

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

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

- ☐ Children's Ministries
- ☐ Student Ministries
- ☐ Family Ministries
- ☐ Adult Ministries
- ☐ Mission/Serving Opportunities
- ☐ Spiritual Formation and Small Groups
- ☐ Vacation Bible School (VBS)
- ☐ Community Events
- ☐ Church Membership
- ☐ Scheduling a Baptism or Wedding
- ☐ Financial Giving Opportunities

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

TUES	Church Office Closed
12/24	3:00 PM - Family Christmas Eve Service 10:00 PM - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
WED	Merry Christmas!
12/25	Church Office Closed
THURS	9:30 AM - Cards
12/26	
FRI	
12/27	
SAT	
12/28	
SUN	10 AM - Sunday Worship & Jazz Music
12/29	
MON	7:30 AM - Monday Morning Bible Study
12/30	



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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We Gather For Worship

Gathering Music

"The Christmas Spirit" a poem by Ann Weems

"Light of the World"

Welcome

"Angels We Have Heard on High" #238 UMH, verses 1-3

Advent Wreath: Lighting of the Christ Candle

Christmas Prayer

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" #230 UMH, verses 1 and 4

Gospel Lesson Luke 2:1-20 NRSV

Sermon "A Living Promise"

Communion and Offering "O Holy Night" #239 UMH

"Silent Night"

Sending Forth & Blessing

"Joy to the World" #246 UMH, verses 1, 2, 4

10:00 PM



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. Tonight we celebrate the arrival of Christ and the fulfillment of the greatest promise ever made.

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

-Howard Thurman

Please join us for worship on
Sunday mornings at 10:00 A.M.
All are welcome!



CHILDREN



STUDENTS



SMALL GROUPS

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!

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:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

Christmas Offering - This year our Christmas Offering will be divided among two non-profit organizations, UMCOR and Emma Norton. As you review and consider giving, imagine what it means to demonstrate Christmas time. Through our collective generosity, we can be a message of hope for those in need and a beacon of light for those experiencing darkness.

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