

## When Do Small Groups Meet Next?

- Book Group** - Monday, February 23rd @ 7pm  
"The House in the Cerulean Sea" By T.J. Klune
- Chair Yoga** - Mondays @ 11:45am  
Thursdays @ 5:30pm
- FaithTalk Bible Study** - Tuesdays @ 12:00pm (Lent Study)
- Grief Support Group** - Thursday March 12th @ 12:00pm
- Line Dancing** - 1st, 3rd, and 4th Monday @ 1:00pm
- Prayer Team** - Wednesdays @ 5:00pm
- Skeptic's Circle** - Tuesday, March 10th @ 6:30pm  
*Meets at: Brick & Ivy Coffee Co.  
27754 Bluegrass Dr. Channahon, IL*
- Youth Group** - Wednesdays @ 7:00pm
- Lent Bible Studies** - Sundays @ 8:00am (With Kim Nave)  
Thursdays @ 7:00pm (With Pastor)

### **LEADERS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

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

### **CHURCH STAFF**

MINISTERS ALL DISCIPLES OF JESUS  
LEAD PASTOR REV. DAVE BUERSTETTA  
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## The Gospel According to Antitheses



**Welcome!**

**Minooka United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, February 15, 2026 9:30am**

**Minooka United Methodist Church Worship Experience**  
**February 15, 2026 9:30am**

\* Stand if you are able

**ENTERING MUSIC**

**WELCOMING**

Pastor Dave

**PREPARING**

**\*GATHERING**

Lay Reader

Reader: As we gather together in this sacred place may we recognize and affirm the pieces of possibility, the bits of good, we bring, combining our individual gifts to weave a patchwork of peace.

**Many Voices: Gather us in, Creator of All, from the corners of our cities, from the confusion of life, from the loneliness of our hearts.**

Reader: Gather us in, Author of Life, to feed our minds, to fire our imagination, to free our hearts.

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

**\*SINGING**

UM Hymnal #333

“I'm Goin’ a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”

Verse 1

I’m goin’-a sing when the Spirit says sing,  
 I’m goin’-a sing when the Spirit says sing,  
 I’m goin’-a sing when the Spirit says sing.  
 And obey the Spirit of the Lord.

Verse 2

I’m goin’-a pray when the Spirit says pray,  
 I’m goin’-a pray when the Spirit says pray,  
 I’m goin’-a pray when the Spirit says pray,  
 And obey the Spirit of the Lord.

**~This Week at MUMC~**

**SUNDAY 15TH**

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

**MONDAY 16TH**

11:45AM CHAIR YOGA WITH LU  
 1:00PM LINE DANCING WITH TOMMIE  
 6:00PM CUB SCOUTS MEET  
 7:00PM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

**TUESDAY 17TH**

12:00PM FAITH TALK BIBLE STUDY

**WEDNESDAY 18TH**

5:00PM PRAYER TEAM  
 7:00PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

**THURSDAY 19TH**

12:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT  
 5:30PM CHAIR YOGA WITH KATY  
 7:00PM LENT BIBLE STUDY

**FRIDAY 20TH**

**SATURDAY 21ST**



**Thank you for living our discipleship commitments of gathering and giving!**

**Attendance February 8th at MUMC**  
 In person: 81 online: 22  
**General Fund Giving for 2/8: \$5,154.15**  
**Total giving in all for 2/8: \$5,424.24**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

15 Karen Hinds  
 20 Ethan Klug  
 20 Helen Miller  
 20 Alan Spencer  
 21 John Auclair





**GATHERING for ASH WEDNESDAY**

Worship Experience February 18th, 7:00pm

“From stardust we are created and to stardust we shall return.”

This youth-planned-and-led worship experience includes contemplative music, time for reflective silent prayer, and imposition of ashes. All are welcome.

**GATHERING for learning, growing, and caring in SMALL GROUPS**

Sundays, February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

*led by Kim Nave at 8:00am*

Tuesdays, February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

*led by Cindy White at 12noon*

Thursdays, February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19 & 26

*led by Pastor Dave at 7:00pm*

**GATHERING for HOLY WEEK Worship Experiences**

Sunday, March 29— Palm/Passion Sunday, 9:30am

Thursday, April 2 — Maundy Thursday, 6:30pm

Friday, April 3 — Ecumenical Prayer Walk at Channahon UMC, 10:00am

Friday, April 3 — Good Friday, 7:00pm

Saturday, April 4 — Holy Saturday, 5:00pm

Sunday, April 5 — Easter Sunday, 9:30am

Verse 3

I’m goin’-a moan when the Spirit says moan,  
I’m goin’-a moan when the Spirit says moan,  
I’m goin’-a moan when the Spirit says moan,  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.

Verse 4

I’m goin’-a shout when the Spirit says shout,  
I’m goin’-a shout when the Spirit says shout,  
I’m goin’-a shout when the Spirit says shout,  
And obey the Spirit of the Lord.

**CONVERSING WITH CHILDREN**

**PRAYING**

Lay Reader

*Introduction*

Contemplative prayer is a way of being aware of God who is always present. Breath prayer is a form of contemplative prayer that reminds us that praying is as natural as breathing. Our breath supports all our movements, allowing more flexibility, strength, and endurance. Prayer is no different; our breathing supports our practice.

Breath prayer can be used at almost any time. You might practice it first thing in the morning, or in the midst of household chores, or even while driving (but keep your eyes open!). Breath prayer can be really helpful when you become anxious, frustrated, or scared.

As with any contemplative prayer practice, distractions will happen. Be patient with them and with yourself. When distractions happen, acknowledge them then gently return your attention toward God.

*Practice*

Find a posture that allows you to be relaxed and alert. Place your feet flat on the floor and your hands comfortably in your lap. Close your eyes and take a few slow, deep breaths. Today, the words of a hymn (The Faith We Sing #2179) are our guide: “Live in charity; and steadfast love.”

First round try whispering the phrase in time with your breathing. Repeat the prayer allowing the words to settle into a regular rhythm:

Breathe in: Live in charity

Breath out: and steadfast love

*[Quiet prayer for contemplation]*

Second round try saying the phrase silently to yourself:

Breathe in: Live in charity

Breath out: and steadfast love

*[Quiet prayer for contemplation]*

Third round continue saying the prayer silently; try resting in God’s presence without the phrase:

Breathe in: Live in charity

Breath out: and steadfast love

*[Quiet prayer for contemplation]*

Leader: Our prayer concludes as Jesus taught us saying...[Lord’s Prayer UM Hymnal #894]

**\*SINGING** “Help Us Accept Each Other” UM Hymnal #560

Verse 1

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

**\*SINGING**

The Faith We Sing #2145

“I’ve Got Peace like a River”

Verse 1

I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul. (Repeat)

Verse 2

I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain,  
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul, (Repeat)

Verse 3

I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul. (Repeat)

**\*SENDING FORTH**

Pastor Dave

**EXITING MUSIC**



**WE ARE NOW SERVING 67 FAMILIES!**

We are so grateful for your generosity making that possible.  
We are still in need of your help. Thank you for helping  
make a difference in our community.

## GIVING

Pastor Dave



## BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC

Gus DeGuzman

## BLESSING OUR GIFTS with PRAYER

Lay Reader

**Many Voices: Generous God, you meet us in moments of mystery and transformation, calling us to listen, to follow, and to give ourselves in love. Let these offerings reflect the light of Christ and the hope we carry into all the world. Use them—and us—to shine your love where shadows linger, until all your beloved children know they are seen, named, and cherished. Amen.**



## Verse 2

Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

## Verse 3

Let Your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
In living situations to do the truth in love;  
to practice Your acceptance, until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

## Verse 4

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
Who hunger for acceptance, for justice and for bread,  
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;  
Renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

## READING SCRIPTURE

Lay Reader

Matthew 5: selected verses from The Message

<sup>21-22</sup> “You’re familiar with the command to the ancients, ‘Do not murder.’ I’m telling you that anyone who is so much as angry with a brother or sister is guilty of murder. Carelessly call a brother ‘idiot!’ and you just might find yourself hauled into court. Thoughtlessly yell ‘stupid!’ at a sister and you are on the brink of hellfire. The simple moral fact is that words kill.

<sup>27-28</sup> “You know the next commandment pretty well, too: ‘Don’t go to bed with another’s spouse.’ But don’t think you’ve preserved your virtue simply by staying out of bed. Your *heart* can be corrupted by lust even quicker than your *body*. Those ogling looks you think nobody notices—they also corrupt.

<sup>29-30</sup> “Let’s not pretend this is easier than it really is. If you want to live a morally pure life, here’s what you have to do: You have to blind your right eye the moment you catch it in a lustful leer. You have to choose to live one-eyed or else be dumped on a moral trash pile. And you have to chop off your right hand the moment you notice it raised threateningly. Better a bloody stump than your entire being discarded for good in the dump.

<sup>31-32</sup> “Remember the Scripture that says, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him do it legally, giving her divorce papers and her legal rights’? Too many of you are using that as a cover for selfishness and whim, pretending to be righteous just because you are ‘legal.’ Please, no more pretending. If you divorce your wife, you’re responsible for making her an adulteress (unless she has already made herself that by sexual promiscuity). And if you marry such a divorced adulteress, you’re automatically an adulterer yourself. You can’t use legal cover to mask a moral failure.

<sup>43-47</sup> “You’re familiar with the old written law, ‘Love your friend,’ and its unwritten companion, ‘Hate your enemy.’ I’m challenging that. I’m telling you to love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst. When someone gives you a hard time, respond with the supple moves of prayer, for then you are working out of your true selves, your God-created selves. This is what God does. He gives his best—the sun to warm and the rain to nourish—to everyone, regardless: the good and bad, the nice and nasty. If all you do is love the lovable, do you expect a bonus? Anybody can do that. If you simply say hello to those who greet you, do you expect a medal? Any run-of-the-mill sinner does that.

<sup>48</sup> “In a word, what I’m saying is, *Grow up*. You’re kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.”

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

**Many Voices: Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING

Pastor Dave

### THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ANTITHESES

#### \*SINGING

“Guide My Feet”

The Faith We Sing #2208, v1-2,4-5

#### Verse 1

Guide my feet while I run this race.  
Guide my feet while I run this race.  
Guide my feet while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

#### Verse 2

Hold my hand while I run this race.  
Hold my hand while I run this race.  
Hold my hand while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

#### Verse 4

I'm your child while I run this race.  
I'm your child while I run this race.  
I'm your child while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!

#### Verse 5

Search my heart while I run this race.  
Search my heart while I run this race.  
Search my heart while I run this race,  
For I don't want to run this race in vain!