

## When do Small Groups meet next?

<b>Bible Study with Pastor Dave</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Thursday 12/4 @ 7pm
<b>Book Group</b> - "Fly Away" by Kristin Hannah	Monday 11/24 @ 7pm
<b>Chair Yoga</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	<b>Mon.</b> @ 11:45am <b>Thurs.</b> 12/4, & 12/11 @ 5:30pm
<b>Faithtalk - Bible Study</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Every Tuesday @ Noon
<b>Grief Support Group</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Thursday 12/11 @ 12 noon
<b>Line Dancing</b> Meets at Minooka UMC in the Fellowship Room	12/01 @ 1pm
<b>Prayer Team</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Every Wednesday @ 5:00PM
<b>Skeptic's Circle</b> Meets at Brick & Ivy Coffee Co. 27754 Bluegrass Dr, Channahon, IL 60410	Tuesday 12/9 @ 6:30PM
<b>United Women in Faith Afternoon Circle</b> Meets at Minooka UMC	Monday 12/8 @ 1:30pm
<b>Youth Group</b> 6th through 12th Grades Meets at Minooka UMC	12/3, 12/10, 12/17 @ 7:00PM

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

### LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

LAY READER  
SONG LEADERS

JENNIFER FERGUSON  
RUTH SATORIUS, GAIL GIRARD,  
SUSAN SPENCER

### CHURCH STAFF

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OFFICE MANAGER  
MUSIC DIRECTOR  
SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

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# You Want a Revolution? I Want a Revelation!



## Welcome!

# Minooka United Methodist Church

## Sunday, November 23, 2025 9:30am

**Welcome to Minooka United Methodist Church  
November 23, 2025 9:30am**

\* Stand if you are able

**ENTERING MUSIC**

**WELCOMING** Pastor Dave

**PREPARING**

**\*GATHERING** Lay Reader

Reader: Spirit of God, you are the breath of life within us all.

**Many Voices: You call us to be one with you, with each other,  
with our neighbors, and with our enemies.**

Reader: You breathe among us in and through all of creation.

**Many Voices: Give us the strength and courage to live in your  
love all our days.**

**\*SINGING** "Lift Every Voice and Sing" UM Hymnal #519

Verse 1

Lift every voice and sing,  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith  
That the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope  
That the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.

**~This Week at MUMC~**

**SUNDAY 23RD**

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

**MONDAY 24TH**

11:45AM CHAIR YOGA  
7:00PM BOOK GROUP

**TUESDAY 25TH**

12:00PM BIBLE STUDY – OFF FOR THANKSGIVING

**WEDNESDAY 26TH**

5:00PM PRAYER TEAM—OFF FOR THANKSGIVING  
7:00PM YOUTH GROUP—OFF FOR THANKSGIVING

**THURSDAY 27TH**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**FRIDAY 28TH**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**SATURDAY 29TH**



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

**Attendance November 16th at MUMC**  
In person total: 82 online: 9  
**General Fund Giving for 11/16: \$4,458.98**  
**Total giving in all for 11/16: \$4, 977.98**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- 23 Sue Hammerstein
- 23 Estelle Korelc
- 27 Kim Allgaeuer
- 28 Joan Yunker
- 29 Skylar Dunnagan



## LINE DANCING IS HERE!

Line Dancing takes place on Mondays. Upcoming dates are 12/1 and 12/15. There is no fee, though a free will offering is collected.

## NATIVITY SET DISPLAY

Worship Committee invites families to bring in your Nativity sets to display during the Advent. The tables are 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 are roped off and covered during the week. **You can still bring your Nativity in Monday, November 24th.** Please contact Kim Nave if you would like to participate or have any questions.

## ANGEL TREE GIFTING OPPORTUNITY

Our Angel Tree is up in the lobby. The gift tags on the tree are Christmas wishes of our 66 children whose families are served by our "Helping Hands Food Pantry." If you are able to help, select a tag or tags from the tree. Sign the tag out on the corresponding posted sheet. Suggested gift amount is \$25. Please include your gift receipt in the gift, if possible. Wrap the gift and attach the tag to the outside. Please mark off in the "returned" column when you bring the gift back to church.

**Gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 7th. Thank you for your generosity!!!!**

Not able to shop, but want to give? We can shop for you!!! Donations can be made to MUMC and labelled "Christmas Baskets" or select a tag and give cash to Chris Vause, Karen Crawshaw or Karen Pubentz. If you stop by during the week, our office manager, Melissa, can take your cash donation. Your generosity is appreciated!

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## Advent Begins Next Week! 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 with Communion @ 9:00pm



## Verse 2

Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way  
That with tears has been watered;  
We have come, treading our path  
Through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past,  
Till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

## Verse 3

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by Thy might  
Led us into the light;  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places,  
Our God, where we met Thee;  
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine  
Of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.

## CONVERSING WITH CHILDREN

**PRAYING**

Lay Reader

[Quiet prayer for centering and reflection]

Reader: We call you ‘King’, Jesus; but you’re not like any king we’ve ever heard of. You don’t flaunt your power. You don’t wave your hand dismissively to change the lives of your subjects. You don’t hoard your wealth or tax your people just to grow more comfortable in your isolated palace. You don’t exploit the weak and unconnected. You don’t use the ambition of ladder-climbers to further your control.

No, you are the King who lays down his crown to walk among us as one of us. You are the King who lays down his life to bring abundant, eternal life to all who seek it. You are the King who draws the weak, the rejected, the poor, the child into the center of the conversation. Forgive us for all the times and ways we’ve failed to follow in your Way.

[Quiet prayer for centering and reflection]

Reader: Mercy and forgiveness are the Way of Christ the King. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Our prayer concludes as Jesus taught us, saying...  
[Lord’s Prayer UM Hymnal #894]

**\*SINGING**      “Peace of our Praying”    Worship & Song #3022

Verse 1

Peace of our praying, Song of our singing,  
Truth of our telling, Love of all loves,  
Health of our healing, Gift of our giving,  
Life of our living, Light of all lights.

Verse 4

We are a blest and a pilgrim people:  
Bound for the Kingdom of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland:  
Love is the Kingdom of God!  
(Refrain)

**\*SENDING FORTH**

Pastor Dave

**EXITING MUSIC**

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**HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF DONATIONS**

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.

Many Voices: Compassionate One, may these gifts be signs of our desire to follow your Way: offering compassion where there has been hurt; justice where there has been harm; and hope where there has been despair. Strengthen us to live as people striving to serve the reign of Christ with lives shaped by generosity and love. Amen.

\*SINGING “Bring Forth the Kingdom” The Faith We Sing #2190

Verse 1

You are salt for the earth, O people:  
Salt for the Kingdom of God!  
Share the flavour of life, O people:  
Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy,  
Bring forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice,  
Bring forth the City of God!

Verse 2

You are a light on the hill, O people:  
Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people:  
Shine for the Kingdom of God!  
(Refrain)

Verse 3

You are a seed of the Word, O people:  
Bring forth the Kingdom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,  
Grow in the Kingdom of God!  
(Refrain)

Verse 2

Peace of our praying, Christ of our crying,  
Strength of our striving, Heart of our heart,  
Bread of our breaking, Wine of our waiting,  
Blood of our boasting, Death of all death.

Verse 3

Peace of our praying, Faith of Forgiving,  
Way of our walking, King of all kings,  
Breath of our breathing, Courage of caring,  
Hope of our hoping, Life of all life.

READING SCRIPTURE Luke 23:33-47 (The Voice) Lay Reader

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place known as “The Skull,” they crucified Jesus there, in the company of criminals, one to the right of Jesus and the other to His left.

**Jesus:** <sup>34</sup> [Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they’re doing.]

Meanwhile they were drawing lots to see who would win Jesus’ clothing. <sup>35</sup> The crowd of people stood, watching.

**Authorities** (*mocking Jesus*): So He was supposed to rescue others, was He? He was supposed to be God’s Anointed, *the Liberating King*? Let’s see Him start by liberating Himself!

<sup>36</sup> The soldiers joined in the mockery. First, they *pretended to offer Him a soothing drink*—but it was sour wine.

**Soldiers:** <sup>37</sup> Hey, if You’re the King of the Jews, why don’t You free Yourself!

<sup>38</sup> Even the inscription they placed over Him was intended to mock Him—“This is the King of the Jews!”

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals joined in the cruel talk.

**Cynical Criminal:** You’re supposed to be the Anointed One, right? *Well—do it!* Rescue Yourself and us!

<sup>40</sup> But the other criminal told him to be quiet.

**Believing Criminal:** Don't you have any fear of God at all? You're getting the same death sentence He is! <sup>41</sup> We're getting what we deserve since we've committed crimes, but this man hasn't done anything wrong at all! <sup>42</sup> (turning to Jesus) Jesus, when You come into Your kingdom, please remember me.

**Jesus:** <sup>43</sup> I promise you that this very day you will be with Me in paradise.

<sup>44</sup> At this point, it was about noon, and a darkness fell over the whole region. The darkness persisted until about three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup> and at some point during this darkness, the curtain in the temple was torn in two.

**Jesus** (*shouting out loudly*): <sup>46</sup> Father, I entrust My spirit into Your hands!

And with those words, He exhaled—and breathed no more.

<sup>47</sup> The Centurion—*one of the soldiers who performed the execution*—saw all this, and he praised God.

**Centurion:** No doubt, this man must have been innocent.

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**

“Because He Lives”

UM Hymnal #364

Verse 1

God sent His son, they called him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal, and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

(Refrain)

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives, all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living just because He lives

Verse 2

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance,  
This child can face uncertain days because he lives.

(Refrain)

Verse 3

And then one day I'll cross the river  
I'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then, as death gives way to victory  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns

(Refrain)

**GIVING**

Pastor Dave

