

When Do Small Groups Meet Next?

- Book Group - Book Group will not meet in May
- Chair Yoga - Mondays @ 11:45am
- FaithTalk Bible Study - Tuesdays @ 12:00pm
- Grief Support Group - Thursday July 9th @ 12:00pm
*NOTE: Grief Support Group will **NOT** meet in June.*
- Prayer Team - Wednesdays @ 5:00pm
- Skeptic's Circle - Tuesday, June 9th @ 6:30pm
Meets at: Brick & Ivy Coffee Co. 27754 Bluegrass Dr. Channahon, IL
- Youth Group - Wednesdays @ 7:00pm
NOTE: Youth Group will meet once per month during the summer. Summer dates TBD.

WiFi is available—"MUMC-Guest" (No password required)

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Back to the Beginning! Unoriginal Sin



Welcome!

Minooka United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 17, 2026 9:30am

Minooka United Methodist Church Worship Experience
Sunday, May 17, 2026 9:30am

* Stand if you are able

ENTERING MUSIC

WELCOMING

Pastor Dave

PREPARING

***GATHERING**

Lay Reader

Reader: Gather, seekers of life! Let us sow the seeds of our prayers and songs into the fertile soil of God's Presence.

Many Voices: Let life crack open our hearts, and give birth to renewed spirits in us!

Reader: Let all that brings death be consumed in the passionate flame of our worship.

Many Voices: Let the resurrection power of our God be expressed and made visible in the shared community of this found family. Amen!

***SINGING**

“Morning Has Broken”

UM Hymnal #145

Verse 1

Morning has broken like the first morning;
 blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
 Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
 Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Verse 2

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
 like the first dewfall on the first grass.
 Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
 sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Verse 3

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
 Born of the one light Eden saw play!
 Praise with elation, praise every morning,
 God's recreation of the new day!

~This Week at MUMC~

SUNDAY 17TH

9:30AM WORSHIP EXPERIENCE
 10:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
 10:45AM CONFIRMATION COHORT
 11:00AM SOCCER COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY 18TH

11:45AM CHAIR YOGA WITH LU

TUESDAY 19TH

12:00PM FAITH TALK BIBLE STUDY
 6:30PM SPRC COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 20TH

12:00PM “FOREVER YOUNG” SENIOR LUNCHEON
 5:00PM PRAYER TEAM
 7:00PM YOUTH GROUP (LAST DAY OF SCHOOL-BRING A FRIEND PARTY)

THURSDAY 21ST

FRIDAY 22ND

SATURDAY 23RD

Thank you for living our discipleship commitments of gathering and giving!
Attendance May 10th at MUMC
 In person: 61 online: 16
General Fund Giving for 5/10: \$2,488.00
Total giving in all for 5/10: \$3,128.00

Happy Birthday!

17 Zachary Beitler
 18 Jeanette Harris
 18 Karen Larson
 19 Tred Gunderson
 20 Neva Morris
 21 Jolyn Lamping
 22 Marian Gaba
 23 Larry Korelc

Happy Anniversary!

18 John & Kim Nave

Plant a Vegetable for the Food Pantry

As you plan your home garden this season, please consider planting one extra vegetable plant to help support our Helping Hands Food Pantry. When it's time to harvest, you can donate the extra produce so neighbors in need can enjoy fresh, healthy food.

- Great options to plant: peppers, cucumbers, zucchini/summer squash, green beans, carrots, onions (veggies that can be stored in the refrigerator until pantry day)

- Harvest a little at a time: even small donations add up

How to donate: Please bring your extra produce to Church on Sundays. If you'd like to coordinate a pick-up or have questions about what's most needed, contact Chris Vause at 815-409-5599. Thank you for helping us grow a stronger community—one plant at a time.



MAY 31st is CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation Sunday is always one of the best days in the life of the church. Young people publicly profess their faith in God, their desire to follow God in the Way of Jesus, and their willingness to do so as members of this congregation.

On Confirmation Sunday we celebrate commitments made—by the teenagers, by their parents, and by the entire congregation. Everybody has a vital role to play on Confirmation Sunday! So plan now to participate in worship Sunday, May 31st.

CONVERSING WITH CHILDREN

PRAYING

Lay Reader

Introduction

For at least 400 years, Christians have declared, “Those who sing pray twice.” We intuit this long before we say it. Singing can be incredibly evocative and moving, bringing us closer to God in prayer. Taizé songs are designed to do just that.

The small village of Taizé in Burgundy, France, began as a safe place for Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazi occupation to hide. After the war, the Taizé community has blossomed into a pilgrimage site and a global movement of reconciliation and peace.

Taizé songs feature simple music and repeated lyrics meant to lead us into a time of extended silence. The songs are simple so that anyone can sing them instantly, without needing a hymnal. The words are repeated so the mind can relax. The song drops from the head into the heart, becoming a container for inner stillness.

In a culture that tends to fear silence, this stillness can be a radical act of trust. It is a time to let the words take root and to listen for the "still, small voice" of God.

Practice

We will sing several times through. Drop out and come back in as needed. When the Spirit moves us to do so, we will enter into a time of extended silence—a resting place for the presence of God.

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

The Faith We Sing #2200

O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
Come and listen to me.

[Quiet prayer for contemplation]

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

READING SCRIPTURE

Lay Reader

Genesis 2:5-9,15-23, 3:1-24 (Common English Bible)

On the day the Lord God made earth and sky—⁵ before any wild plants appeared on the earth, and before any field crops grew, because the LORD God hadn't yet sent rain on the earth and there was still no human being to farm the fertile land,⁶ though a stream rose from the earth and watered all of the fertile land—⁷ the LORD God formed the human from the topsoil of the fertile land and blew life's breath into his nostrils. The human came to life.⁸ The LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east and put there the human he had formed.⁹ In the fertile land, the LORD God grew every beautiful tree with edible fruit, and also he grew the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it.¹⁶ The LORD God commanded the human, "Eat your fill from all of the garden's trees;¹⁷ but don't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because on the day you eat from it, you will die!"¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, "It's not good that the human is alone. I will make him a helper that is perfect for him."¹⁹ So the LORD God formed from the fertile land all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky and brought them to the human to see what he would name them. The human gave each living being its name.²⁰ The human named all the livestock, all the birds in the sky, and all the wild animals. But a helper perfect for him was nowhere to be found.

²¹ So the LORD God put the human into a deep and heavy sleep, and took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh over it.²² With the rib taken from the human, the LORD God fashioned a woman and brought her to the human being.²³ The human said,



VBS Volunteers Needed! JULY 19-23, 6:00-8:15pm

We're gearing up for an amazing, collaborative VBS this summer with our friends from Channahon UMC and Resurrection Lutheran! But we still need volunteers to help make it happen. Current needs include adult volunteers as Crew Leaders, Station Helpers, Registration, Security, Water Station; and youth volunteers (grades 6-12) helping with decorations, setup/tear-down, and material prep. We'd love for you to be part of making VBS a success!

To volunteer (or to register a participant, grades PreK-5), scan the QR code or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the lobby.

At Rainforest Falls, kids plunge into a life-long adventure, discovering the nature of God, and exploring what it means to be rooted in relationship with their creator, and a safe place in life's storms. Suggested donation is \$5 per child or \$10 per family. Donations help offset the costs of VBS.



***SINGING**

“Living Spirit, Holy Fire” Worship & Song #3109

Verse 1

Living Spirit, holy fire,
Burning bright to light our way,
Blaze among us and inspire
Lives that praise you day by day.

Verse 2

Warm us, draw your people near
When our love draws weak or cold.
Free our frozen hearts from fear,
That each story may be told.

Verse 3

Melt away the masks we wear,
Hiding what we know and feel.
Risking growth, we want to share
Love in action, love that’s real.

Verse 4

Open hearts, affirm us all,
Many splendored, one in you,
We embrace the work, the call:
You are making all things new.

***SENDING FORTH**

Pastor Dave

EXITING MUSIC

“This one finally is bone from my bones
and flesh from my flesh.
She will be called a woman
because from a man she was taken.”

3 The snake was the most intelligent of all the wild animals that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say that you shouldn’t eat from any tree in the garden?”

² The woman said to the snake, “We may eat the fruit of the garden’s trees ³ but not the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. God said, ‘Don’t eat from it, and don’t touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴ The snake said to the woman, “You won’t die! ⁵ God knows that on the day you eat from it, you will see clearly and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ The woman saw that the tree was beautiful with delicious food and that the tree would provide wisdom, so she took some of its fruit and ate it, and also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then they both saw clearly and knew that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made garments for themselves.

⁸ During that day’s cool evening breeze, they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden; and the man and his wife hid themselves from the LORD God in the middle of the garden’s trees. ⁹ The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

¹⁰ The man replied, “I heard your sound in the garden; I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself.”

¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree, which I commanded you not to eat?”

¹² The man said, “The woman you gave me, she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate.”

¹³ The Lord God said to the woman, “What have you done?!” And the woman said, “The snake tricked me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the snake,
“Because you did this,
you are the one cursed
out of all the farm animals,
out of all the wild animals.
On your belly you will crawl,
and dust you will eat
every day of your life.

¹⁵ I will put contempt
between you and the woman,
between your offspring and hers.
They will strike your head,
but you will strike at their heels.”

¹⁶ To the woman he said,
“I will make your pregnancy very painful;
in pain you will bear children.
You will desire your husband,
but he will rule over you.”

¹⁷ To the man he said, “Because you listened to your wife’s voice
and you ate from the tree that I commanded, ‘Don’t eat from it,’

cursed is the fertile land because of you;
in pain you will eat from it
every day of your life.

¹⁸ Weeds and thistles will grow for you,
even as you eat the field’s plants;

¹⁹ by the sweat of your face you will eat bread—
until you return to the fertile land,
since from it you were taken;
you are soil,
to the soil you will return.”

²⁰ The man named his wife Eve because she is the mother of everyone who lives. ²¹ The LORD God made the man and his wife leather clothes and dressed them. ²² The LORD God said, “The human being has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil.” Now, so he doesn’t stretch out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat and live forever, ²³ the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to farm the fertile land from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove out the human. To the east of the garden of Eden, he stationed winged creatures wielding flaming swords to guard the way to the tree of life.

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

Many Voices: Amen.

PROCLAIMING

Pastor Dave

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GIVING

Pastor Dave



BLESSING OUR GIFTS and MUSIC with PRAYER

Lay Reader

Many Voices: Generous God, use these gifts we offer to bring hope where there is hunger, healing where there is pain, and hope where there is despair. May what we give reflect our desire to walk more closely with you. Amen.