



GOOD THINGS HAPPEN

Newsletter of Minnehaha United Methodist Church

We seek, we serve, we celebrate

Summer 2023

Summer Worship

We have moved into our summer schedule of worship at 10:00 a.m. We recognize our graduates on June 4, and then on June 11 we move outside for the blessing of the bikes (and bike helmets) with a potluck following. We are then outside for the rest of the summer. Join us for a lovely time in the shade/sun of our side lawn this summer!

♦ June 4 Communion

Graduation Sunday
"Putting Things in Order"

II Corinthians 13:11-13

♦ June 11

Blessing of Bikes and Bike Helmets
"Walking with Jesus: Follow Me"

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

♦ June 18

Father's Day
"Walking With Jesus: The Instruction Manual"

Matthew 9:35-10:14

♦ June 25

"Walking With Jesus: It All Comes to Light"

Matthew 10:24-31

♦ July 2

♦ July 9

♦ July 16

"Walking With Jesus: Good Soil"

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

♦ July 23

"Walking With Jesus: Weeds"

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

♦ July 30

"Walking With Jesus: Bread & Joy"

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

♦ August 6 Communion

♦ August 13

"Walking With Jesus: On the Water"

Matthew 14:22-33

♦ August 20

Blessing of Backpacks

"Walking With Jesus: Eating the Crumbs"

Matthew 15:10-28

♦ August 27

"Walking With Jesus: The Rock"

Matthew 16:13-20



Baptisms of Eloise Metzger (top) and Lillian Coyle (bottom)



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United Women in Faith

Your U(nited) W(omen) in F(aith) news



United
Women
in Faith

Fun times coming up this summer and fall for all folks at MUMC by being a part of the UWF!

Glad you were at the church services on April 16, UWF Sunday, and later on May 29 to hear about the work we support at Emma Norton Services and recognize the folks within our community who were awarded the UWF Service Awards this year. Please read below the comments about these special individuals: George Gallagher, Shirley Yeoman and Kate Stower:



For anyone who has not shown up at church on a Tuesday, imagine 15-20 volunteers showing up, each week, and like a well-oiled machine, grabbing their carts, they load boxes of food, they welcome clients, they act as interpreters and together they provide food for, on average, 2,000 people each month.

George Gallagher is responsible for orchestrating this amazing food shelf mission. For the Minnehaha Food Shelf, he manages the volunteers; orders, organizes and transports tens of thousands of pounds of food every month; procures food, accepts the donated food; works on grant requests; and meets with various businesses that support the food shelf mission. He does all of that with a warm smile and a few jokes.

His daughter told us that he is one of the hardest working individuals she knows.

We get it. He is here every week from set up to take down and handles the challenges that arise each week with finesse.

We are grateful for his service and I am honored to present this recognition on behalf of the United Women in Faith.

-Janice Linster

Shirley Yeoman has served in several capacities at MUMC over the years she has attended here. She has been recording secretary for the Church Council, ushered at the second service and served on the Staff Parish Relations Committee. She was on the original Green Team which began our drive toward Environmental Justice, making some important changes to our church building. This will be the 4th year she has been our lay delegate to the Minnesota Annual Conference and has been working for more than four years as our volunteer financial secretary. We appreciate her many talents and the time she has served MUMC.

-Charlene Johnson



This person has been a valued and beloved member of our Minnehaha church community since approximately 2007. Early on, this person faithfully attended second service, connected with people at Winter Retreat, and served on the Worship Committee. Over the years, she became active in the Children's Council, and the Susanna Circle, and the Staff Parish Relations Committee. She gave many hours to the

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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:

- Textured Hair Products
- Men's T-Shirts: All Sizes
- Men's Boxers: All Sizes
- Women's Brief Underwear: Size 5, 6
- Sunscreen
- Shower Shoes: All Sizes

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NENA Neighborhood Garage Sale, the annual rummage sale, funeral-reception serving, and the UMW Bazaar. She also acted in the annual Winter All Church Musical and this past year took on the herculean task of costuming a cast of more than 30 for "Twinderella, the Musical."

She has volunteered countless hours in the children, youth, and families programs and has been an amazing Sunday School teacher and Vacation Bible School leader. She has tirelessly helped on all sorts of special events. In particular, she has taken on a leadership role numerous years with the Winter Retreat which involved planning engaging and thoughtful programming for adults, and paying attention to countless details to make people feel welcome at Camp Koronis.

This person is generous, creative, insightful, empathetic, creative, visionary, witty, kind, and inspirational. At Winter Retreat this past January, she led the adult program focused on the power of connecting. She is a connector - and in connecting people, she helps us all lead fuller, more meaningful, and more

powerful lives. We

are grateful to know this person and have her in our lives.

This person is **Kate Stower.** - *Peggy Kirkpatrick*



Without these individuals, Minnehaha UMC wouldn't be the caring, friendly, connecting community and power that we are! Many thanks to them and the very many individuals who have accepted our service award in the past.

So what's up this summer and early fall? Sale!, so we can earn money to support our missions:

- June 3, Annual NENA neighborhood sale (8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.) featuring a gigantic, HUGE sale at MUMC of Dept. 56 Collectibles right here in our Fellowship Hall. These creative structures and accessories to the Bachman store's Holiday Villages (they were also out on UWF Sunday) will all be displayed and we have over 25 cases (yes, cases with 4-8 boxes inside!) of them donated to us from a member of the congregation. They will be the only items we sell on June 3 but you'll probably see them again twice in the fall because:
- Sept. 14-Sept. 16: Annual Rummage Sale! Set-up on Sept. 13 in the Fellowship Hall. **Please don't give your rummage stuff away thru Nextdoor neighbor or other sites but bring it to church on either Sunday, Sept. 3 or 10** and help with the sale and set-up. No big furniture items nor clothes but books are a favorite. And there'll be Dept. 56 stuff, also!

- Nov. 11: Annual Holiday Bazaar, Fellowship Hall and

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HUGE

DEPARTMENT®



COLLECTIBLE SALE

Saturday, June 3
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Youth Canoe Adventure

for youth entering 6th-12th grade
-Canoeing down Minnehaha Creek to
Lake Hiawatha-

Tuesday, June 27

6-8 pm

Meet at parking lot by the
Giant Black Willow Tree
(Landmark on Google Maps)

- Bring life jacket (and any extras you have)
- RSVP is required at education@minnehaha.org



YOUTH ENTERING 6TH-12TH GRADE

YOUTH VOLUNTEER AT SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND*

*Use link in Wed
emails to register &
complete waiver

TUES, JULY 25

5:30-8:30 PM



second harvest
HEARTLAND



KoWaKan Youth Trip Meeting

Wednesday, June 28

7:00 pm


For all interested parents and participants

-Packing List -Group Covenant -Answer Questions



MINNEHAHA UMC INVITES YOU
TO JOIN US FOR:

**Intergenerational
Vacation Bible
School**



Monday, June 19 - Thursday, June 22
6-7:30pm
Minnehaha UMC
\$40/FAMILY
REGISTRATION AT WWW.MINNEHAHA.ORG



**CELEBRATE YOUR NEXT EVENT
AT MINNEHAHA UMC**

**BIRTHDAYS!
GRADUATION
PARTIES!
REUNIONS!**

RENT SPACE IN THE CHURCH!



go to www.minnehaha.org >
Bldg. Use > Work Orders, Building & Kitchen

MINNEHAHA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**MINNEHAHA
MUSIC & DRAMA CAMP**

When: Monday, July 31st-Friday, Aug. 4th
from 9am-3pm
Evening performance on Friday, Aug. 4th
Who: Kids who've completed K-8th Grade
Where: At Minnehaha UMC
Cost: \$100/participant

Register at www.minnehaha.org
Scholarships Available



Summer is a time of celebrations!

Are you planning a birthday party, graduation, family reunion, wedding/anniversary reception or you-name-it and need a space to hold it? Minnehaha is the place for you!

Go to the church website: [Minnehaha.org/BLDG. Use/Work Orders, Building & Kitchen](http://Minnehaha.org/BLDG.Use/WorkOrders,Building&Kitchen). There you will find room rental information including fees, building use guidelines, and a facility use application. Contact the church office for room availability and then submit your application!

The Minnehaha United Women in Faith are also available to help with events involving catering, not just weddings and funerals. Go to the church website: Minnehaha.org/Wedding/Funeral and download the reception service options.



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Narthex: individual vendors, yummy food, children's bazaar, more Dept. 56 stuff. Plan on helping out Nov. 9, 10 and 11th and coming on the 11th. Want to be a vendor? Let Maureen Trepp know, even now! (612-387-2520)

- Our Night Out at Dominguez Family Restaurant on May 4 was a great time socializing and eating Mexican. We will be repeating this event on July 27 from 4:00-7:00 on Maureen's deck so it's a bring your own treat to share, your own beverage (or enjoy lemonade/beer/wine), and get to know some new or old friends from MUMC. It's free! The address is 1610 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.; let's hope for a clear evening but will cancel with rain!

We continue to provide one meal a month at Simpson Housing, now at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church building on 33rd and Wentworth So.. We serve about 50 meals, working from 5:30-8:30 and enjoy being there and together. In April, Craig and Char Johnson, Kevin Korell and I served with Margaret Rawson prepping the food. May 30 will see Char, Craig, Margaret, Mary Vrabel, Dave Noren, and Kitty Campbell helping. Future dates are Mon. June 26, Tues. July 25 and Wed. Aug. 30. We are very grateful to be able to use food from the MinneHarvest for our meals, really cutting down on costs. Also appreciated are the many clothing and health product donations you have so willingly left in the church office!



Please let Maureen know if you wish to help. Have a peaceful, enjoyable summer and bring in that rummage!!

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 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 June 24 and July 22.

School Supply Drive

Thanks to the wonderful joy of buying school supplies of a very generous member of Minnehaha we are off to a good start on our annual school supply drive.

Every year we provide backpacks filled with school supplies for 120 to 180 children of the families that attend the MinneHarvest. With the help of members and friends of our church we can make the beginning of the school year special for these children.

- ♦ Some of the ways to help with this mission
- ♦ Buy school supplies and bring them to church
- ♦ Designate an offering for school supplies in the Sunday offering
- ♦ Donate cash to be used for school supplies

Backpacks will be handed out at the Aug 26th MinneHarvest.



Rain Garden Project

The Climate Action committee with the help and input from you will continue planning for a Rain Garden project on the church grounds. Please come to be part of the conversation on June 5th at 7 pm. We will meet in room 210 and on Zoom. If you have interest in helping at any stage of the project (design, plant donations, planting, etc.), please fill out a google form <https://forms.gle/SALDG6kiE8wjPBFh8> to let us know how you are able to help. Or you can email climateaction@minnehaha.org. This helps us gauge what capacity we have for the project and plan our options. We will keep you informed on the project as we move forward.



Annual Meeting & Hospitality Training

Our Annual Meeting (otherwise known as a Church Conference) will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. We'll have our slate of Nominations for committees for the 2023-2024 program year, and proposal to continue the candidacy for ministry of Sarah Schroerlucke. Everyone is welcome to attend, and all members of the congregation can vote.

In addition, following this (probably very brief) meeting, we'll have a training for everyone on how we can do a better job of welcoming new people and making space for new participation in the congregation. Everything from how to admit you have forgotten someone's name to helping to integrate new people into events and committees. We'll wrap up around 10:30.



Blessing of Bikes (and helmets)

June 11 will be a special service to bless bikes and bike helmets. Ride your bike to church, or at least bring your bike helmet to be blessed. After worship we are having a potluck. There will be supplies to decorate your bike and we'll show off our decorated bikes with a bike parade around 11:45.



Minnehaha Snapshot: First Quarter 2023

In the first quarter of 2023, we "Connected" at Lake Koronis, welcomed two babies into the church, brought back Playgroup (hooray!), solved late-night mysteries, celebrated Lithuanian Independence, performed in a musical comedy, shared food with more than 2,000 Food Shelf clients, and more.

38 PERFORMED IN
"TWINDERELLA"



February 3 through 12, thirty-eight cast members – many from Minnehaha UMC – performed in the musical comedy "Twinderella." Great fun. Great attendance. Proceeds support the missions of the United Women of Faith (UWF).

1990 LITHUANIAN
INDEPENDENCE



On March 4, we celebrated Lithuanian Independence (1990) in our Fellowship Hall with the M. Mazvydas Lithuanian Heritage School, which uses our church on Saturdays during the school year.

30 AT ARBEITER
BREWING CO.



On Saturday afternoon on March 25, thirty Minnehahans got together at Arbeiter Brewing Company for a fun get-together.

100 PERCENT
PAID IN FULL



All bills, mortgage and apportionment payments, and staff salaries were paid through March 31, 2023. Thank you!

92.9 PERCENT OF BLDG.
LOAN PAID OFF!



As of the end of March 2023, we've paid off 92.9% of our 2010 building and remodeling project. Just \$80,983 remains. Thank you!

\$53,557 DEFICIT IN
2023 BUDGET



At the Annual Meeting on January 22, the church passed a 2023 budget with a \$53,557 deficit. To start the year we have reserves of \$47,325 (thanks PPP loan!), but we'll still need to make up \$6,232 by year's end to cover the 2023 budget...and get ready for 2024+.

17 YOUTH AT "CLUE"
GAME NIGHT



On February 25, 17 MUMC youth played a live action game of "Clue" from 7:00 p.m. until Midnight for Late Night Game Night.

45 ATTENDED LAKE
KORONIS RETREAT



Our annual all-church retreat brought 45 church members to Lake Koronis camp for "Connection" through food, fun, faith and broomball.

2 INFANTS WELCOMED
INTO THE CHURCH



On January 8, Lillian and Liesl were welcomed into the church as we celebrated all the babies born into MUMC in 2022. Congratulations!



Summer Glory

Summer has arrived! Or, at least it's arriving. It depends on the day. For those of us who make it through a Minnesota winter, this is a glorious time. We go outside at every opportunity, and soak in as much sun as we can before the days get short again.

A question I ask in small groups each week is "Where you have experienced God in the last week?" Often, people's answers reside in nature. We see God in singing birds, blooming flowers, rainbows, sunny days. All that is true, and it turns out, we were created to be nurtured by nature as well. The

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chemicals in our bodies respond to the colors blue and green. Our health – mental and physical – does better when we spend time

outside. I think that those pieces are connected. I think God created us with a connection to nature, to the world, really, that feeds our souls and helps to connect us back to God. I know that not everyone finds their connection to God in the outdoors, but in the spirit of a Minnesota summer, I want to encourage all of us to feed our souls. Whether that is in quiet, contemplative prayer or in boisterous conversations with friends or mountain biking the trails or playing with kids or birdwatching or do it. Find the places where your soul resonates with God and engage in those practices this summer, but also hopefully throughout the year.

In Joy,

Becky



The Children's Musical David and the Giants on Celebration Sunday





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A poster for Wednesday Night Picnics. The background is a red and white checkered pattern. In the center, a white circle contains the text 'WEDNESDAY NIGHT PICNICS' in large, bold, red letters. Below this, the time '5:30-6:15 pm' is written in bold black letters. Further down, the text 'C'mon over each week for grilled burger/hotdogs with simple sides. Or bring your own dinner with you. We'll be outside on the lawn, and children are welcome to play on the playground.' is written in a smaller black font. Below this, the meal cost 'Meal \$5/person; \$20/family' and the rain-site information 'Rain-site is Fellowship Hall. (May 31-Sept. 13)' are listed. In the bottom left corner, there is an illustration of a brown wicker picnic basket with a red and white checkered cloth inside. In the bottom right corner, there is a small version of the Minnehaha United Methodist Church logo.

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(May 31-Sept. 13)

The logo for Minnehaha United Methodist Church, featuring a stylized 'm' with a cross-like shape inside, and the text 'minnehaha' and 'UNITED METHODIST CHURCH' below it.