

## 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, May 12th @ 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**

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## Stories that Matter: Go and Feed



**Welcome!**

**Minooka United Methodist Church**

**Sunday, April 19, 2026 9:30am**

**Minooka United Methodist Church Worship Experience**  
**Sunday, April 19, 2026 9:30am**

\* Stand if you are able

**ENTERING MUSIC**

**WELCOMING**

Pastor Dave

**PREPARING**

**\*GATHERING**

Lay Reader

Reader: Today, we bring our very selves to worship.

**Many Voices: Our triumphs. Our failures. Our vulnerabilities.**

Reader: Our greatest joys and our deepest sorrows.

**Many Voices: In this time set apart, may we hear the voice of Jesus urging us to feed and be fed, to love and be loved. Amen.**

**\*SINGING**

“Cry of My Heart” The Faith We Sing #2165

Refrain

It is the cry of my heart

To follow You.

It is the cry of my heart

To be close to You.

It is the cry of my heart

To follow

All of the days of my life.

Verse 1

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,

So I can walk in Your truth.

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,

And make me wholly devoted to You.

(Refrain)

**~This Week at MUMC~**

**SUNDAY 19TH**

9:30AM WORSHIP EXPERIENCE—OFFERING OF LETTERS

10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:45AM CONFIRMATION COHORT

**MONDAY 20TH**

11:45AM CHAIR YOGA WITH LU

**TUESDAY 21ST**

12:00PM FAITH TALK BIBLE STUDY

**WEDNESDAY 22ND**

5:00PM PRAYER TEAM

7:00PM YOUTH GROUP



**THURSDAY 23RD**

**FRIDAY 24TH**

**SATURDAY 25TH**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH @ 11:00AM IS SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING. 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 12th at MUMC

In person: 80 online: 18

General Fund Giving for 4/12: \$3,727.05

Total giving in all for 4/12: \$4,561.05

**Happy Birthday!**

**Happy Anniversary!**

22	Lauren Bivens	22	Joe & Amanda Sramek
23	Julie Geyer	23	Brad & Val Gunderson
25	Piper Gunderson	24	Dick & Teri Parrish
25	Eli Bivens	24	Laverne & Johanna
25	Brendon McGrath		Spencer

# TODAY IS OFFERING OF LETTERS DAY!

The Offering of Letters is a way for us to participate in resurrection—a way for us to be the hands, feet, and voice of Christ in the world.

Options for participation:

## 1. Online

—Use **the QR code** below to access the link for emailing your letters

—Fill in your personal information

— At the bottom where it reads, “Check here if you are emailing Congress as part of an Offering of Letters at your church, campus, or organization”, **click Yes,**

—After you check Yes, this pops up: “Please enter the NAME, CITY, and STATE of the church, campus, or organization hosting the Offering of Letters.” **Enter: Minooka United Methodist, Minooka, IL**

—**Personalize your message** with a reason or story and that motivates you to write. Consider adding in our church’s commitment to ending hunger, such as: “My church is doing what we can to alleviate hunger through our Helping Hands Food Pantry. But the problem of hunger is bigger than all our food pantries. I urge you to restore, protect, and strengthen our US nutrition programs, especially those providing food to families with children, seniors, veterans, refugees, and the disabled.”—Click “Send Message”

## 2. Hand-written Letter

—Use the **sample letter** on your table as a guide, but be sure to personalize your letter

—Whatever you choose to write, **be sure to ask for a specific action** such as “I urge you to restore, protect, and strengthen our US nutrition programs, especially those providing food to families with children, seniors, veterans, refugees, and the disabled.

—**Share a personal reason** or story that motivates you to write. Consider adding in our church’s commitment to ending hunger, such as: “My church is doing what we can to alleviate hunger through our Helping Hands Food Pantry. But the problem of hunger is bigger than all our food pantries. I urge you to restore, protect, and strengthen our US nutrition programs, especially those providing food to families with children, seniors, veterans, refugees, and the disabled.”

—**Write your name and address** at the end of your letter so your members of Congress know you are one of their constituents.



Verse 2

Open my eyes so I can see  
The wonderful things that You do.  
Open my heart up more and more,  
And make it wholly devoted to You.  
(Refrain)

## 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 find it 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’s phrase: “Lord Jesus, fill me with your love.”

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: Lord Jesus  
Breath out: fill me with your love

[Quiet prayer for contemplation]

Second round try saying the phrase silently to yourself:

Breathe in: Lord Jesus

Breath out: fill me with your love

[Quiet prayer for contemplation]

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

Breathe in: Lord Jesus

Breath out: fill me with your love

[Quiet prayer for contemplation]

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

**\*SINGING**            "Something Beautiful"            UM Hymnal #394

Something beautiful, something good;  
all my confusion he understood;  
all I had to offer him was brokenness and strife,  
but he made something beautiful of my life.  
(Repeat)

**READING SCRIPTURE**    John 21:1-17    (Common English Bible)  
Lay Reader

**21** Later, Jesus himself appeared again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how it happened: <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two other disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter told them, "I'm going fishing."

Verse 5

Lord, Your summons echoes true when You but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

**\*SENDING FORTH**

Pastor Dave

**EXITING MUSIC**

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## Garage Sales to Support MUMC

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 7th, 8th, and 9th, all garage sale proceeds at 104 N. Wabena, Minooka, IL and 314 Wabasso St. Minooka, IL, will go to support MUMC and it's mission. If you would like to help, support, or donate to the garage sales, please reach out to Gail Flatness @ 815.342.5535 or Jill Lesko @ 630.263.7529.

## ASP Youth Stock Sale April 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

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

**Many Voices: Astounding God, you walk with us even when we don't recognize you. Today, we bring these offerings as signs of our gratitude and hope. May our giving reflect the joy of being found, the wonder of Resurrection, and the call to share good news. Use these gifts to kindle faith, feed the hungry, and proclaim your presence in every moment and in everyone. Amen.**

**\*SINGING** "The Summons" The Faith We Sing #2130

Verse 1

Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known,  
Will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?

Verse 2

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let Me answer prayer in you and you in Me?

Verse 3

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in Me?

Verse 4

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
Through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?

They said, "We'll go with you." They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing.<sup>4</sup> Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn't realize it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup> Jesus called to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?"

They answered him, "No."

<sup>6</sup> He said, "Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn't haul in the net.<sup>7</sup> Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water.<sup>8</sup> The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren't far from shore, only about one hundred yards.

<sup>9</sup> When they landed, they saw a fire there, with fish on it, and some bread.<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you've just caught."<sup>11</sup> Simon Peter got up and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Yet the net hadn't torn, even with so many fish.<sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.<sup>13</sup> Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish.<sup>14</sup> This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."<sup>16</sup> Jesus asked a second time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep."<sup>17</sup> He asked a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" He replied, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

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

**Many Voices: Amen.**

**PROCLAIMING**

Pastor Dave

Stories that Matter: Go and Feed

**\*SINGING**

UM Hymnal #581

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

Verse 1

Lord, whose love through humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
offered mercy’s perfect deed:  
We, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose  
every gift that you impart.

Verse 2

Still your children wander homeless;  
Still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom;  
Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, your deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
Use the love your Spirit kindles  
Still to save and make us whole.

Verse 3

As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love’s revealing light  
In it’s height and depth of greatness  
Dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to tireless striving  
your abundant life to share.

Verse 4

Called by worship to your service,  
Forth in your dear name we go  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
Love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, good will and comfort,  
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That your servants, Lord, in freedom  
May your mercy know, and live.

**GIVING**

Pastor Dave

