

SIGN ME UP

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

- Greeter/Usher
- Staff the Welcome Desk
- Communion Server
- Co-Lead Sunday School and/or Quest
- MUMC Grounds Team
- Technology Booth (Sunday Mornings)
- Wednesday Night Dinner Chef
- Gingerbread Bash Volunteer December 18th
 - Setup Cleanup
 - Gingerbread House Decorating
 - Cookie Decorating Cocoa Crew
 - Santa Helper

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

- Attend the Gingerbread Bash (12/18)
- # of Kids _____ # of Adults _____

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	10:00 AM - Worship
12/15	11:30 AM - Kramer School of Music Recitals
MON	7:30 AM - Bible Study
12/16	9:30 AM - Quilters 11:00 AM - Staff Meeting 6:30 PM - Toastmasters
TUES	12/17
WED	6:30 PM - Gingerbread Bash
12/18	
THURS	9:30 AM - Cards
12/19	
FRI	9:00 AM - Men's & Women's Fellowship
12/20	Breakfast @ Perkins (Hwy 7 & Hopkins Crsrd)
SAT	9:00 AM - Children's Pageant Dress Rehearsal and Pizza Lunch
12/21	



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



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We Gather For Worship

10:00 AM

- Gathering Music
- "Do You Hear What I Hear?"
- "The First Noel"
- Lighting of the Advent Wreath
- Welcome and Breakthrough Prayer
- Children's Time
- Receiving of the Offering "What Child Is This?" #219 UMH, verses 1 & 3
- A Time of Prayer
- "Angels We Have Heard on High" #238 UMH
- Scripture Reading Isaiah 7:10-15 and Luke 1:26-38 NRSV
- Sermon "A Promise Believed"
- "Hope for Everyone"
- Sending Forth and Blessing

THE PROMISE

The Christmas season is always full. Full of anticipation and tradition, family and music, friends and gifts, joy and birth. But it can also include loss, deadlines, dread, regret and longing. Whatever you're feeling and experiencing, a new day awaits, pregnant with truth and hope. Join us as we once again prepare for the coming of Christ and the fulfillment of the greatest promise ever made.

SERMON NOTES:

Gingerbread Bash - Join us on Wednesday, December 18th for our Gingerbread Bash! Decorate a gingerbread house and cookies, listen to a story from Santa and sip on some cocoa. You can sign up to attend or to volunteer on your Connect Card today!

Free Books — A selection of books from the church library is available on a table outside the main doors to the Sanctuary. The books are free for anyone to take, but if you wish, you can leave a free-will donation in the basket provided. More books will be added as space permits. Books that are not taken after being on display will be donated or recycled to make more room for educational materials in the library. For questions, contact Judy Fallat, fallat2@comcast.net, 952-938-3903

Panama Prayer Partners Request - The Panama Mission Team is making final preparations for their Jan 2025 trip and they need your help! Will you be a prayer partner to a team member? See Cathy Kurtz or Carol Boyd to sign up and get the envelope to place your trinkets or thoughts packets into. Prayer partner packages need to be back to the church no later than Sunday Jan 19. Remember your love and support is so important the team members.

Panama Pharmacy Cart - The Panama Mission Team will be leaving in January. There is a mobile pharmacy that each team uses and restocks with medications. Donations to date have filled our pharmacy cart over 1/5 of the way. Please consider offering a donation marked "Panama Mission" to help support this mission! Please see Barb Kern-Pieh for more info.

Giving Tree - This Advent Season, we are partnering with Compassion to share joy with children in poverty this Christmas season! Just inside Fellowship Hall is our Giving Tree. On the table next to the tree are ornaments for different categories of help we can provide. If you are moved to donate, please write your name on the back of the appropriate Giving Tree ornament and place it on the tree. Then place your cash or check in a Giving Tree envelope and place it in the offering plate on Sundays, or turn it into the office during the week. By hosting a Giving Tree, we are helping children in poverty experience the joy of being cared for and loved. This kind of joy opens hearts to knowing Jesus and feeling his love.

No Dignity Center Sandwiches in December. Sandwiches will resume in January 2025.

Christmas Eve Services - We will have a family-friendly Christmas Eve Service at 3:00 PM and a candlelight service at 10:00 PM on Tuesday, December 24th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHILDREN

Children's Christmas Pageant — The Children's Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 22nd. Remaining rehearsals will be December 15 during Sunday School and December 21st from 9-12 at the church, with lunch to follow! If you would like your child to participate, please sign them up at: <https://tinyurl.com/MUMCPageant>



STUDENTS

Student Mission 2025 - This year's mission will be July 19-27, 2025 in Colorado Springs, CO. The mission trip is open to 7th-12th grade students. Please see Chris Carr for more info. You can sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/2025MUMCSM> A \$50 deposit is required to hold your spot.



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.

2025 Vacation Bible School - MUMC Vacation Bible School is going to be June 23-27. Sign-ups and volunteer opportunities will be announced soon! Save the dates!

No Youth Group or Confirmation this week. You are welcome to volunteer at the Gingerbread Bash on December 18th from 6:30-8:00 if you would like!

Men's/Women's Breakfast Fellowship - Join MUMC friends for breakfast and fellowship on December 20th at 9 AM at Perkins (Hwy 7 & Hopkins Crossroad). Please let Cleone Hagmann know if you plan to attend! (952) 917-9022

Please complete the card, tear at the perforation and place in the Offering plate

Name: _____
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