

## 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 with Cindy)
- Grief Support Group** - Thursday March 12th @ 12:00pm
- 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)

WiFi is available—"MUMC-Guest" (No password required)

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

LAY READER KAREN PUBENTZ  
SONG LEADERS RUTH SATORIUS, GAIL GIRARD,  
SUSAN SPENCER  
ACCOMPANIST SUE MALMBERG

### **CHURCH STAFF**

MINISTERS ALL DISCIPLES OF JESUS  
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## **Advocacy as a Lenten Practice**



**Welcome!**

**Minooka United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, February 22, 2026 9:30am**

**Minooka United Methodist Church Worship Experience**  
**February 22, 2026 9:30am**

\* Stand if you are able

**ENTERING MUSIC**

**WELCOMING**

Pastor Dave

**PREPARING**

**\*GATHERING**

Lay Reader

Reader: The good news of the gospel is:

**Many Voices: Manna in the desert, water turned into wine, love after loss, forgiveness after pain.**

Reader: The good news of the gospel is:

**Many Voices: Release for the captive, hope for the hopeless, food for the hungry, mourning turned to dancing, and strangers turned to friends.**

Reader: So come on in. There's no time to waste! This surprising good news is here for you!

**Many Voices: Let us worship this good-news God!**

**\*SINGING**

"Welcome"

Worship & Song #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.

**~This Week at MUMC~**

**SUNDAY 22ND**

8:00AM LENT BIBLE STUDY  
 9:30AM WORSHIP EXPERIENCE GUEST SPEAKER CYNTHIA CHANGYIT LEVIN  
 10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

**MONDAY 23RD**

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

**TUESDAY 24TH**

12:00PM FAITH TALK LENT STUDY  
 7:00PM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 25TH**

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

**THURSDAY 26TH**

7:00PM LENT BIBLE STUDY

**FRIDAY 27TH**

**SATURDAY 28TH**



**Thank you for living our discipleship commitments of gathering and giving!**  
**Attendance February 8th at MUMC**  
 In person: 64 online: 24  
**General Fund Giving for 2/15: \$1,845.99**  
**Total giving in all for 2/15: \$1,895.99**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- 23 Trinity Flatness
- 23 Bob White
- 26 John Larabee
- 27 Marlin Hartman
- 27 Mindy Closen
- 27 Laura Wagner
- 28 Ross Gunderson



**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 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.

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

*Call to Confession*

Reader: God's mercy catches us by surprise. So with wonder and gratitude, let us go to God in prayer. Let us be surprised by God's grace all over again. Found Family, let us confess together:

*Prayer of Confession*

**Many Voices:** Loving God, somewhere along the way we picked up the message that in order to be faithful, we have to be serious. We have to pray on our knees without ceasing. We have to be somber in worship and quiet in our studies. We have to check our wiggles and our questions at the door. But then you say the kingdom of God is like a mustard seed—unruly and untamed. You turn water into wine—surprising and extravagant.

And all of a sudden, we wonder:

Can we be like that mustard seed?

Can we be faithful and unruly?

Can we be playful and curious?

Can we be messy and still be yours?

**We know the answer already. The Spirit whispers:** Of course, of course, of course. Forgive our doubt. Pull us closer into your embrace. With faith like a mustard seed, we pray.

*Words of Forgiveness*

Reader: God's grace is wild and unruly. God's mercy is abundant and surprising. God's love is expansive and unending. So if you ask, "Holy One, am I forgiven?" the answer is and always will be:

**Many Voices:** Of course, of course, of course.

Reader: This is the good news of the gospel.

**Many Voices:** Thanks be to God!

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

## **"They're Out of Wine"**

They kicked off their sandals when the dancing began. Everyone flooded the floor. He was there, head thrown back, laughing at the stars. Everyone could see it was joy and hope in the air, the kind of love that makes it impossible not to dance.

So the whole community spun and twirled, jumped and clapped, pushing back the pain of the world for a night. Reveling in the fact that two people could stand to build something beautiful in this fractured world. But before too long, a tug on his sleeve.

I wonder if Jesus stopped dancing when he heard the news. I wonder if he looked out over the crowd of happy people. I wonder if he could see their joy poking through their fragility. And I wonder if he knew, in that moment, that joy was holy, that joy would sustain them, that joy was a form of resurrection, so he turned water into wine and the dancing did not stop.

*Poem by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org*



**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 the community.

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 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

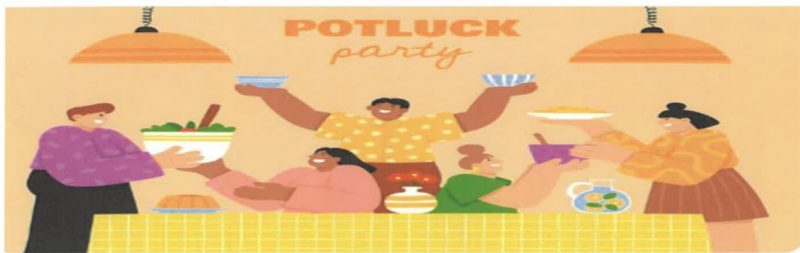
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord. If You lead me.  
I will hold, Your people in my heart.

**\*SENDING FORTH**  
**EXITING MUSIC**

Pastor Dave

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## Kick off to Spring Potluck!



Sunday, March 8th, directly after worship

**\*SINGING**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

UMH #431

Let there be peace on earth,  
And let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth,  
The peace that was meant to be.  
With God our Creator,  
Children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other  
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me;  
Let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take,  
Let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment  
And live each moment  
In peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
And let it begin with me.

**READING SCRIPTURE**

Luke 4:14-19 (The Voice)

Pastor Dave

<sup>14</sup> Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Holy Spirit, and soon people across the region had heard news of Him. <sup>15</sup> He would regularly go into their synagogues and teach. His teaching earned Him the respect and admiration of everyone who heard Him.

<sup>16</sup> He eventually came to His hometown, Nazareth, and did there what He had done elsewhere *in Galilee*—entered the synagogue and stood up to read *from the Hebrew Scriptures*.

<sup>17</sup> The *synagogue attendant* gave Him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, and Jesus unrolled it to the place where Isaiah had written these words:

<sup>18</sup> The Spirit of the Lord the Eternal One is on Me.

*Why?* Because the Eternal designated Me

to be His representative to the poor, to preach good news to them.

He sent Me to tell those who are held captive that they can now be set free, and to tell the blind that they can now see.

He sent Me to liberate those held down by oppression.

<sup>19</sup> *In short, the Spirit is upon Me* to proclaim that now is the time; this is the jubilee season of the Eternal One's grace.

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

**Many Voices: Amen.**

**PROCLAIMING**

Cynthia Changyit Levin

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**GIVING**

**Pastor Dave**



**BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER**

Lay Reader

**Many Voices: Surprising God of Mercy, you meet us in wilderness places and walk beside us through trial and temptation. We offer not just our resources, but our trust that you are already at work shaping us and strengthening us. Use these gifts to bring hope where there is hunger, healing where there is pain, and light where there is despair. Amen.**

**\*SINGING**

"Here I Am, Lord"

UM Hymnal #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?

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?