

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.

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Parable Club: Talent Show!



Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 21, 2025 9:30am

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September 21, 2025 9:30am

* Stand if you are able

ENTERING MUSIC

WELCOMING Pastor Dave

PREPARING

*GATHERING Lay Reader

Reader: God of all Life, we have seen your presence in the rhythm and surprises of our years.

Many Voices: Thank you for accompanying us through all that is past.

Reader: We recognize that you remain close to us in this day, in this present moment.

Many Voices: Thank you for challenging us and encouraging us in each act and decision we make in the here and now.

Reader: We look for you in the promises which stretch before us into all our tomorrows.

Many Voices: Thank you for meeting us with hope and journeying with us into our future together. 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,

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY 21ST

9:30AM WORSHIP EXPERIENCE
10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:45AM CONFIRMATION COHORT
11:00AM NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION

MONDAY 22ND

11:15AM CHAIR YOGA

TUESDAY 23RD

12:00PM BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY 24TH

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

THURSDAY 25TH

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

FRIDAY 26TH

SATURDAY 27TH



Thank you for your commitments of gathering and giving!
Attendance September 14th at MUMC
In person total: 72 online: 11
General Fund Giving for 9/7: \$2,150.83
Total giving in all for 9/7: \$2,176.83

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

22 Jane Carhart
23 Maurice Davenport
24 Esther Buerstetta
26 Wayne Greenback
26 Lucas Noe
27 Lorelei Boyer
27 Jacqueline Buerstetta
27 Christy McGrath
27 Cindy White

23 Jim & Ruth Satorius

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.

“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

Didn’t Register? It’s okay! Just show up. You are welcome. :)

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 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; settling and centering can create space for deep listening]

Reader: Faithful God, We confess that we do not give attention to the things that are of you. We listen to rumors and gossip instead of what is true and honorable. We do not hold fast to justice. We do not train our hearts on what is pure and pleasing to you. In our words and our deeds, we stray from all that is commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise. We do not attend to all we have received and learned of your good news, and so we do not live in peace with you or with our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to live as your grateful people.

[Quiet prayer for confession]

Reader: Receive the good news: God pays attention to us when we pray. God receives our confession and saves us by grace. May the peace of God guard us in mind and heart now and forever. Thanks be to God! Our prayer concludes as Jesus taught us, saying... [Lord's Prayer, UMH #894]

***SINGING** "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UM Hymnal #399

Verse 1

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Verse 2

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Refrain
Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land
With the Father's glory,
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire;
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations
With grace and mercy,
Send forth Your word, Lord,
And let there be light.

Verse 3
As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain
Shine, Jesus, shine,
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With the Father's glory,
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
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***SENDING FORTH**

Pastor Dave

EXITING MUSIC

Refrain

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Set our hearts on fire;
Flow, river, flow,
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With grace and mercy,
Send forth Your word, Lord,
And let there be light.

Verse 1

Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land
With the Father's glory,
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire;
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Flood the nations
With grace and mercy,
Send forth Your word, Lord,
And let there be light.

Verse 2

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
from the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Verse 3

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

READING SCRIPTURE

Lay Reader

Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSVUE)

¹⁴ “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once ¹⁶ the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’

²⁶ But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter?' ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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

Many Voices: Amen.

PROCLAIMING Parable Club: Talent Show! Pastor Dave

***SINGING** "Come, Let Us Dream" Worship & Song #3157, v1-3

Verse 1

Come, let us dream God's dream again.
Come, one and all, let us ascend
the mountain top where those of old
saw God's new day on earth unfold.

Verse 2

The lame shall walk, the blind shall see,
the doors swing wide, all prisoners free,
the lowly raised, the proud brought low.
This is God's dream: let justice flow.

Verse 3

When hatred ends and war shall cease,
so all may dwell in deepest peace,
then be assured the time is near
when perfect love casts out all fear.

GIVING

Pastor Dave



BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER Lay Reader

Many Voices: Generous God, receive the gifts we bring this day in thankfulness and joy. We bring ourselves as our offering too, striving to live lives of goodness, justice, compassion, and beauty that are pleasing to you. We are grateful for your never-failing love and presence with us through Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.