

SIGN ME UP

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

- ☐ Greeter/Usher or Staff the Welcome Desk
- ☐ Welcome and Safety Volunteer
- ☐ Communion Server
- ☐ Co-Lead Sunday School and/or Quest
- ☐ MUMC Grounds Team
- ☐ Soundboard/Video Operator
- ☐ Outreach Team
- ☐ Wednesday Night Dinner Helper

I WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR:

- ☐ Movie & Potluck (Dec. 11, 12:00 PM)  
    \_\_\_ # attending We will bring: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I would like to volunteer to help at the Live Nativity (Dec. 14, 4-5:00 PM)

I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT:

- ☐ Mission/Serving Opportunities
- ☐ Church Membership
- ☐ Scheduling a Baptism or Wedding
- ☐ Financial Giving Opportunities
- ☐ Wesley Heritage Tour 2026

PRAYER REQUESTS

ADD MY REQUEST TO:

- ☐ Weekly Email
- ☐ Sunday Morning Prayers
- ☐ Prayer Chain
- ☐ Please Keep Private
- ☐ I would like the Pastor to contact me

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UPCOMING  
EVENTS

Office Hours:  
M - Th -- 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
F-- 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SUN	9:00 AM - Advent Book Study
12/7	10:00 AM - Worship & Communion
	11:15 AM - Prayer Shawl Ministry
	11:15 AM - Hymn Sing
	11:30 AM - Sunday Fun Day Youth Group
MON	7:30 AM - Bible Study
12/8	9:30 AM - Quilters
	3:30 PM - Cello Lessons
	6:30 PM - Toastmasters
	Outreach Team Meeting
TUES	8:00 AM - Glen Lake Elem. Kindness Retreat
12/9	10:00 AM - Staff Meeting
	3:30 PM - Cello Lessons
WED	12:00 PM - West Metro Widow Group
12/10	5:30 PM - Wednesday Night Dinner
	6:30 PM - Bible Black Belts & Youth Group
THURS	9:30 AM - Cards
12/11	12:00 PM - Potluck & Movie - "Samantha's Christmas"
	4:30 PM - West Suburban Grief Coalition Meeting
FRI	
12/12	
SAT	8:00 AM - Bass Lessons
12/13	9:00 AM - Children's Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal
	9:00 AM - Beloved Community Commission Meeting

SUN	9:00 AM - Advent Book Study
12/14	10:00 AM - Worship (Children's Pageant)
	4:00 PM - Live Nativity
	<a href="#">Audio Assistance</a>
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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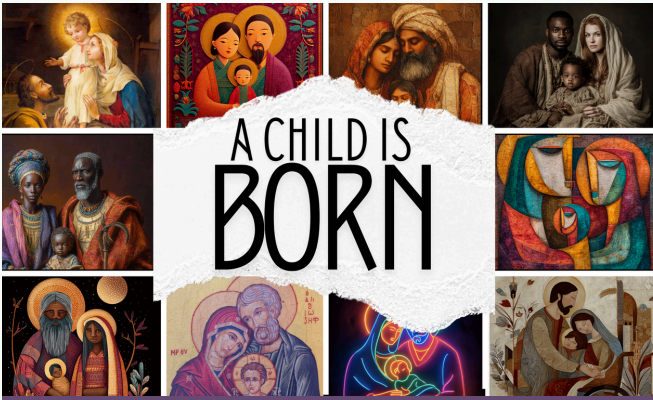
10:00 AM

Gathering Music  
"Light of the World"  
"Glory (Let There Be Peace)"  
Welcome & Breakthrough Prayer  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
A Time of Prayer  
"Hope for Everyone"  
Scripture Reading  
Sermon  
Communion  
Sending Forth and Blessing

Judges 13:1-7, 24-25 NRSVUE  
"Delivering Strength"  
"At This Table"  
#251 UMH

We Gather For Worship

December 7, 2025



# A CHILD IS BORN

The Bible explores the miraculous births of Isaac, Samson, Samuel and David—each a signpost pointing us to the manger, where God’s greatest promise is birthed in the life of Jesus.

SERMON NOTES:



CHILDREN

Sunday School and Wednesday Night Programming are in full effect! - All kids, grades K-5 are invited to join us for “Big Faith” Sunday School during worship each weekend, and “Bible Black Belts” on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

Annual Children’s Pageant - The children will be performing their Christmas Pageant during worship on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals are occurring during Sunday School, with a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. If you would like your child to participate, please contact Ry.



STUDENTS

Sunday Fun Day Youth Group today after worship, and Youth Group will also be meeting on Wednesday night after dinner!

Nursery Attendant - We are seeking a new part-time nursery attendant to care for our youngest members and guests on Sunday mornings during worship and possibly Wednesday evenings during programming. Please contact Ry if interested!



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.

Wesley Heritage Tour, June 28 - July 8, 2026 - Join Pastor Carrie and other United Methodists as we walk in the footsteps of John and Charles Wesley through England. See firsthand the places where John and Charles Wesley lived, studied and began the Methodist movement. Please reach out to Pastor Carrie for details.

Advent Book Study - “Voices of Advent” - December 7, 14, 21 at 9:00 AM - Please join Rev. Roger Parks in the conference room on Sunday mornings in December for an Advent Book Study of “Voices of Advent” by Matthew L. Skinner. Books can be purchased on Amazon, or call Michelle in the office to order one for you. Sign-ups for the book study are available on Sign-up Genius at <https://tinyurl.com/MUMCAdvent> or at the table in the lobby.

Hymn Sing, Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - After worship, join Dennis Olson on the organ as we sing seasonal hymns!

Wednesday Night Dinner on 12/10 will be Breakfast for Dinner (Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage), with Bible Black Belts and Youth Group to follow!

“Samantha’s Christmas” Movie & Potluck Lunch - Thursday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00PM - Come & enjoy the movie “Samantha’s Christmas” and a potluck meal. The movie is a tender historical story of four young girls set in NYC in 1904. Though they come from different worlds, they become close friends woven with historical events of the time. Please sign up by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Minnetonka United Women of Faith’s Annual Christmas Bake Sale - Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> - Join us after worship in the Coffee Commons. All baked goods donations are greatly appreciated. Proceeds help support mission work through the year! Please contact Lynda Allen - [lynall66@gmail.com](mailto:lynall66@gmail.com) - with any questions!

NEW Live Nativity: December 14<sup>th</sup> - It’s ba-ack! The animals have been reserved and it’s time to come together and share the greatest story ever told with our larger community! Please sign up in the lobby today to be a part of/help with the 2025 Live Nativity! We are also looking for 5 volunteers to be “Scene Leaders” at the event! Please see Ry for more information, or to volunteer!

We are continuing the 30-year MUMC tradition of supporting families and children here in our community by donating toys and winter wear to ResourceWest. They serve over 1,000 kids, from infants to 18 years old, in the Hopkins and Minnetonka school districts. Donations can be placed on the Hat & Mitten tree in Fellowship Hall and in the Toy Chest - the Big Blue Barrel in the lobby. Donations accepted through December 17<sup>th</sup>!

Bocce Ball Night - January 10<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm - Come join your friends for a night of food and fun! Dinner will be sloppy joes, brats, chips and veggies, then it will be a contest to see who is the bocce ball winner! Cost is \$5. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/MUMCbocce>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNECT

12.7.2025

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)

☐ Imara International (Nanyuki, Kenya)

☐ 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