

SIGN ME UP

I'M INTERESTED IN SERVING IN THE FOLLOWING WAY(S):

- Greeter/Usher
- Staff the Welcome Desk
- Communion Server
- Scripture Reader
- Co-Lead Sunday School
- Co-Lead Quest (Wednesday Night Programming for Kids)
- MUMC Grounds Team
- Technology Booth (Sunday Mornings)
- Diana Butler Bass Event: Facility Prep Crew
- Diana Butler Bass Event: Parking Attendant
- Diana Butler Bass Event: Welcome/Ushers
- Diana Butler Bass Event: Clean Up Crew

I WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR:

- Life Transitions Discussion September 18th from 6:30-8:00pm
- Caregiver Stress Discussion October 23rd from 6:30-8:00pm
- Small Group Study: Freeing Jesus (starting in October)

PRAYER REQUESTS

ADD MY REQUEST TO:

- Weekly Email
- Sunday Morning Prayers
- Prayer Chain
- Please Keep Private
- I would like the Pastor to contact me

UPCOMING EVENTS

Office Hours:
 M - Th -- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 F-- 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SUN 9/15	10:00 AM - Worship 11:00 AM - Sandwiches for Dignity Center
MON 9/16	7:30 AM - Bible Study 9:30 AM - Quilters 3:30 PM - Cello Lessons 6:00 PM - September Simpson Dinner 6:30 PM - Toastmasters
TUES 9/17	11:00 AM - Staff Meeting 6:45 PM - Servant Leader Board
WED 9/18	9:30 AM - Lydia Circle 11:30 AM - Lunch Bunch 5:30 PM - Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30 PM - Confirmation & Bible Black Belts 6:30 PM - Mental Health Matters: Life Transitions
THURS 9/19	9:30 AM - Card Club 3:30 PM - Cello Lessons
FRI 9/20	9:00 AM - Men's & Women's Breakfast Fellowship
SAT 9/21	



Audio Assistance
 Hearing assistance devices are also available for your use, and can be obtained from the soundboard.

WAYS TO GIVE

In Person: Offering Plate
 Text: GIVENOW to (952) 900-6088
 Online: minnetonkaumc.org/giving



We Gather For Worship

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10:00 AM

- Gathering Music
- "Holy Spirit"
- "Shout to the Lord"
- Welcome and Breakthrough Prayer
- Children's Time
- Financial Stewardship Moment
- A Time of Prayer "Ploughshare Prayer"
- "Only By Our Lonesome"
- Scripture Reading Psalm 95:1-2 NRSV
Matthew 6:19-21 NRSV
- Sermon "Choosing Gratitude"
- "The Blessing"
- Sending Forth and Blessing



A healthy dose of gratitude is good for the soul. Yet so much is going on in the world that leaves us disheartened and longing for something more. Let's take some time to decompress, refocus and cultivate the healing practice of gratitude in our lives. Together, we'll connect with God, with one another and with the world in soul-refreshing and transformative ways.

SERMON NOTES:

Christmas in July Update — Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to our Christmas in July fundraising initiative. With the inclusion of a very generous anonymous donation, we reached our \$40,000 stretch goal!

Wednesday Night Dinners — Everyone is invited to join us for a home-cooked meal between 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM on Wednesday nights. Children's and Student Ministries' programming (including Confirmation) will follow at 6:30 PM.

Small Group Study: Freeing Jesus — In preparation for our event with Diana Butler Bass in November, we will be offering small group studies of her book, "Freeing Jesus" in starting in October! Dates and times are being finalized now. If you are interested in joining us, please indicate your interest on your Connection Card and we will let you know as groups are finalized.

Your Mental Health Matters: Let's Talk! — You're invited to join Pastor Carol and Celeste Scott MA, LP, a mental health professional and member of MUMC, for one or both of the important mental health learning and conversation opportunities (below) from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Please consider joining us for the all-church, Wednesday Night Dinner beforehand (5:30 - 6:30 PM)!

- **Wednesday, September 18 - Life Transitions** (e.g., divorce, declining health, retirement, bereavement)
- **Wednesday, October 23 - Caregiver Stress, Support and Self-Care**

Diana Butler Bass Event — We are thrilled to be bringing Diana Butler Bass to speak on Saturday, November 2nd and to conduct the sermon on Sunday, November 3rd. We have new volunteer opportunities to make this event a community success! You can sign up to volunteer on your Connection Card, on Sign Up Genius, or by calling Michelle in the office.

MUMC Grounds Team — If you would like to serve MUMC AND enjoy the outdoors, consider joining the "grounds" team! Sign up on your Connection Card or email Lynn Abe at lynnabe@hushmail.com for more information.

Weekly Wednesday Emails — There is always more going on than can fit into our bulletin! Be sure you're signed up for our weekly emails so you don't miss out on upcoming events at the church and in the greater community!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHILDREN

Make a Difference! — We have opportunities for you to do just that! Please consider helping to lead Sunday School or Quest (Wednesday night children's programming) beginning this fall. To learn more and/or to express your interest, please let us know on your Connection Card today!



STUDENTS

Youth Group — Information about Fall Student programming will be sent out soon! Please reach out to Chris Carr at chris.carr@minnetonkaumc.org if you are interested in being added to the mailing list!



SMALL GROUPS

Monday Morning Bible Study: 7:30 AM You're invited to join us for conversation as we study a pre-assigned text for the week. Meet us in the Coffee Commons. All are welcome.

Make a Difference! — MUMC is kicking off two great new programs to get kids excited about coming to church. On Sundays, Godly Play will use handmade toys to connect kids with Bible stories. On Wednesdays, kids will become Bible Black Belts, trained in the discipline of scripture.

Confirmation Information Session: 6:30 PM, September 11 — Are you a seventh or eighth grader (or older) and considering participating in Confirmation this year? Please join us to learn more! Interested but unable to attend? Please notify Pastor Carrie or the church office.

Men's and Women's Breakfast Groups The next breakfast is scheduled for September 20th at Perkins (Hopkins Crossroads and Hwy. 7). Please let Cleone Haggmann know if you plan to attend (952-544-4283).

CONNECT

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 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone: _____

Contact Preference:
 Email Phone Text

I/We are...
 First Time Guest
 Please Select One:
 I would like MUMC to make a donation in my name to :
 ICA Food Shelf (Minnetonka)
 Simpson Shelter (Minneapolis)
 United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) - global disaster and humanitarian relief.
 Returning Guest
 Member/Attend Regularly
 I invited someone to church this week

How did you hear about us?:

My Next Step Today:
 Include me in the weekly email list
 Learn about MUMC & Membership
 Find a small group
 Learn about mission opportunities
 Learn about digital giving