

## 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 April 9th @ 12:00pm
- Prayer Team** - Wednesdays @ 5:00pm
- Skeptic’s Circle** - Tuesday, March 17th @ 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 KIM NAVE  
SONG LEADERS RUTH SATORIUS, GAIL GIRARD,  
SUSAN SPENCER

### **CHURCH STAFF**

MINISTERS ALL DISCIPLES OF JESUS  
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## Protection and Care for Whom?



**Welcome!**

**Minooka United Methodist Church**

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

**Minooka United Methodist Church Worship Experience**

**March 15, 2026 9:30am**

\* Stand if you are able

**ENTERING MUSIC**

**WELCOMING**

Pastor Dave

**PREPARING**

**\*GATHERING**

Lay Reader

Reader: Found Family, we celebrate God’s lovingkindness. We see that God loves the field mouse.

**Many Voices: God loves the crows that take flight when church bells ring.**

Reader: God loves the baby, cooing in the back pew.

**Many Voices: God loves the child who rocks and claps.**

Reader: God loves the one with wrinkled hands and soft eyes.

**Many Voices: God loves the bumblebees and the tabby cats.**

Reader: God loves those who walk, crawl, and roll.

**Many Voices: God loves the giant oaks and the evergreens, standing strong over all of us.**

Reader: God loves the young, the impressionable, and the earnest.

**Many Voices: There is no bit of creation that God does not love. So let us worship this good-news God!**

**\*SINGING**

The Faith We Sing #2193 (x2)

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
 Lord, send Your spirit in this place;  
 Lord, listen to Your children praying,  
 send us love, send us power, send us grace.

**~This Week at MUMC~**

**SUNDAY 15TH**

- 8:00AM LENT BIBLE STUDY
- 9:30AM WORSHIP EXPERIENCE
- 10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
- 10:45AM CONFIRMATION COHORT
- 11:00AM GOOD FUTURES ACCELERATOR MEETING

**MONDAY 16TH**

- 11:45AM CHAIR YOGA WITH LU
- 6:00PM CUB SCOUTS MEET

**TUESDAY 17TH**

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

**WEDNESDAY 18TH**

- 11:30AM “FOREVER YOUNG” SENIOR LUNCHEON
- 5:00PM PRAYER TEAM
- 7:00PM YOUTH GROUP

**THURSDAY 19TH**

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

**FRIDAY 20TH**

- 8AM-4PM LIFE LINE SCREENING

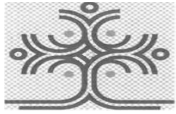
**SATURDAY 21ST**

Thank you for living our discipleship commitments of gathering and giving!  
**Attendance March 8th at MUMC**  
 In person: 77 online: 22  
**General Fund Giving for 3/8: \$4,795.77**  
**Total giving in all for 3/8: \$5,446.02**

*Happy Birthday!*

*Happy Anniversary*

- 15 Jim McGehee
- 17 Nadia Bivens
- 19 Dawson Casagrande
- 19 Stephanie Millard
- 21 Gary Gossen
- 21 Joyce O’Brien



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

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

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

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

Thursdays, March 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, every week we pray the Prayer of Confession, because every week we need to be reminded of God’s abundant grace. Every week we need to be reminded of God’s love. Every week we need to be reminded that we too can grow and change. So join me in this moment of honesty as we seek transformation. Friends, let us pray:

*Prayer of Confession & Words of Forgiveness*

Reader: God said, “When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them.”

**Many Voices: Holy God, we confess, we have mistreated the immigrants in our land.**

Reader: Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

**Many Voices: We confess, we have clung to guns and war more than we have pursued peace.**

Reader: God said, “When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.”

**Many Voices: We confess, we have hoarded our resources and failed to care for our neighbors.**

Reader: Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them.”

**Many Voices: We confess, we have used the good news in unfair ways.**

Reader: Fortunately for all of us, God also said, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.”

**Many Voices: By God’s grace, despite our sin and shortcomings, we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved. May this good news change our lives!**

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

**\*SINGING**

UM Hymnal #349 (x2)

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in his wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow  
Strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

**READING SCRIPTURE**

Deuteronomy 24:17-22 (Common English Bible)

Lay Reader

Matthew 19:13-15 (The Voice)

Pastor Dave

*Deuteronomy 24:17-22 (Common English Bible)*

<sup>17</sup> Don't obstruct the legal rights of an immigrant or orphan. Don't take a widow's coat as pledge for a loan. <sup>18</sup> Remember how you were a slave in Egypt but how the LORD your God saved you from that. That's why I'm commanding you to do this thing.

<sup>19</sup> Whenever you are reaping the harvest of your field and you leave some grain in the field, don't go back and get it. Let it go to the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows so that the LORD your God blesses you in all that you do. <sup>20</sup> Similarly, when you beat the olives off your olive trees, don't go back over them twice. Let the leftovers go to the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows. <sup>21</sup> Again, when you pick the grapes of your vineyard, don't pick them over twice. Let the leftovers go to the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows. <sup>22</sup> Remember how you were a slave in Egypt. That's why I am commanding you to do this thing.

*Unwritten Agreement*

We have this unwritten agreement,  
us members of humanity.  
When the toddler at the coffee shop runs round the corner,  
when her mom, at the register, looks up in panic,  
we, the adults in the room, will pledge,  
with quick smiles and silent head nods, to keep watch.  
We will lean out of our seats.  
We will put down our phones.  
We will stand at the ready  
to scoop up,  
to offer words of comfort,  
to make silly faces,  
to keep an eye on the door.  
And we will do this,  
because we cannot ignore the instinct to care.  
We will do this,  
because we cannot ignore the child right in front of us.  
We will do this,  
because love always includes the least of these.

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

Special screening package for  
\$129 for our members includes:

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you!  
800-324-9458 and use code: HABC001



Next Friday, March 20th, Life Line will be in our sanctuary. Call the above number to schedule your appointment.

Verse 3

I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame,  
the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;  
and left me there on the cross to die.

(Refrain)

Verse 4

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance and I still go on.

(Refrain)

Verse 5

They cut me down and I leapt up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

(Refrain)

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**EXITING MUSIC**

*Matthew 19:13-15 (The Voice)*

<sup>13</sup> At this, some of Jesus' followers brought their children before Jesus; they wanted Him to place His hands on the children and pray for them. Some of the disciples, mistakenly thinking that Jesus wouldn't want to be bothered with the likes of children, began to rebuke the crowd.

**Jesus:** <sup>14</sup> Let the little children come to Me; do not get in their way. For the kingdom of heaven belongs to children like these.

<sup>15</sup> He laid His hands on them, *He prayed with them*, and then He left that spot *and went elsewhere*.

One Voice: Today as we encounter your word, open up space in us to simply hear your truth for what it is. Open up space in our hearts to dream new dreams, to imagine new realities, to draw closer to you and closer to love.

**Many Voices: With hope for a better tomorrow, we listen, we pray. Amen.**

**PROCLAIMING**

Pastor Dave

Protection and Care for Whom?

**\*SINGING** "Christ Beside Me" The Faith We Sing #2166

Verse 1

Christ beside me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me the King of my heart;  
Christ within me, Christ below me,  
Christ above me never to depart.

Verse 2

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me shield in the strife;  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising Light of my life.

Verse 3

Christ beside me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me the King of my heart;  
Christ within me, Christ below me,  
Christ above me never to depart.

**GIVING**

**Pastor Dave**



**BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER** Lay Reader

**Many Voices: Generous God, receive these gifts as signs of our desire to walk in your ways, to live as your people, and to share your goodness and justice. Let our giving be an act of trust, a response to your faithfulness, and a testimony to your love at work in us. Amen.**

**\*SINGING** "Lord of the Dance" UM Hymnal #261

Verse 1

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the Earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain

Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Verse 2

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
they came to me and the dance went on.  
(Refrain)