



GOOD THINGS HAPPEN

Newsletter of Minnehaha United Methodist Church

We seek, we serve, we celebrate

Back to School 2023

One Worship Service this Fall

Just a reminder that we will have one worship service at 9:30 in the sanctuary beginning Sept. 17. Music styles will alternate, and there will be Faith Formation (Sunday School) for all ages at 10:45. Come to worship, to connect with long-time friends, and make some new friends as well.

Our series for the fall is Here I Stand. Did you know that the United Methodist Church is pro-choice on the issue of abortion? We are also pro-adoption. And pro-science. But against nuclear weapons. We support sustainable agriculture, and we urge abstinence of all tobacco products. We have a large number of statements on a wide variety of social issues, all coming out of our faith and theology. We'll be exploring these statements in six different categories this fall, with an opportunity to discuss each set further in the Adult Faith Forum following worship. Join us for worship and conversation!

Rally Day!

Our kick off to the program year is Sunday, September 10:

- ★ One worship service at 10:00, outside, with a blended music style.
- ★ Grilled lunch – the youth will be selling lunch options of hot dogs, burgers, veggie burgers and salads following worship.
- ★ Lawn games – like corn hole toss, giant jenga, spike ball.
- ★ Fellowship – greet long-time friends, make new acquaintances, hang around to chat, eat, and join in the games following worship.



Aug. 27 10:00 Outside
Animal Blessing
Psalm 104:1, 10-15, 25
“A Love of Creation”

Sept. 3 10:00 Outside
Matthew 16:13-20
“Walking With Jesus: The Rock”

Sept. 10 Fall Kick-Off Sunday 10:00 Outside
Romans 13:8-13
“Here We Stand”

Sept. 17 9:30 Inside (Traditional)
Romans 14:1-12
“Here We Stand: Social Community”

Sept. 24 9:30 (Methodicals)
Confirmation Sunday
Philippians 1:21-27
“Here We Stand: Nurturing Community”

Oct. 1 9:30 (Traditional)
Psalm 78:1-4
World Communion Sunday
Bring a Friend Sunday
“Here We Stand: The World Community”

Oct. 8 9:30 (Methodicals)
Psalm 19
Bring a Friend Sunday
“Here We Stand: The Natural World”

Oct. 15 9:30 (Traditional)
Exodus 32:1-14
“Here We Stand: Political Community”

Oct. 22 9:30 (Methodicals)
TBA

Oct. 29 9:30 (Traditional)
Matthew 22:34-40
“Here We Stand: Economic Community”

United Women in Faith



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Big News! Big Sales! What is autumn like without a chance to contribute to your United Women in Faith towards the missions of helping women and children by going to and helping out at our annual rummage sale and holiday bazaar? Yes!

- The Rummage Sale will be the week after Rally Sunday, Sept. 14-16 with items you bring and help from you. Leave your donations in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Sept. 3 or 10 and come help set-up on Sept. 13. We will be selling the Dept. 56 collectibles donated to us last winter along with household goods, toys, books, small appliances, etc.: no clothes or large items. You can always volunteer to help by calling Maureen Trepp at 612-387-2520 or Kim Kanuit at 612-860-0256.
- The Dept. 56 collectibles will reappear at our annual Holiday Bazaar on Sat. Nov. 11 along with wonderful lunches and breakfast, vendors selling crafts and other products, a children's bazaar and various other delights. We welcome you to attend and help out.
- The Dept. 56 collectibles were a wonderful donation to your UWF and have made a great bump in our funds. We have sold pieces individually and at two previous church sales. The initial contribution was 30 large bins of the delightful houses, buildings and accessories and we are now down to the last 13 bins. Come and get 'em and great thanks to the donator.
- Our funds pay for the monthly dinners we serve at Simpson Shelter. With food given to us from the MinneHarvest, we are able to keep our costs very low. Margaret Rawson devises great meals from what we have and at least 5 volunteers serve monthly at the present site. Please consider volunteering in the evening for a 2.5 hour shift on the following dates: Wed. Aug. 30, Mon. Sept. 25, Mon. Oct. 30, Mon Nov. 27 and Wed. Dec. 20. We carpool from church; let Maureen know you want to help.
- Your UWF has a scholarship fund for those attending college. We are happy to share that college freshmen Paige Gruenhagen and Libby Kramer will both receive \$500 towards their first years in college. We are proud of Minnehaha UMC students!

So, if you've read this article to this conclusion and still are wondering what the UWF is, we were formerly named United Methodist Women and could be called the Church Ladies (thank you, Dana Carvey). We really are not judgmental, don't speak scripture, do like to have fun, do the catering for funerals and other events, are sincere in helping those in need and warmly welcome men and others to our activities. We have been sponsoring a sometime happy hour at local restaurants and wish to have you join us; watch for notices in upcoming newsletters.

Our Leadership Team members are Maureen Trepp, Kitty Campbell, Char Johnson, Margaret Rawson, Jenny Ammerman and Kim Kanuit.

Peace to you all, Maureen Trepp



CELEBRATE AUTUMN'S ARRIVAL



WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20
MINNEHAHA SIDE LAWN

Join Minnehaha Kids & their Families
for a magical evening to welcome fall.
We'll have music, crafts, and more.



Pizza picnic at 5:30pm (\$5/person);
Activities will follow from 6-7pm.

All ages welcome!



This is the perfect event to wear fairy wings, acorn hat,
gnome hat, elf ears, and other mythical character costumes

Save the Date

Here are some events coming up in the next few months:

- Youth Groups
Begin September 10
- Harvest Dinner—
November 4
- All Saints
Sunday—
November 5
- Bazaar—
November 11
- Young Families
Dinner—
November 12

Minnehaha All-Church
Fall Colors Hike
Saturday, Oct. 7 at 1:00 pm



All ages are invited for an afternoon hike
among the fall leaves!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

5:30-6:15 pm



SUGGEST COST:
\$5/PERSON
\$20/FAMILY



FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE - SEPT. 10TH:
TAKE OUTDOOR CLASS PHOTOS & VISIT CLASSROOMS

SEPT. 17TH:
CLASSES BEGIN & MEET FROM 10:45-11:30 AM

PRESCHOOL - ROOM 202
KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE - ROOM 206
2ND & 3RD GRADE - ROOM 208
4TH & 5TH GRADE - ROOM 306
MIDDLE SCHOOL - ROOM 302/304
HIGH SCHOOL - ROOM 308

SEE YOU THERE!



MINNEHAHA PLAYGROUP

9:30am - 11:30am
Every Thursday Morning
3701 E. 50th Street
Minnehaha United Methodist Church



HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

**SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP
OCTOBER 29TH 4:00-5:30 PM**

Get your creative, silly, creepy, magical, and otherworldly costume ready for our combined youth group costume contest and win candy! Everyone will vote by secret ballot for the winners!

Plus, Halloween-themed games!



Minnehaha Children's & Youth Councils
& Scout Troop #1 Invite You To:

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE & BONFIRE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
LINE UP AT 9:45 AM AT MINNEHAHA
PARADE STARTS AT 10 AM**

WE'LL PARADE OVER TO NOKOMIS SQUARE
(COLLECTING TREATS ALONG THE WAY)
THEN RETURN TO CHURCH FOR A BONFIRE AND HOT CIDER

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Minnehaha UMC is a Red Cross Emergency Shelter

You may not know it, but for the past several years our church has had an agreement with the Red Cross to be used as an emergency shelter in times of urgent need. On July 8th we were needed for the first time! Due to an apartment fire across the river in St Paul, 35 people were displaced. The Red Cross called on us to help and we opened up the church to those who needed shelter overnight. A total of 5 people spent the night in the Fellowship Hall with the Red Cross bringing in all the supplies and volunteers to make them as comfortable as possible in this situation. Thankfully, all the people that stayed only needed to be here for one night, and then moved on to more permanent shelter.

Just another way we use our resources help our community!



FREE KID'S CLOTHING/TOY/BOOK SWAP

Sunday, October 8
10:30am-12:30pm

Drop-off donated items to collection bin located outside church entrance between Oct. 1-6

***except Tues. Oct. 3**
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3701 E. 50th Street, Mpls.

Adult Class on United Methodist Social Statements

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SACRED SITES TOUR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH (1 - 5PM)

We are on Native Land. Please join us for a Sacred Sites Tour led by Jim Bear Jacobs. Our church can play a key role in promoting and experiencing healing by opening ourselves to our own history and listening to the stories of Native people. Through the sharing and retelling of old traumatic stories, we can create new positive ones. Join us to gain a greater awareness and understanding of the Dakota people, the original people of this area, who too often are invisible in their homeland. We will visit three outdoor sites near the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers, what the Dakota refer to as Bdote, or “meeting place of rivers.” These sites are the Fort Snelling State Park, the Dakota Internment Camp, and Pilot Knob Hill. Tours are appropriate for adults and older youth. Space is limited to 50 people. If you have any questions or would like to sign-up, please email Kip Kirkpatrick at kip.m.kirkpatrick@gmail.com.

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 anytime between 6:30 and 10:30 a.m. We start setting up around 7:00, 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 Aug. 26, Sept. 23, and Oct. 28.

SAVE THE DATE: "Will Party" *Saturday, October 7 at 10:00 am*

On Saturday, October 7 at 10:00 am, Minnehaha UMC will host another "Will Party" event.

All are invited to attend, young and old.

Making or updating a will is often a task that many of us put aside. The "Will Party" is a perfect opportunity for you to learn about Wills including Powers of Attorney and Health Care Directives.

Steve Otto (www.ottoesq.com), a lawyer who focuses on estate planning/probate administration and business law, will speak about Wills, answer your questions, and then meet one-on-one to discuss your estate planning needs. (There is no charge for this initial consultation.) If you would like to have a Will drawn up or do other estate planning, you can set up a follow-up meeting.

Childcare will also be provided upon request. RSVP's not necessary but appreciated so we know about how many will be attending. Questions regarding this event and RSVP's may be directed to Kim Kanuit at 612-860-0256 (Call or Text).



Minnehaha Fellowship

Join other Minnehaha folks at Arbeiter Brewing on the 4th Saturday of each month from 3-5. You can bring your own food, or purchase from a food truck, and there are a variety of non-alcoholic drinks also available. In addition, Arbeiter welcomes children and dogs. Join us on Aug. 27, Sept. 23, and Oct. 28.

Taizé- 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 third 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 on Oct. 20 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.



Bring a Friend to Worship!

If you think Minnehaha is a pretty great place, then tell a friend and invite them to worship. While this is true any day of the year, we are especially focusing on Oct. 1 and Oct. 8 at "Bring a Friend" Sundays. We aren't going to make everyone stand up in worship and introduce themselves, but please introduce your friend around, and we'll have some special gift bags that you can pick up for your friend at the Welcome Table on those weeks.

Animal Blessing

Animals play an important role in many of our lives. If you have a special pet, we invite you to bring it to our annual animal blessing service on Sunday, August 27. We'll gather inside if it is raining, but either way, there will be a time in the worship service to have your pet blessed. Whether you have a horse or a hamster, bring them to church. Just make sure it's in a crate or container or on leash of some kind. If you don't have a pet, but wish you did, come anyway, and bring a stuffed animal if you'd like. If your pet doesn't like crowds, other animals, or can't really get out, bring a picture and we'll bless that. You may also wish to recognize the death of a pet in this way. And, invite your friends to bring their pets as well; we welcome everyone.



Family Fun Night

OLD FASHIONED Church Rummage Sale

**Lots of great stuff!
Housewares & Linens.
Toys. Books. Electronics.
And Department 56 Collectibles!**
(But no clothes)



**Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Sept. 14, 15 & 16**

Day	Date	Time
Thursday	September 14	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday	September 15	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday	September 16	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon (Bag Sale!)

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Note
from the
pastor



Building Community

Fall is coming, and with it, our move to one worship service for the program year. While change is hard and complicated, it also brings opportunities and hopes for the future. We made this change largely to respond to the over-stretching of our volunteers. We rely on volunteers for many things in the church, and while we could opt to hire people to do some of these things, our continuing budget deficit means that we don't really have the financial resources right now for an expansion of staff. In addition, a consultation with our 3 paid music staff showed us that they were looking for some better life/work balance themselves, and a lighter Sunday morning load was a welcome change.

While I admit to being one of those people who are slow to change, I can also see opportunities that open up as a result of being together in one worship service. No matter where you are on this spectrum of excitement to disappointment, I encourage us all to walk into this new future together, open to the possibilities ahead of us.

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We'll gather together for worship each week (starting on Sept. 17) in the sanctuary at 9:30, with the opportunity to livestream or worship via our recording at any time. The choir and organ will lead worship music on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and the Methodicals band will lead worship music on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. 5th Sundays will be sorted out as is appropriate to the season, and there will be periodic services that will utilize all our musicians in a more blended style of worship.

Sunday School for all ages (yes, including Faith Formation for adults) will be from 10:45-11:30 each Sunday as well.

See the section on worship for more information about our upcoming series on "Here I Stand" and the accompanying adult Faith Formation.

I look forward to seeing you in worship!



In Joy,

Becky





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SEEK SERVE CELEBRATE

RALLY DAY-SEPT. 10

Outdoor Worship at 10am
-Blessing of the Sunday School Classes

Followed by Picnic lunch
\$5/person -Fundraiser for the
Youth's *Motown Mission Trip*

Plus giant Jenga, corn-hole,
and other lawn games!

MORE INFO AT MINNEHAHA.ORG

