

When do Small Groups meet next?

Bible Study with Pastor Dave Meets at Minooka UMC	Thursday 11/20 @ 7pm
Book Group - "Fly Away" by Kristin Hannah	Monday 11/24 @ 7pm
Chair Yoga Meets at Minooka UMC	Mon. @ 11:45am Thurs. 11/20, 12/4, & 12/11 @ 5:30pm
Faithtalk - Bible Study Meets at Minooka UMC	Every Tuesday @ Noon
Grief Support Group Meets at Minooka UMC	Thursday 11/13 @ 12 noon
Line Dancing Meets at Minooka UMC in the Fellowship Room	11/17 @ 1pm
Prayer Team Meets at Minooka UMC	Every Wednesday @ 5:00PM
Skeptic's Circle Meets at the Minooka Library	Tuesday 12/9 @ 6:30PM
United Women in Faith Afternoon Circle Meets at Minooka UMC	Monday 12/8 @ 1:30pm
Youth Group 6th through 12th Grades Meets at Minooka UMC	12/3, 12/10, 12/17 @ 7:00PM

Any cancellations or date changes for our gatherings will be announced.

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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TEOTWAWKI



Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, November 16, 2025 9:30am

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* Stand if you are able

ENTERING MUSIC

WELCOMING

Pastor Dave

PREPARING

*GATHERING

Lay Reader

Reader: From the corners of this city, from the confusion of life, from the loneliness of our hearts,

Many Voices: Gather us, O God.

Reader: To feed our minds, to fire our imagination, to free our hearts,

Many Voices: Gather us, O God.

Reader: We gather here as the human ones of creation. We name ourselves threads in the web of life. We give thanks for connection, that we are all part of one another and that we are all part of the sacred divine.

Many Voices: God of surprises, startle us with truth we do not see, amaze us with your power and grace, beckon us, and lead us far above restricted hope and narrow faith. Amen!

*SINGING "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" UM Hymnal #383

Verse 1

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY 16TH

9:30AM WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

5:00PM CONFIRMATION COHORT PIZZA PARTY AT CHANNAHON UMC

MONDAY 17TH

11:45AM CHAIR YOGA

1:00PM LINE DANCING

6:00PM CUB SCOUTS MEET

TUESDAY 18TH

12:00PM BIBLE STUDY

7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING



WEDNESDAY 19TH

5:00PM PRAYER TEAM

12:00PM SENIOR LUNCHEON

THURSDAY 20TH

5:30PM CHAIR YOGA

7:00PM BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR DAVE

FRIDAY 21ST

SATURDAY 22ND

Thank you for your commitments of gathering and giving!

Attendance November 9th at MUMC

In person total: 77 online: 22

General Fund Giving for 11/9: \$1,611.00

Total giving in all for 11/9: \$1831.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

18 Elijah Nolan
20 Callen White
20 Frank Hathcock
20 Katie Satorius
21 Pastor Dave Buerstetta
21 Toni Sallesse

21 Ron & Jan Stadt

LINE DANCING IS HERE!

Join us for Line Dancing! Come on out and have tons of fun learning new moves or simply finding your rhythm. It's sure to be a great time. Line Dancing takes place on Mondays. Upcoming dates are 11/17, 12/1 and 12/15. There is no fee, though a free will offering is collected.

HOLIDAY PREPARATION

The Worship Committee is looking for families to bring in your Nativity sets to display during the Advent Season. The tables will be set up along the south wall of the sanctuary. We will have cards to set next to your Nativity with your family name and any history you would like to share about the set. They will be roped off and covered during the week. **Please bring your Nativity in Sunday, November 23rd or Monday, November 24th.** Please contact Kim Nave if you would like to participate or have any questions.

THANKSGIVING TREE

Our "Thanksgiving Tree" in the back of the sanctuary to hang leaves of "Thanksgiving" on. Paper leaves and markers are on the tables to write what you thank God for. No names are required. The "Thanksgiving Tree" will be on display for the month of November.

ANGEL TREES

The "Angel Trees" are in the entry lobby today. Please grab a tag and help make a child's Christmas special. Select tags off the tree, print your name and phone number on the sign out sheet next to the number of the tag you selected. Please attach the tag on your wrapped gift and **return it to the church by December 7th.**

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT

We love feeding our kids, but we need help providing dinner for our youth who attend our weekly Youth Group gathering. Please see the sign-up sheet on our bulletin board. Your help is appreciated.

PRAYER GROUP ANNOUNCEMENT

Prayer Group will not meet Wednesday, November 26th.

Verse 2

For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.

Verse 3

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Verse 4

Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.

Verse 5

In faith we'll gather 'round the table
To taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
Our God is making all things new.

CONVERSING WITH CHILDREN

PRAYING

Lay Reader

[Quiet prayer for centering and reflection]

Reader: One day in the New Jerusalem we shall all walk in peace. There shall be joy, unspeakable joy. No longer shall there be weeping or wailing. Nor shall we bury our daughters and sons prematurely in the New Jerusalem. We will not labor in vain. No more shall we plant and not eat of the fruit of our hands. No more shall we build only to have another inhabit our dwelling. No more shall we be oppressed because of class, color, or gender in the New Jerusalem. Our enemies will become our friends.

[Quiet prayer for reflection]

Reader: Rise up children of the Most High God, see what is yet to be! Hold this promise in your heart. We shall toil and not see the benefits for a while. But one day, God shall come for us and bring us to the new city where we may rest from our present angst and find true communion with the Creator and with all of creation.

[Quiet prayer for reflection]

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

***SINGING** "How Firm a Foundation" UM Hymnal #529, v1, 3, 5

Verse 1

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Verse 3

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

Verse 5

The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."



We have set another record and we are now serving 54 families. We are so grateful for your generosity making that possible. We are thankful that we are able to respond to increased hunger in our community due to the delay in SNAP benefits; however we are still in need of your help . Some 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. Thank you!

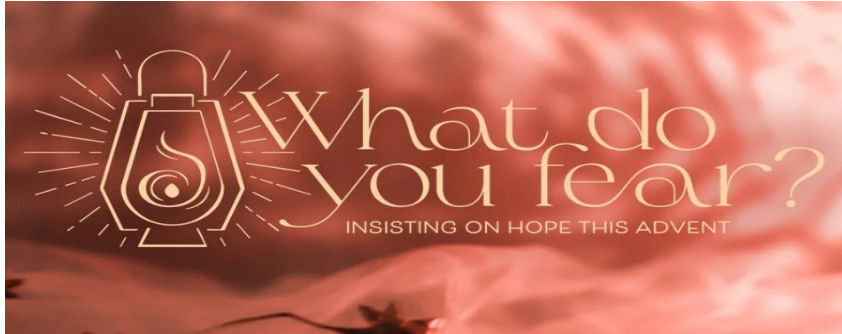
IMPACTED BY SNAP DELAYS?

Have you been impacted by SNAP delays or loss of income? Are you or your neighbors having difficulty putting meals on the table? Our Helping Hands Food Pantry is "neighbors helping neighbors" and supported by MUMC and St. Mary's Church. For confidential food assistance, please contact Melissa in the church office at 815-467-2322 or Chris Vause at 815-409-5599.

Verse 3

Honor those whose loving spirit
Nurses hope, restores and heals,
Towel and basin used in service
Like the Christ who comes and kneels;
In the tending, in the mending
May we see the right and fair,
In our common quest for wholeness
Heal each other by our care.

*SENDING FORTH EXITING MUSIC



Advent is only 2 week's away! Here's how to get involved.

Advent Studies:

Sunday, November 30th, December 4th, 14th and 21st @ 8:00am
Tuesday, December 2nd, 9th and 16th @ 12:00pm
Thursday, December 4th, 11th and 18th @ 7:00pm

Christmas Schedule:

Saturday, December 20th, Longest Night Service @ 6:00pm
Wednesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve—
Worship for families @ 4:00pm
Worship w/ Communion @ 9:00pm

READING SCRIPTURE Luke 21:5-19 (The Voice) Lay Reader

⁵ Some people were impressed with the temple's opulence—the precious stones and expensive decorations—but Jesus countered their observations.

Jesus: ⁶ Go ahead, look around, and be impressed; but days are coming when one stone will not be left standing on another. Everything here will be demolished.

Crowd: ⁷ When will this happen, Teacher? What signs will tell us this is about to occur?

Jesus: ⁸ Be careful. It's easy to be deceived. Many people will come claiming to have My authority. They'll shout, "I'm the One!" or "The time is now!" Don't take a step in their direction. ⁹ You'll hear about wars and conflicts, but don't be frightened at all because these things must surely come, although they don't signify the immediate coming of the end. ¹⁰ *You can count on this:* nation will attack nation, and kingdom will make war on kingdom. ¹¹ There will be disturbances around the world—from great earthquakes to famines to epidemics. Terrifying things will happen, and there will be shocking signs from heaven. ¹² But before any of this happens, they will capture you and persecute you. They'll send you to synagogues *for trial* and to prisons *for punishment*; you'll stand before kings and government officials for the sake of My name. ¹³ This will be your opportunity—your opportunity to tell your story. ¹⁴ Make up your mind in advance not to plan your strategy for answering their questions, ¹⁵ for when the time comes, I will give you the words to say—wise words—which none of your adversaries will be able to answer or argue against. ¹⁶ Your own parents, brothers, relatives, and friends will turn on you and turn you in. Some of you will be killed, ¹⁷ and all of you will be hated by everyone for the sake of My name.

¹⁸ But whatever happens, not a single hair of your heads will be harmed. ¹⁹ By enduring all of these things, you will find *not loss but gain*—not death but authentic life.

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

TEOTWAWKI

Pastor Dave

***SINGING**

“Wait for the Lord” Worship & Song #3049 (x3)

Wait for the Lord,
Whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord:
Keep watch, take heart!

GIVING

Pastor Dave



BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER

Lay Reader

Many Voices: Restoring God, as we bring our gifts today, may they be seeds of your promised future—an offering of hope, justice, and mercy in a weary world. Use what we give and who we are to proclaim a kin-dom where none are forgotten. Let this act of giving remind us that your dream is still unfolding—and that we are called to help build it. Amen.

***SINGING**

The Faith We Sing #2177

“Wounded World that Cries for Healing”

Verse 1

Wounded world that cries for healing
Here we hold each other's pain,
Wounded systems, bruised and bleeding
Bear the load, the scars of strain;
Dollars ration out compassion,
Hard decisions rule the day,
Jesus of the healing Spirit,
Free us to another way!

Verse 2

Through our nation's pent frustration,
Through the corridors of stress
May there move a kindlier wisdom
All may feel, and all may bless;
Tax and tithe are for a purpose
Shared to shield the poor and weak;
Past the symptoms of our sickness
Let the voice of justice speak.