
Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church

August 31, 2025 9:30am

* Stand if you are able

ENTERING MUSIC

WELCOMING

Pastor Dave

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. Amen.

*SINGING

“God is Speaking”

Worship & Song #3025

Verse 1

God is speaking. God is speaking. Do you hear?
Do you hear? Trust and you will hear him.
Trust and you will hear him. God is love. God is love.

Verse 2

God is speaking, always speaking using needs,
Using joys, speaking in his wisdom,
Speaking in his mercy, calling hearts, changing lives.

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY 31ST

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



MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1ST

11:15AM CHAIR YOGA
LABOR DAY

TUESDAY 2ND

12:00PM BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY 3RD

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

THURSDAY 4TH

7:30PM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY 5TH

SATURDAY 6TH

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST, LABOR DAY.
CHAIR YOGA IS MEETING MONDAY AT 11:15AM

Thank you for your commitments of gathering and giving!

Attendance August 24th at MUMC

In person total: 76 online: 13

General Fund Giving for 8/24: \$3,094.45

Total giving in all for 8/24: \$3,094.45



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Happy Unbirthday to everyone!

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Ron & Wendy Tredennick

GARAGE SALE TO SUPPORT MUMC

Location: 314 N. Wabasso St. Thursday through Saturday, September 11th through September 13th, during the village-wide garage sales. All proceeds from this garage sale will benefit MUMC. (Please note this garage sale event is NOT at MUMC on Ridge Rd but at 314 N Wabasso St.) We are in need of volunteers! Please see Gail Flatness.

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH GROUP

Sunday School for children in Preschool-5th grade meets at 10:45 AM following our worship service. Youth Group for students in 6th-12th grades meets Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:00 PM.

All our Sunday School teachers and Youth Group leaders 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.

5th SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TODAY!

On months with a fifth Sunday, stick around after the worship experience to enjoy talking over treats. Outreach Committee supplies snacks; you supply the conversation. This is a great opportunity to strengthen our found family by talking with someone new to you!

SENIOR LUNCH RETURNS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

“Forever Young” Senior Luncheon is so glad to be BACK!

On the third Wednesday of the month, we hold a free lunch at St. Mary’s Parish Hall for ages 55 and better! Invite friends and neighbors (55 years and older) and plan to have fun! Due to the popularity of the luncheon please make your reservation by calling [815-467-2322](tel:815-467-2322). We are returning September 17th at 11:30am. See you there!

Verse 3

God is speaking. God is speaking. Do you hear,
Hear his heart? Trust and you will hear him
If you want to hear him. God is love, always love.

CONVERSING WITH CHILDREN

PRAYING

Lay Reader

[Quiet prayer for contemplation]

Reader: Cosmic Christ, Eternal Son, Living Lord known to us in Jesus, being your disciple is so often so difficult! But, we are committed to keep learning. As we learn, we see how many folks have need:

Our neighbors who are poor need someone to bring them good news, along with food, shelter and sanitation.

Our neighbors who are broken need a healer to comfort them and guide them to wholeness.

Our neighbors who are oppressed and imprisoned need justice and freedom from the bonds that hold them.

Our neighbors who are powerful need prophets and teachers to call them to account and call out the best within them.

Our neighbor the Earth needs stewards to nurture and protect her.

[Quiet prayer for contemplation]

Reader: Jesus, we need your courage and your humility. Help us to stay faithful to your purpose and to give our best for you. Not just for our own sake, but for the sake of those you love: our neighbors and our enemies. Help us labor in your vineyard as though it were ours, while refusing to keep the fruits only for ourselves.

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

Verse 1

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

Verse 2

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

(Refrain)

Verse 3

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

(Refrain)

Verse 4

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

(Refrain)

**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

Refrain
Grace alone which God supplies,
Strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone;
We will go forth in grace alone.

Verse 2
Every soul we long to reach,
Every heart we hope to teach,
Everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace.
Every loving word we say,
Every tear we wipe away,
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace.

Refrain
Grace alone which God supplies,
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***SENDING FORTH**

Pastor Dave

EXITING MUSIC

READING SCRIPTURE

Lay Reader

Matthew 21:33-43 (NRSVUE)

³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits.

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

Many Voices: Amen.

PROCLAIMING

Parable Club: Grapes of Wrath

Pastor Dave

GIVING

Pastor Dave

***SINGING**

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

The Faith We Sing #2171



Verse 1

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord.
And where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

Verse 2

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there’s sadness, ever joy.

Verse 3

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Verse 4

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER

Lay Reader

Many Voices: Generous God, we bring these gifts as acts of faith. We trust in your steadfast love, knowing that in Christ, we are welcomed, transformed, and sent forth to serve. Bless these offerings, that they may be used to build your justice and mercy. Amen.

***SINGING**

“Grace Alone”

The Faith We Sing #2162

Verse 1

Every promise we can make,
Every prayer and step of faith,
Every difference we will make is only by his grace.
Every mountain we will climb,
Every ray of hope we shine,
Every blessing left behind is only by his grace.