

When Do Small Groups Meet Next?

- Book Group** - "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver
Meets Monday January 26th @ 7pm
- Chair Yoga** - Monday resumes February 2nd @ 11:45am
Thursday resumes February 5th @ 5:30pm
- FaithTalk Bible Study** - Every Tuesday @ 12:00pm
- Grief Support Group** - Thursday February 12th @ 12:00pm
- Line Dancing** - Resumes Monday, February 2nd @ 1:00pm
- Prayer Team** - Every Wednesday @ 5:00pm
- Skeptic's Circle** - Tuesday, February 10th @ 6:30pm
*Meets at: Brick & Ivy Coffee Co.
27754 Bluegrass Dr. Channahon, IL*
- Youth Group** - Every Wednesday @ 7:00pm

LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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SUSAN SPENCER

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The Gospel According to The Boss



Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 18, 2026 9:30am

Minooka United Methodist Church Worship Experience
January 18, 2026 9:30am

* Stand if you are able

ENTERING MUSIC

WELCOMING

Pastor Dave

PREPARING

***GATHERING**

Lay Reader

Reader: We gather in the name of Creator God, who shapes us in the divine image and who delights in the diversity of creation.

Many Voices: In the name of God, all are welcome in this place!

Reader: We gather in the name of Liberator God, who breaks the bonds of oppression and who calls us to the long work of justice.

Many Voices: In the name of God, all are free in this place!

Reader: We gather in the name of Companion God, who is with us always and who rejoices in love wherever it is found.

Many Voices: In the name of God, all are offered care in this place! Amen!

***SINGING** "He Has Made Me Glad" The Faith We Sing #2270

I will enter His gates
 With thanksgiving in my heart,
 I will enter His courts with praise.
 I will say, "this is the day
 That the Lord has made"
 I will rejoice,
 For He has made me glad.

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY 18TH

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

MONDAY 19TH

1:00PM-3:00PM MLK YOUTH SERVICE (SENIOR TECH HELP AND MORE)
 6:30PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 20TH

12:00PM FAITH TALK BIBLE STUDY



WEDNESDAY 21ST

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

THURSDAY 22ND

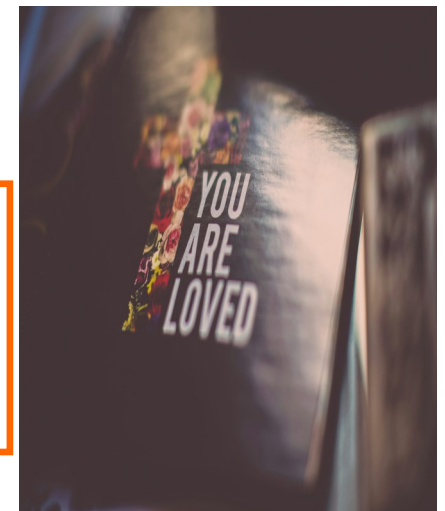
FRIDAY 23RD

SATURDAY 24TH

Thank you for your commitments of gathering and giving!
Attendance January 11th at MUMC
 In person total: 72 online: 26
General Fund Giving for 1/11: \$4,512.26
Total giving in all for 1/11: \$5,203.01

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 20 Wade Clausing
- 20 John Randich
- 21 Jennifer Ferguson
- 22 Eli White
- 24 Julie Craig
- 24 Dean Geyer



Helping Hands Food Pantry

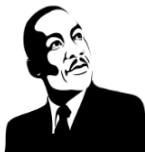
Donations Needed!



WE ARE NOW SERVING 65 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.

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Youth Group Day of Service



Where? Minooka United Methodist Church

When? Monday January 19, 2026, 1 pm - 3 pm

What? We will be providing tech help to senior citizens in our community.

Snacks will be provided! We hope to see you there!!

Refrain

He has made me glad,
He has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for
He has made me glad.
He has made me glad,
He has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for
He has made me glad.

CONVERSING WITH CHILDREN

PRAYING

Lay Reader

Introduction

The Ignatian Awareness Examen is based on the life and teachings of Ignatius of Loyola, Spain, in mid-16th Century. The Examen is characterized by following Jesus, practicing discernment, and acquiring a sense of service. The point of self-examination is to become more Christ-centered by observing the moments when we are or are not so centered.

Practice

Place your feet flat on the floor and your hands comfortably in your lap. Close your eyes and take a few slow, deep breaths. As you consider the previous week:

1. For what moment are you most grateful?
What was it about that moment that made it special?
Give thanks for that moment and receive life from it again.
2. For what moment are you least grateful?
What was it about that moment that made it difficult?
Remember God is with you always and let God's love fill you just as you are.

3. Give thanks to God for whatever you have experienced in this prayer time.

[Quiet prayer for reflection]

Leader: Our prayer concludes as Jesus taught us saying...[Lord's Prayer UM Hymnal #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.

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

Exodus 4:10-16, 27-31 (Common English Bible)

¹⁰ But Moses said to the Lord, "My Lord, I've never been able to speak well, not yesterday, not the day before, and certainly not now since you've been talking to your servant. I have a slow mouth and a thick tongue."

Your first question for me could be, Kim, why are you talking about this commercial?

As you enter the worship space this Sunday, you might catch a scent of fresh evergreen; see snow and glistening snowflakes; and feel the presence of 8 pairs of eyes keeping watch over you. Mr. Owl and his friends will be spending time with us for a few weeks. In the 1969 commercial, a boy asked Mr. Owl, "How many licks does it take to get to the Tootsie Roll center of a Tootsie Pop?" Of course, the wise old owl grabs the sucker and licks it saying, "A one, a two, a three, [crunch]. Three." The commercial ends with "The world may never know."

Our lives are our Tootsie Pop. We are in such a rush to enjoy and be rewarded that we don't take the time to savor the sweetness. Life is not meant to be a race to the finish.

God created us and blessed us with a life to savor and enjoy until we are called home to experience the center of His Eternal Promise. Patience is the key. The Bible teaches that patience is an important aspect of our relationship with God and our relationships with others. By cultivating patience, we can become more like Christ and better reflect His love to the world around us.

Take a few moments in the worship space this month to reflect on the owls. Spiritually, owls symbolize wisdom, intuition, and hidden knowledge. They are seen as guides through the unknown, urging deeper insight, and signifying shifts in life, from personal growth to spiritual transitions.

Reflect on the evergreens. How it remains green and stands tall and mighty against the coldest, darkest winter until the summer sun returns to warm its outstretched branches. Like a hope that never dies.

Reflect on the snowflakes. Each one uniquely made, like God created us. When brought together in unison to make a blanket of snow, it is essential for a healthy ecosystem crucial for the planet. Acting as a vital insulator for soil and wildlife, a reflective surface that cools the Earth.

This year, like snowflakes, let us shine in our uniqueness and work together to be a strong system for each other. This year, like evergreens, be strong and spiritually healthy in our coldest, darkest days. This year, like owls, be wise and patient, urging deeper insight in savoring the blessing of God. And let us tell the world just how great He is.

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.

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**
EXITING MUSIC

ARTIST'S EYE—January 2026
By Kim Nave, Worship Committee Chairperson

With every new year, there will be a long list of new challenges, victories, and questions. So, my first question for you is, “How many licks does it take to get to the tootsie roll center of a tootsie pop?” The famous Mr. Owl Tootsie Pop commercial first aired in 1969. It has remained one of the longest running and most recognizable ads in American television history. A refreshed version aired last fall featuring updated animation and voiceovers to appeal to a new generation, while retaining the nostalgic charm.

¹¹ Then the LORD said to him, “Who gives people the ability to speak? Who’s responsible for making them unable to speak or hard of hearing, sighted or blind? Isn’t it I, the LORD? ¹² Now go! I’ll help you speak, and I’ll teach you what you should say.”

¹³ But Moses said, “Please, my Lord, just send someone else.”

¹⁴ Then the LORD got angry at Moses and said, “What about your brother Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak very well. He’s on his way out to meet you now, and he’s looking forward to seeing you. ¹⁵ Speak to him and tell him what he’s supposed to say. I’ll help both of you speak, and I’ll teach both of you what to do. ¹⁶ Aaron will speak for you to the people. He’ll be a spokesperson for you, and you will be like God for him.

²⁷ The LORD said to Aaron, “Go into the desert to meet Moses.” So he went, and Aaron met him at God’s mountain and greeted him with a kiss. ²⁸ Moses told Aaron what the LORD had said about his mission and all the signs that the LORD had told him to do. ²⁹ Then Moses and Aaron called together all the Israelite elders. ³⁰ Aaron told them everything that the LORD had told to Moses, and he performed the signs in front of the people. ³¹ The people believed. When they heard that the LORD had paid attention to the Israelites and had seen their oppression, they bowed down and worshipped.

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

Many Voices: Amen.

PROCLAIMING

Pastor Dave

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***SINGING**

UM Hymnal #111, v1,3-4

“How Can We Name a Love”

Verse 1

How can we name a Love that wakens heart and mind,
Indwelling all we know or think or do or seek or find?
Within our daily world, in every human face,
Love’s echoes sound and God is found,
Hid in the common place.

Verse 3

When people share a task, and strength and skills unite
In projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight,
Our Friend and Partner’s will is better understood,
That all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good.

Verse 4

So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet
A presence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.
Yet every name we see, shines in a brighter sun:
In Christ alone is Love full grown and life and hope begun.

GIVING

Pastor Dave



BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER

Lay Reader

Many Voices: Generous God, receive these gifts, offered with gratitude and hope. Use them—and use us—to proclaim your justice, to shine your love to the ends of the earth, and to glorify your name. In the name of Christ, your Servant and our Savior, we pray. Amen.

***SINGING**

Worship & Song #3149, v1-3,5

“A Place at the Table”

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!