

When Do Small Groups Meet Next?

- Book Group** - Monday, March 23rd @ 7pm
"The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared"
by Jonas Jonasson
- 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 SHARI MILLARD
SONG LEADERS RUTH SATORIUS, GAIL GIRARD,
SUSAN SPENCER

ACCOMPANIST SUE MALMBERG
COMMUNION SERVERS JOHN AND KIM NAVE

CHURCH STAFF

MINISTERS ALL DISCIPLES OF JESUS
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Tell Me Something Good: Impertinent and Audacious



Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 1, 2026 9:30am

Minooka United Methodist Church Worship Experience

March 1, 2026 9:30am

* Stand if you are able

ENTERING MUSIC

WELCOMING

Pastor Dave

PREPARING

*GATHERING

Lay Reader

Reader: Tell me something good!

Many Voices: God loves you more than you could imagine.

Reader: Tell me something good!

Many Voices: God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

Reader: Tell me something good!

Many Voices: God’s love meets us in this space and everywhere. We are not alone. This is the good news!

*SINGING “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me” The Faith We Sing #2151

Verse 1

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,
Singing glory, hallelujah,
Jesus lifted me.

Verse 2

Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,
Singing glory, hallelujah,
Jesus lifted me.

Verse 3

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
Singing glory, hallelujah,
Jesus lifted me.

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY MARCH 1ST

8:00AM LENT BIBLE STUDY
9:30AM WORSHIP EXPERIENCE
10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00AM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY 2ND

11:45AM CHAIR YOGA WITH LU
6:00PM CUB SCOUTS
SENIOR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS OPEN

TUESDAY 3RD

12:00PM FAITH TALK LENT STUDY

WEDNESDAY 4TH

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

THURSDAY 5TH

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

FRIDAY 6TH

SATURDAY 7TH



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

Attendance February 22nd at MUMC

In person: 56 online: 29

General Fund Giving for 2/22: \$1,921.69

Total giving in all for 2/22: \$2007.69

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

3 Emma Hinds
3 Gail Girard
4 Jim Satorius
7 Nadia Bivens
7 Mari Kirsch
7 Charlotte Nischke

2 Adam & Katie Satorius
6 Dave & Joann Buerstetta



GATHERING for learning, growing, and caring in SMALL GROUPS

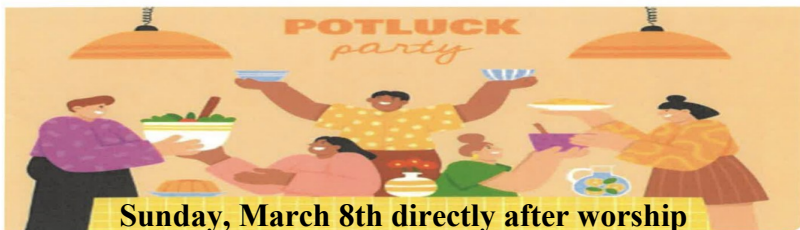
Sundays, March 8, 15, 22 & 29 led by Kim Nave at 8:00am
Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 led by Cindy White at 12noon
Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26 led by Pastor Dave at 7:00pm

GATHERING for HOLY WEEK Worship Experiences

Sunday, March 29— Palm 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



Kick off to Spring Potluck!



CONVERSING WITH CHILDREN

PRAYING

Lay Reader

Call to Confession

Reader: Found Family, we long to love others as God loves us, but that work is easier said than done. We lose our way. We become distracted. We grow fearful. We need God’s grace. Fortunately for us, God’s grace is freely and abundantly given. So join me in the Prayer of Confession. Join me in being transformed:

Prayer of Confession

Many Voices: Merciful God, did we see you hungry and give you something to eat? Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? Did we see you alone and offer you compassion? Or did we cross the street? Did we avert our eyes? Did we come up with every excuse in the book? God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love that you have for them. But we must admit, we have a long way to go. Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray.

[silent prayer for reflection]

Words of Forgiveness

Reader: Beloved, even when we act with judgment, even when we are guided by fear, even when we turn our back on a neighbor in need, God does not turn God’s back on us. So join me in this good-news declaration:

Many Voices: We are seen. We are forgiven. We are invited to try again. Thanks be to God for this unending love.

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

Prayers adapted from Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

***SINGING** "One Bread, One Body" UM Hymnal #620

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Verse 1

Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man, no more.
(Refrain)

Verse 2

Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all.
(Refrain)

Verse 3

Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.
(Refrain)

READING SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:34-40 (The Message)

Lay Reader

³⁴⁻³⁶ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what's coming to you in this kingdom. It's been ready for you since the world's foundation. And here's why:

I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me.'

If God Lived Next Door

If God lived next door,
I'd drop off a loaf of bread.
I'd use my mom's best recipe.
I'd wrap it in parchment and ribbon
and place it on the front stoop.
If God lived next door,
I'd leave a note with my phone number.
Call anytime you need anything!
I'm always happy to help!
If God lived next door,
I'd keep sugar on the shelf,
just in case she needed a cup.
I'd put a picnic table in the front yard
and begin taking my coffee there.
Whenever God passed by with their gaggle of rescue dogs,
I could say, Want to sit for a moment? Want to rest your legs?
I'd keep a jar of dog treats and water by the mailbox
and change my doormat to one that says:
All are welcome here.
I'd invite God over for dinner.
She'd bring bread and juice.
I'd host a block party,
so that everyone could meet her.
I'd start a community garden
so that the kids could run between rows of squash and tomatoes
while we adults put our hands in the dirt.
We'd share stories while we weeded,
and eat harvest meals at the end of the season.
If God lived next door,
I'd want to build something beautiful.
Then again,
who says she doesn't?

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



WE ARE NOW SERVING 68 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.

Praying after Receiving

Many Voices: Bread of Life we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you give yourself to us. Take us, renew us and transform us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. 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)

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)

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)

***SENDING FORTH
EXITING MUSIC**

³⁷⁻⁴⁰ "Then those 'sheep' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.'

Luke 7:36-50 (The Voice)

Pastor Dave

³⁶⁻⁴⁰ Once a Pharisee named Simon invited Jesus to be a guest for a meal.

Picture this:

Just as Jesus enters the man's home and takes His place at the table, a woman from the city—notorious as a woman of ill repute—follows Him in. She has heard that Jesus will be at the Pharisee's home, so she comes in and approaches Him, carrying an alabaster flask of perfumed oil. Then she begins to cry, she kneels down so her tears fall on Jesus' feet, and she starts wiping His feet with her own hair. Then she actually kisses His feet, and she pours the perfumed oil on them.

Simon (thinking): Now I know this guy is a fraud. If He were a real prophet, He would have known this woman is a sinner and He would never let her get near Him, much less touch Him . . . *or kiss Him!*

Jesus (knowing what the Pharisee is thinking): Simon, I want to tell you a story.

Simon: Tell me, Teacher.

Jesus: ⁴¹ Two men owed a certain lender a lot of money. One owed 100 weeks' wages, and the other owed 10 weeks' wages. ⁴² Both men defaulted on their loans, but the lender forgave them both. Here's a question for you: which man will love the lender more?

Simon: ⁴³ Well, I guess it would be the one who was forgiven more.

Jesus: Good answer.

⁴⁴⁻⁴⁶ Now Jesus turns around so He's facing the woman, although He's still speaking to Simon.

Jesus: Do you see this woman here? *It's kind of funny.* I entered your home, and you didn't provide a basin of water so I could wash the road dust from My feet. You didn't give Me a customary kiss of greeting and welcome. You didn't offer Me the common courtesy of providing oil to brighten My face. But this woman has wet My feet with her own tears and washed them with her own hair. She hasn't stopped kissing My feet since I came in. And she has applied perfumed oil to My feet.⁴⁷ This woman has been forgiven much, and she is showing much love. But the person who has shown little love shows how little forgiveness he has received.

⁴⁸ (to the woman) Your sins are forgiven.

Simon and Friends (*muttering among themselves*):⁴⁹ Who does this guy think He is? He has the audacity to claim the authority to forgive sins?

Jesus (*to the woman*):⁵⁰ Your faith has liberated you. Go in peace.

One Voice: Good news God, speak loudly to us today. Speak louder than the news updates. Speak louder than our mental distractions. Speak louder than our anger and louder than our fear. We long to hear and to be your good news once more.
Many Voices: With hope we pray, amen.

PROCLAIMING

Pastor Dave

Tell Me Something Good: Impertinent and Audacious

GIVING

Gail Girard



BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER

Lay Reader

Many Voices: Generous God, we offer these gifts as signs of our desire to be reconciled—not only to you, but to one another and to a world aching for healing. Receive what we bring—our resources, our repentance, and our resolve—as tools you may use to mend what is broken, build what is needed, and proclaim your redeeming love. Amen.

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Pastor Dave: Here is the company of heaven, seen and unseen. Here is the bread and wine to be broken and spilled. Here is Jesus the Christ, holy rebel and sacred friend. This is the belonging place.

Many Voices: Here are the people of God, saint and sinner. Here is the story of God, crucified and risen. This is the belonging place.

Pastor Dave: Here is the table of life, open and free. Here is the grace of God, unconditional and without end. Here is the love of Jesus, given and given again. This is the belonging place.

Many Voices: Whoever we are and aren't, whatever we believe and don't, we belong here—at this table.

Pastor Dave: God of the Table, we live once more the story of that time and place when Jesus took bread and wine, and talked of betrayal and promise, of companionship and trust, of breaking and sharing, and of remembrance and renewal. He took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it, saying:

Many Voices: This bread is broken as my body will be broken. Eat and remember me.

Pastor Dave: Later that night Jesus took the cup, blessed it and shared it, saying:

Many Voices: This cup is poured out as my blood will be poured out. Drink and remember me.

Pastor Dave: May this bread nourish our capacity for compassion. May this cup strengthen our commitment to community. For this is the belonging place. Amen.

Serving the Online Community

Pastor Dave: The body of Christ broken for you; and the cup of blessing poured out for you. Amen.