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THE EXTENSION newsletter



The Greatest Story Ever Told

Our mission is to grow spiritually, numerically, financially and missionally for the purpose of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. What better way to share the story of Jesus with our community than put on a live nativity?! Together with your help, we will tell the greatest story ever told! Please click on the image below and sign up today!



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2024 Financial Stewardship Campaign Update

As a church, we believe that we are called to respond to and continue the generosity of Jesus by giving extravagantly to God through the ministries of the church. Biblical generosity is not about meeting budgetary needs. It is about a rich and trusting relationship with the living God. Scriptural giving is performed cheerfully and with regularity, from the first portion of all we are given and without pressure or manipulation. Our giving is an expression of our faith and love for Christ and helps to further the gospel with acts of love, service, inclusion and justice.

Why Fill Out an Intention of Giving Card?

There are three primary reasons to submit an Intention of Giving Card. First, giving to God through the ministries of the church is a spiritual discipline that typically deepens the relationship a giver has with God. If you want to experience spiritual growth, returning to God a portion of the resources entrusted to you is a great first step. Second, studies show that people who write their financial stewardship intentions down during an annual campaign are more likely to follow through with their giving. This is an opportunity to invest in God's ministries in and through the church's ministries. Finally, when you turn in an Intention of Giving Card, you are helping to ensure and further the fiscal responsibility of the church. Informing the church of your intentions for giving helps church leadership to more accurately and effectively budget and plan for the most effective staffing and ministries possible in 2024.

Please consider submitting a 2024 Intention of Giving

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WHAT YOU INTEND TO
GIVE TO GOD IN 2024

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Card whether you plan to give to God through the church next year or not. You can do so electronically using the church's website (minnetonkaumc.org) or by clicking on the graphic above. If your financial situation changes during the year, your giving can be increased or decreased, as appropriate.

Looking Ahead: Initial Projections

The budget approved for 2023 totals \$529,769. As of noon on Thursday, November 2:

- 58 households have turned in Intention of Giving Cards for 2024 that collectively total \$277,789.84.
- 55 households who submitted their giving plans for 2023 have yet to do so for 2024.
- 22 households have made plans to increase their giving next year.
- We have received notification of anticipated financial gifts from 8 NEW households.

Thank you for your generosity. It is greatly appreciated!

Best of All, God is With Us,

"Everything in heaven and earth is yours, O Lord. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. 'God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people that we should be able to give as generously as this?

Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

- 1 Chronicles 29:12-14

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Pastor Carrie Binnie

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Trunk or Treat in Pictures!







Happenings

Aluminum Can Collection

MUMC Parking Lot: Thanks to our dedicated team of Dave Wiczek and Gary Jackson who take the cans to the recycling center, the can collection trailer is ready for more! For many years this trailer in the MUMC parking lot has provided funds for mission outreach - over \$1,000 each year to ministries like UMCOR and Avenues for Youth. You are the key to this successful mission. Please donate uncrushed aluminum cans only. Uncrushed cans go through the recycling machinery more reliably and only aluminum is accepted. The more cans we collect, the more people we serve.



WEDNESDAY **NIGHT** DINNERS

Serve as the Head Chef or one of two Sous Chefs!



We Need You!

Many thanks to Barb Kern-Pieh and many others for signing up to prepare and/or assist with our Wednesday night dinners. We are looking for additional head and sous chefs to ensure these wonderful meals continue in the future. Please click on the graphic to the left and sign up today! Thank you!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

CHARGE CONFERENCE

The Servant Leadership Board will be meeting in the Sanctuary at 11:20 AM to vote on 2024 pastoral compensation package, effective January 1, 2023. All are welcome to attend.







WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

The Confirmation students and mentors will meet at MUMC at 5:15 PM and plan to return by 9:00 PM.



Men's and Women's Breakfast Groups

FRIDAY, NOV 17-9:00 AM

Join your MUMC friends for break at Perkins Restaurant, Hopkins Crossroad and Hwy 7. There will be two separate tables for the men and women at the same time in different rooms. Please contact Harly and Cleone Hagmann (952-917-9022) by Thursday, Sept. 14th if you can be present or if you have any questions.

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Opportunities to Engage



Retirement Celebration

You're invited to celebrate Dave Comstock's 40 years of ordained ministry at the Roseville campus of Centennial United Methodist Church. If you plan to attend the luncheon and subsequent program, please click on Dave's picture (left) to R.S.V.P. To contribute to a monetary gift for Dave, please click HERE. To record a video

message for him, click HERE. Questions? Contact Carol Hornbeck (Dave's wife) at chornbeck1984@gmail.com.

Many thanks to our fine quilters for making gorgeous quilts for veterans and their families. We appreciate your ministry!



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

Movie: The Christmas Candle

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - 1:00 - 3:30 PM

Journey back to a simpler time to a small English village in the 19th century where nothing out of the orinary happens, except at Christmas time. Come watch this beautiful endearing story with friends at church. Following the movie, we will have a candle gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped candle to gift with one of the other participants.



Burwell House Christmas Tour

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 12:30 - 3:30 PM



Come tour the historic Charles Burwell House museum in Minnetonka, dressed in its Victorian decor for the Christmas season. The home was built in 1883 in Gothic/Stick style architecture. We will meet at church at 12:30 PM to carpool (or you can drive directly to the house) - 13209 E. McGinty Road. After the tour, we will meet back at the church for refreshments. Please bring a Christmas treat (cookies, cupcakes, snacks, etc.) to share. Suggested donation to the Burwell House: \$5. If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. by November 27th on your Connection Card or by calling or emailing the church office: office@minnetonkaumc.org OR (952) 474-4114.

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CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Work with Cathy Carlson and Pastor Carrie to Plan the

Youth Mission Trip 2024

Serve as MUMC's Local Point Person, Chaperone and/or Lead a Fundraiser

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Summer Mission Trip

Cathy Carlson has graciously agreed to help coordinate the 2024 youth mission trip. Unfortunately for us (for many reasons), Cathy lives in Omaha, NE. We need a local adult point person to work with Cathy and Pastor Carrie to help plan next summer's trip (including selecting the dates and location). We are also in need of adult chaperones for the trip and people to coordinate fundraisers to help reduce the total cost of the trip for participants. Signing up doesn't commit you to participating. Rather, it gives us an idea of who might be interested and a good place to start! Please click on the graphic to the left to share your possible interest with us. Thanks!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

WILL YOU LEAD OR HELP TO LEAD A PRE-PLANNED LESSON BASED ON SCRIPTURE AND INCORPORATING FUN FOR KIDS AGES K-6TH GRADE?

Your Help is Needed!

Please help us ensure that the faith formation of children remains a priority at MUMC by signing up to lead or colead Sunday school and/or Quest. This generation of kids needs you! Please click on the graphics above and to the left to sign up. *Thank you so very much!!!*

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MISSION & SERVICE

ICA Food, Jobs, Housing

Members of the Mission Team had the opportunity to visit the ICA food shelf in October. Some key takeaways: ICA serves about 730+ families every month, up about 250 from pre-pandemic rates. Every half hour 6 people visit ICA to shop for groceries. There are a variety of ways to support ICA by donating or volunteering. Right now - Stop by the welcome desk, the church office, or Cub Foods Minnetonka and purchase a certificate for an ICA turkey dinner. Your \$25 donation will provide a turkey and all the fixings for a holiday meal to a local family in need this holiday season. Click HERE to donate directly to ICA or note "ICA" on your MUMC offering.

Dignity Center

Thanks to all who have donated new or gently-used adult coats, gloves and hats to the Dignity Center! This is a ministry of Hennepin Avenue UMC that provides assistance with job hunting, interviewing, transportation and other services aimed at supporting people along their path to stability. Please place donations in the new lobby bin. Click **HERE** to donate directly to this ministry.

Avenues for Youth

The holiday season can be tough for the young people staying in an Avenues shelter or program. While we cannot recreate or replace anyone's family, we can make sure these youth are not forgotten and feel celebrated during the holidays. Every youth at Avenues fills out a wish list that identifies their clothing size, favorite color, general interests or hobbies, and a few items they want or need. We then share each individual list with one partner who agrees to sponsor the gifts and is willing to spend about, but not over, \$150 on the presents. If you are interested in participating, please email: Kevin kkjonaas@avenuesforyouth.org by Monday November 6th.

Simpson Shelter Meal Service

Join the MUMC team to serve our meatloaf dinner at Simpson Shelter on Thurs, Nov 16. Open to vaccinated volunteers, 8 years or older. Please bring donations of cookies, bars or pies to the kitchen by noon on Nov 16. Sign up <u>HERE</u> or check the box on your connection card.

Simpson Shelter Donations

Thanks to all who continue to donate cash and much-needed shelter items. Special thanks to our Quilters who donate a quilt or 3 every month! If you have goods to donate, please leave them in the bin in the lobby. We'll bring them to Simpson tomorrow. Click <u>HERE</u> to find the list of their current needs. Click <u>HERE</u> to make a cash donation or designate Simpson on your MUMC offering.

Simpson Housing 39th Annual Homeless Memorial March

Thurs, Dec 14, 5-7PM: For more than 30 years, MUMC has served the Community Dinner following the Homeless Memorial March and Service. Our guests enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings! Sign up HERE to serve this dinner to 250 guests at Plymouth Congregational Church. Sign up HERE to provide turkey for the dinner. Click HERE to learn more about the event.

UMCOR providing aid in Israel and Gaza

Our United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has been working diligently to provide emergency assistance to those impacted by the conflict in Israel and Gaza. An emergency grant has been awarded to a local partner who used UMCOR funds to procure and distribute 300 hygiene kits for internally displaced people in Gaza. UMCOR is working with partners in Israel to provide humanitarian relief there as well. UMCOR invites us to continue praying for a peaceful resolution to this conflict. To learn more about UMCOR's response to the war in Israel/Gaza, or to donate, visit their International Disaster Response webpage: https://umcmission.org/umcor-international-latest-responses/ Donate directly to UMCOR or note "UMCOR" on your MUMC offering; please click the box "Yes, I would like to give credit to my local church".

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DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTMAS **SEASON!**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 11:00 AM (AFTER WORSHIP)



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