



GOOD THINGS HAPPEN

Newsletter of Minnehaha United Methodist Church

We seek, we serve, we celebrate

Lent 2023

Into the Wilderness

Lent begins on February 22, and concludes with Easter on April 9. We will be engaging in the theme of Wilderness, taking our idea from how Jesus begins his ministry by entering into the wilderness immediately after his baptism. We'll explore a form of wilderness ourselves, focusing on different musical styles and then turning the worship service itself on its head for Palm Sunday. But we begin with our own version of Mardi Gras – One Worship Service on February 19 with a theme of Camping and a pancake breakfast following worship.

- Sunday, February 19 -- one service at 10:00. Camping Sunday! With pancake breakfast to follow.
- Wednesday, February 22 – Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m.
- February 26 – March 26 – Lenten Sunday services at the usual times of 9 and 11.
- April 2 – Palm Sunday with palm recessional at the 9 and 11 services.
- April 9 – Easter Sunday with worship at 9 and 11.

Our Easter Garden

The Sanctuary will be decorated with flowering spring plants Easter morning. To contribute, please complete this form and bring/mail it to the church office or place it in an offering, with your payment, by March 17.

Given By: _____

Phone: _____

Suggested donation \$20. You may give more if you wish.

Given in:

☐ Memory of ☐ Celebration of ☐ Honor of ☐ _____
other

(please print)



(Plants may be taken home after the **11:00** Easter service or during the following week.)

- ♦ Feb. 19 **Transfiguration Sunday/Camping Sunday.**
One service at 10:00
- ♦ Feb. 22 **Ash Wednesday** Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 “Where is God?”
6:30 worship service
- ♦ Feb. 26 Matthew 4:1-11 “Into the Wilderness”
- ♦ March 5 John 3:1-17 “Walking in the Dark” *Communion*
- ♦ March 12 John 4:5-42 “Alone in the Wilderness”
- ♦ March 19 John 9:1-41 “Disruptions”
- ♦ March 26 John 11:1-45 “Foreshadowing”
- ♦ April 2 **Palm Sunday** Matthew 2:1-11 “Turning, Turning” *Communion*
- ♦ April 6 **Maundy Thursday** *service at 7:00.*
- ♦ April 7 **Good Friday 7:00** *Tenebrae Service*
- ♦ April 9 **Easter** John 20:1-18 “Out of the Wilderness”

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United Women in Faith

News from Your U(nited) W(omen) in F(aith), open to all who want to mission to women and children locally and around the world! Yes! And we have a good time doing it!



United
Women
in Faith



You probably went to see “Twinderella- The Musical” presented by the Minnehaha Players the first and second weekends in February and had a really fun time! Great to see entire families, small and large children, actors in silly costumes singing dance-able songs all sponsored by UWF and all proceeds going to our treasury to forward our mission. Yes, hard to believe that was a fundraiser! And a fundraiser!

What else does UWF do? Serve the community, specifically by serving dinner once a month at Simpson Housing Services.



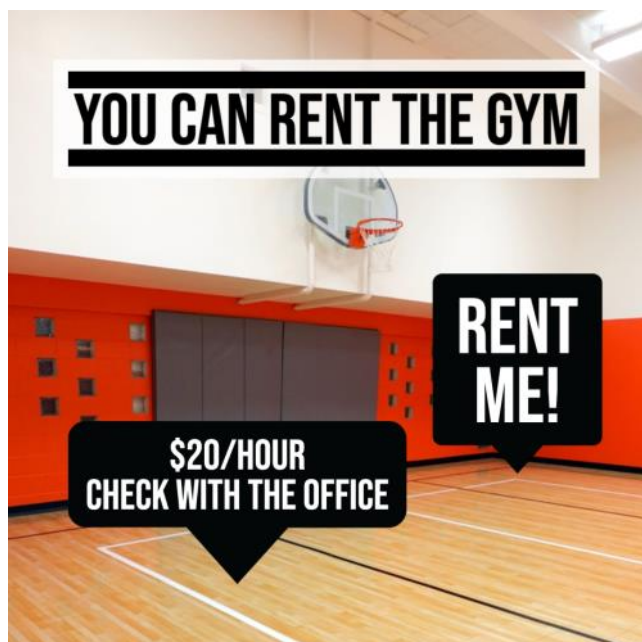
This long-time shelter has moved from its original home, Simpson Church, to Mt Zion Lutheran, also in the neighborhood as the original site is being torn down with a new building rising in its place on 28th St. and 1st Ave. So.. Char and Craig Johnson, Paula Barton, Kevin Korell, Joe Schlosser, Sarah Emrick and Kitty Campbell served our first meal at the new site with Rick Anderson’s enchiladas- yum. Join us there on Feb. 28 or Mar. 28 for dinner serving; contact Maureen at 612-387-2520.

And for some fun, join us again at Town Hall Lanes on March 2 from 4:00-7:00 to get down with friends from Minnehaha UMC. Great food, great company, great chance to get to know each other besides on Sundays and Wednesday nights!

Please check out our new page on the Minnehaha UMC website for a better understanding of who we are. Or ask a member of our Leadership Team: Kim Kanuit, Char Johnson, Kitty Campbell, Margaret Rawson, Jenny Ammerman or Maureen Trepp.



Moments from “Twinderella”



Children's Council Invites You To:

Young Families Lasagna Dinner

**Sunday, Feb. 19
5:30 pm Room 208**

Babies, toddlers, and their families are invited to come together for dinner and a time of community with other young families.

Questions? Contact Jean Elliott at education@minnehaha.org

One Worship Service Proposal

We are proposing that we move to one worship service in the fall. We would alternate styles between the organ/choir and the band.

Why are you proposing this?

- We are in danger of burning out our volunteers. Between ushers, coffee hour, livestream, projection, sound board, volunteer musicians, etc. There are a lot of concerns about burnout for the volunteers we do have, and an inability to find all the volunteers we need to make the burden manageable for everyone.
- One worship service can help us consolidate our energy and our volunteer time while still leaving energy to do the many other ministries critical to the life of our congregation.
- We are also taking a larger look at the future of Minnehaha post-pandemic. Who are we? Where do we want to focus? What values do we want to express throughout our ministries? One worship service is part of that larger conversation about our future.

What is the impact on our budget?

- None right now. Our musicians are regularly working more hours than what we have in their job descriptions. And, at the same time, the salary market has shifted. While we don't have the budget capacity to increase musician salaries right now, reducing their hours brings our salary and job description hours into alignment.

What now?

- There will be two listening posts to get more feedback from everyone. They will be on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 12:00 and Saturday, March 25 at 10:00. In addition, Church Council, Youth Council, and Children's Councils are including this idea in their conversations.
- This is not written in stone, but we do want to make a decision by May so we can make any adjustments we need to the summer schedule in preparation for the fall schedule.

What time will the proposed one service be?

- I'm so glad you asked that! We don't know. There are 4 options listed below. but feel free to make other suggestions to Becky. We need to negotiate how early musicians and worship leaders have to arrive to set up and rehearse, and we need to negotiate how late adults and children are willing to stay for worship or Faith Formation. Currently, paid leaders of the 9:00 service arrive a little more than an hour before worship and volunteers arrive about 45 minutes. For the 11:00 service, paid and volunteer leaders arrive about 3 hours prior to worship. That time could be reduced given their ability to set up in the sanctuary the Wednesday before, but their set up and sound-check time is more than for the 9:00 musicians.

Option 1: Worship at 9:30 with Faith Formation afterward

7:30/8:30 – Musicians and Worship leaders arrive, rehearse, set up
9:30 – Worship service
10:30 – Refreshments
10:45-11:30 – Faith Formation

Option 2: Worship at 10:00 with Faith Formation beforehand

8:00/9:00 -- Musicians and Worship leaders arrive, rehearse, set up
9:00-9:50 – Faith Formation
10:00 – Worship service
11:00 – Refreshments

Option 3: Worship at 10:00 with Faith Formation afterwards

8:00/9:00 -- Musicians and Worship leaders arrive, rehearse, set up
10:00 – Worship service
11:00 – Refreshments
11:15-12:00 – Faith Formation

Option 4: Worship at 10:30 with Faith Formation beforehand

8:30/9:30 – Musicians and Worship leaders arrive
9:30-10:20 – Faith Formation
10:30 – Worship service
11:30 – Refreshments

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT MINNEHAHA -FEBRUARY 2023-

February 5
10:15-11:00am

Light to the Nations

February 12
10:15-11:00am

Lamb of God

February 19
All Church
Pancake
Breakfast

February 26
10:15-11:00am

United in
Christ

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT MINNEHAHA -MARCH 2023-

MARCH 5
10:15-11:00am

The Beatitudes

MARCH 12
10:15-11:00am

Worship &
Justice

MARCH 19
CHOOSE YOUR
OWN
ADVENTURE!

MARCH 26
10:15-11:00am

Life with
God

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL AT MINNEHAHA -APRIL 2023-

APRIL 2
10:15-11:00am

Glory on the
Mountain

APRIL 9

HAPPY
EASTER!

APRIL 16
10:15-11:00am

Adam and Eve

APRIL 23

CHOOSE
YOUR OWN
ADVENTURE!

APRIL 30
10:15-11:00am

Jesus and
Nicodemus

Minnehaha UMC Summer Camps



Registration for 2023 Camps Now Open!

www.minnehaha.org

Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs An Evening Intergenerational Vacation Bible School

When: Monday, June 19–Thursday, June 22 from 6–7:30pm

Where: Minnehaha Church

Who: Children with their Families, and People of All ages
(This is a family-style event and children must be accompanied by an adult to attend. Picnic dinners will also be available beforehand from 5:15–6:00pm)

Minnehaha Music & Drama Camp

When: Monday, July 31–Friday, August 4th from 9–3pm

Evening Performance on Friday, August 4th

Where: Minnehaha Church

Who: Kids who have completed kindergarten through eighth grade

KoWaKan BWCA Youth Trip

When: Tuesday, July 11–Saturday, July 15

Where: KoWaKan Basecamp outside of Ely, MN.

We'll be traveling together as a group.

Who: Youth who have completed 5th–12th grade



Looking for a Sleep-Away Camp Experience?

Many from the Minnehaha Community Participate
in our Conference Summer Camp Program: Camp Minnesota

We encourage you to join us!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW AT www.campminnesota.org



Teddy Bear Camp – Session 2

For 6–9 year olds

July 13–15 at Camp Koronis

A great first sleep away camp!

Trailblazers Camp – Session 1

For 8–12 year olds

July 9–12 at Camp Koronis

Pathways Camp – Session 3

For 9–13 year olds

July 16–21 at Camp Koronis



Camp Minnesota
Minnesota
Annual Conference
of First United Methodist Church
Camping & Retreats Ministries



welcome *February* Youth Groups

Sun. Feb. 19

4:00–5:30 pm

BROOMBALL

Sat. Feb. 25

7:00pm–Midnight

LATE NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

-Clue Game-

MINNEHAHA YOUTH GROUPS

late night GAME NIGHT



Saturday, February 25
7:00 pm - Midnight

A Night of Who-Done-It?!

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 March 10 and April 14 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.

Readers Needed for Good Friday

For Good Friday (April 7), we will be utilizing 14 readings during the worship service. Each reading comes from the Gospel According to Matthew and each reader extinguishes a candle after the reading. If you would like to be one of the readers, please talk to Becky and she'll find a reading for you. Thanks!

Listening Posts

There will be two listening posts to talk about the One Worship Service proposal. Please come on either Sunday, February 26 at 12:00 or on Saturday, March 25 at 10:00. Each will last about an hour.

Easter Services

Join us for Easter Sunday on April 9. Our 9:00 service will feature the choir and organ (and the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus). The 11:00 service will feature our band and vocals. We hope to see you on Easter morning!

What Do Other

Denominations Believe?

Our spring study will be of what other mainline denominations believe. On Tuesday mornings at 10:00 from March 21 through April 18 we'll be looking at the Lutherans, the Episcopalians, the Presbyterians, the United Church of Christ, and the Baptists. Of course, we'll also be talking about how each of them compare to United Methodists as well as each other. You can also join us online. If you are planning on attending, there are some articles for each of the denominations that you may want to read in advance, contact Becky and she can send them to you or make you a hard copy.

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22 this year, and we will be starting our Lenten observance with an Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 p.m. If you've never been to an Ash Wednesday service before, this is a more solemn service that includes ashes made from the burning of palms from last year's Palm Sunday. We "impose" the ashes as a reminder of how sometimes even our best intentions can go awry, and as a reminder of our own mortality. All ages are invited to participate in the service.

MINNEHAHA UMC INVITES YOU
TO JOIN US FOR:

Intergenerational
Vacation Bible
School



Monday, June 19 - Thursday, June 22
6-7:30pm
Minnehaha UMC

MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION AT
WWW.MINNEHAHA.ORG





Showing our talents at Winter Retreat!

Holy Week Services

Holy Week is observed during the last week of Lent, between Palm Sunday (April 2) and Easter Sunday (April 9). It is traditionally a time to remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his last supper with the disciples, and his arrest, trial and death.

- ✂ A Maundy Thursday Service will be on Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. It will last about half an hour and will involve some interactive rituals commemorating Jesus' last hours with his followers.
- ✂ We will have a Good Friday service on April 7. It will start at 7:00 p.m. and will include 14 readings from the gospel of Matthew about the events leading up to Jesus' death. It also includes music, silence, and the extinguishing of lights.

Save the Date:
 Free Kid's Clothing,
 Gear, & Toys Swap -
 Saturday, April 15
 from 10am-Noon in
 Fellowship Hall

YOUR FOOD SHELF NEEDS YOU!

March is Minnesota Food Shelf Month

1 in 9 people in Minnesota have limited or uncertain access to adequate food.

The Minnehaha Food Shelf welcomes your help in addressing these needs.

Minnehaha Food Shelf is a mission of our church and a few others in south Minneapolis and provides food for people in need. Our Food Shelf is open every Tuesday from 10:00am to 3:00pm at Minnehaha United Methodist Church, 3701 E. 50th St., Minneapolis and is part of a regional network that acts as a food safety net for people in need.

The Food Shelf's doors open each Tuesday and over 100 families – in rain, snow, cold, or heat – are waiting to pick up needed food for their home pantries. Each guest receives a large pre-packed box of food based on family size and are sometimes able to select additional items such as cooking oil, laundry detergent, milk, eggs, and cheese. They also have a choice of meats that can include ground beef or turkey, whole chickens, fish, pork, vegetable proteins and other options that vary from week-to-week. Seasonal fresh produce can be available as well as breads, assorted canned goods and occasionally personal items such as toothbrushes, shampoo, and diapers. Families, seniors, veterans, immigrants -- a cross section of our neighborhoods – flow through right up to closing time at 3pm.

A team of volunteers support the effort -- greeters, registrars, food handlers, packers – lots of hands are needed to help the guests feel welcomed and the food moving efficiently. The support of St. Luke's and James is vital to the Food Shelf's ongoing existence.

Demand has been skyrocketing!

In early 2022 we averaged 370 visits and distributed 72,000 pounds of food each month;

By the end of the year we averaged 525 visits and distributed 150,000 pounds of food each month.

(NOTE: These numbers are guesses, and need to be updated)

The Food Shelf purchases food from distribution banks, such as Second Harvest and the Food Group, and makes it available to all who come to our door. We receive support from individuals and businesses through financial and in-kind contributions, and from the distribution banks through grants and our purchase of discounted products.

Where You Can Help.

Help us celebrate our accomplishments as we plan for our future.

The number of people coming through our doors has skyrocketed over the past year and we are making plans to increase our efficiency and effectiveness. The planning stages are complete and we welcome additional donors and volunteers to our family.

Want to Volunteer?

Because of our growth we need additional hands on-site when we are open, every Tuesday from 10am –

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

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3pm. We need people to greet our guests, register newcomers and to package and distribute food. We also need Spanish speakers to assist with a large number of immigrant guests.

To support our growth we need people behind-the-scenes supporting our social media activities, developing our relationships with local businesses, reaching out to community contacts and events to promote our visibility.

In most cases we request a one-year volunteer commitment to help us solidify current partnerships, help develop new ones, and schedule our important human resources.

Want to make a financial contribution?

Donations of any kind are always welcome and can be made via our website at <http://www.minnehaha.org/foodshelf.html>, or by checks sent to: Minnehaha Food Shelf, Minnehaha United Methodist Church, 3701 E. 50th St., Minneapolis, MN 55417.

We particularly encourage you to **Take the 33c Challenge**. This is the most integral form of support allowing us to plan for bulk purchases of basic, critical items on a monthly basis. By taking the Challenge you can help make all of our dollars stretch farther. You can do so at: <http://www.minnehaha.org/foodshelf.html>.

Want to make an In-Kind Contribution?

Our clients also benefit greatly from in-kind Donations of Goods. Many are items that we are unable to purchase through the distribution centers but are critical household items such as toilet paper, shampoo, diapers, Depends for adults, baby wipes, bar soap, deodorant, menstrual pads and tampons, toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss. Donate individually or organize a group effort at your school, business, book club or any other gathering spot. Donations of goods can be dropped at our site during our open hours or by contacting.. xxxxx??

*The **Minnehaha Food Shelf** is a mission of Minnehaha United Methodist church (MUMC), in partnership with Lake Nokomis Lutheran, Living Table UCC, and Sts. Luke and James Episcopal churches. Contact us at <http://www.minnehaha.org/foodshelf.html>; Follow us on facebook at Minnehaha Food Shelf, or on twitter @MinnehahaFoodShelf.*



Thank you! Thank you!

Over the last couple of years, so many of you chose Minnehaha UMC as your charity of choice when shopping at Amazon. We are truly appreciative!

Unfortunately, Amazon has chosen to discontinue this program . . . but, due to your generosity, we earned \$195.45!



Thank you so much for contributing to our ministry at Minnehaha!!

- Annette Meier, *Fundraising Coordinator*

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 February 25 and March 25.



The cast of "Twinderella"

The Auction is Coming!

Our services Auction is coming again (after Easter), on April 23. It's time to start assessing your talents and see what you might be willing to offer. Do you make awesome cookies? Want to offer a dozen a month to some lucky bidder? How about breakfast for 6? Or maybe you have a camping trailer you'd be willing to lend out for a week. Or a cabin. Are you a bird expert? Know your mushrooms? You could offer a guided tour. The possibilities abound! You can let Sue Claude know if you have something you are willing to offer.

Choral Evensong

Come hear our Chancel Choir and the Minneapolis Co-op Choir join their voices together in song for Howell's *Requiem*. In the sanctuary on Sunday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. Invite a friend or music-loving neighbor for an inspiring evening.

It's almost here - the 2023

MINNEHAHA
YOUTH

PLANT SALE

Watch the Minnehaha E-News and social media for details.

Plant delivery in May.

Proceeds will support Minnehaha Youth Ministries



JOIN THE

MINNEHAHA YOUTH
CANOE TRIP AT KOWAKAN

Tuesday, July 11th - Saturday, July 15th
\$250/person
REGISTER TODAY at minnehaha.org



Worship

As you probably already know, we are in the process of contemplating a change in worship. Along with the color of the carpet, this is one of the things that people in congregations care about the most. It's not a change we enter into lightly. The general rule is that if things are working, then leave them alone. Additionally, our music program is in a great place. The choir has added a lot of new voices, and the combination of volunteer and paid music staff for the band is also in a good place. But it has become clear that not everything around worship is working. Our paid musicians are underpaid, and we have not been successful in finding a paid coordinator to work with Tim and the band. While other congregations have moved to paying people for their sound and livestream, we have been well

"...it has become clear that not everything around worship is working."

aware of the gap in our budget and have relied on some amazing volunteers to fill those roles. But, our volunteer base is not quite wide and deep enough and the volunteers we have are feeling overwhelmed. So, we are entering into the

conversation of what it might look like to have one worship service, starting in the summer and continuing into the fall. Our styles in the fall would alternate, which would give both volunteer and paid musicians a break every other week. We have yet to settle on all the details (part of why we are having this church-wide conversation), but the music groups would probably continue to rehearse on a weekly basis, giving them more time to work on the music for each Sunday worship. Sorting out where coffee hour and Faith Formation (Sunday School) fits into the schedule is also important. There is a more full article about this elsewhere in the newsletter, which I encourage you to read.

As we contemplate this change, there will be things you might grieve, as well as new possibilities that excite you. I invite you to talk with one another, talk with me, bring new ideas, come to the listening posts, and engage in a spirit of curiosity as well as hope for the future as we look at what we might do together.

In Joy,
Becky

Time Change

It's time to spring ahead and gain some sunlight in our evenings. Set your clocks forward one hour before coming to worship on Sunday, March 12. Or, as Yoda would say, "Set your clocks forward you must, or late to church you will be."



Broomball at Winter Retreat



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