

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:

- ☐ Discover MUMC Class

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	

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

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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Facility Preparation  
Brian Williams

9:30 PM

Gathering Music

"The Christmas Spirit" by Ann Weems

"Light of the World"

Welcome & Breakthrough Prayer

"Hope for Everyone"

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Christmas Prayer

Gospel Reading

"Born is the King (The First Noel)"

Sermon

Communion & Offering

"Silent Night"

Sending Forth and Blessing

"Joy to the World"

Luke 2:1-20 NRSVUE

"The Big Announcement"

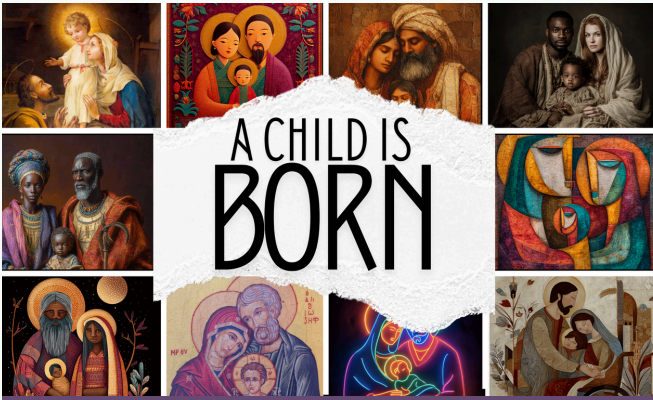
"Come and Worship"

#239 UMH

#246 UMH, verses 1, 2, 4

We Gather For Worship

December 24, 2025



# A CHILD IS BORN

The Bible explores the miraculous births of Isaac, Samson, and Samuel - 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.

Welcome to our new nursery attendant, Riley Anderson! We are so excited to have you as part of our team!



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!

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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.

Wednesday nights @ MUMC - Head to the church on Wednesdays at 5:30pm during the academic year and enjoy a homecooked meal with family and friends. After dinner, there's something for all ages: nursery care, Quest, Confirmation, small groups, socializing and more. Please join us for dinner from 5:30-6:30pm on Wednesdays! Our next dinner will be Jan. 7th!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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
- 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 30th

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>

Discover MUMC - January 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:30-12:45 - Are you interested in church membership? Would you like to know more about what membership entails? If so, this one-time class is for you! Note: Attending does not commit you to church membership; it's simply an opportunity for you to bring your questions, learn more and connect with others. Please indicate your interest on your Connect Card or let Pastor Carrie know you will be attending!

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.

CONNECT

12.24.2025 - 9:30pm

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