

Questions & Answers About Minnehaha United Methodist Church

Q: Who do I talk to if I have questions about the church?

A: If you have a general question, talk to Becky (Minister), Scott Gruenhagen (Council Chair) or Dean Ammerman (Lay Leader). If you have a question about the building or the solar panels, talk to Chris Kramer (Chair of Trustees). If you have a question about programs for children, youth and/or families, talk to Jenia Strom (Program Director of Children, Youth and Families). If you have a question about music in the church, talk to Alex Rack (Choir Director), Anders Nelson (Organist), Josh Espinosa or Tim Siefkes (Second Service Band Leaders).

Q: How do I get something in the bulletin or the newsletter or eNews or Facebook or the website?

A: Our office manager Heather Klein is in charge of the Sunday bulletin as well as the newsletter and eNews. The Communications committee handles the website and social media. Tanya Ketcham is the chair of Communications. If you have a specific request, there's an Event Media Form on the website in the Forms tab in the black bar at the top; you can fill that out and give it to Tanya or Heather.

Q: I'd like to be part of a small group. How do I go about doing that?

A: Talk to Pastor Becky. She'll get you connected.

Q: How do I volunteer at the church?

A: Just go to the person in charge of an event and say, "I'd like to volunteer." For example, if you want to volunteer at our MinneHarvest food mission, show up at 7:00 a.m. (to help unload the truck) or 9:00 a.m. (to help clients with food) on the fourth Saturday of the month and say, "I'd like to volunteer." If you'd like to be a greeter or an usher or make coffee on Sunday mornings, talk to any greeter or usher. Say, "I'd like to do what you're doing. Can I help?"

Q: I'd like to sing in the Chancel Choir but I'm not sure I'm good enough.

A: Talk to Alex Rack our Choir Director. He's always looking for new singers for the choir. He'll work with you so you'll be the best singer you can be.

Q: What's an easy way to get to know others at church?

A: Wednesday Night Dinners are a good way to meet a mix of people of all ages. It's in the Fellowship Hall during the fall, winter and spring (not the summer) from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Just go through the food line and then sit down at a table with an open seat and introduce yourself. Other ways are to join the choir, go to the winter retreat (end of January), volunteer to be on a committee, volunteer to work at the Food Shelf or MinneHarvest food missions, go to the Faith Forums between services, look for upcoming events like hikes or Lenten meals or the Advent party, and more. Check the newsletter, the website and the calendar on the website for upcoming events.

Q: Why should I pledge to the church?

A: Your pledge is a way to take ownership of what goes on at Minnehaha, and to financially support the staff, missions and programs of the church. Your pledge also helps us put together an accurate budget for the year so we'll have a better idea of all the good things we can do in the future.

Q: I'd like to get married at Minnehaha United Methodist Church. How do I go about that?

A: Go to the church website. At the top of the page you'll see a black bar. Click on the Wedding/Funeral tab and look through the Wedding Guide, Fee Schedule and Wedding Form. Or talk to Pastor Becky.