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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!



LIVE NATIVITY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

4:00 - 5:30 PM

NEEDED: CAST MEMBERS, LOAN SUPPLIES, SET UP AND TAKE DOWN, BEVERAGE STATION, REGISTRATION TABLE, COORDINATOR, COSTUME LEAD, SET/BACKGROUND LEAD & MORE





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.

Confirmation Class

Simpson Shelter Meal Service



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.

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 ordinary 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.



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

November

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

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!

YOUTH GAME HANG

Led by Kailey Corder and Barbara Lunde

NOV 12TH 11AM

JOIN US FOR FUN GAMES AROUND THE CHURCH INCLUDING SARDINES, CAPTURE THE FLAG, AND FREE LUCNH!

QUEST

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

6:30 - 7:30 PM

DESIGN AND LEAD ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS!

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 co-lead 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!!!*

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 [HERE](#) 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 [HERE](#) to find the list of their current needs. Click [HERE](#) 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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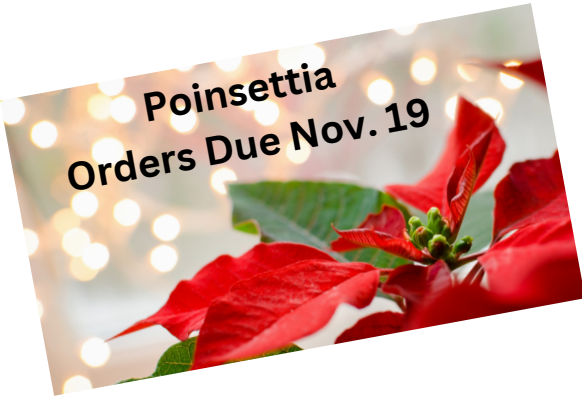
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DECK THE HALLS!

PLEASE HELP US
DECORATE THE CHURCH
FOR THE CHRISTMAS
SEASON!

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



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