

## When do Small Groups meet next?

<b>Book Group - "Firefly Lane"</b> by Kristin Hannah	Monday 10/27 @ 7pm
<b>Chair Yoga</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Mon. @ 11:15am Thurs. @ 5:30pm
<b>Faithtalk - Bible Study</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Tuesday @ Noon
<b>Grief Support Group</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Thursday 10/9 @ 12 noon
<b>Prayer Team</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Wednesday @ 5:00PM
<b>Skeptic's Circle</b> Meets at the Minooka Library	Tuesday 10/14 @ 6:30PM
<b>United Women in Faith Afternoon Circle</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Monday 10/13 @ 1:30pm
<b>Youth Group</b> 6th through 12th Grades Meets at Minooka UMC	Wednesdays @ 7:00PM

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

### LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

LAY READER	KAREN PUBENTZ
SONG LEADERS	RUTH SATORIUS, GAIL GIRARD, SUSAN SPENCER

### CHURCH STAFF

MINISTERS	ALL DISCIPLES OF JESUS
LEAD PASTOR	REV. DAVE BUERSTETTA
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**Welcome!**

**Minooka United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday, September 28, 2025 9:30am**

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September 28, 2025 9:30am

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\* Stand if you are able

ENTERING MUSIC

WELCOMING

Pastor Dave

PREPARING

\*GATHERING

Lay Reader

Reader: May the warm winds of heaven blow softly on our house.

Many Voices: May the Great Spirit bless all who enter here.

Reader: We are grateful God is present in our lives bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, and growth out of difficulty.

Many Voices: We are grateful that, in Christ, God does not leave us alone but labors to make us whole.

Reader: We seek to see God's hand in the unfolding of our lives.

Many Voices: We attend to the gentle guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that we may know the joy of following Jesus.

\*SINGING

"We Gather Together"

UM Hymnal #131

Verse 1

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Verse 2

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side, the glory be Thine!

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY 28TH

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

MONDAY 29TH

- 11:15AM CHAIR YOGA

TUESDAY 30TH

- 12:00PM BIBLE STUDY
- 7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY OCT. 1ST

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

THURSDAY 2ND

- 5:30PM CHAIR YOGA

FRIDAY 3RD

SATURDAY 4TH



Thank you for your commitments of gathering and giving!

Attendance September 21st at MUMC  
In person total: 55 online: 14  
General Fund Giving for 9/21: \$4,328.73  
Total giving in all for 9/21: \$4,495.04

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

September		1	Don & DeeDee Casagrande
28	Noah Staley	4	Don & Jane Carhart
30	Joy Clendening		
October			
1	Dick Figge		
3	John Nave		
4	Robert Nave		
4	Glen Yunker		

## Upcoming Youth Opportunities

**Monday, September 29, from 4-5pm** we are joining the Channahon UMC youth in helping distribute food to clients of the Northern IL Food Bank. We will also take some of that time to play some games with the CUMC youth as we get to know each other better. Drop off and pick up at Channahon UMC (24751 W. Eames St, Channahon, IL 60410)

Then, **Friday, October 17 from 4:45-7:30pm** we are joining CUMC youth in serving at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora. If you've never been there, it is a great way to care for people in need while engaging in a fun, team-building challenge. We'll meet at FMSC (555 Exchange Court, Aurora, IL 60504) where their staff will show us everything we need to know and do to help. *Parents and other family members are welcome! Space is limited for this event, so please let me know how many from your family will attend.*

## Big Thanks to our Anonymous Donors!

Big things are happening here at MUMC. Recently we were able to upgrade our video equipment and streaming capabilities. Even more visible is our brand new, electronic sign! (Which we are still learning how to program... this should be fun!) We are very grateful to our donors for their tremendous generosity.

## 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](mailto:admin@minookaumc.com)**

Questions? Contact Pastor Dave—[pastordavemumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastordavemumc@gmail.com)

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

Verse 3

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

## CONVERSING WITH CHILDREN

### PRAYING

Lay Reader

'A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition' and 'Ecumenical Lord's Prayer'

[Quiet prayer; settling and centering can create space for deep listening]

Reader: We are no longer our own, but thine. Put us to what thou wilt, rank us with whom thou wilt. Put us to doing, put us to suffering. Let us be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low by thee. Let us be full, let us be empty. Let us have all things, let us have nothing. We freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art ours and we are thine. So be it. And the covenant which we have made in earth, let it be ratified in heaven.

[Quiet prayer]

Reader: Our prayer concludes as Jesus taught us, saying,

**Many Voices: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**\*SINGING**

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”  
The Faith We Sing #2200 (x3)

O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer;  
When I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer;  
Come and listen to me.

O Lord, hear my prayer,  
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Come and listen to me.

Verse 4

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

**\*SENDING FORTH**

Pastor Dave

**EXITING MUSIC**

**READING SCRIPTURE** Acts 2:37-47 (The Voice) Lay Reader

<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, their hearts were pierced; and they said to Peter and his fellow apostles,

**Pilgrims:** Our brothers, what should we do?

**\*SINGING**

“Gather Us In” The Faith We Sing #2236

Verse 1

Here in this place new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

Verse 2

We are the young our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

Verse 3

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

**Peter:** <sup>38</sup> Reconsider your lives; change your direction. Participate in the ceremonial washing of baptism in the name of Jesus, God's Anointed, *the Liberating King*. Then your sins will be forgiven, and the gift of the Holy Spirit will be yours. <sup>39</sup> For the promise of *the Spirit* is for you, for your children, for all people—even those considered outsiders and outcasts—the Lord our God invites everyone to come to Him.

<sup>40</sup> Peter was pleading and offering many logical reasons to believe. <sup>41</sup> Whoever made a place for his message in their hearts received the baptism; in fact, that day alone, about 3,000 people joined the disciples.

<sup>42</sup> The community continually committed themselves to learning what the apostles taught them, gathering for fellowship, breaking bread, and praying. <sup>43</sup> Everyone felt a sense of awe because the apostles were doing many signs and wonders among them. <sup>44</sup> There was an intense sense of togetherness among all who believed; they shared all their material possessions in trust. <sup>45</sup> They sold any possessions and goods *that did not benefit the community* and used the money to help everyone in need. <sup>46</sup> They were unified as they worshiped at the temple day after day. In homes, they broke bread and shared meals with glad and generous hearts. <sup>47</sup> The new disciples praised God, and they enjoyed the goodwill of all the people *of the city*. Day after day the Lord added to their number everyone who was experiencing liberation.

Reader: May the Fount of Wisdom bless the words we have read and plant them deeply in our minds, our hearts, and our lives.

**Many Voices: Amen.**

**PROCLAIMING**

Pastor Dave

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**\*SINGING**

“It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”

UM Hymnal #352

Refrain

It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Verse 1

Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Refrain

It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Verse 2

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Refrain

It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

It’s me, it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Verse 3

Not my father, not my mother, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not my father, not my mother, but it’s me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Refrain

It’s us, it’s us, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

It’s us, it’s us, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

**GIVING**

Pastor Dave



**BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER**

Lay Reader

**Many Voices: All things come from you, O God, and with praise and thanksgiving we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior, that we might have abundant and eternal life. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all that you have done, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**