

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 May 14th @ 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 KAREN GABA
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Stories that Matter: Resurrection Reaction



Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 12, 2026 9:30am

Minooka United Methodist Church Worship Experience
Sunday, April 12, 2026 9:30am

* Stand if you are able

ENTERING MUSIC

WELCOMING

Pastor Dave

PREPARING

***GATHERING**

Lay Reader

Reader: It is good to be alive and to gather together today!

Many Voices: It is good to share life with each other in this wonder-filled and evolving universe.

Reader: We are grateful for all life around us.

Many Voices: May wisdom dawn in us and may resurrection hope happen in us again today!

***SINGING**

“Christ is Risen”

UM Hymnal #307

Verse 1

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!

Celebrate this day of days.

Christ is risen!

Hush in wonder;

All creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding,
 see, a spreading tree has grown.
 Healing leaves of grace abounding
 Bring a taste of love unknown.

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY 12TH

9:30AM WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45AM CONFIRMATION COHORT

11:00AM SOCCER SUNDAY INFORMATION MEETING—ALL ARE WELCOME!

MONDAY 13TH

11:45AM CHAIR YOGA WITH LU

TUESDAY 14TH

12:00PM FAITH TALK BIBLE STUDY

6:30PM SKEPTIC’S CIRCLE



WEDNESDAY 15TH

12:00PM “FOREVER YOUNG” SENIOR LUNCHEON

5:00PM PRAYER TEAM

7:00PM YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY 16TH

FRIDAY 17TH

SATURDAY 18TH

APRIL 25TH IS SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING AT 10AM. IF YOU WORK WITH CHILDREN, YOUTH, OR THE ELDERLY, (YOUTH GROUP, VBS, ASP, SENIOR LUNCH) YOU NEED TO BE AT THIS TRAINING.

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

Attendance April 5th at MUMC

In person: 119 online: 14

General Fund Giving for 4/5: \$8,159.37

Total giving in all for 3/29: \$15,163.52

Happy Birthday!

- 16 Alex Nolan
- 17 Brendan McGrath
- 17 Levi Nischke
- 17 Ethan Staley
- 18 Cyndi Campbell



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

Christ is risen!
Raise your spirits
From the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
Not a servant, but a friend;
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

Verse 3

Christ is risen!
Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
Where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus;
“Christ is risen! get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!

CONVERSING WITH CHILDREN

PRAYING

Lay Reader

Introduction

Contemplative prayer is a way of being aware of God, who is always present. Breath prayer is a form of contemplative prayer that reminds us that praying is as natural as breathing. Our breath supports all our movements, allowing more flexibility, strength, and endurance. Prayer is no different; our breathing supports our practice.

Breath prayer can be used at almost any time. You might practice it first thing in the morning, or in the midst of household chores, or even while driving. Breath prayer can be really helpful when you become anxious, frustrated, or scared.

As with any contemplative prayer practice, distractions will happen. Be patient with them and with yourself. When distractions happen, acknowledge them then gently return your attention toward God.

Practice

Find a posture that allows you to be relaxed and alert. Place your feet flat on the floor and your hands comfortably in your lap. Close your eyes and take a few slow, deep breaths. Today, the lyrics of a hymn (Worship & Song #3137) are our guide: "Jesus, let your light shine in us."

First round try whispering the phrase in time with your breathing. Repeat the prayer allowing the words to settle into a regular rhythm:

Breathe in: Jesus, let your light
Breath out: shine in us

[Quiet prayer for contemplation]

Second round try saying the phrase silently to yourself:

Breathe in: Jesus, let your light
Breath out: shine in us

[Quiet prayer for contemplation]

Third round continue saying the prayer silently; try resting in God's presence without the phrase:

Breathe in: Jesus, let your light
Breath out: shine in us

[Quiet prayer for contemplation]

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

***SINGING** "Christ Has Risen" The Faith We Sing #2115

Verse 1

Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
As He said and as He promised, as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer,
let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!

Verse 2

Christ has risen for the people whom He died to love and save;
Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace His grave.
Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb.

Verse 3

Christ has risen to companion former friends who fear the night,
Sensing loss and limitation
where their faith had once burned bright.
They bemoan what is no longer, they expect no hopeful sign
till Christ ends their conversation, breaking bread and sharing wine.

Verse 4

Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what He has been
Evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.

***SENDING FORTH**

Pastor Dave

EXITING MUSIC

Verse 4
Lord, you show us love's true measure:
"Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society.

Refrain
With the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

GIVING

Pastor Dave



BLESSING OUR GIFTS with MUSIC and PRAYER

Lay Reader

Many Voices: Compassionate and faithful God, you meet us behind locked doors and in the doubts we dare not speak aloud. Accept these gifts we bring as signs of our faith and acts of our trust. Use them to reach others still searching for hope, healing, and connection. Let our giving testify to your Resurrection power and shape us into a community where wounds are not hidden but held with love. Amen.

***SINGING** "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" UM Hymnal #304

Verse 1
Easter people, raise your voices,
Sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us Heaven's choices;
Heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Easter people, let us sing.

Verse 2
Fear of death can no more stop us
From our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us to
Triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
On to victory now we go.

Verse 3
Every day to us is Easter,
With its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
To our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
See the power of heavenly throngs.

READING SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:10, 16-20
(New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition)
John 20:19-23, 26-29 (The Voice)

Lay Reader
Pastor Dave

Matthew 28:10, 16-20

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."

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

John 20:19-23, 26-29

¹⁹ On that same evening (Resurrection Sunday), the followers gathered together behind locked doors in fear that some of the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem were still searching for them. Out of nowhere, Jesus appeared in the center of the room.

Jesus: May each one of you be at peace.

²⁰ As He was speaking, He revealed the wounds in His hands and side. The disciples began to celebrate as it sank in that they were really seeing the Lord.

Jesus: ²¹ I give you the gift of peace. In the same way the Father sent Me, I am now sending you.

²² Now He drew close enough to each of them that *they could feel His breath*. He breathed on them:

Jesus: Welcome the Holy Spirit of the living God. ²³ You now have the mantle of God's forgiveness. As you go, you are able to share the life-giving power to forgive sins, or to withhold forgiveness.

²⁶ Eight days later, they gathered again behind locked doors; and Jesus reappeared. This time Thomas was with them.

Jesus: May each one of you be at peace.

²⁷ He drew close to Thomas.

Jesus: Reach out and touch Me. See the punctures in My hands; reach out your hand, and put it to My side; leave behind your faithlessness, and believe.

Thomas (*filled with emotion*): ²⁸ You are the one True God and Lord of my life.

Jesus: ²⁹ Thomas, you have faith because you have seen Me. Blessed are all those who never see Me and yet they still believe.

Pastor Dave: May God bless the reading, hearing, and living of these words.

Many Voices: Amen.

PROCLAIMING

Pastor Dave

STORIES THAT MATTER: RESURRECTION REACTION

*SINGING

UM Hymnal #584, v1-2,4

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

Verse 1

Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission,
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
With renewed integrity.

Refrain

With the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Verse 2

Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervor, draw us
closer in community.

(Refrain)