

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 DEEDEE CASAGRANDE
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SUSAN SPENCER

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The Opposite of Impossible is... Community



Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, March 8, 2026 9:30am

Minooka United Methodist Church Worship Experience
March 8, 2026 9:30am

* Stand if you are able

ENTERING MUSIC

WELCOMING

Pastor Dave

PREPARING

***GATHERING**

Lay Reader

Reader: If you need good news,
Many Voices: settle into this space, we have good news to share.

Reader: If you need a word of hope,
Many Voices: then trust us when we say, there is hope enough to go around.

Reader: If you need a glimmer of joy,
Many Voices: then you're in luck! We have resilient joy abounding.

Reader: If you need to feel God's presence in your midst,
Many Voices: then know that this is God's house.

Reader: This is the good news of the gospel:
Many Voices: God is here. Love is real. Joy is on the move. Let us worship our with-us God!

***SINGING**

The Faith We Sing #2071
 "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Jesus, name above all names,
 Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
 Emmanuel, God is with us.
 Blessed Redeemer, living Word.
 (X2)

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY 8TH

8:00AM LENT BIBLE STUDY
 9:30AM WORSHIP EXPERIENCE
 10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
 10:45AM CONFIRMATION COHORT
 11:00AM KICK OFF SPRING POT LUCK

MONDAY 9TH

11:45AM CHAIR YOGA WITH LU

TUESDAY 10TH

12:00PM FAITH TALK LENT STUDY
 6:30PM SKEPTIC'S CIRCLE

WEDNESDAY 11TH

10:30AM PARK POINTE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE
 5:00PM PRAYER TEAM
 7:00PM YOUTH GROUP

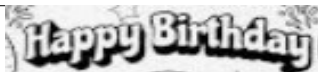
THURSDAY 12TH

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

FRIDAY 13TH

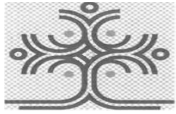
SATURDAY 14TH

Thank you for living our discipleship commitments of gathering and giving!
Attendance March 1st at MUMC
 In person: 65 online: 27
General Fund Giving for 3/1: \$6,709.69
Total giving in all for 3/1: \$6,910.00



8 Kristin Ehteshami-Afshar
 8 David Harvey
 9 Pam Coley
 9 Kristopher Wright
 12 Ken Klug
 14 John Woolfitt

12 Bob & Cindy White



*Tell Me Something Good—
Grounding ourselves in the good news
this Lent*

GATHERING for learning, growing, and caring in SMALL GROUPS

Sundays, March 15, 22 & 29 led by Kim Nave at 8:00am

Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24 & 31 led by Cindy White at 12noon

Thursdays, March 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



Our Soup Supper Sign-up sheet is now in the lobby.
We hope to see everyone there!



Sunday March 29th, at 12:30pm.

Join us for a fun-filled Easter celebration featuring:
two egg hunts, crafts and games, and light refreshments.

The Easter bunny will be here too!

CONVERSING WITH CHILDREN

PRAYING

Lay Reader

[silent prayer for reflection]

Call to Confession

Reader: Found Family, we are like the disciples. The day that Jesus fed 5,000, his disciples could not imagine a solution to the crowd's hunger. They told Jesus to send the crowds away. We often do the same. Like the disciples, we try to follow Jesus around, but when we run into issues, we often cannot imagine how we could play a part. That is why we need the Prayer of Confession. For in this prayer, we remember that we can make a difference. So friends, join me in this moment of truth telling. Join me in prayer:

Prayer of Confession

**Many Voices: Holy God, with you the impossible is possible:
5,000 can be fed.**

The blind can see.

The hopeless can find hope.

With you the impossible is possible, but we are quick to forget that. We look at our hurting world and tell ourselves that nothing can be done. We forget that you empowered the disciples to feed the crowd. We forget that you are always with us. Forgive our small-minded ways. Forgive us for doubting that change could ever come. But even more so, forgive us when we refuse to be a part of it. With hope for a better tomorrow we pray.

[silent prayer for reflection]

Words of Forgiveness

Reader: Beloved, no matter how many mistakes the disciples made, Jesus still washed their feet. Jesus still fed them. Jesus still called them beloved. The same is true for you and me, so hear and believe this good news:

Many Voices: Today is a new day, and once again, we belong to God. We are forgiven. We are called. We are not alone. What good, good news!

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

***SINGING**

UM Hymnal #130, v1-3

“God Will Take Care of You”

Verse 1

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
beneath his wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you,
through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

Verse 2

Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you;
when dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you.
(Refrain)

Verse 3

All you may need he will provide,
God will take care of you;
nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you.
(Refrain)

Surely, This Must Be It

Everyone has a job. I wash the potatoes, filling the sink with slivers of potato peel. You brine the turkey, hovering by the oven all afternoon. Someone sets the table, taking care to fill a vase with asters and marigolds, sprigs of holly and shoots of evergreen. We play music while we prepare. “What The World Needs Now is Love” comes on. We can’t get it out of our heads. We whistle along to Dionne all afternoon. And eventually, the doorbell rings.

You’ve invited the neighbors, the grad student who sits on the second row at church, the widower in the choir. We add seats to the table. We go around the room and share one thing we’re grateful for. Eyes well as we create a laundry list of beauty. The kids get squirmy, but we’re grateful for that too.

And then we eat! We scoop whipped potatoes and crisp green beans with fresh garlic. We pass the bread basket, leaving crumbs all over the table. They are tiny reminders of communion in our midst. And at the end of the night, when we walk our guests to the car and carry sleeping children to their car seats, our neighbors say, What a holy moment it all was. Surely this must be what heaven feels like. Surely we can create it together.

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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.



***SINGING**

“We Shall Overcome”

UM Hymnal #533

Verse 1

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
We shall overcome someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome someday!

Verse 2

We’ll walk hand in hand, we’ll walk hand in hand,
We’ll walk hand in hand someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome someday!

Verse 3

We shall all be free, we shall all be free,
We shall all be free someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome someday!

Verse 4

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome someday!

Verse 5

The Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through,
The Lord will see us through someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome someday!

***SENDING FORTH**

EXITING MUSIC

READING SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:20-21 (The Message) Lay Reader
Mark 6:31-44 (The Voice) Pastor Dave

Ephesians 3:20-21

²⁰⁻²¹ God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.

Glory to God in the church!
Glory to God in the Messiah, in Jesus!
Glory down all the generations!
Glory through all millennia! Oh, yes!

Mark 6:31-44

Jesus (to the disciples): ³¹ Let us go out into the wilderness for a while and rest ourselves.

The crowds gathered as always, and Jesus and the twelve couldn’t eat because so many people came and went. ³² They could get no peace until they boarded a boat and sailed toward a deserted place.

³³ *But the people would not be put off so easily.* Those along the shore who recognized Jesus followed *along the coast*. People pushed out of all the cities and gathered ahead of Him ³⁴ so that when Jesus came ashore and saw this crowd of people waiting for Him *in a place that should have been relatively deserted*, He was moved with compassion. They were like sheep without a shepherd.

He began to teach them many things ³⁵ as the day passed; at last the disciples came to Jesus.

Disciples: It is getting late, and there is nothing around for miles. ³⁶ Send these people to the surrounding villages so they can buy something to eat.

Jesus: ³⁷ Why don't you give them something to eat

Disciples (*looking at Him*): What? It would cost a fortune to buy bread for these people!

Jesus: ³⁸ Does anyone have any bread? Go and see.

Disciples (*returning from the crowd*): There are five *pieces of flatbread* and two fish, *if that makes any difference*.

Jesus: ³⁹⁻⁴⁰ *Listen*, tell them to gather in smaller groups and sit on that green patch of grass.

And so the disciples gathered the people in groups of 100 or of 50, and they sat down.

⁴¹ Jesus took the five *pieces of flatbread* and the two fish, looked up to heaven, thanked God for the food, and broke it. He gave the pieces to the disciples to distribute, ⁴² and all of the people ate until no one was hungry. ⁴³ Then they gathered twelve baskets full of leftovers.

⁴⁴ *That day*, 5,000 men ate their fill of the bread *when Jesus fed the hungry crowd*.

One Voice: Loving God, Fount of Wisdom, open up space in our hearts, in our spirits, in our minds, to feel your presence among us. With you, anything is possible.

Many Voices: We believe. Help our unbelief, amen.

PROCLAIMING

Pastor Dave

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*SINGING

"Eat This Bread"

UM Hymnal #628

Eat this bread, drink this cup
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in me and you will not thirst.
(X3)

GIVING

Gail Girard, Financial Secretary



BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER

Lay Reader

Many Voices: Generous God, bless these gifts we bring to testify to your presence among us and to the promise of reconciliation you offer the world through Christ. Make us bold in our sharing, joyful in our worship, and confident in your grace. Amen.