

SIGN ME UP

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

- ☐ Greeter/Usher or Staff the Welcome Desk
- ☐ Welcome and Safety Volunteer
- ☐ Communion Server
- ☐ Co-Lead Sunday School and/or Quest
- ☐ MUMC Grounds Team
- ☐ Soundboard/Video Operator
- ☐ Outreach Team
- ☐ Wednesday Night Dinner Helper

I WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR:

- ☐ Discover MUMC Class

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

- ☐ Mission/Serving Opportunities
- ☐ Church Membership
- ☐ Scheduling a Baptism or Wedding
- ☐ Financial Giving Opportunities
- ☐ Wesley Heritage Tour 2026

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	9:00 AM - Advent Book Study
12/14	10:00 AM - Worship (Children's Pageant)
	11:15 AM - MUWF Christmas Bake Sale
	4:00 PM - Live Nativity
MON	7:30 AM - Bible Study
12/15	9:30 AM - Quilters
	3:30 PM - Cello Lessons
	6:30 PM - Toastmasters
TUES	10:00 AM - Staff Meeting
12/16	3:30 PM - Cello Lessons
	7:00 PM - Servant Leadership Board
WED	9:30 PM - Lydia Circle
12/17	5:30 PM - Wednesday Night Dinner
	6:30 PM - Bible Black Belts & Youth Group Christmas Party
THURS	4:30 PM - West Suburban Grief Coalition Meeting
12/18	6:00 PM - Simpson Dinner
FRI	
12/19	
SAT	8:00 AM - Bass Lessons
12/20	
SUN	9:00 AM - Advent Book Study
12/21	10:00 AM - Worship
	11:15 AM - Dignity Center Sandwich Making

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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December 14, 2025



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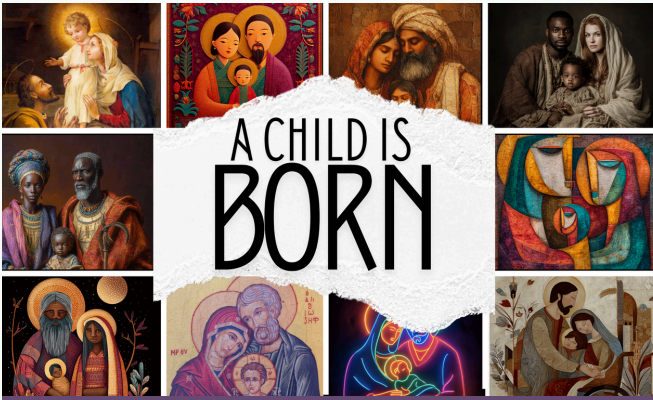
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We Gather For Worship

10:00 AM	Gathering Music	
	"Born is the King (The First Noel)"	
	"Away in a Manger"	#217 UMH
	Welcome & Breakthrough Prayer	
	Lighting of the Advent Wreath	
	Children's Christmas Pageant	
	"O Little Town of Bethlehem:"	#230 UMH, verses 1-4
	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	#240 UMH, verses 1-3
	"We Three Kings"	#245 UMH, verses 1, 2, 5
	"Joy to the World"	#246, verses 1-4
	A Time of Prayer	
	Scripture Reading	I Samuel 1:9-20 NRSVUE
	Sermon	"Prefigured"
	"Hope for Everyone"	
	Sending Forth and Blessing	



A CHILD IS BORN

The Bible explores the miraculous births of Isaac, Samson, Samuel and David—each a signpost pointing us to the manger, where God’s greatest promise is birthed in the life of Jesus.

SERMON NOTES:



CHILDREN

Sunday School and Wednesday Night Programming are in full effect! - All kids, grades K-5 are invited to join us for “Big Faith” Sunday School during worship each weekend, and “Bible Black Belts” on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

Winter Weather Reminder - During inclement winter weather, MUMC follows the lead of the Minnetonka School District. If the schools are closed, MUMC will be closed for the day, staff will be working from home, and any events or activities will be postponed or canceled. Watch our Facebook page for updates!



STUDENTS

Confirmation Class & STRIVE will be having a joint White Elephant Christmas Party and Caroling event after Wednesday Night Dinner this week!

Nursery Attendant - We are seeking a new part-time nursery attendant to care for our youngest members and guests on Sunday mornings during worship and possibly Wednesday evenings during programming. Please contact Ry if interested!



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.

Wesley Heritage Tour, June 28 - July 8, 2026 - Join Pastor Carrie and other United Methodists as we walk in the footsteps of John and Charles Wesley through England. See firsthand the places where John and Charles Wesley lived, studied and began the Methodist movement. Please reach out to Pastor Carrie for details.

Advent Book Study - “Voices of Advent” - December 7, 14, 21 at 9:00 AM - Please join Rev. Roger Parks in the conference room on Sunday mornings in December for an Advent Book Study of “Voices of Advent” by Matthew L. Skinner. Books can be purchased on Amazon, or call Michelle in the office to order one for you. Sign-ups for the book study are available on Sign-up Genius at <https://tinyurl.com/MUMCAdvent> or at the table in the lobby.

Wednesday Night Dinner on 12/17 will be Baked Ziti, with Bible Black Belts and the Confirmation/STRIVE Christmas party to follow!

Minnetonka United Women of Faith’s Annual Christmas Bake Sale - Sunday, December 14th - Join us after worship in the Coffee Commons. All baked goods donations are greatly appreciated. Proceeds help support mission work through the year! Please contact Lynda Allen - lynall66@gmail.com - with any questions!

NEW Live Nativity: December 14th - It’s ba-ack! The animals have been reserved and it’s time to come together and share the greatest story ever told with our larger community!

We are continuing the 30-year MUMC tradition of supporting families and children here in our community by donating toys and winter wear to ResourceWest. They serve over 1,000 kids, from infants to 18 years old, in the Hopkins and Minnetonka school districts. Donations can be placed on the Hat & Mitten tree in Fellowship Hall and in the Toy Chest - the Big Blue Barrel in the lobby. Donations accepted through December 17th!

Bocce Ball Night - January 10th, 5-8pm - Come join your friends for a night of food and fun! Dinner will be sloppy joes, brats, chips and veggies, then it will be a contest to see who is the bocce ball winner! Cost is \$5. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/MUMCbocce>

Lydia Circle, December 17th @ 9:30 AM - Lydia Circle will be starting a book study about the climate crisis. They will be using the book, ‘So We and Our Children May Live: Following Jesus in Confronting the Climate Crisis: by Sarah Augustine and Sheri Hostetler. Newcomers are welcome!

Men’s & Women’s Fellowship Breakfast will not be meeting in December. Bill & Rosalie Lurth thank Cleone for her past sponsorship and will be taking reservations for the next meeting on the 3rd Friday in January 2026.

Lunch Bunch will not be meeting in December. They will bll be meeting again starting January 2026.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNECT

12.14.2025

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)
☐ Imara International (Nanyuki, Kenya)
☐ 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