

GOOD THINGS HAPPEN

Newsletter of Minnehaha United Methodist Church

We seek, we serve, we celebrate.

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October

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 am Worship with organ and choir.

10:15 am Fellowship and Education for All Ages

11:00 am Worship with band and vocals.

About Us:

Minnehaha United Methodist Church is a thriving multi-generational, multicultural Christian community devoted to social justice and personal spiritual growth. The congregation is both mission- and worship-focused. In addition to its worship, education, and social activities, the church supports local mission activities, including a food shelf and a monthly food distribution program. The church also supports a variety of national and international relief, education, and development projects.

A Reconciling Congregation:

Minnehaha United Methodist Church opens our doors to all God's people. We will strive to offer unconditional love and acceptance to all persons, regardless of race, sexual orientation or faith history. We work to eliminate prejudice and discriminatory practices within ourselves and within our community. -adopted 2006

Our Mission:

We seek, we serve, we celebrate, we carry our Christian faith into our community and the world. We provide a caring gathering place to worship God and to grow spiritually. -reconfirmed 2011

Minnehaha Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9a Fun & Fit 10:30a Food Shelf 1:30p Brighter Minds Music (BMM) 6:30p Toastmasters	2 10a Staff Meeting 5:30p Methodicals 5:30p Wed Dinner & Programming 6:15p Chancel Choir 6:15p Minnehaha Connection Gathering (MCG) (host: Gail Minehart)	3 9a Fun & Fit 9:30a BMM 9:30a Minnehaha Playgroup 10a MCG(host: Cec Wilson Holder) 2:30p BMM 4:30p BMM 7p Adult Scout Meeting	4 10a Al-Anon 10:30a BMM 6:30p Boy Scout Crew 1 6:30p RCA	5 8a BMM 9a Outdoor Adventure 9a M. Mazvydas Classes 11a M. Mazvydas Lithuanian Dancing
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Worship in October

Through the end of November, we are exploring the lives of a Biblical character each week. In October, we'll meet the Syrophenician Woman, Samson, Simon Peter, and Deborah. We'll also celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 6 with a variety of different breads. See you in worship!

- 6th **“Syrophenician Woman: The Mama Bear”**
World Communion Sunday
- 13th **“Samson: The Raging Prima Donna”**
- 20th **“Simon Peter: The Earnest Blockhead”**
Becky on vacation. Peter Johnson preaching
- 27th **“Deborah: The Exasperated Matriarch”**
Confirmation Sunday

Give+ App Makes Giving Easy



Give+ is an easy way to support Minnehaha UMC. Just download the app, set up an account and you can make a one-time gift or set up regular giving in any amount you choose. Thank you!



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The deadline for November is

October 18

Contributions may be brought to the office or emailed to:

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Save the Date

Future special events at Minnehaha UMC:

November 9 -- Bazaar

November 27 – Thanksgiving Eve service

November 30 – Advent Festival 9:30-11:00 a.m.

December 13 – Blue Christmas Taizé

December 15 – 4:00 Christmas Pageant

December 24 – Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 and 10:00

December 29 – One service at 10:00 a.m.

Minnehaha Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

Happy Autumn. Leaves are starting to change, candy corn is on the store shelves, and apple orchards are full. Autumn: a reminder of how beautiful change can be, of how important it is as we move from season to season of our life to let go.

As we enter this season at Minnehaha, our calendar is full of chance to connect and grow, to change and let-go together. We hope you'll join us this month as we explore the great outdoors with our annual intergenerational outdoor adventure, as we celebrate mystery and imagination with the Halloween Party, as we celebrate our community with the Harvest Square Dance, and of course as we worship and learn together, as we dine and play together, too. Let's embrace autumn together.

Jenia Strom
Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
education@minnehaha.org



Minnehaha Children's Council
presents

AUTUMN CHILD CARE NIGHT & PARENTS NIGHT OUT

For children 10 years and younger.
Cost: \$25 - 1 child, \$35 - 2 children, \$40 - 3 children
Proceeds support programming for
children & youth

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH
5-8PM
AT MINNEHAHA UMC

RSVP by October 6th:
Link available at www.minnehaha.org or contact
Jenia Strom at education@minnehaha.org



Minnehaha Playgroup

For Children 5 and Under & their Caregivers

Thursdays, from 9:30-11:30am

Stop in to play, talk, explore, support, and learn together. Feel free to bring snacks (no peanuts, please) if your child will need them. No RSVP necessary. All are welcome.

hosted by
Minnehaha United Methodist Church

When weather permits, we gather at local parks for playgroup. Otherwise, we meet at Minnehaha UMC, in the Childcare Room. If you'd like to join us on any given week, and want to know where to find us, join the "Minnehaha Playgroup" Facebook Page for weekly updates.

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FAMILY- FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN PARTY!

**October 25th: 6-8 PM
Minnehaha United
Methodist Church**

**Please join us for some
ghoulish games, freaky
fun, and frightening food!
Plus haunted house and
cake walk!**

Hosted by Cub Scout Pack 1

Annual Holiday Bazaar

The Annual Christmas Bazaar of the Minnehaha United Methodist Women

Saturday, November 9, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



BREAKFAST

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Egg Bake, Cinnamon Rolls

LUNCH

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Hot Dish, Sloppy Joes, Dessert Table

CHILDREN'S BOUTIQUE

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Gifts for kids to give parents

Gifts, Crafts, Fine Art, Antiques, Collectibles, Food and More!



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United Methodist Women

Our annual Holiday Bazaar is coming up on Nov. 9. Minnehaha's UMW makes up the majority of our budget with this event so please plan on helping out. How? Here's the list: 1. Be a vendor; rent a space for you to sell something you would like to sell: homemade items, collectibles, a service, whatever. Check with Val Mayer at vjmayer14@msn.com for an application 2. Make things to sell at the UMW table: knit or crocheted items, wood things, collectibles you don't want to sell yourself, jams/jellie. (We will not have a Granny's attic site this year but will put everything at a UMW table) 3. Bake: food items for the bake sale or desserts for the dessert table 4. Get items for the Children's shop where children can find inexpensive gifts for their parents 5. Sign up for a shift working at the bazaar or helping to set up before or take down after. Karen Anderson at kla13@aol.com or 612-229-8397 is your contact for signing up. Please make this a successful community event. Questions? Contact me at maurentrepp@yahoo.com

Serving at Simpson will be taking place on Oct. 30. Meet at church to carpool at 5:15 or come right to Simpson at 1st Ave. and 28th St. (park in the back). We can always use help preparing the meal on the day of our serving: maybe something SPOOKY! Please contact Maureen at maurentrepp@yahoo.com or call at 612-387-2520.

Game Night

Join us Saturday October 19th at Becketwood (4300 W River Pkwy) for Food, Conversation and Games. Bring a dish to share and a favorite game.

We will begin setting up at 5:30 and eat at 6:00

Hope to see you there!

If you have questions or want to be added to our E-vite list, email Tracy at tracygulliver@gmail.com

Building & Grounds

I would like to give a special Thank You to Angie Eichten, Todd Gulliver, Steve Meier, Chris Kramer, Dean Ammerman and David Hougen for moving a pile of 30 yards of wood chips, from the parking lot in the back alley into and on the playground and by the shrubs on north side of the building. On August 27th. Great Job.

Thank You. Gene Thompson, Building and Grounds.



**MINNEHAHA
OUTDOOR
ADVENTURE**

MEET BY THE PLAYGROUND AT
MINNEHAHA FALLS FOR:

DONUTS, COFFEE, & HOT
CIDER (BRING A TRAVEL MUG),
PLAYTIME, HIKING, &
CONVERSATION

**10.5.19
9-11AM**

ALL AGES WELCOME



YES, WE KNOW IT'S JUST OCTOBER, BUT...

**It's Time to Think
Christmas!**

This November, Minnehaha Youth will be shopping for the
Minnehaha Food Shelf Christmas Present Give Away.
If you'd like to us to do your shopping for you,
bring cash or check for our special offering.

SPECIAL OFFERING COLLECTED OCTOBER 29TH



Faith Forums

Join us for a series of conversations about issues current to our lives. Sundays at 10:15 in the Fellowship Hall.

- Oct. 20: Climate Change and Climate Crisis – led by Susan Delattre. The beginning of a longer conversation on how we, as people of faith, can take action with other people of faith on the issue of climate change.
- Oct 27: Our Somali Muslim Friends and Families – led by Matthew Palombo
- Nov. 3: Islam, Gender and Sexuality: Part One – led by Matthew Palombo
- Nov 10: Islam, Gender and Sexuality: Part Two – led by Matthew Palombo

Time for Renewal

It's easy to get caught up in the daily demands of life. In our busyness, we can lose track of ourselves, and of what God is calling us to be and to do. Take an opportunity to slow down, to rest in silence and music, and to feed your soul. On the second Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m. from October through May, we offer a Taize service, a time of sanctuary, a time for prayer, a time for community, and a time for silence. As we sing and pray, our hearts are opened so that we may hear God speaking to us, and our souls are fed so that we may be about God's work in the world. Please join us this month on October 11 for a time of renewal.

It's Not Too Late!

The Minnehaha Connection Gatherings have all started, but it's not too late to join one. If you haven't yet joined a group, there are lots of options available. Join in good conversation with your friends, meet some new people, and find a place where you can share your joys, sorrows, and questions.

Here are the groups:

1st and 3rd Mondays at 3:30 p.m.
Phyllis Kromer, facilitator
Her apartment, #201, at Becketwood

1st & 3rd Mondays at 6:00 p.m.
Valerie Mayer, facilitator
her home, 7105 18th Ave. S, Richfield

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.
Judy Durfey, facilitator
At the church, Room 210

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6:15, following the Wednesday night suppers
Gail Minehart, facilitator
At the church, Room 210

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
Cec Wilson Holder, facilitator
Common room at Nokomis Square

2nd & 4th Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Hicks, facilitator
At the church, Room 210



Children's Message, Rally Sunday

Come learn the basics of building an LGBTQ-inclusive community and meet other Reconciling United Methodists in your region. Here are topics we will cover:

- LGBTQ 101 (sexual orientation and gender identity)
- Intersectional justice
- Being an ally
- How to build an inclusive church or community
- Engaging conflict well
- The ministry of a Reconciling Process Coach

building an inclusive church

A WORKSHOP ON THE BASICS OF THE RECONCILING PROCESS

October 12th, 2019
Saturday 9AM-4PM

Portland Avenue UMC
8000 Portland Avenue S
Minneapolis, MN 55420

Rev. Dr. Israel Alvaran

Rev. Dr. Israel I. Alvaran (he/him) is a gay UMC clergy-person from the Philippines Conference serving as the Reconciling Process & Western Regional Organizer at RMN.

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register at:
tinyurl.com/MinneapolisBIC

WWW.RMNNETWORK.ORG

New Directories Coming Soon!

If you have any updates (address, email, phone) please contact Heather in the office by October 4. Thank you!

Communion at Nokomis Square

A brief service of communion is offered at Nokomis Square on the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome to join us on Oct. 10 at 1:00 p.m.

Food Ministries

MUMC has a number of food ministries, and we support two of them financially. MinneHarvest is a monthly free food giveaway, and our Food Shelf is a weekly food shelf for residents in our neighborhood, supported by us, Lake Nokomis Lutheran, and St. James Episcopal on the Parkway. Both of these ministries need regular financial support in order for them to continue to provide food to those in need. Please consider making a regular contribution to one or both of these ministries; you can use the handy envelopes provided in the pews, you can write a check and indicate either MinneHarvest or Food Shelf on the memo line, or you can use our Give+ App and indicate either MinneHarvest or Food Shelf from the options.

If you would like to volunteer your time, the Food Shelf and MinneHarvest have plenty of spaces for volunteers. We can also use volunteers for two of our other food ministries, Meals on Wheels and serving a meal at Simpson Housing Services. You can contact Rachel Larson to volunteer for Meals on Wheels, and Maureen Trepp for the next SHS meal date.

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WHEN THEY SEE HIM

DINNER | LECTURE | POETRY | SILENT AUCTION

FRIDAY
10/18/19
6:00-9:00PM

NORTH STAR BALLROOM
ST PAUL STUDENT CENTER, 2017
BUFORD AVE, ST PAUL, MN 55108

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
MIKAEEL AHMED SMITH

IMAM, AUTHOR (WITH THE HEART IN MIND), AND QALAM INSTITUTE INSTRUCTOR



The Future is Uncertain

All the legislation is in. September 18 was the deadline for anyone to submit legislation for the next world-wide gathering of our denominations, May 5-15, 2020, right here in Minneapolis. The legislation won't be published and available until January or February, but some of those who submitted plans for how our denomination might be structured (or divided) in 2020 have their plans available on various websites. There will be lots of talk, and planning, and speculation between now and May. And because of the way we do legislation (using Roberts Rules of Order), any plan submitted can end up being amended in committee or on the floor so that it looks very different from what was originally proposed. I think it's safe to say that no one really know how this is going to play out. Various caucus groups are lining up behind certain plans, but those allegiances can change. And some are saying that they really don't want to split, while others point to our years of fruitless negotiating and widening theological gaps (and narrowing vote margins) as proof that the time has come to split.

I can only imagine what our "fight" looks like to the rest of the non-United Methodist world. UN scientists warn us that we are facing a climate disaster by 2040. The war in Yemen has displaced 2 million people, and 16 million do not have enough to eat. One "wrong" military strike could strand even more millions of civilians without access to food, water, medicine, and assistance. Gun violence in the United States has us walking through metal detectors and our children engaging in mass shooter drills. I could go on. But you get the idea. There are so many other important things that we could be talking about. Now, make no mistake, United Methodists the world over ARE talking about these things, and ARE working to improve lives everywhere. But the energy of the denomination is largely over this division that, on the surface, is about LGBTQ people. At its core, though, it is about theology. How we see God, how we understand God, and what we think God is calling us to. Many of us (and, yes, I am among those) calling for a divide in the denomination are looking forward a day when we can assume that the church is inclusive and then take the energy we were expending there and put it towards other things. Those other issues are, quite possibly, even thornier than LGBTQ, but I would rather we could be on the same page theologically and then figure out the myriad of ways we could be responding to the climate crisis rather than arguing about whether God's grace really includes everyone or leaves a category of people out.

What is for certain is that it won't be boring between now and May. I encourage you to listen to where God is calling you. If you feel called to alleviate hunger, then work there. If you feel passionate about LGBTQ inclusion, put your energy to work there. If you feel that you can't wait one more minute to respond to God's call to care for our earth, then by all means begin biking to work or moving to a vegetarian diet or giving up plastic. Listening for where God is calling us is what we should all be doing – personally, congregationally, and denominationally.

In Joy,
Becky



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Harvest Dinner & Square Dancing for All



Saturday, October 26

Dinner: 5:30 p.m. | Dance: 7:00 p.m.

Tickets (in advance or at the door)

\$15 Adult • \$5 Teens • Kids 5 & Under Free • \$40 Family Maximum

Dance only: \$5 • Dessert Pie Auction: Priceless!

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