team Meets at Minooka UMC	Wednesday @ 5:00PM
Skeptic's Circle Meets at the Minooka Library	Tuesday 9/9 @ 6:30PM
United Women in Faith Afternoon Circle Meets at Minooka UMC	Returns in the Fall
Youth Group 6th through 12th Grades Meets at Minooka UMC	Wednesday's @ 7:00PM

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

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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Parable Club: Growing Shrubbery



Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, August 24, 2025 9:30am

Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church

August 24, 2025 9:30am

* Stand if you are able

ENTERING MUSIC

WELCOMING

Pastor Dave

PREPARING

*GATHERING

Lay Reader

Reader: O Divine Voice, You sing and the universe comes into being.

Many Voices: O Divine Breath, You breathe and all things spring to life.

Reader: O Divine Word, You call and creation is sustained.

Many Voices: O Divine Flesh, You are born among us, and the Creator is clothed in creation.

Reader: O Divine Spirit, You contain all that has been formed.

Many Voices: O Divine Life, You are the pulse of all that is. So in faith and expectation, in wonder and celebration, we gather to join with creation in the song of worship and devotion. Amen.

*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.

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY 24TH

9:30AM SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00AM GOOD FUTURES ACCELERATOR MEETING



MONDAY 25TH

11:15AM CHAIR YOGA
7:00PM BOOK GROUP

TUESDAY 26TH

12:00PM BIBLE STUDY
6:00PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 27TH

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

THURSDAY 28TH

7:30PM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY 29TH

SATURDAY 30TH

Thank you for your commitments of gathering and giving!

Attendance August 17th at MUMC

In person total: 75 online: 16

General Fund Giving for 8/17: \$2,213.40

Total giving in all for 8/17: \$2,349.71

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

24 Ron Herath
24 Marguerite Stelling
26 Liz Figge
26 Pegi Laneuville
26 Wendy Tredennick
28 Dale Lockwood
28 Joye O'Keefe

29 Frank & Joy Hathcock

YOUTH GROUP IS BACK WEEKLY!

Youth Group for students in 6th-12th grades meets Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:00PM. Youth Group is a place to belong, where students can show up just as they are, build friendships, and grow in their faith. All our Youth Group leaders complete Safe Gathering training and a background check.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK WEEKLY!

Sunday School for children in PreK-5th grade meets in the North Wing at 10:45AM following our worship service. All our Sunday School teachers complete Safe Gathering training and a background check.

THURSDAY EVENING CHAIR YOGA RETURNING SEPTEMBER 11TH

Meet in the multi-purpose room for gentle movement and mindfulness in this accessible yoga class, perfect for all ages and fitness levels. No fee; free-will offering collected. Chair Yoga meets twice per week: Mondays from 11:15AM to 12:00Noon with Instructor Lu. Thursdays (beginning Sept. 11) from 5:15-6:00PM with Instructor Katy.

THANK YOU!

Thank you Chris Vause for organizing our lovely luncheon last week! And an extra special thanks to all the wonderful people who are our Roots & Branches!



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 prayer]

Reader: Loving God of All People, teach us not to despise small things. Remind us that the kingdom of heaven is like a tiny mustard seed. Turn our attention to the small things that bless others. You have planted seeds of great potential in our souls. Help us develop our potential so that you and others can depend on it. Turn our attention to what is small but potent.

[Quiet prayer]

Reader: Generous God, you entrust us with gifts and graces that can bless many people. Help us not to overlook the smallest ability. You place the destiny of the kingdom of heaven inside of us. Turn our attention to the small things that this congregation can do to make a tremendous difference in human lives—ourselves, our neighbors, and our enemies. Our prayer concludes as Jesus taught us, saying... [Lord's Prayer, UMH #894]

***SINGING** "This is my Father's World" UM Hymnal #144

Verse 1

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

Verse 2

This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

ARRIVING SOON: CONFIRMATION & WHAT'S NEXT? NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION SEPTEMBER 7th

Who's invited?

Students in grades 7-8 and their parent(s)/guardian(s) are invited to a Confirmation Information Meeting on Sunday, September 7th. We'll gather right after the conclusion of our 9:30am worship service. Our Confirmation Cohort begins Sunday, September 14th.

The purpose of Confirmation is to help students hear God's call in their lives and equip them as disciples of Jesus.

The purpose of the September 7th meeting is to share our process and the expectations of the families who choose to join Confirmation.

Please let us know to expect you on September 7th by emailing the office at admin@minookaumc.com.

WHAT'S NEXT? NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION

What's New Member Exploration?

- If you recently started attending worship and want to learn more about Minooka UMC—this group is for you.
- If you have been involved for a while and want to learn what is expected of members but aren't certain about joining—this group is for you.
- If you are ready to commit to being a member and want to know how to join—this group is for you.

This short-term group meets after worship (11:00-11:45am) Sundays, September 21, 28, and October 5.

Register for this group by emailing Office Manger Melissa Candler—admin@minookaumc.com

Questions? Contact Pastor Dave—pastordavemumc@gmail.com

***SINGING**

"The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"
The Faith We Sing #2241

Verse 1

The spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

Verse 2

We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free:
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.

Verse 3

We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed and,
all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.

Verse 4

Then let us go to serve in peace,
the Gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

***SENDING FORTH**

Pastor Dave

***EXITING MUSIC**

Verse 3

This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget that
though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

READING SCRIPTURE

Lay Reader

Mark 4:30-32; Matthew 13:31-32; Luke 13:18-19 (NRSVUE)

Mark 4:30-32

³⁰ He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

Matthew 13:31-32

³¹ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

Luke 13:18-19

¹⁸ He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? ¹⁹ It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

Reader: May God bless the reading, hearing, and living of these words.

Many Voices: Amen.

PROCLAIMING

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Pastor Dave

***SINGING**

“The Kingdom of God” UM Hymnal #275

Verse 1

The kingdom of God is like a grain of mustard seed.
When it is sown in the earth, it is the smallest seed.

Refrain

It is like the kingdom of God and a mystery.

Verse 2

For when it is sown, it grows into the largest plant,
Greater than all of the herbs, and grows into a tree.

Refrain

It is like the kingdom of God and a mystery.

Verse 3

It grows so birds can rest inside its crown of leaves,
Deep in its shadows, away from any evil prey.

Refrain

It is like the kingdom of God and a mystery.

Verse 4

And so we can liken it to seeds which make a tree
Larger than all of the trees from just the smallest seed

Refrain

It is like the kingdom of God and a mystery.

GIVING

Pastor Dave



BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER

Lay Reader

Many Voices: God of all blessings, Jesus inspired us through his teaching to see your kingdom as a place where small things can have a mighty impact. Bless us and the gifts we offer so that we and they may have a powerful impact when used according to your purposes. Amen.