

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
- Wednesday Night Dinner Sous Chef
- Wednesday Night Dinner Clean Up Crew

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

- Children's Ministries
- Student Ministries
- Family Ministries
- Adult Ministries
- Mission/Serving Opportunities
- Spiritual Formation and Small Groups
- Vacation Bible School (VBS)
- Community Events
- Church Membership
- Scheduling a Baptism or Wedding
- Financial Giving Opportunities

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 12/29	10:00 AM - Jazz Music & Worship
MON 12/30	7:30 AM - Bible Study 6:30 PM - Toastmasters
TUES 12/31	11:00 AM - Staff Meeting
WED 1/1	Happy New Year! Church Office Closed
THURS 1/2	9:30 AM - Cards
FRI 1/3	10:00 AM - Jim Stumpfa Visitation 11:00 AM - Jim Stumpfa Funeral
SAT 1/4	



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

Lead Pastor
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10:00 AM

Gathering Music	
"In the Bleak Midwinter"	#221 UMH
Welcome and Breakthrough Prayer	
"My Master, See, the Time Has Come"	#226 UMH
Children's Time	
Receiving of the Offering	"O Tannenbaum"
A Time of Prayer	
"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"	#218 UMH, verse 1
Scripture Reading	John 1:1-5 NRSV
Sermon	"The Word"
"Go, Tell It On the Mountain"	#251 UMH
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:

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.

Office Hours - The Church office will be closed on January 1st, to give our staff time to celebrate the New Year with friends and family.

Christmas Offering - This year our Christmas Offering will be divided among two non-profit organizations, UMCOR and Emma Norton. As you review and consider giving, imagine what it means to demonstrate Christmas time. Through our collective generosity, we can be a message of hope for those in need and a beacon of light for those experiencing darkness.

Bible Black Belts will resume after Wednesday Night Dinner on January 8th.

No Youth Group or Confirmation this week. Youth Group will be meeting for Sunday Fun Day after the worship service on January 5th, and after Wednesday Night Dinner on January 8th.

We have a variety of small groups that meet on a weekly or monthly basis, including the Lydia Circle, Lunch Bunch, Quilters, Card Group, Monthly Fellowship Breakfast, Monday Bible Study, and Prayer Shawl Ministry. Interested in joining? Leave a note on your Connect Card!



CHILDREN

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!



STUDENTS

Student Mission 2025 - This year's mission will be July 26-August 3rd, 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.

CONNECT

12.29.2024

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS