



Good THINGS HAPPEN

Newsletter of Minnehaha United Methodist Church
→ WE SEEK WE SERVE WE CELEBRATE



June 2 Graduation Sunday
I Samuel 3:1-20
“Carry On”

June 9
I Samuel 8:4-20
“A King”

June 16
I Samuel 15:34-16:13
“Another King”

June 23
I Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49
“The Power of a Stone”

June 30
II Samuel 1:1, 17-27
“True Love”

July 7 Communion
II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
“David the King”

July 14
II Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
“Dancing David”

July 21 TBA
July 28 TBA
Aug. 4 TBA

Aug. 11
II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
“Absalom, Oh Absalom”

Aug. 18
I Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
“The Next King”

Aug. 25 Pet blessing
Psalm 84:1-4
“God Cares for All”

Sept. 1 Communion
James 1:17-27
“A Labor of Love”

Worship this Summer

We have moved outside for worship and enjoy the wonders of creation this summer. We'll be following the story (and the pre-story) of how David became King David and then what he did as king. Since David is credited with authoring so many psalms (he may not have written all of them, but his reputation inspired many authors to give him credit anyway), we'll be utilizing psalms for our call to worship each week. Psalms were originally written for use in worship, so this seems particularly appropriate. There is also a story of David breaking out in dance in celebration of God (a story we'll hear this summer), so dancing will also be encouraged during worship. Not all of us might feel like dancing with our feet, so we'll have scarves and pieces of fabric to help us dance with our hands as well. Join us in celebration this summer!

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“Daniel” was performed on Celebration Sunday (more pictures p.7)

United Women in Faith



United
Women
in Faith

Celebrating the Spring and looking forward to a super Summer,
Dear readers of this newsletter:

Hopefully you were able to attend the service on Mothers' Day and take in Becky's fine message outlining the history of Mothers' Day along with hearing just what the United Women of Faith are and what we do. As we serve women and children, it was great to share the day with mothers. We did award three members of our community with Service Awards, sharing a story of them and how they have served. Jason Emrick was in attendance and received his award and Chris and Kendra Kramer got their awards while serving (of course!) at the party following the musical "Daniel in the Lion's Den".

The following was written and read by Jenia Strom.:

Award Recipient #1

Back in 2002 this person joined Minnehaha. It didn't take long for them to get involved, giving willingly of their time and leadership talents.

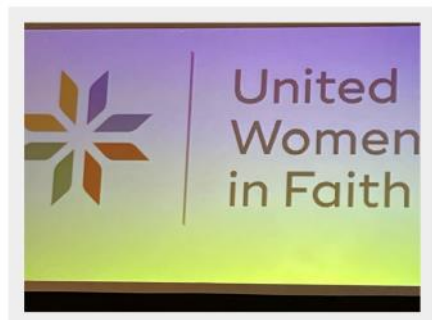
They have served as church council president, chair of Trustees, on the stewardship committee, and is currently on the climate action committee. Under their leadership, Minnehaha has made great strides forward in care for our building - as they lead the futuring committee which focused on necessary building improvements like the gym and the stairwells. They also were instrumental in moving the solar panels forward, and now are helping our community imagine new ways to be better stewards of the environment.

Attention to detail, willingness to have hard conversations, being firm in conviction AND open to hearing new perspectives: all of these skills and more enable this person to be an effective leader in our community.

This person also has impacted Minnehaha through their support of the Sunday School program - being willing to teach Sunday School, to dress as a magi to carry gifts to the manger during a Christmas pageant, and to lead numerous Choose Your Own Adventure sessions in the gym - particularly those focused on basketball.

Additionally, they support our worship experience by serving on the audio visual team.

The person with this great commitment to and vision for Minnehaha, with a willingness and skill to take on challenging leadership roles, and a love for basketball is Chris Kramer.



**We believe love in action
can change the world**

She's got the whole
world in her hands
She's got the whole
world in her hands
She's got the whole
world in her hands
Y'know the whole world's
in God's hands...
Y'know the whole world's
in God's hands!



Award Recipient #2

This next person has been a member of Minnehaha for 22 years.

One of the great gifts they bring to Minnehaha is their willingness to try: my first memory of them is that they were the FIRST person to say "yes" to me when I had my first year of calling for Sunday School volunteers. They had no idea if they'd be any good at it, but they wanted to contribute, and so they were willing to say yes.

Another gift that they have is their willingness to say "no, AND..." When at the end of that first year of teaching Sunday School they felt it wasn't the best use of their talents - they were willing to say so, and to say "and let's figure out what else I can do."

That was a gift to our community: If you've walked into any of the bright, friendly, welcoming Sunday School rooms, or sat sipping coffee in the narthex: this person's vision and diligence played a part in making those spaces what they are today.

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They also contributed their creativity to set and prop building for Children's Musicals, Christmas Pageants, and Vacation Bible School. If you ever need someone to make you a flashing billboard sign or cardboard television camera: this is your person.

When you admire our distinctive, adaptable, amazing "m" logo - this is the person who designed it when they served on the communications team.

This person sees what is needed, and uses their creativity to take care of it.

They keep their eyes open to the world - as heartbreaking as that can be - and are always looking for ways to make it a better place for everyone. They've organized and hosted postcard writing events, and helped plan a special social justice focused worship service.

This person also is willing to take on leadership roles - having just a couple years ago wrapped up their time as the Staff-Parish Relations committee - the Methodist church's version of the Human Resources Team - which is made up of all volunteers.

These days you might see them helping out on the audio-visual team for worship or helping with coffee hour.

This person, who does so much to make this world - here at Minnehaha and beyond our doors - a more beautiful and just place is Kendra Kramer.

Written and read by Char Johnson:

Award Recipient #3

This nominee has been a member of MUMC for about 20 years. This person has been teaching the Youth Sunday School Class for 18 years; this year the High School Seniors were born when this person started teaching! This person has been the Camel Herder Extraordinaire at Minnehaha's annual Christmas pageant.

This nominee has chaired the Youth Council for 10 years, organizing many of the Youth fundraisers including the Plant Sale and serving lunches.

This person has served as Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee leading us through a smooth transition between Pastor Cooper Wiggins and Pastor Becky Sechrist in 2014.

This person has also given several sermons at Minnehaha sharing personal stories that provided insights thru them and lessons for all.

This person has been an usher once a month for at least 10 years and has enlisted his sons to help usher.

This person has washed a tremendous amount of dishes and has trained many people on how to use the dishwasher. These contributions has greatly benefited Minnehaha and provided this person with teaching skills, eventually leading to an easier change to teaching.

This person is unassuming and often works behind the scenes with faith, humor and a quiet sense of character that shines through in everything he does at Minnehaha.

Receiving this award is Jason Emrick

Opportunities to get rid of stuff and buy stuff are coming up as we hit our "sales" season! If you are around on June 1 and still haven't gotten enough of the Dept. 56 items we have been selling, they will be on sale during the NENA neighborhood Garage Sales which are from 8:00 until 4:00 . Our items will be in the narthex but feel free to go around the whole neighborhood and enjoy buying.



The next BIG SALE is our annual Rummage Sale which will be on Sept. 12, 13 and 14. WE NEED YOUR RUMMAGE and have no place to store it before the end of August. Please save books, books, books, household items, toys, tools, linens, small furniture and lots more (NO clothes or large furniture items) and bring your rummage to church on Sunday Sept. 1 or Sept. 8 and leave in the Fellowship Hall at the back. Also, choose the day or time you'd like to volunteer as we need all the people we can get, especially for setting up which will be done Tuesday, Sept. 10 after 4:00 and all day Wednesday, Sept. 11. We need workers on the sales days and to take down the Rummage Sale on Saturday, Sept. 14 at noon along with taking extra unsold items away. It really

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Vacation Bible Camp

9am-Noon, June 24-28 at Lake Harriet UMC

All children PreK-5th grade gather each morning for a fun "Summer Camp Adventure with God" along with Lake Harriet UMC and Richfield UMC! This year's mascot is Lu, the lighting bug! We'll learn more about God's love for us and trusting God in various ways through camp activities, music, bible storytelling, games, science and crafts

Camper Registration:

<https://forms.gle/Bubykn3zPXr2x7Uf6>

Adult and Youth Volunteers are needed to help in a variety of roles: greeters, small group leaders, activity station leaders or helpers, snack helpers, etc. The volunteer safety & leader training is on Saturday, June 22 from 10am-1pm.

Volunteer Registration:

<https://forms.gle/3GG3okNM342jPf8T6>

MINNEHAHA UMC, RICHFIELD UMC, & LAKE HARRIET UMC INVITES YOU TO:



**Vacation Bible Camp
CAMP FIRELIGHT**
A Summer Camp Adventure with God

WHEN: Monday, June 24 – Friday, June 28
9:00am–Noon
Available after-care for all ages from Noon–4:30pm
(\$30/child, per day; \$75/week)

WHO: Pre-K 3 to entering 5th grade
Middle School Helpers: entering 6th–8th grade
High School & Adult Leaders

WHERE: Lake Harriet UMC – 4901 Chowen Ave. S.

COST: Free

Camper Registration	Helper/Leader
	



Minneapolis Mission Trip July 8-10, 2024

Explore your call to service, soak in youth worship, and explore Mpls.

Serve locally, grow responsibly, and have fun! Middle school youth are invited to explore the call to love God and neighbor with various service opportunities in the Twin Cities and Metro area. This 3-day, 2-night opportunity is a way to experience a service learning trip—only right here in Minnesota. Minne Mission is partnering with local non-profits to explore a variety of justice issues such as food insecurity, poverty, and earth care.

Who: Completed 5th-7th Grade

Where: Overnight lodging at Lake Harriet UMC

Cost:\$70

Registration



MinneMission

July 8-10 at Lake Harriet UMC

Incoming middle schoolers through 8th grade are invited to join other United Methodist middle schoolers in this local mission trip! Each day we'll partner with various outreach organizations around the Metro, fun evening activities, and on Wednesday choose a fun outing like the Mpls. Sculpture Garden, Escape Room, Water Park, Valleyfair, Mini Golf, etc.

Registration:

<https://www.campminnesota.org/campsessions>

(Scroll down to register for *MinneMission by Serve MSP*)



Youth entering 6th gr and up
Tuesday, June 25
5:30-8:00 pm
 Carpool from church to
 SkyZone in Eagan

Must RSVP by Sunday, June 16
 to Jason Emrick at
bigwig@hellaweb.com
**Please indicate if your
 parent(s) can chaperone/drive*


Online Waivers
 Required



Youth Canoe Trip


Youth entering 6th-12th grade
Tuesday, August 20
 Meet at church at 5:30 pm.
 We'll return at 8 pm.

- Bring life jacket (and any extras you have)
- RSVP is required at education@minnehaha.org by August 14



YOUTH BIKE RIDE

Youth entering 6th grade and up



JULY 18 6-8 PM
MEET AT CHURCH

Easter



2nd grade Bibles

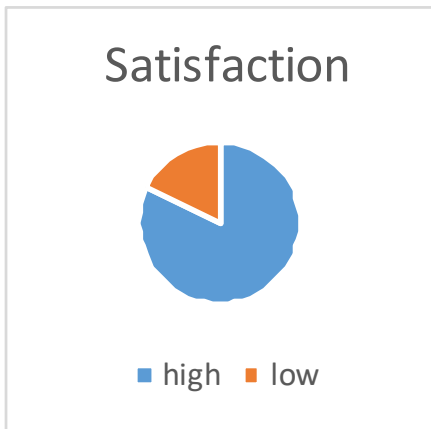
Worship Survey Results

May 2024

Thank you to everyone who participated in the worship survey. 74 households took the survey, and we appreciate all your feedback.

If you want the details, please keep reading. For the conclusions we reached, you can go to the box at the bottom and find that.

- ◆ For the information below, we asked households how many people their survey represented. Some households are 1 adult. Some households were 2 adults, some households were 1 or 2 adults and then 1-4 children.
- ◆ When we say *household* it means the number of surveys returned. *People* refers to the how many adults and children those answers represent.



We asked you to rank your satisfaction with our current practice, and 16% of the households put 1-4 (low satisfaction), whereas 74% put 7-10 (high satisfaction).

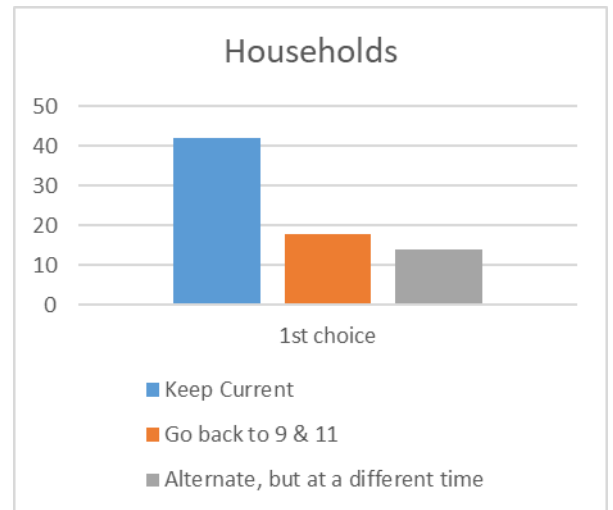
In the question about what we should do for worship going forward, the overwhelming first choice was to keep doing what we are doing, worship at 9:30 with alternating styles.

42 of the households put this as their first choice, representing 84 people.

The second choice was to return to our 9:00 traditional, 11:00 contemporary format, with 18 households representing 25 people.

The third choice was keeping our alternating styles, but at a different time. 14 households representing 30 people chose that as their first choice.

Since we asked you all to rank 1, 2, or 3



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Summer worship (Memorial Day weekend through the Sunday following Labor Day) 10:00 a.m., outside. Program year worship (mid-September through May) 9:30 with alternating styles and Sunday School at 10:45.

- ◆ 1st and 3rd Sundays will be contemporary style
- ◆ 2nd and 4th Sundays will be traditional style
- ◆ Periodically, 5th Sundays and other special Sundays will have either a blended style or trade between the two styles

Taizé services (October – May) are on 3rd Fridays of the month at 7:00 p.m.



Scenes from "Daniel" on Celebration Sunday

**JOIN US ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 9
10 AM WORSHIP**

**BLESSING OF
THE BIKES**




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 25. 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.









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 6:30, serve the food starting around 7:00/7:30, and are usually done cleaning up by 10:30. Join us on June 22, July 27, and August 24 for all or any portion of that time, dress appropriately for the weather, and bring a friend!

Family Camp!

Come and join the fun at Minnehaha family camp August 16-18 at Collinwood near Cokato MN. We have a group campsite and all are welcome. Questions? Call Beth 952-232-7711

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



MINNEHAHA PLAYGROUP

9:30am - 11:30am
Every Thursday Morning

Minnehaha Playgroup

on Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 am. Playgroup will meet throughout the summer at various local parks. Check for each week's location on their Facebook page "Minnehaha Playgroup".

Community Block Party

Wednesday, June 26 from 4:30-6:30 pm

Lake Harriet UMC

We're invited to join our friends and neighbors at Lake Harriet UMC for an evening with food trucks and activities!

Minnehaha Fellowship

Join other Minnehaha folks at Arbeiter Brewing on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 3-5. You can bring your own food, and there are a variety of non-alcoholic drinks also available. In addition, Arbeiter welcomes children and dogs. Join us on June 15, July 20, and August 17.

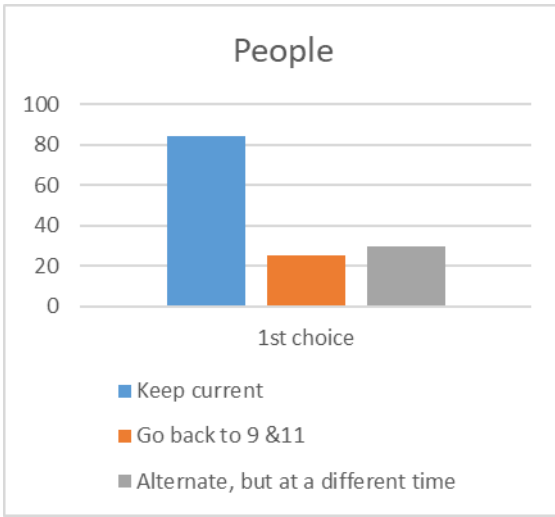
Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting (otherwise known as a Church Conference) will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 11:15 a.m. following worship. 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.



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for each option, we got lots of responses for what a good different time for worship would be. If we were to change the time of worship, 10:00 or later was the clear preference. A few folks wanted 9:00 or earlier, but most people suggested a later time.



Many people took opportunities to comment in each of the open comment sections. In addition to the comments above regarding worship time, a few folks expressed only liking one of the styles of worship. A large number of comments came back, though, indicating how nice it is to get both styles of worship regularly, and how fun it is to experience the energy of everyone at one worship service as well as being able to connect with everyone.

A number of you expressed a willingness to help out with a variety of things, but not all of you left your name. Since it is complicated to try to trace the source of each survey response, please let Becky or one of the coordinators know if you would like to volunteer (Char Johnson for ushers, Jenny Ammerman for greeters, Maggie Kappelman for coffee hour, Jim Bohl for livestreaming, Jefferson Slinkard for sound, Sue Johnson for projection). For those of you who did leave your name, we'll pass that along to the correct person.

In our question about new staff, 54% indicated that we are okay the way we are. Or, at least, we are at what we can afford. Those who answered yes to the question suggested staff positions varying from hired livestreaming and sound board to an outreach/community coordinator to volunteer coordinator. Staff Parish Relations will take those comments into consideration as any future staffing conversations happen.

Given these responses, as well as our current staff and volunteer resources, we will leave things the way they are for now, but will constantly be paying attention to when we might need to make some tweaks and changes.

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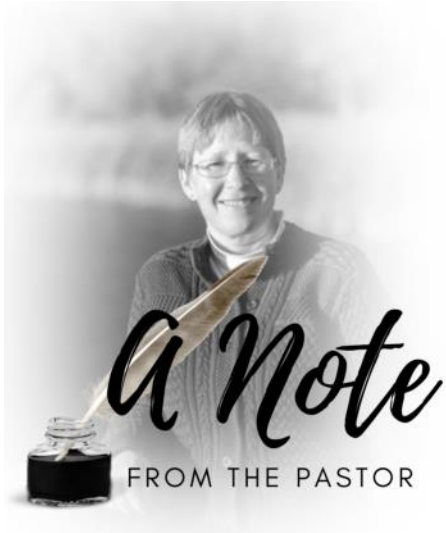
is all kinds of fun work that you might like so please contact Maureen Trepp at 612-387-2520 or Char Johnson at 952-686-4425 or Kim Kanuit at 612-860-0256 to tell us when you'd like to help. We need strong men and women on Tuesday evening and Saturday afternoon!!



We will be serving dinner at Simpson Shelter on the evenings of Mon. June 24, Tuesday July 30 and Mon. Aug. 26. Maureen will be contacting her list of volunteers; we meet at church to carpool at 5:20 and return to church around 8:30 or meet us there. Please let me know if you'd like to be added to the list to help.

Not too soon to think about our annual Holiday Bazaar, the second Saturday in November, the 9th. We will be setting up on Friday, the 8th and cooking our great lunch. If you'd like to have a table as a vendor, please let me know along with volunteering for set-up or serving or cashiering at the sale. Bring your friends!

Take care of your family; hold onto your friends; serve your community and know you are loved.
Peace, Maureen Trepp



Celebration!

Sometimes, we just need to celebrate! Following the General Conference this spring, it seems a good day to celebrate being United Methodist. Our Celebration Sunday on May 19 reminded us of the energy, the values, and the joy that is palpable at Minnehaha. I give thanks for all of you, and for all the ways you

bring your whole selves and help us be who we are. While acknowledging that all is not perfect, that we still have to say goodbye to folks, that we don't always get it right, we can still celebrate. Take



some time to revel in what goes right, and continue to do all those things that make us Minnehaha. Greet new folks, make new friends, help to feed someone, be a good neighbor, pray for people all over the world. Take joy in the created world, and continue to be good stewards of creation, spreading God's joy everywhere you go.

In Joy,

Becky

New members joined us!

Julia Knutson, Maria Lopez-Shetler, Jane & Dean Moren, Rebecca Hesse, Jennifer Sly, Suzi Hunn, Luke & Ann Gliddon, Evan & Brooke Welle, Sharon Kelly, Alicia Johnson

Welcome!





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**JOIN US SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd
10 AM WORSHIP**

During this service, we'll be recognizing and blessing
our 2024 graduates. Following the service,
we'll celebrate with cake!

High School Graduates

Diego, Andy, Laila, Maia, Madison, Matthew, Charlie and Dexter

College Graduates

Ella, Marjie & Calvin