

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
- ☐ Gingerbread Bash Volunteer
  - ☐ Setup   ☐ Cleanup
  - ☐ Gingerbread House Decorating
  - ☐ Cookie Decorating   ☐ Cocoa Crew
  - ☐ Santa Helper

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

- ☐ Sing with the Christmas Carolers (12/11)
- ☐ Attend the Christmas Potluck/Movie (12/12) Bringing: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Attend the Gingerbread Bash (12/18)  
# of Kids \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

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 11/24	10:00 AM - Worship 11:15 AM - Hanging of the Greens 11:15 AM - Counters' Brunch
MON 11/25	7:30 AM - Bible Study 9:30 AM - Quilters 6:30 PM - Toastmasters
TUES 11/26	11:00 AM - Staff Meeting
WED 11/27	12:00 PM - West Metro Widow Group 5:30 PM - Weds. Night Dinner - Chicken Alfredo 6:30 PM - Bible Black Belts 6:30 PM - Youth Group
THURS 11/28	Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office is Closed
FRI 11/29	Church Office is Closed
SAT 11/30	



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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November 24, 2024



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We Gather For Worship

10:00 AM  
Gathering Music  
"For the Beauty of the Earth" #92 UMH  
"Holy Spirit"  
Welcome and Breakthrough Prayer  
Baptism of Lily Phillips  
Receiving of the Offering "Open Up"  
A Time of Prayer  
"Ain't No Grave"  
Scripture Reading Matthew 16:13-20 NRSV  
Sermon "Jesus as Presence" #89 UMH  
"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"  
Sending Forth and Blessing

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

# FREEING JESUS

Have you ever questioned whether or not you want to be part of the Church? The Christian Church has made a lot of poor decisions and hurt and disappointed even more people—possibly you. Even so, there's something about the person of Jesus and the faith you've developed that you don't want to leave behind... Join us as we contemplate the many faces of Jesus and how we might experience and share him in lifegiving ways for a new era.



CHILDREN

**Children's Christmas Pageant** — Children's Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday, December 22nd. Rehearsals will be December 1, 8, 15 during Sunday School and December 21st from 9-12 at the church, with lunch to follow! If you would like your child to participate, please sign them up at :<https://tinyurl.com/MUMCPageant>



STUDENTS

**Student Mission 2025** - This year's mission will be July 19-27, 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.

SERMON NOTES:

**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!

**Youth Group** - The Youth Group will be meeting this week on Wednesday, November 27th at 6:30pm.

**"I Heard the Bells" Movie & Potluck** — All are invited to come and celebrate the Christmas season on December 12th at noon by sharing in a potluck lunch and watching the movie "I Heard The Bells", Sign up on your Connect Card today!

**Hanging of the Greens: November 24th** - Please join us after worship to decorate the Sanctuary for the Advent season!

**MUMW Annual Christmas Bake Sale: Sunday, December 8th** - All donations will be greatly appreciated! Any questions, please contact Lynda Allen, [lynall66@gmail.com](mailto:lynall66@gmail.com)

**Caring Ministries Caroling** - Join us in spreading some Christmas cheer after dinner on Wednesday, December 11th. More information coming soon. You can sign up on your Connect Card.

**Gingerbread Bash** - Join us on Wednesday, December 18th for our Gingerbread Bash! Decorate a gingerbread house and cookies, listen to a story from Santa and sip on some cocoa. You can sign up to attend or to volunteer on your Connect Card today!

**Free Books** — Over the next several weeks, a selection of books from the church library will be 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 for three weeks will be donated or recycled to make more room for educational materials in the library. For questions, contact Judy Fallat, [fallat2@comcast.net](mailto: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.

**Simpson Memorial Dinner** - For 40 years, hundreds of community members have come together for the Homeless Memorial March and Service to remember people who have died while experiencing homelessness, who were previously homeless, or who were advocates. MUMC has been a partner in this memorial for most of those 40 years, serving the Community Dinner following the service. Volunteer to serve this year's dinner to 250 guests at Plymouth Congregational Church, to provide a cooked turkey or to provide desserts. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/Simpson40>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNECT

11.24.2024

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