

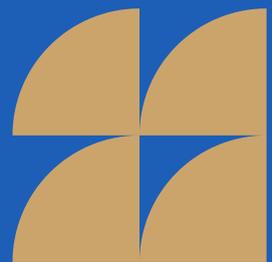


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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



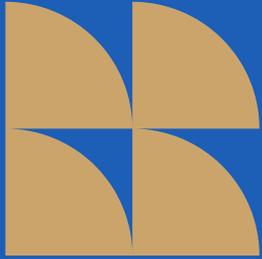
2025 Annual Report

*"Whatever you do,
do everything
for the glory of God."*
– 1 Corinthians 10:31b





"You are the light of the world."
– Matthew 5:14a



Our Mission

To be caring, inclusive and Spirit-filled in all that we do

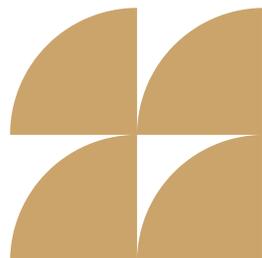
Our Vision

To grow spiritually, numerically, financially and missionally as we strive to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



A time of prayer during the 2025 Panama mission trip

As a congregation, Minnetonka United Methodist Church understands our life together to be rooted in God's ongoing work of love, justice, service and renewal in the world. Our mission and vision are not simply statements of intention, but expressions of our shared calling as followers of Jesus Christ.

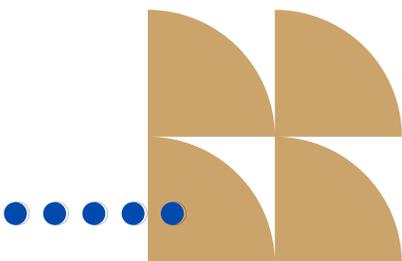
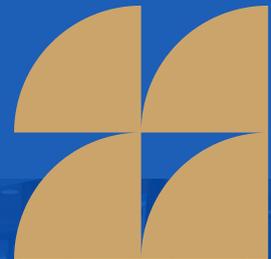


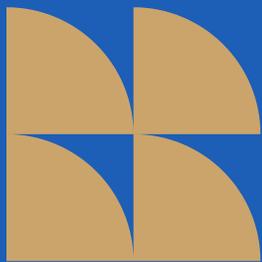
Student Ministries Christmas caroling



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A Message from Pastor Carrie

As we reflect on the ministry we have shared in 2025, my heart is full of gratitude for the ways God has been at work among us. This has been a year marked by faithful witness, deepening discipleship and a renewed commitment to living out our calling as the body of Christ.

I give thanks for the meaningful strides we have made in our work for justice. Through our new partnership with ISAIAH, we have joined with other congregations and community leaders to advocate for a more just and compassionate world. This has taken shape in learning, organizing, and showing up—trusting that our faith calls us back to our Wesleyan roots as we pursue both personal and social holiness.

Together, we have sought to more fully embody Christ's love in the world—not only in word, but in action. Through our mission work, advocacy, partnerships and willingness to listen and learn, we are becoming a congregation that more clearly reflects God's desire for justice, compassion and dignity for all people.

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

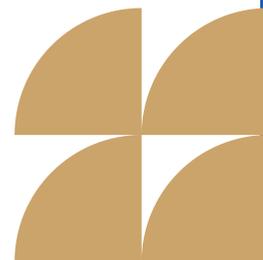
Colossians 2:6-7

I have also seen God at work in the strength of our community—through worship that grounds us; ministries that connect us and the quiet, everyday acts of care that sustain us. Your faithfulness continues to be a powerful testimony to the transforming love of Christ.

In all things, may we trust that the Spirit is at work among us—guiding, sustaining, and sending us forward in mission and hope.

Best of all, God is with us.

Pastor Carrie Binnie



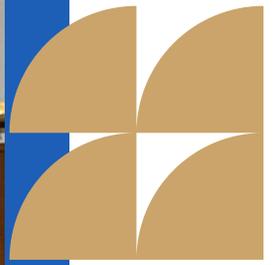
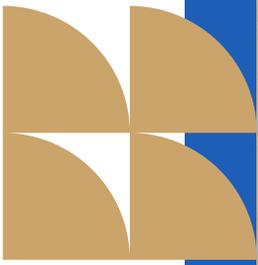
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One of the things I love about MUMC is its mission focus: serving in the local community, teaching students the joy of service on summer mission trips, and being God's hands and feet.... The Panama trips always bring out so many different feelings: happiness for ... friendships made, sadness for our inability to do more, satisfaction in accomplishing as much as we do ... and most of all, joy in serving alongside people who care so much for others with souls that shine with God's love."

— Cathy Carlson

Nebraska resident and former member of MUMC who continues to serve on Panama mission trips

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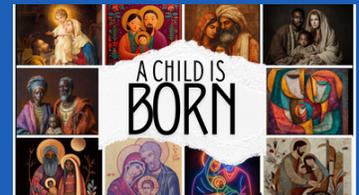
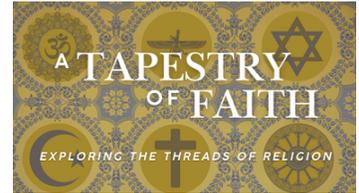


Worship



Worship is central to our life together as a community of faith. Week after week, we gather to lift our voices in song, hear an inspiring message, pray for one another and experience God's presence among us. In these shared moments, we are formed as disciples and reminded of our collective call to share Christ with the world through our witness.

Our 2025 sermon series:



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BAPTISMS



I think the church is a great way to connect to neighbors beyond the people I see on my block. I grew up in a big church where there were sacred places you didn't go. MUMC feels more like it's really our church.

– Kent Mein

2025 Servant Leadership Board Chair,
Mission Team Chair



"See, I am making all things new."
– Revelation 21:5



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AVERAGE IN-PERSON
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

380

AVERAGE TOTAL
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

227

AVERAGE ONLINE
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Kids



2025 Ministry Highlights

- A joint Children’s and Student Ministries Team was developed to engage students, parents and the larger congregation in planning and dreaming for the future of both Kids’ and Student Ministries
- Riley Anderson was hired in December as the new Nursery Attendant!
- The 2025 Christmas pageant
- Though the Outreach Team was responsible for the Live Nativity, numerous children had immersive experiences in successfully sharing the Christmas story
- The focus of our Sunday School curriculum, *Big Faith* was teaching kids about people in the Bible who stepped up to do some less popular things (i.e., take on a giant, speak the truth to people in power and tell others about God)
- On Wednesday nights, we once again utilized the *Bible Black Belts* curriculum, centering our learning around the Fruit of the Spirit and what it means to live in the Kingdom of God

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VBS PARTICIPANTS

46

CAMPERS
(PRE-K - 5TH GRADE)

20

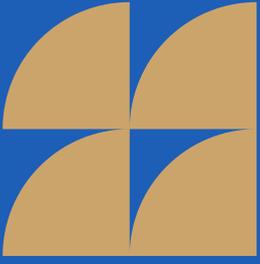
STUDENT VOLUNTEERS
(6TH - 12TH GRADE)

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ADULT VOLUNTEERS



As our kids age up and participate in Student Ministries programming, we are eager to reach more and more children and families! Please invite your friends, neighbors and relatives to experience the joy of Kids’ Ministries!



The Confirmation class of 2025, their pastors and mentors

Students

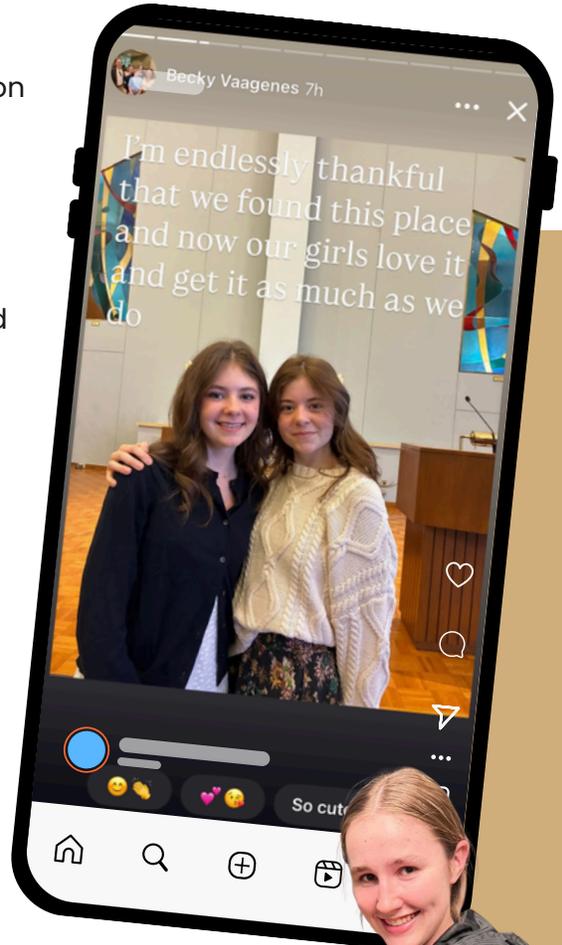


Student Ministries participation on Wednesday nights has ballooned! As of September 2025, we now offer the programming listed below from 6:30-8:00 PM:

- **Confirmation**
 - On the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of each month, Confirmation curriculum is lead by Pastor Carrie and adult mentors
 - On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, Confirmation students and Strive participants attend "Youth Group" (description below)
- **Strive** - The 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of each month, led by Pastor Chris and adult volunteers.
- **Youth Group** - On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, led by Pastor Chris and adult volunteers



Caroling at The Glenn Minnetonka



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STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN CONFIRMATION CLASSES DURING THE '24-'25 ACADMIC YEAR

25

STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN STUDENT MINISTRIES PROGRAMMING

16

STUDENTS AND ADULTS WENT ON A MISSION TRIP WITH NEXT STEP MINISTRIES TO COLORADO SPRINGS, CO



“ ———
 This church makes a difference in my life. The people around me in my youth group being kind impacts me and makes me a better person.
 ——— ”

— Simon Carr
Tenth grade student



Adults



Women's Retreat



Lunch with church friends at Spasso



For new congregants and old, the challenge of learning and growing together in small groups is an invaluable bonding experience and opportunity to strengthen my faith. Blessedly all but one of my fellow participants in Unbinding Your Heart was a new face to me. What a gift - spiritual enrichment and new friends!

- Nancy Swanson
all-church study participant

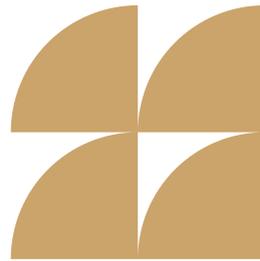


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SMALL GROUPS OF ALL KINDS

70

PEOPLE IN FAITH-SPECIFIC SMALL GROUPS



The Chosen TV series has enabled me to experience the Gospels at a new, visceral level. Now when I read about the Sermon on the Mount, the woman at the well, or Jesus walking on water, I have a memory of it as if I saw it happen in person. It has been a blessing during Lent to lead small group discussions for the first five seasons of The Chosen. What a joy it has been to watch and reflect on each episode, read Scripture, and praise God for all that we experienced together.

- Matt Abe
The Chosen faith group facilitator

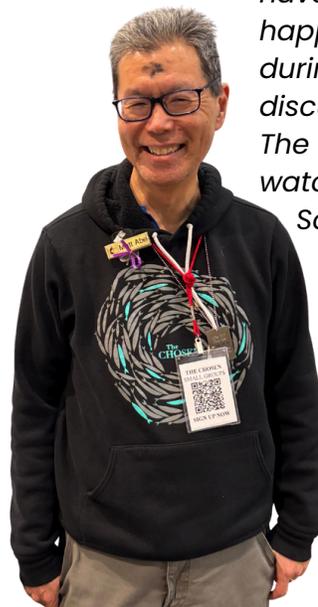
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NEW MEMBERS

378

ADULT MEMBERS OF MINNETONKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Participating in a Ramadan Iftar meal



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PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN A SMALL GROUP DISCUSSING SEASON 4 OF THE CHOSEN





Missional Impact



“ — *The opportunity to visit Africa and see first-hand the difference we are making in the lives of Imara's young girls and their babies has made a profound impact on my life and has enriched my faith journey. In just one year, our congregation has provided much needed transportation and medical care that is literally saving lives in Kenya... We are blessed to be blessing.*

— Sarah Utzinger
2025 Imara International/Kenya mission trip participant

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MUMC donations fully funded "Tonka" the tuk-tuk for Imara International



The Numbers Behind the Panama Mission Trip

512 MEDICAL AND DENTAL PATIENTS SEEN BY OUR MISSION TEAM OVER THE COURSE OF A WEEK IN PANAMA

424 SETS OF 90-DAY VITAMIN SUPPLIES

359 RESTORATIVE DENTAL PROCEDURES

45 TOOTH EXTRACTIONS

Local Mission and Service

172 BOXES OF CEREAL DONATED TO ICA IN MARCH FOR MN FOODSHARE MONTH

1,430 SANDWICHES MADE FOR DIGNITY CENTER GUESTS

198 POUNDS OF MEATLOAF SERVED TO SIMPSON SHELTER GUESTS

493 ROLLS OF TOILET PAPER DONATED TO ICA DURING VBS

140 QUILTS MADE FOR VETERANS AND GUESTS OF THE DIGNITY CENTER AND SIMPSON SHELTER

700 INDIVIDUAL MEALS PREPARED AND SERVED FOR SIMPSON SHELTER GUESTS

Outreach



Live Nativity

In the twenty-eighth chapter of the Gospel attributed to Matthew, Jesus instructs his disciples, "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." Because a variety of methods are required to reach and disciple people with the gospel, it's imperative that we develop a wide range of opportunities for engagement.



Friendsgiving

70

PEOPLE BRAVED THE SNOWSTORM AND CAME TO THE MARDI GRAS JAZZ AND PANCAKE FEED

40+

CHILDREN PARTICIPATED IN THE EASTER EGG HUNT



145

PEOPLE PRESENT FOR VBS CELEBRATION SUNDAY

200

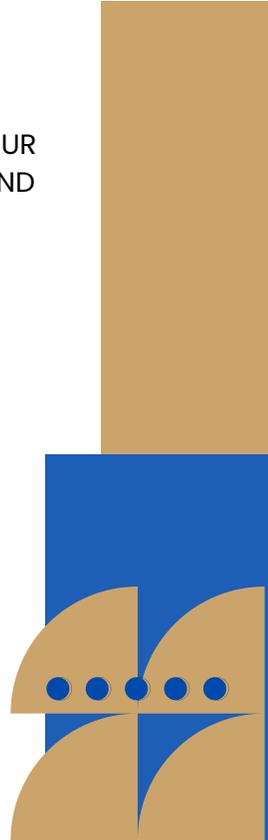
PEOPLE ATTENDED OUR TRUNK-OR-TREAT AND CHILI COOKOFF

100

PEOPLE WERE INVOLVED WITH OR ATTENDED THE LIVE NATIVITY
(It was only 5 degrees out!)

40

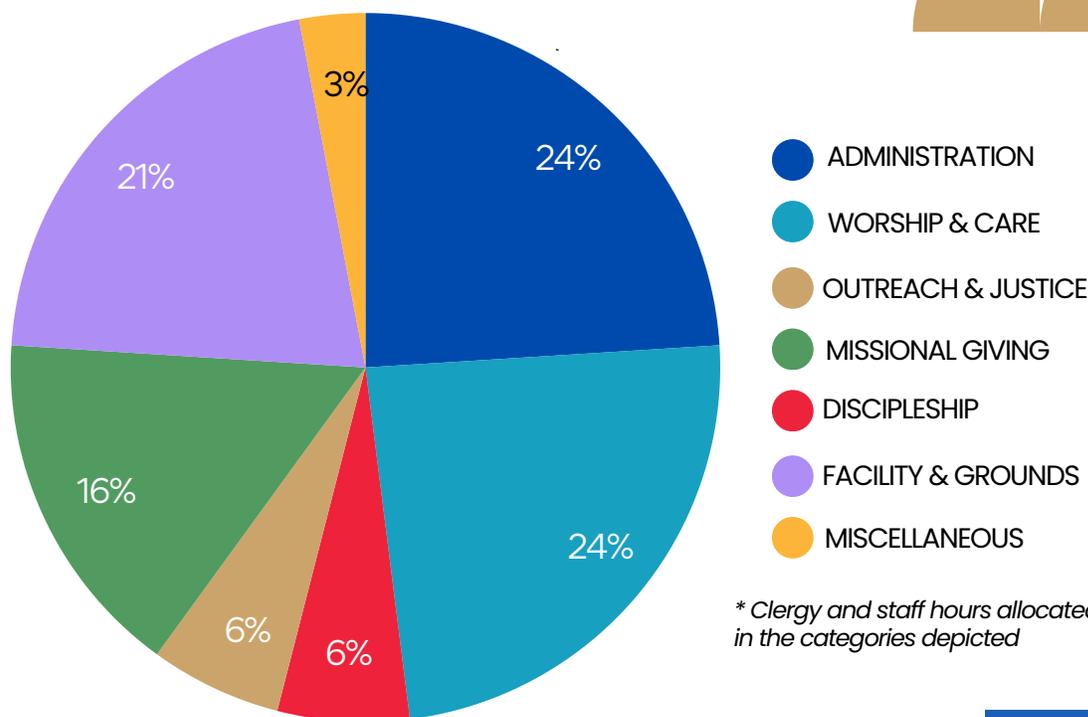
PEOPLE CAME TO OUR FIRST FRIENDSGIVING



Financial Snapshot

In 2025, Minnetonka United Methodist Church remained financially stable and mission-focused, supported by the generosity of our faithful congregation. We are deeply grateful to all who give so graciously to sustain our shared ministry. While navigating rising operational costs and evolving ministry needs, careful stewardship and thoughtful budgeting allowed us to maintain core programs, expand outreach efforts, and invest in the long-term vitality of the church. We remain committed to transparent, responsible financial practices as we look ahead with hope and purpose.

Stewardship of 2025 Financial Resources*



* Clergy and staff hours allocated in the categories depicted

\$428,184

2025 ANTICIPATED GIVING
(BASED SOLELY ON INTENTION OF GIVING CARDS SUBMITTED)

\$596,480

2025 BUDGET

\$559,655

2025 ACTUAL INCOME

\$550,917

2025 ACTUAL DOLLARS SPENT



Since the opportunity arose to join the Board, I've found fulfillment in offering my time and talents to support the mission of MUMC. Working with a dedicated team of SLB members, we are striving to care for our building and surrounding property, strengthen our financial foundation, and embrace new opportunities for outreach. At times the work can feel daunting, but I trust that God walks beside me, guiding how I serve.

– Sharla Duerre

Vice Chair of the Servant Leadership Board

\$469,381

2026 ANTICIPATED GIVING
(BASED SOLELY ON INTENTION OF GIVING CARDS SUBMITTED)

\$592,756

2026 BUDGET



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