

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
 - ☐ Wednesday Night Dinner Sous Chef
 - ☐ Wednesday Night Dinner Clean Up Crew

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 12/22	10:00 AM - Worship
MON 12/23	7:30 AM - Bible Study
TUES 12/24	Church Office Closed 3:00 PM - Family Christmas Eve Service 10:00 PM - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
WED 12/25	Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed
THURS 12/26	9:30 AM - Cards
FRI 12/27	
SAT 12/28	



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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Gathering Music	
Welcome and Breakthrough Prayer	
"He Shall Reign Forevermore"	
"Hope for Everyone"	
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	
A Time of Prayer	
Receiving of the Offering	Instrumental
Children's Christmas Pageant	
based on passages from Matthew 1 and Luke 2	
"Away in a Manger"	#217 UMH Children verse 1, Congregation Verses 2 & 3
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	#240 UMH
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	#234 UMH Verses 1, 3, 4, 6
"Joy to the World"	#246 UMH
Sending Forth and Blessing	



THE PROMISE

The Christmas season is always full. Full of anticipation and tradition, family and music, friends and gifts, joy and birth. But it can also include loss, deadlines, dread, regret and longing. Whatever you're feeling and experiencing, a new day awaits, pregnant with truth and hope. Join us as we once again prepare for the coming of Christ and the fulfillment of the greatest promise ever made.



CHILDREN

Children's Christmas Pageant — Thank you so much for joining us for today's Christmas Pageant. The kids have been working really hard to prepare!



STUDENTS

Student Mission 2025 - This year's mission will be July 26-Aug 3, 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 - Youth Group will be meeting for Sunday Fun Day on January 5th and after Wednesday Night Dinner on January 8th. All middle and high school youth are welcome to attend!

We have a variety of small groups that meet on a weekly or monthly basis, including the Lydia Circle, Lunch Bunch, Quilters, Card Group, Monthly Fellowship Breakfast, Monday Bible Study, and Prayer Shawl Ministry. Interested in joining? Leave a note on your Connect Card!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gingerbread Bash - Thank you to everyone who attended and volunteered to make this such a great event!

Free Books — A selection of books from the church library is available 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 will be donated or recycled to make more room for educational materials in the library. For questions, contact Judy Fallat, 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.

Panama Pharmacy Cart - The Panama Mission Team will be leaving in January. There is a mobile pharmacy that each team uses and restocks with medications. Donations to date have filled our pharmacy cart over 1/5 of the way .Please consider offering a donation marked "Panama Mission" to help support this mission! Please see Barb Kern-Pieh for more info.

Giving Tree - This Advent Season, we are partnering with Compassion to share joy with children in poverty this Christmas season! Just inside Fellowship Hall is our Giving Tree. On the table next to the tree are ornaments for different categories of help we can provide. If you are moved to donate, please write your name on the back of the appropriate Giving Tree ornament and place it on the tree. Then place your cash or check in a Giving Tree envelope and place it in the offering plate on Sundays, or turn it into the office during the week. By hosting a Giving Tree, we are helping children in poverty experience the joy of being cared for and loved. This kind of joy opens hearts to knowing Jesus and feeling his love.

Christmas Eve Services - We will have a family-friendly Christmas Eve Service at 3:00 PM and a candlelight service at 10:00 PM on Tuesday, December 24th.

The Church office will be closed on December 24th and 25th, to give our staff time to enjoy the holiday with friends and family.

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