

## When do Small Groups meet next?

<b>Book Group</b> - "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver	Monday 1/26 @ 7pm
<b>Chair Yoga</b>	Resumes in February
<b>FaithTalk Bible Study</b>	Tuesday @ 12 noon
<b>Grief Support Group</b>	Thursday 02/12 @ 12 noon
<b>Line Dancing</b>	Resumes in February
<b>Prayer Team</b>	Wednesday @ 5:00pm
<b>Skeptic's Circle</b> Meets at Brick & Ivy Coffee Co. 27754 Bluegrass Dr, Channahon, IL 60410	Tuesday 01/13 @ 6:30PM
<b>Youth Group</b> 6th through 12th Grades	Wednesday @ 7:00pm

## The Gospel According to MUMC's Eras Tour



### LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

LAY READER  
SONG LEADERS

CHRISTOPHER MILLER  
RUTH SATORIUS, GAIL GIRARD,  
SUSAN SPENCER

### CHURCH STAFF

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**Welcome!**

**Minooka United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, January 11, 2026 9:30am**

**Minooka United Methodist Church Worship Experience**  
**January 11, 2026 9:30am**

\* Stand if you are able

**ENTERING MUSIC**

**WELCOMING**

Pastor Dave

**PREPARING**

**\*GATHERING**

Lay Reader

Reader: As we gather this morning, let us affirm the connection we have with each other and with that creative mystery we call God.

**Many Voices: May we remain open to the unfolding of all that can be celebrated, all that can be learned, all that can be done, all that can *be*, without diminishing the lives of others. Amen!**

**\*SINGING**

“Welcome”

W&S #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.

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.

**~This Week at MUMC~**

**SUNDAY 11TH**

9:30AM WORSHIP EXPERIENCE  
 10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 10:45AM CONFIRMATION COHORT  
 11:00AM WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

**MONDAY 12TH**

**TUESDAY 13TH**

12:00PM FAITH TALK BIBLE STUDY  
 6:30PM SKEPTIC’S CIRCLE

**WEDNESDAY 14TH**

10:30AM PARK POINTE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE  
 4:15PM OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING  
 5:00PM PRAYER GROUP  
 7:00PM YOUTH GROUP

**THURSDAY 15TH**

**FRIDAY 16TH**

**SATURDAY 17TH**



**Thank you for your commitments of gathering and giving!**

**Attendance January 4th at MUMC**

In person total: 80 online: 19

**General Fund Giving for 1/4: \$6,321.26**

**Total giving in all for 1/4: \$7,644.58**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- 11 Patty McGehee
- 11 Isabel Sanchez-Lyons
- 12 Ruth Pesack
- 13 Brad Gossen
- 14 Jan Stadt
- 16 Phyllis Underhill
- 17 Ruth Satorius

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Minooka UMC congregation for your generous food donations throughout the year. Your continued support has made a meaningful difference in our community through the ministry of our Helping Hands Food Pantry, especially during the holiday season. Thank you for providing Christmas dinners and thoughtful gifts for the children, bringing joy and comfort to families in need.

The Helping Hands Food Pantry Team  
(MUMC and St. Mary's Members)



### **WE ARE NOW SERVING 61 FAMILIES!**

We are so grateful for your generosity making that possible. We are still in need of your help. As our food pantry grows, so does our donation needs. We welcome and appreciate ALL donations, however, some specific items we are in need of are: complete pancake mix, pancake syrup, boxed potatoes, canned pasta (Spaghetti O's, ravioli, etc), pasta sauce, spaghetti noodles, and cereal. All food and toiletry donations are appreciated as well. Thank you! We are truly making a difference in the community.

### 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. In quiet moments, may we find connection to and wisdom from the God of all people.]

Reader: Loving God, we pray that all creation may be filled again with wonder at your steadfast loving kindness. We pray that your love grow within us and through us, for the transformation of the world into the kin-dom you long for it to be. Found Family, let us commit to being disciples of Jesus together.

A Prayer in the Wesley Covenant Tradition

**Many Voices: We are not our own self-made, self-reliant human beings.**

**In truth, O God, we are Yours.**

**Make us into what You will.**

**Make us neighbors with those whom You will.**

**Guide us on the easy path for You.**

**Guide us on the rocky road for You.**

**Whether we are to step up for You, or step aside for You;**

**Whether we are to be lifted high for You, or brought low for You;**

**Whether we become full or empty, with all things or with nothing;**

**We give all that we have and all that we are for You.**

**And may we always remember that we belong to each other and we each belong to you, O God.**

**May it be so.**

[Quiet prayer for reflection]

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

Prayer adapted from Rev. Jeremy Smith on HackingChristianity.net.

**\*SINGING**            "Make Me a Servant"            TFWS #2176 (x2)

Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
Make me a servant today.  
(Repeat)

**READING SCRIPTURE**    John 1:43-51 (NRSVUE)            Lay Reader

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord. If You lead me.  
I will hold, Your people in my heart.

Verse 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
(Refrain)

Verse 3

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them,  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
(Refrain)

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**EXITING MUSIC**

Pastor Dave: We charge all of you to be faithful leaders. Do you accept this commissioning as missional leaders of the Minooka United Methodist Church?

**Leaders: I do.**

Pastor Dave: Will you do all in your power to follow God in the Way of Jesus by doing no harm, doing good, and staying in love with God?

**Leaders: I will**

Pastor Dave: Will you do all in your power to be responsible to the tasks for which you are chosen?

**Leaders: I will.**

Pastor Dave: People of Minooka United Methodist Church, will you do all you can to encourage these leaders and support them with your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

**Many Voices: We will!**

**Many Voices: Most gracious God, bless your servants and pour out your Spirit on them. Guide and strengthen them for all that lies ahead so that together we may be one in ministry to all the world. We pray in the name of the Trinity, God-in-Community, who leads us into unity through our diversity. Amen.**

**\*SINGING**

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH #593

Verse 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Reader: May God add blessing to the reading, hearing, and living of these words.

**Many Voices: Amen.**

**PROCLAIMING**

Pastor Dave

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**GIVING**

Pastor Dave



**BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER**

Lay Reader

**Many Voices: Generous God, bless the tithes and offerings we bring today. May these gifts, along with all that we are and all that we do, create more goodness, beauty, faithfulness, and healing in our world. Amen.**

## **BLESSING and COMMISSIONING LEADERS**

Pastor Dave: John Wesley described Methodist leaders as persons "not only of sound judgment, but truly devoted to God." Leaders are willing to help others "grow in the knowledge and love of God."

Pastor Dave: We are so grateful for **Ron Herath** who finished his term of leadership as Board of Trustees Co-Chairperson.

**Many Voices: Thank you, Ron, for all the ways you faithfully led us! May God continue to bless you and use you in new ways.**

Pastor Dave: We are grateful for those who are stepping into new leadership roles:

*Karen Pubentz, Church Council Recording Secretary  
Glenn Yunker, Board of Trustees Co-Chairperson*

Pastor Dave: And those who accepted a new term in their current leadership role:

*Karen Crawshaw, Membership Chair & Membership Secretary  
Gordon McCoy, Board of Trustees Co-Chairperson  
Katrina Nolan, Sunday School Director*

**Many Voices: Thank you for saying yes to this challenge! May God continue to bless you and work through you!**

Pastor Dave: Those folks join our amazing stable of returning leaders:

*Jennifer Ferguson, Youth Group Leader  
Gail Flatness, Outreach Chair  
Gail Girard, Financial Secretary & Daybreak Coordinator  
Marlin Hartman, Church Council Chair & ASP Coordinator  
Shari Millard, Finance Chair  
Bob Moorman, Building Chair*

*Kim Nave, Memorials Chair & Worship Chair  
Alex Nolan, Staff-Parish Relations Chair  
& Lay Member to Annual Conference  
Chris Vause, Lay Leader, Lay Member to Annual Conference  
& Food Pantry Coordinator*

**Many Voices: Thank you for continuing to serve our found family of faith! May God continue to bless you and work through you!**

Pastor Dave: Some vital leadership happens out of the spotlight, as with these three special teams:

### **Board of Trustees**

*Ron Herath  
Gordon McCoy, Co-Chair  
Les Millard  
John Nave  
Alex Nolan  
Jim Satorius  
Amanda Sramek  
Chris Vause  
Glen Yunker, Co-Chair*

### **Care Team**

*Guy Carlson  
Mari Kirsch  
Gordon McCoy  
Jody Moorman  
Karen Pubentz  
Ruth Satorius  
Chris Vause, Leader*

### **Prayer Team**

*Karen Gaba, Leader  
Cindy Gossen  
Mari Kirsch  
Jerry Morrow  
Tammie Patterson  
Karen Pubentz  
Chris Vause*

**Many Voices: Thank you for your faithfulness in caring for our found family of faith!**