



Goslings on the Mississippi, photo by Becky Secrhist

- ♦ **April 16**
United Women in Faith Sunday.
- ♦ **April 23**
“God in the Bread”
Luke 24:13-35
- ♦ **April 30**
Walking Through the Gate”
John 10:1-10
- ♦ **May 7 Communion**
2nd grade Bibles
“Trigger Warning”
Acts 7:55-60
- ♦ **May 14**
“Being Loved” John 14:15-21
- ♦ **May 21**
Celebration Sunday
- ♦ **May 28 Pentecost**
“For the Common Good”
I Corinthians 12:4-13
- ♦ **June 4 Communion**
Graduation Sunday
“Putting Things in Order”
II Corinthians 13:11-13
- ♦ **June 11**
“Walking with Jesus: Follow Me”
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Spring Worship

The season of Easter begins on Easter Sunday and carries us to Pentecost Sunday (May 28 this year). It’s a time to focus on new life, hope, and renewal. We’ll spend our Easter season listening to the calls of Jesus, hearing from the United Women in Fellowship about our mission work, and hearing about the ways in which we are working to make a difference in the realms of Climate Justice. May 21 is our big Celebration service, with a musical from our children and youth and a celebration of the gifts we all bring to the church. That Sunday will begin our summer schedule of one worship service at 10:00, and we’ll move outside for worship on June 11 with a potluck lunch following worship that day.

We look forward to seeing you in worship!

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United Women in Faith



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Dept. 56 Sale

Your mother, grandmother, neighbor, best friend, you will love this unique Christmas gift. Your UWF will be selling these lovely ceramic, lit buildings or small people, trees, benches, etc.. from the famous Dept. 56 series sold thru Bachman's over many years. On April 16, UWF Sunday, we'll have available many items from the North Pole and Christmas in the City series at reasonable prices. You have a favorite different series? Just ask; we probably have it!

Adult Game Night

Adults! Hang around after dinner on Wed. April 12 and play some games or cards in the Fellowship Hall. Of we like it enough, let's pick a night to do it again. BYOG!

Women's Night Out

Interested in a night out with new or old friends from Minnehaha UMC? Join us at Dominquez Family Restaurant at 3313 E. 50th St. on May 4 from 4:00-7:00. Hopefully, no snow piles and we can be outside!



Funeral Service

Did you know? We are one of a handful of churches that provides funeral and other event receptions with church-made goodies and service from loving, live hands. This is one of the major services of our UWF but men have always been a part of it. Many of the services are on Saturdays and we are eager to include new members, people who've never done it before, men and youth. We keep a list and contact you when we know what we will need: cooks, servers, table setting, greeting, dishwashers along with baked cookie bar makers (contact Beth Minehart if this is your spot: pbpminchart@gmail.com). Please contact Char Johnson at cdjohnson51@hotmail.com or Margaret Rawson at raws001@umn.edu if you would be willing to get on our list to be called when needed.

Simspon Housing

Simpson Housing Services is still a spot where your UWF serves a dinner once a month, now at the new location.

Thanks to Margaret Rawson for usually preparing our meals, and, on Feb. 28 to Char Johnson, Paula Barton, Susan DeLattre, Kevin Korell, Dave Noren and me for serving/making dinner. Thanks also for the many donations we have been able to take with us and leave there: you have been very generous. There is a box in the office for donations.





Singing at Winter Retreat

The United Women in Faith are collecting donations for Simpson Shelter.

There is a box in the office where you can drop items. Here are specific items they are requesting to meet their client's ongoing needs:

- Men's T-Shirts- sizes S, L, XL
- Men's Boxers- all sizes
- Towels & Facecloths
- Women's white crew socks
- Scarves
- Bras- all sizes
- Twin Sheets
- Twin Blankets
- Personal Size Body Wash and Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Hairbrushes
- Textured/Natural Hair Products
- Shaving Cream
- Razors
- Shower Shoes- men's and women's all sizes



Spring Apple Blossoms photo by Becky Sechrist

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT MINNEHAHA -APRIL 2023-

APRIL 2
10:15-11:00am

Glory on the Mountain

APRIL 23

CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE!

APRIL 9

HAPPY EASTER!

APRIL 30
10:15-11:00am

Jesus and Nicodemus

APRIL 16
10:15-11:00am

Adam and Eve



FREE

KID CLOTHING/GEAR/TOY SWAP

Saturday, April 15
10am-Noon

Drop-off donated items to collection bin located outside church entrance between April 10-13
*except Tues. April 11

Minnehaha United Methodist Church
3701 E. 50th Street, Mpls.





Sunday School Choose-Your-Own-Adventure: Fruit Animals!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT MINNEHAHA -MAY 2023-

MAY 7
10:15-11:00am

Woman at the Well

MAY 21
10:00am Service:

CELEBRATION SUNDAY!

MAY 14
10:15-11:00am

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL



May

Sunday Youth Groups
4-5:30 pm

May 7 Hungry Hungry Hippos

May 14 Happy Mother's Day!

May 21 End of Year Party!

Late Nite Youth Groups: Clue!



Taizé

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 Taizé 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 on April 14 and May 12 for a time of renewal. The service is also livestreamed, so you can worship through your screen, wherever you are, either in real time or anytime after.

Newcomer Classes

We'll be holding an introduction and orientation class for anyone new to Minnehaha or interested in joining on April 12. Please join us during the Wednesday night dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall (dinner is at 5:30). Your meal is on us, and we'll have a table set aside for the class. Just to give us an idea of numbers, please RSVP to becky@minnehaha.org.



We had four new members join us on March 26!
Renee Lemoure, Meredith & Zac Skalko, Rachael McLain



Transgender and Christian: A Coming Out and Coming Home Story

The annual gathering of Minnesota Reconciling Congregations and Communities is hosting author and theologian Austen Hartke as he shares his experience coming out as a transgender Christian. Together we'll learn more about our transgender community, pick up tools for crafting a wider welcome, and imagine what it might be like to build a church that works for justice and abundant life for all. Hartke is the author of the book we used for our Study in January and February of this year.

Saturday, April 29

11:30 Social Time

12:00 Potluck (bring a dish to share)

1:00-2:30 Program

Spirit of Hope UMC (7600 Harold Avenue, Golden Valley)



Food Shelf Donations



MARCH
Tooth paste and brushes



APRIL
Shampoo & Conditioner



MAY
Toilet paper



JUNE
Diapers, sizes 3,4,5
Open box OK



JULY
Bar Soap



AUGUST
Feminine Hygiene

MinneHarvest

Our free food give-away once a month is a source of food relied upon by many, and it happens through volunteers who come each month. We gather outside on the 4th Saturday of each month. You can volunteer any time between 6:30 and 10:30 a.m. We start setting up at 6:30, unload the truck starting at 7, serve the food starting around 7:30, and are usually done cleaning up by 10:30. Join us for all or any portion of that time, dress appropriately for the weather, and bring a friend! We'll be offering food on April 22 and May 27.

Tree swallow photo by Becky Sechrist





Spring Auction

Sunday, April 23rd

12:00 noon to 2:00 pm

Do you have a skill or talent that you would like to share? Let your light shine and share it with members of Minnehaha UMC and get to know some of your friends better.

Do you bake awesome cookies and would you be willing to offer to bake them for someone else? Or maybe you have a camper or a cabin that you would be willing to lend for a week? Enjoy interior painting? How about offering to paint a bedroom. Know wine? Consider hosting an evening winetasting. Or maybe you have a pickup truck that you are willing to share for a weekend – better yet, find a partner and offer your backs to help move stuff one afternoon. Do people rave about your soup? Offer to make a gallon of soup – once or even once a month for the highest bidder. Babysitting? Fall lawn cleanup? We each have a skill or talent that can be shared with others – even the kids and young adults.

Consider making a donation. Attached is a link to the donation page or use the QR Code below:

<https://form.jotform.com/230594358548164>



Mark your calendar and plan to attend and bid!

Last year we raised almost \$7000 for the church operating budget and it would be great to exceed it with this one.

The amazing Brad Pederson is donating his auctioneering talent and it is always a good time. Lunch will be provided by the Minnehaha UMC Youth and available for purchase.



Audition Notice

Classics Lost N Found Theater needs 12 to 13 men/women of all ages (ages 12 and older) for "PIRATES IN THE PARK" a quartet of original scripts with music to be presented outdoors for five performances at Nokomis Park in south Minneapolis on June 9-10 and 16-17.

Auditions will be held outdoors (weather permitting) at the 16th Avenue Bridge on East Minnehaha Parkway in Minneapolis on April 24th and 25th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. There is parking in the residential area near 16th Avenue and the Parkway.

In case of inclement weather either night, the auditions will be held at Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church located at 1620 E. 46th Street in Minneapolis on the dates/times listed above.

NO appointments. Reading from the scripts only/bring a brief song of your choice. Everyone in the show will play multiple roles - we are encouraging non-singers to audition as well. Rehearsals will start in May, and will be Mondays thru Thursdays from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, and will generally be outdoors. Call (612) 387-2520 for further Information. Director is Maureen Trepp





Slow Spring

Spring is coming slowly this year. After a winter filled with lots of snow and more rain and ice than most of us like in a winter, it seems painful to wait. To wait for all the snow to melt. To wait for the temperatures to warm. To wait. Personally, I would

like spring to be coming along more quickly. But then I listen to those who are watching our rivers, and I hear that we are at a much higher risk for flooding this year than we have in recent history. If spring comes too quickly, if the snow melts all at once, and before the ground thaws, then not only will the moisture of the winter not replenish our dry soil, but all that water will run into our rivers and streams, causing flooding that will impact towns and business and

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houses. So, even though I would like some warmer days, I am choosing to be grateful for the slow spring this year, so that we retain more water in our soil and reduce the flooding impact.

Isn't that part of our Christian values? Jesus calls us to care for one another. To love God with all our being, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. In loving God,

we learn to put aside our own non-basic wants in consideration of the basic needs of our neighbors. And as we do that, we find joy and beauty in what we do have. I am choosing to enjoy spring this year by observing the return of the great blue herons, the song of the red-wing blackbirds. I look forward to my crocuses coming up, whenever that happens. And I will pray for everyone in the way of floodwaters as we slowly move into spring.

In Joy,

Becky



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