

When do Small Groups meet next?

Book Group - "Walking on Water" by Richard Paul Evans	Monday 09/22 @ 7pm
Bible Study Meets at Minooka UMC	Thursday @ 7:30PM
Chair Yoga Meets at Minooka UMC	Mon. @ 11:15am Thurs. @ 5:30pm
Faithtalk - Bible Study Meets at Minooka UMC	Tuesday @ Noon
Grief Support Group Meets at Minooka UMC	Thursday 10/9 @ 12 noon
Prayer Team Meets at Minooka UMC	Wednesday @ 5:00PM
Skeptic's Circle Meets at the Minooka Library	Tuesday 10/14 @ 6:30PM
United Women in Faith Afternoon Circle Meets at Minooka UMC	Monday 10/13 @ 1:30pm
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: It's Party Time!



Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 14, 2025 9:30am

Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church

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* Stand if you are able

ENTERING MUSIC

WELCOMING

Pastor Dave

PREPARING

*GATHERING

Lay Reader

Reader: We are born to make manifest the glory of the Sacred that is within us.

Many Voices: The Sacred is not just in some of us, but rather in everyone, everywhere.

Reader: As we let our own light shine, we give other people permission to do the same. Let us pray:

Many Voices: Holy, Loving God, whose renewing breath fills our planet, may we discern your vibrant presence among us. May our spirits be lifted as we celebrate the kinship among us all. Amen.

*SINGING "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Worship & Song #3008

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
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To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY 14TH

- 9:30AM WORSHIP EXPERIENCE
10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:45AM CONFIRMATION COHORT
10:45AM TRUSTEES MEETING
12:00PM GOOD FUTURES ACCELERATOR MEETING

MONDAY 15TH

- 11:15AM CHAIR YOGA
12:00PM WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 16TH

- 12:00PM BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY 17TH

- 12:00PM SENIOR LUNCHEON @ ST. MARY'S PARISH
5:00PM PRAYER TEAM
7:00PM YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY 18TH

- 5:30PM CHAIR YOGA
7:30PM BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY 19TH

SATURDAY 20TH



Thank you for your commitments of gathering and giving!
Attendance September 7th at MUMC
In person total: 70 online: 14
General Fund Giving for 9/7: \$6,154.98
Total giving in all for 9/7: \$7,585.57

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

- 9 Nicole Czarnecki
10 Derek Dailey
11 Mason Smith
12 Karen Crawshaw
12 Caleb Froidcoeur

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 HAS RETURNED

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 from 5:30-6:15PM with Instructor Katy.

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. We are returning September 17th at 11:30am. See you there!

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

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CONVERSING WITH CHILDREN

PRAYING

Lay Reader

[Quiet prayer for contemplation]

Reader: God of mercy and healing, it’s a shameful thing when you’ve set invitations to all who will come and we stand at the door and turn people away. It’s shameful how we find ways to justify, in your Name, the lines we draw between us, the exclusions and suspicions, the greed and power-plays, that harm the least, and protect our special interests. So we pray: Lift us above our pettiness and self-protection, and use us as Your agents of justice and mercy.

[Quiet prayer for contemplation]

Reader: May your grace open our doors, stretch out our arms and turn our attention to the excluded, rejected and neglected ones. May Your wisdom teach our minds, open our hearts, and challenge our apathy to find solutions to the conflicts and self-created threats in our world. May Your love release our energies, ignite our abilities, and inspire our action to heal those who carry the scars of abuse, war, and disease.

To restore the ones who have failed or fallen. Make us heralds of your kin-dom who extend your invitation to all who are in need of good news. Our prayer concludes as Jesus taught us, saying...
[Lord's Prayer, UMH #894]

***SINGING**

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

UM Hymnal #121

Verse 1

There's a wideness in God's Mercy
like the wideness of the Sea;
There's a kindness in God's Justice,
which is more than Liberty.

Verse 2

There is welcome for the sinner,
And more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior:
There is healing in His blood.

Verse 3

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

Refrain

And God will delight

When we are creators of justice and joy,

Yes, God will delight

When we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

Verse 5

For everyone born, a place at the table,

To live without fear, and simply to be,

To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,

For everyone born, the right to be free.

Refrain

And God will delight

When we are creators of justice and joy,

Yes, God will delight

When we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

***SENDING FORTH**

Pastor Dave

EXITING MUSIC

***SINGING** "A Place at the Table" Worship & Song #3149, v1-3, 5

Verse 1

For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star over head.

Refrain

And God will delight
When we are creators of justice and joy,
Yes, God will delight
When we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

Verse 2

For woman and man, a place at the table,
Revising the roles, deciding the share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
For woman and man, a system that's fair.

Refrain

And God will delight
When we are creators of justice and joy,
Yes, God will delight
When we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

Verse 3

For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song,
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong.

Verse 4

If our love were but more simple,
We should rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined
by the presence of Our Lord.

READING SCRIPTURE

Lay Reader

Matthew 22:1-14 (NRSVUE)

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Many Voices: Amen.

PROCLAIMING Parable Club: It's Party Time! Pastor Dave

***SINGING** "As We Gather at Your Table"
The Faith We Sing #2268

Verse 1

As we gather at Your table,
As we listen to Your word,
Help us know, O God, Your presence;
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
Till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make Love's victory known.

Verse 2

Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve You,
Bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, Your great compassion
To forgive as You forgave;
May we still behold Your image
In the world You died to save.

Verse 3

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
Those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy.

GIVING Pastor Dave



BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER Lay Reader

Many Voices: Steadfast and sheltering God, even when the world disappoints, you call us to faithfulness, to community, to generosity that reflects your own heart. Receive these offerings as signs of our trust in you and our desire to live differently, full of hope. Use them—and us—for the good that ripples outward, for the healing of hearts and the strengthening of your people. Amen.