

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:

- Greeter - Christmas Eve: ☐ 3:00 PM ☐ 9:30 PM
- Usher - Christmas Eve: ☐ 3:00 PM ☐ 9:30 PM
- Communion Server: ☐ 3:00 PM ☐ 9:30 PM
- ☐ Discover MUMC Class - January 18, 2026

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

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  
12/21 10:00 AM - Worship  
11:30 AM - Dignity Center Sandwiches  
11:30 AM - Pastor Carol's Retirement Reception  
1:00 PM - Kramer School of Music Recital

MON 7:30 AM - Bible Study  
12/22 9:30 AM - Quilters  
3:30 PM - Cello Lessons  
6:30 PM - Toastmasters

TUES 10:00 AM - Staff Meeting  
12/23 3:30 PM - Cello Lessons

WED Business Office Closed  
12/24 3:00 PM - Family Christmas Eve Service  
9:30 PM - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

THURS Merry Christmas!  
12/25 Business Office Closed

FRI  
12/26

SAT 8:00 AM - Bass Lessons  
12/27

SUN 10:00 AM - Worship  
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





Minnetonka

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 21, 2025



10:00 AM

Gathering Music  
"Joy to the World"  
"Light of the World"  
"He Shall Reign Forevermore"  
Welcome and Breakthrough Prayer  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
"In the Bleak Midwinter" #221 UMH  
Hebrew Bible Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 NRSV  
Advent Litany "Among the Poor"  
from the Iona Community in Scotland  
"He is Born"  
Children's Time  
"Light of the Stable"  
Gospel Lesson Luke 2:1-7 NRSV

We Gather For Worship  
"Angels We Have Heard on High" #238 UMH  
"The Risk of Birth, Christmas 1973"  
by Madeleine L'Engle  
Receiving of the Offering "A Time"  
"No One Knows My Name"  
by Isobel de Gruchy, South Africa  
Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness  
"Silent Night" #239 UMH  
"The Coming of God"  
by Ann Weems  
"Glory (Let There Be Peace)"  
"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"  
Sending Forth and Blessing

We would like to extend a special thank you to the Messiah UMC Bell Choir for joining us in worship and sharing their talents with us today!



# 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.



## STUDENTS

The next Sunday Fun Day is scheduled for January 4<sup>th</sup>, and Confirmation/STRIVE will be meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Have a safe and fun Christmas break! See you next year!



## 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.

Lead Pastor  
Rev. Carrie Binnie  
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Pastor of Congregational Care  
Rev, Carol Walvatne  
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Pastor of Student Ministries  
Rev. Chris Carr  
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Church Administrator  
Michelle Schick  
michelle.schick@minnetonkaumc.org

Dir. of Music and Children's Ministries  
Ry Edwards  
ry.edwards@minnetonkaumc.org

## Nursery Attendant

## Facility Preparation

### Brian Williams

SERMON NOTES:

Pastor Carol's Retirement Reception, December 21 - Please join us in Fellowship Hall following today's worship service to celebrate Pastor Carol's upcoming retirement and to thank her for her caring ministry!

Dignity Center Sandwiches, December 21 - We will be making sandwiches in the kitchen for Dignity Center. Stop by, grab some gloves and join in!

Christmas Eve Services, December 24 at 3:00 and 9:30 PM - Our 3:00 Christmas Eve Service is a family-friendly service and our 9:30PM service will be a Candlelight Service. We can still use volunteers for Greeters, Ushers, and Communion Servers at both services. If you are willing to help, please indicate it on your Connect Card.

**Christmas Offering 2025** - This year our special Christmas Offering will be divided between The Dignity Center and Emma Norton. The Dignity Center is an interfaith ministry to welcome and support people dealing with financial and housing insecurity. The Dignity Center helps them plan and reach a state of stability. Emma Norton Services is a trauma-informed organization that promotes healing and recovery, operating at a scale that brings a full array of resources to women, individuals, and families who have experienced homelessness.

**New Keys, December 29, 2025** - The exterior church doors will be rekeyed on Monday, December 29th. If you need a key to access the church outside of business hours, please pick a new key up during normal office hours (Mon-Thurs 9:00-3:00, Friday 9:00-1:00 - the office will be closed on 12/24, 12/25 & 1/1/26) or contact Michelle (office@minnetonkaumc.org) to make arrangements to pick one up!

**2025 Financial Contribution Deadlines-** Any contributions that you wish to have recorded as being given in 2025 (for example: to be a 2025 tax deduction or to be allocated to your 2025 pledge) must satisfy one of the following deadlines:

- Be received in the church office by December 31st or
- Be postmarked no later than December 31st or
- Be submitted from the MUMC website's Give page using the "Give Online" button <https://minnetonkaumc.org/give/> no later than December 31st

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

12.21.2025

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