

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
- ☐ Soundboard/Video Operator

I WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR:

- ☐ Eggstravaganza Volunteer
- ☐ Easter Egg Hunt Volunteer

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

- ☐ Mission/Serving Opportunities
- ☐ 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	10:00 AM - Worship
3/23	11:15 AM - Choir Practice
MON	7:30 AM - Bible Study
3/24	9:30 AM - Quilters
	3:30 PM - Cello Lessons
	6:30 PM - Toastmasters
TUES	11:00 AM - Staff Meeting
3/25	12:00 PM - The Chosen Small Group
	6:45 PM - Servant Leadership Board
WED	12:00 PM - West Metro Widows Group
3/26	5:30 PM - Lenten Soup Supper
	6:30 PM - Youth Group
	6:30 PM - The Chosen Small Group
THURS	9:30 AM - Cards
3/27	1:00 PM - The Chosen Small Group
	3:30 PM - Cello Lessons
	7:00 PM - The Chosen Small Group
FRI	
3/28	
SAT	
3/29	



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

Minnetonka

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March 23, 2025



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We Gather For Worship

10:00 AM	Gathering Music	
	"Holy Spirit"	
	"Holy Water"	
	Welcome and Breakthrough Prayer	
	Children's Time	
	Receiving of the Offering	"Make Me a Servant" #2176 TFWS
	A Time of Prayer	
	"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"	#521 UMH
	Scripture Reading	Genesis 50: 14-21 The Message
	Sermon	"Forgive and Forge On"
	"The Blessing"	
	Sending Forth and Blessing	



FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is something each of us has offered and sought. But unlike many practices, it doesn't necessarily become easier the more we do it.

This Lent, we're diving head-first into an exploration of forgiveness. Together, we'll consider questions like, Is true forgiveness always possible? Can we be too quick to forgive? How do we forgive and seek forgiveness? Does God require forgiveness in all circumstances?

Let's use this season of self-reflection and spiritual renewal to prayerfully consider what God may be calling us to pursue and to release.

And at the end of it all, may we experience the season of Easter like never before.

SERMON NOTES:



CHILDREN

2025 Vacation Bible School - MUMC Vacation Bible School is going to be June 23-27. Sign-up to attend or as a volunteer at <https://minnetonkaumc.org/grow/kids/vbs-2025/>

We're looking for volunteers helping to develop and implement children's programming including: Sunday School, Quest, Outings and Activities! Talk to Ry (ry.edwards@minnetonakumc.org) for details!



STUDENTS

The Youth Plant Sale is here! Orders can be placed until April 3rd at IOPM at <https://www.gertensfundraising.com/> Store ID 497. Plant pick up will be Saturday, May 17th in the afternoon or Sunday, May 18th after church.

Confirmation students will be meeting after the Lenten Soup Supper on March 19th. Confirmation/Youth Group members will be serving dinner at the Simpson Shelter on March 20th.



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.

The United Women of Faith Annual Shred Event is coming May 17th! More details will be coming soon!

Have a song to sing? The MUMC choir is practicing 15 minutes after worship ends on March 23, 30 and April 6th, and will be performing Palm Sunday and Easter. See Bruce Smith (dramaguy2@aol.com) for more info!

March is MN FoodShare Month at ICA! All food donations are accepted and can be put in the big bin in the lobby. We are also encouraging donations of boxed cereal for a domino train on April 13th.

Join us Wednesday, March 26th for our Lenten Soup Supper Dinner will start at 5:30pm and our guest speaker will present at 6:00.

Sunday, March 30th will have the Jazz Band joining us for worship!

The MN Reconciling Congregations' Annual Spring Gathering will be on Saturday, April 5th from 11:30-2:30 at Eden Prairie UMC. This is an opportunity to gather with other Reconciling United Methodists to share a potluck lunch and hear a program presented by Rev. Carol Zagsma and Becky Boland who will provide updates about the Annual Conference in June and about next steps to take toward inclusiveness.

The 2025 Eggstravaganza will be held on Sunday, April 13th from 1-2:30pm. Join us to meet the Easter bunny, decorate some eggs and make some crafts, join the treat march for some goodies, and help with a couple of service projects. Let us know if you'd be willing to volunteer to help on your Connect Card!

Easter Sunrise Service will be on Sunday, April 20th at 6:18 AM at the Groveland Cemetery (3300 Woodlawn Ave., Wayzata, MN 55391). Coffee and rolls will be served following the service.

We will be having a MUMC Easter Egg Hunt after our IOAM Easter Service on April 20th. Collect IO eggs and turn them in for a bag of goodies! Donations for the goodie bags are happily accepted. You can drop them off in the box on the Kid's Table in the lobby.

Emma Norton's Opening Doors Gala is back on Thursday, April 24th from 5-8 PM at the Intercontinental Riverfront Saint Paul. Early bird tickets are available for \$90 through March 31st, and can be purchased at <https://emmanorton.org/engage/events> If you would be interested in carpooling, please contact the MUMC office.

Small Sums is hosting a Restoring Hope Breakfast on May 22nd at Town & Country Club (300 North Mississippi River Blvd., St. Paul, MN) from 8:00-9:00AM. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Small Sums and hear personal testimonies. The event is free, with an opportunity to give.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNECT

3.23.2025

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