

When Do Small Groups Meet Next?

- Book Group** - Monday, April 27th @ 7pm
"Somewhere Beyond the Sea" by TJ Klune
- Chair Yoga** - Mondays @ 11:45am
- FaithTalk Bible Study** - Tuesdays @ 12:00pm
- Grief Support Group** - Thursday April 9th @ 12:00pm
- Prayer Team** - Wednesdays @ 5:00pm
- Skeptic's Circle** - Tuesday, April 14th @ 6:30pm
Meets at: Brick & Ivy Coffee Co. 27754 Bluegrass Dr. Channahon, IL
- Youth Group** - Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

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

COMMUNION SERVERS FERGUSON/AUCLAIR FAMILY

CHURCH STAFF

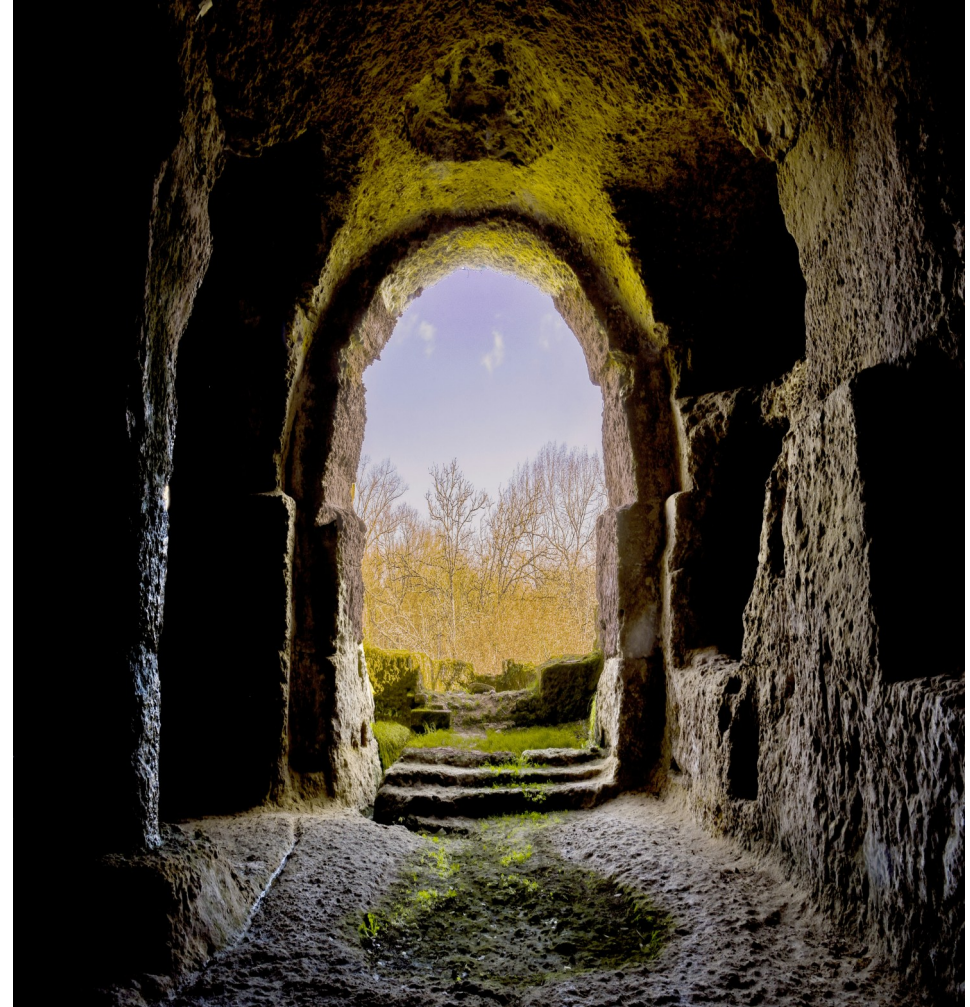
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Happy Easter!



Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 5, 2026 9:30am

Minooka United Methodist Church Worship Experience
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026 9:30am

* Stand if you are able

ENTERING MUSIC

WELCOMING

Pastor Dave

PREPARING

***GATHERING**

Lay Reader

Reader: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.
Many Voices: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.

Reader: On Saturday, we thought the good news had been buried.
Many Voices: But today, we know the good news is alive and well!

Reader: Today, we know the good news is dancing!
Many Voices: Today, we know the good news is on the loose!

Reader: Today, we know the good news is out in the world, calling your name!
Many Voices: Even death has lost its sting. Alleluia! Let us worship our good-news Christ!

***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 5TH

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

MONDAY 6TH

11:45AM CHAIR YOGA WITH LU
 OFFICE CLOSED—EASTER MONDAY

TUESDAY 7TH

12:00PM FAITH TALK BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY 8TH

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

THURSDAY 9TH

FRIDAY 10TH

SATURDAY 11TH



Thank you for living our discipleship commitments of gathering and giving!
 Attendance March 29th at MUMC
 In person: 71 online: 22
 General Fund Giving for 3/29: \$1,798.55
 Total giving in all for 3/29: \$1,998.55



Happy Birthday

- 8 Jack McGrath
- 8 LaVerne Spencer
- 10 Seth Satorius



Vacation Bible School – Volunteers Needed!

We’re getting ready for VBS (July 19–23, 5:30–8:15 PM) and are looking for **Station Leaders** to help make the week a meaningful and fun experience for our kids!

What does a Station Leader do?

You’ll oversee your station’s materials, setup, and cleanup—and don’t worry, you’ll have extra helpers assigned to support you!

- **Bible Stories** – Bring the stories to life with energy and creativity
- **Imagination Station (Science/Crafts)** – Lead hands-on activities tied to the daily theme
- **Games** – Organize outdoor games that connect to the lesson
- **Music/Sticky Scripture** – Co-lead songs and memory verses
- **Camera/Slideshow** – Capture the week and create a closing slideshow

Additional Ways to Help:

- On-Site Nurse – Assist with minor medical needs
- Prep Team – Help with decorations, supplies, and donations
- Logistics – Support setup and cleanup before and during VBS

Interested? Contact Katrina Nolan at (815) 715-7640 or katrinanolan17@outlook.com to sign up!

For VBS this year, we are excited to collaborate with our neighbors from Channahon UMC and Resurrection Lutheran. Our combined VBS will be at Channahon UMC.

ASP Youth Stock Sale April 12th and 19th

The Appalachian Service Project Mission team is in need of some financial support for the 2026 mission trip to eastern Kentucky the second week of June. This team consists of youth, graduating 6th grade through Senior year of High School, and chaperones, MUMC Church Members. The team is growing in members and a van is needed to help transport our teams. On April 12th and 19th the missionary youth will be staffing tables to sell Stock in their Actions for the trip departing June 6th. Van prices have increased and an additional \$1800 will be needed for this effort. It is not expected this Stock sale will be able to financially support the entire rental cost, but every little bit helps. This Stock sale is a donation (investment in our youth) with the dividend being a warm heart knowing your investment teaches our youth WWJD. A Stock certificate will be issued at time of investment. Thank You – Marlin Hartman Mission Team Leader

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: Found Family, on Easter Sunday we remember that the world did its worst to God. The world battered and bruised, betrayed and abandoned, crucified and buried our living God. And despite it all, Jesus rose again and immediately went to work spreading God’s love to the very people who had hurt him. Trusting that good news is for us too, let us go to God in prayer:

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

Prayer of Confession

Many Voices: Gracious God, we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you. We want to follow the angels, who said, “Be not afraid.” But we are afraid. We don’t know where to look. We are worried we’ll say the wrong thing. We are on our way, but we are not there yet. Forgive us. Show us how to embody your good news in this world. Show us how to be your Easter people. With hope, we pray.

[Quiet prayer for reflection]

Words of Forgiveness

Reader: Faithful Found Family, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of “alleluias,” we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. There is nothing that can keep God’s love for you at bay . So join me in this good news declaration:

Many Voices: Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and called. This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Reader: Our prayer concludes as Jesus taught us, saying,

Many Voices: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

***SINGING** “He Lives” UM Hymnal #310

Verse 1

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever foes may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, he's always near.

***SINGING**

UM Hymnal #302 v1,2,5,6
“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Verse 1

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Verse 2

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Verse 5

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

Verse 6

King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

***SENDING FORTH**

Pastor Dave

EXITING MUSIC

Roll back the stone as many times as it takes for us to see you.
Call us by name as many times as it takes for us to hear you name us as beloved.

Pastor Dave: At their final meal together, Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying:

Many voices: This bread is broken as my body will be broken. Remember me whenever you eat it.

Pastor Dave: When supper was finished, Jesus took the cup of wine, blessed it, and gave it to his friends, saying:

Many Voices: This cup is poured out as my blood will be poured out. Remember me whenever you drink it.

Pastor Dave: May this bread and cup nourish our capacity for compassion and strengthen our commitment to community.

Many Voices: Amen!

[The United Methodist Church offers open Communion—meaning all are welcome at this table. We will hand you a piece of bread and offer you a cup to take. Please walk up the center aisle and return by the side aisles. If you have mobility issues, we will bring the elements to you. Self-contained packets of bread and juice are also available. All the bread is gluten free.]

Serving the Online Community

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

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. May this holy meal nourish us to go out into the world speaking of your good, good news. With joy and hope we pray. Amen.

Refrain
He lives, He lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives,
Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

Verse 2

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing will come at last.
(Refrain)

Verse 3

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind.
(Refrain)

READING SCRIPTURE

Psalms 118: 1-2, 24 (Common English Bible)

Lay Reader

Matthew 28:1-10 (New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)

Pastor Dave

Psalms 118:1-2, 24

118 Give thanks to the LORD because he is good,
because his faithful love lasts forever.

² Let Israel say it:

“God’s faithful love lasts forever!”

²⁴ This is the day the LORD acted;
we will rejoice and celebrate in it!

28 After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Pastor Dave: Fount of Wisdom, all over the world, people are gathering to hear the same story. All over the world, people are gathering to hear how death lost its sting. So like our neighbors all over the world, we pray, be here.

Many Voices: Speak to us today. Soften the calloused parts of our hearts until we can sense your Holy Spirit in our midst once more. With eagerness and hope, we run to the tomb and listen for you. Amen.

PROCLAIMING

Pastor Dave

WAKE UP DEAD MAN: STORIES THAT MATTER

GIVING

Pastor Dave



BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER Lay Reader

Many Voices: God of New Beginnings, you roll away more than stones. You roll away despair and doubt, fear and failure. On this Resurrection morning, we offer our gifts in gratitude for the new life we have found in Christ. Let these offerings be signs of our commitment to live differently—eyes open, hearts awakened, hands ready to serve. Use us and what we offer to keep telling the story: Christ is risen, indeed! Amen.

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Pastor Dave: On that first Easter morning, the women went looking for Jesus. Found Family, if, like the women, you are seeking Christ; if you have known grief or fear; if you have ever felt lost; or if you are in need of some hope, then come to this table. All are welcome here as we enter once again into the story of abundant life.

This Easter morning, we heard how the stone was rolled away and dare to believe that life is stronger than death and love is stronger than evil. Today we are full of hope. However, we know that not every day feels like today. Just two days ago, we walked the path to the cross; we remembered the cruelty and violence humanity is capable of. So on this hopeful day, and on those grief-filled days, Loving God, Womb of Creation, we ask that you would meet us here; in this room; in this community; and at this table.