



Musings from Mary on

Closing One Door So We Can Seek To Open Another

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Would you like to see our church family grow? Would you like to see more people coming to know Christ as Savior? Would you like to be a part of a meaningful outreach ministry to help people live by the practical values that faith teaches? I hope the answer for all of us is a resounding, "Yes!" After all, the last words that Jesus says to his disciples in the Gospel of Matthew are "go and make disciples of all nations." We are the disciples that Jesus speaks to today, and by my reckoning, we've got a ways to go on fulfilling this "great commission" even here in our own community!

Now for the hard part: CHANGE. Change is never easy, but sometimes it is necessary in order to be able to investigate new opportunities for ministry. And so, after a number of discussions with various stakeholders in the congregation, the Church Council has decided to suspend the 5:00 Saturday worship services at the end of May. The 5:00 service has been an important part of the week for almost five years. It hasn't been easy to choose to suspend it, and the decision only comes with the painful recognition that the service has remained small and does not seem to attract visitors. There doesn't seem to be a path to growth from our current offering and so it is our hope that by disengaging, we will find a clearer path to more effectively fulfill our mission of making disciples.

The final Saturday night service will be held on May 21, followed by a potluck and barbeque in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited!

It is my prayer, that in this ending, there will be a new beginning. I would like to form a small team of 8-12 people who are passionate about this church and about reaching out to our community. We will work together to investigate opportunities for a new service and to systematically reach out to our community before we hold any worship services. If this idea excites you, there are two opportunities to participate right away.

Talk to me about possibly joining this new team.

Talk to me about being a part of the prayer support team for this new effort.

As we enter into Easter season between now and Pentecost, please take a moment each day to remember what God has done for you and to cherish it. Those who believe in Christ receive a new lease on life as the weight of sin and fear of death is lifted. Those who believe walk in the presence and guidance of the Spirit and learn to live in ways that are right in God's sight. Those who believe become known as children of God. These are gifts that we are to enjoy ourselves, but they are also gifts that we are to freely give.





Minooka United Methodist Church

205 West Church Street
Minooka, IL 60447

Weekend Worship Schedule

5:00 pm Saturday Service
(thru May 21st)

9:00 am Sunday Service

10:30 am Senior High Sunday School

10:45 am Sunday School

10:45 am Sunday Service

Church Office Hours:

Monday ~ Thursday

8:30am - 3:30 pm

Friday

8:30 - 12:00 pm

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Thank you to everyone who helped make our annual Lenten Fish Fry's a huge success. On the average we served 250 meals a night! The kitchen was hopping, carry-out was hopping, the dining room floor was hopping. There was no rest for anyone, and yet there was plenty of talk, smiles and laughter from everyone.

We are a great team MINOOKA UMC!

Gail Flatness, Fish Fry Coordinator

Thank you Gail for leading another great Lenten Fish Fry. Your enthusiasm and humor keeps us all coming back each week.

All your volunteers



May 1st	Golden Cross Sunday
May 7/8	Mother's Day Youth will lead our worship
May 14/15	Deacon Sharon Rice preaching
May 21/22	Last Saturday night Worship
May 29	Eddie Eddy preaching Memorial Day weekend

10th Annual PLANT SALE

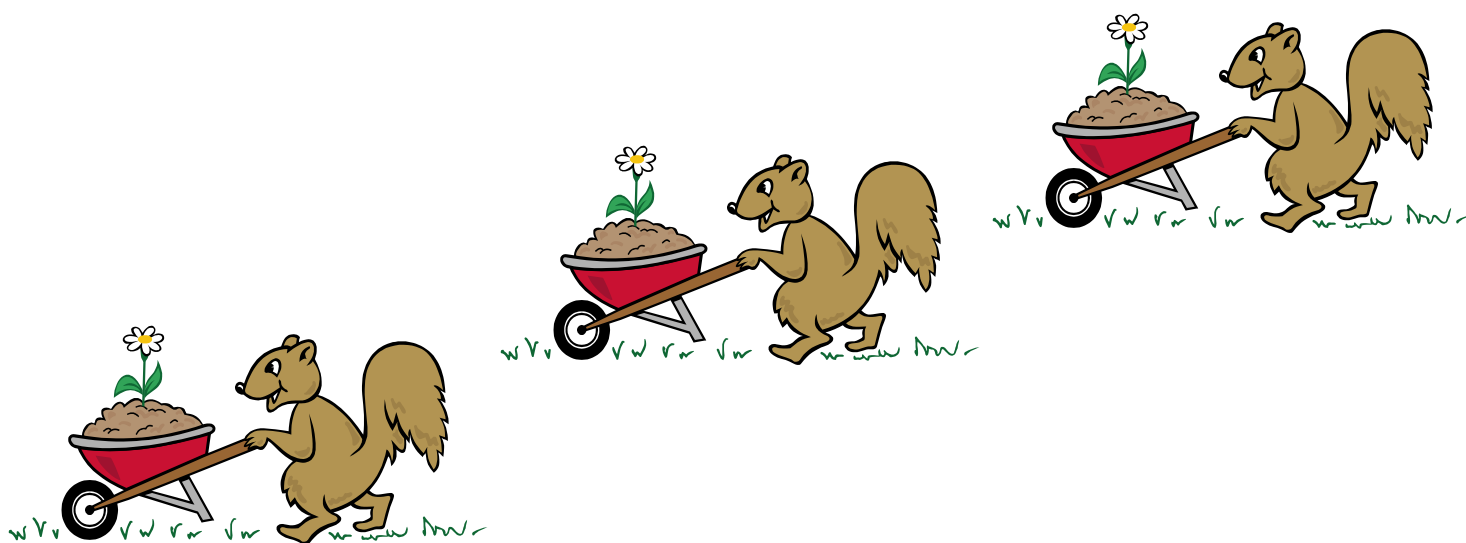
Profits **ASP and Youth Ministry**

Saturday, May 7th

8:00 am to NOON

Just in time for great Mother's Day gifts.

Come and browse through our 1000's of plants which have been hand dug and potted with care. We will have "gardening specialists" on site to help you purchase the right plants for the garden you have in mind. They will answer all your planting questions.



United Methodist Women News

The UMW has been very busy this year and last month was no exception. We have completed over 34 pillowcases that will be delivered to the United Methodist Children's Home in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Thank you to all the daytime ladies that did all the cutting and pinning and the night ladies that did the sewing and ironing. The children will be receiving some beautiful pillowcases along with puzzle books. We have been invited down to tour the facility and meet the children. Watch for a future article about our trip. We will be using the left-over material to make sun-dresses and boys shorts for children in Africa this fall. Keep an eye on the Mustard Seed and bulletin for those sewing dates.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the relief effort in Japan. The UMW wrote a check for \$200. Please keep the people of Japan in your prayers.

It's still not too late to get me your "Secret Pal" information. We will be drawing names at the Monday, May 9th meetings. If you are unable to attend either meeting don't worry. I will hand deliver your secret pal name to you by the 15th. Any questions about this fun club, just call.

Looking for bakers for the plant sale, UMW Bake Sale on Saturday, May 7th. Any kind of homemade goodie will do. You can drop them off Friday or early Saturday morning.

Mark your calendars!!! On Monday, September 12th, Sharon Schmitt will be giving a short presentation, followed by a video on the Kairos Prison Ministry. We will be serving refreshments also.

Remember the May 9th meeting is our last meeting till September.

Kim Nave, UMW President, 815-467-2199



Spirit Committee

Thank you everyone that prepared Fellowship treats for the month of March; Gail Stewart, Ruth Hanna, Chad and Susan Caiteux, Gail Chase. We really enjoyed them! We have lots of open slots for May and June for those of you who would like to sign up.

We prepared "Brain Food" baskets for our 9 college students in April. Finals can be a very stressful time. It's a great reminder that our church loves them, and wishes them well during this stressful and hectic time. THANK YOU everyone who donated to this ministry. Your generosity provided some very nice treats. You can see by their "thank you's" we've already started receiving!!

Spirit Committee, Maria Larabee, Chairperson

DAYBREAK NEWS, May 2011

Through the tender mercy of our God, the daybreak from on high will visit us to shine on those who wait in darkness. ~Luke 1:78

The Daybreak Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was last month, and several of our volunteers attended. It's always inspiring to see how many people work together to support the work of Daybreak.

The Missions & Social Concerns Committee has begun planning a summer church rummage sale with proceeds to go toward our mission work at Daybreak. As you do spring cleaning, please collect items to donate to the sale. Items may consist of children's clothing, shoes, toys and games, household items, seasonal decorations, knick-knacks, collectibles, costume jewelry, tools and exercise equipment. **Please don't drop anything off at the church until notice is given!**

The current needs at Daybreak include:

- ✦ NEW seasonal clothing items for men, women & children
- ✦ Men's & Women's deodorant
- ✦ Jeans for men, women & children
- ✦ Razors and shaving cream
- ✦ Back-packs/Board games for our upcoming back to school fair
- ✦ Sunscreen/Bug Spray
- ✦ Women's underwear
- ✦ Hair care products for African-Americans
- ✦ Body wash & lotion
- ✦ Baby wipes & diapers

Combs & brushes

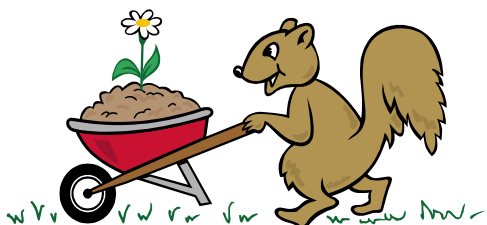
These items may be placed in the collection box in the narthex.

Thanks to all of you who continue to donate to this worthwhile ministry.

May God bless you richly, and may you in turn bless others.

Chris White

2011 Daybreak Coordinator



Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7th

8 am—noon

Scrip Card Program

How would you like to serve the church and raise approximately \$2000 a year for the church budget? We are currently in need of a person to lead the "Scrip Card Program." *With \$2000 we can pay for a year of snowplowing. With \$2000 we can pay for our Christian Ed Curriculum for a year. With \$2000 we can pay for the church's Rainbow Covenant. With \$2000 we can pay for worship expenses.* These are only a few of the many important expenses we have as a church that the money raised via the Scrip Program can help support. In addition, the amount that can be raised has no cap on it. **Do you feel called to be a leader and take on this important ministry?** You need not do it all yourself, just be the coordinator. Please contact Sue White, Finance Chair at 815-467-2961.

Finance Committee

Everyone needs a bit of encouragement from time to time. Thankfully we have the Bible as our source of encouraging words! Even in the midst of the "[financial crisis](#)" of our government we can remain hopeful and encouraged if we keep trusting in God. The more we soak up the truth of God's Word, the more assured we become that He really is going to take care of us! The important thing to remember in the midst of the chaos is that **God is in control**. We should put our trust in Him when things are going well as well as when it looks like everything is falling around us.

- "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." – **Phil 4:19**
- "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." **John 16:33**
- So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. **Isaiah 41:10**
- Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. **1 Peter 5:7**
I appreciate the financial support that each member and friend of the

Minooka United Methodist Church provides to do God's work. Any

assistance you can give to meet or exceed your pledge is greatly appreciated.

Suzanne White Finance Chair





Conduct yourselves...



so that...

they may



see your

honorable deeds and



glorify God.

1 Peter 2:12

Response to Our Christian Vows the month of March

Our Average attendance in MARCH	119
March Offering:	\$20,410
March Ridge Road Development Fund:	\$200

Summer is Coming!

Summer is coming and everybody gets busy going many directions. To help keep our general fund in good standing, it would certainly be appreciated if you could keep our church in your budget.

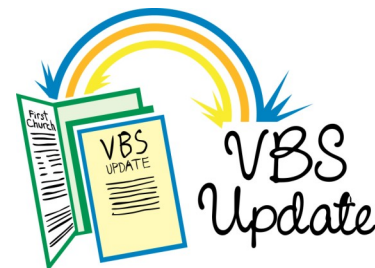
If you are a person that **pays your bills on the computer by the debit process** through your bank, did you know you can have your bank send a check for your offering to Minooka United Methodist Church? You can schedule your bank to send a check even if you do not use the computer to pay your bills. You can have the check scheduled to be sent even when you are unable to attend church. If you have any questions, please give me a call. Karen Crawshaw, Financial Secretary 815-467-1674



Come and enjoy our monthly breakfasts held the
 2nd Saturday
 of each month in the annex
 at 7:30 a.m.
 May 14th
 All men are invited!
 No reservations needed!
 Held in the annex.



Christian Education



Easter Egg Hunt - Thank you to all to helped with the Easter Egg Hunt and to all the families who attended. We had a great time watching the **Veggie Tales "Twas the Night Before Easter"** and coloring eggs together. The best part was the Easter Egg Hunt and hearing the Easter Story through the Resurrection Eggs.

Sunday School Children's Choir - The Children will sing on Sunday, May 22nd. All children will meet in the Sanctuary at 8:00 am to practice. Children will sit with their parents during the service. They will sing immediately after Children's time, then return to their parents for the rest of the service. There will be NO Children's Choir at 10:15 on this day!

Sunday School Theme Week - Show your spirit and earn a prize!!!. May 15th is Hawaiian Day!

Sunday School Update - Sunday, May 22nd will be the last day of regular Sunday School. After our Bible Lesson, we will have a field day if weather permits, so please dress appropriately. Summer Sunday School will begin on Sunday, June 5th. All children grades Pre-K through 5th will meet in the Annex from 10:45-11:45. Please mark your calendars.

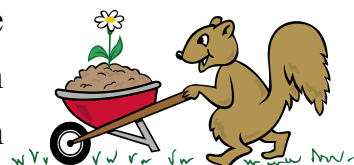
Teacher Appreciation Sunday - On May 22nd during the 9:00am service, we will honor our Sunday School teachers. Come and show your support to those who have dedicated their time to the children of our church.

VBS - We are still in need of many volunteers for Vacation Bible School. VBS is July 17th -22nd from 5:45-8:00pm. Please check your calendars and consider helping us with this Ministry. **If we do not have enough volunteers by May 22nd, we will have to cancel VBS for this Summer.**

If you have any questions or concerns about Christian Education and any of its Ministries, or if you are called to be part of our team, please contact Nicole Bishop at 815-467-5141 or Rudancin2@yahoo.com



Plant Sale
Saturday, May 7th
8 am—noon



Around the Parish

Congratulations to **Jerry Loch** and his fiancé ~ Pat Waynick. The happy couple is planning their wedding for June 18th, 2011. Best wishes to a very happy life together.

Krissy Stewart graduates on May 22nd from MCHS and will be attending Roosevelt University in Chicago for a BS degree in Biology, with intentions to attend pharmacy school.

Congratulations Gus & Caroline Alonso on the birth of their third daughter, **Maribel Louise**. Maribel was born Monday, April 18th, weighing 7 lbs 20 oz and 20 1/2 " long. Big sisters are Julian and Amelia. Best wishes on your third pink bundle.

Thank You's

Spirit Committee and Church, I just wanted to thank everyone at the church, especially the spirit committee, who helped to make the great boxes that went out to the college students, it is really nice to know that people are thinking of you. I love that there are noodles this time... I don't even have an excuse to leave my room to get food while I'm studying now! Thanks again, -Marty Zajac

From Taylor Hartman via text "Love my care package!" ISU



Mother's Day will never be the same again!

Calling all moms and motherly figures! Join us at Minooka United Methodist Church this Mother's Day (**Sunday, May 8**) for some special events! First, in the morning, our youth will be helping and leading in worship at both the 9 and 10:45 worship services. They will lead prayer, read scripture, as well as deliver the message for the day. Then, if you're a mom of a Jr. High or Sr. High youth, come back after your super sweet Mother's Day brunch (or whatever meal your family prepares for you) from **4-6pm** for the first annual youth fellowship

Mother's Day Invitational!

What is it? Moms and their kids (*Jr. High & Sr. High*) will pair up for games and activities that include an "around town" scavenger hunt, where they will take on other teams of moms and youth! Whose mom will reign supreme? You'll have to come and find out! So bring your mom or a motherly figure in your life (or adopt a "mom" for the day if you need to) and come for this fun holiday celebration!

Deacon Sharon





ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Sheri Glendinning
- 2 Ruth Casagrande
- 2 Nick Procter
- 2 James Reitz
- 6 Mark Bishop
- 6 Tracy Harvey
- 6 Louis Simios
- 6 Jim Zajac
- 7 Paula Goodwin
- 7 Violet Yunker
- 9 Eddie Eddy, Sr.
- 11 Cole Spencer
- 12 Dorothy Erickson
- 12 Jeff Spencer
- 14 Adrienne Hartman
- 16 Noah Kasmer
- 17 Zachary Beitler
- 17 Don Claybaugh
- 17 Jeanie Eddy
- 18 Karen Larson
- 19 Tred Gunderson
- 21 Jacob Glendinning
- 21 Jolyn Lamping
- 21 Sara Tredennick
- 22 Mary Zajac
- 23 Gail Stewart
- 25 Brandon Bullifin
- 25 Molly Hanley
- 28 John Glendinning
- 28 Doug Lockwood
- 28 Bob Watkins
- 29 Mary Claybaugh
- 30 Jayme McGehee
- 30 Jen Simios

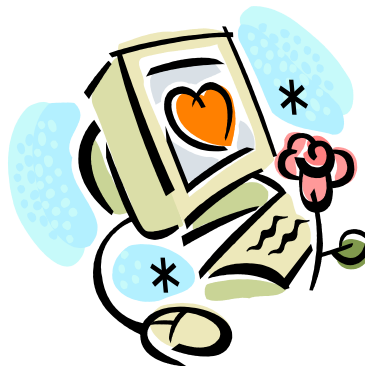
- 5 Darioush & Kristen Ehteshami-Afshar
- 12 Harry & Ruth Casagrande
- 12 Jim & Lorain Clausen
- 18 John & Kim Nave
- 29 Paul & Paula Goodwin

Graduations

Please send me all your news about graduations. Preschool, grade school, high school, college, masters! We want to celebrate them all in our June Mustard Seed. Email, write it down, call the church. I'll make sure it gets into the newsletter. Thanks, Adrienne Hartman

GARAGE SALE

Start gathering your donations for a huge garage sale in July. All proceeds will go to meals provided by Minooka UMC at Daybreak. We will start collecting items in June. Watch the bulletin and the June Mustard Seed for more information.



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E-mail is preferred, but not required. Please direct any questions to Adrienne Hartman, editor.

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May 7th Plant Sale



May 8th Mother's Day



May 22nd Last day of regular Sunday School

May 30th Memorial Day Observance
(Office Closed)

