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Our Mission: To lead people to Jesus and help them grow as disciples.

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From John,

There is a very encouraging report about the finances of our church. Thank you for your generous support of Mahomet United Methodist Church. Our current financial status can be attributed to one thing, faithfulness. This is **our faithfulness in responding to God's grace and blessings**, by being good stewards of what God has entrusted to us. It is also the faithfulness of our leadership, who have been good stewards of what is entrusted to them. We do not take your gifts and offerings lightly or for granted.

Our finances have been helped by a reduction in pastoral staff, conference appointments, and insurance costs. The **other part of the equation is our members and friends' faithful giving**. We know you give to see your church make a difference. Stated another way, that **transformation happens in people's lives, in our community, and our world**. Our faithful giving in response to the needs of this world sends this message.

Our giving sends a message endorsing more ministry and mission at Mahomet United Methodist Church, as we follow Jesus Christ. The blessings of faith in our lives should mean more people finding faith and its blessings. The growth of ministry and mission means more lives will be changed.

For some it means reducing suffering; for some, finding a relationship with God; for some, a relationship with a fellowship of disciples; for some, acceptance and encouragement; for all, growing in discipleship.

Let us initially be about ministry and mission that transforms. As we are about this, let everything else serve this purpose. Whether it is how we staff our church, how we equip our church, what our church looks like - let our choices serve this purpose: More ministry and mission that changes lives because we have been first loved by God.

It is a good time, it is a special time to be among those who follow Jesus Christ at Mahomet United Methodist Church.

Thank you.



SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

February 18, 7 pm

Ash Wednesday begins the observance of the Lenten season. It is a time of preparation for celebrating Easter. This year Lent begins on February 18 and goes to Easter on April 5. Our Ash Wednesday service helps us begin this season in a worshipful spirit.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 1

COMMUNION SUNDAY

- Blood Pressure checks 9:30 am-noon
- Fellowship feast at noon
- Helping Hands Food Drive
- Diaper Tree Drive

Saturday, February 14, 6 pm

VALENTINE'S DINNER

Wednesday, February 16

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
for President's day

Wednesday, February 18, 7 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Sunday February 22

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Tuesday, February 24

MAHOMET SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB

Potluck followed by Music by PS100



W.O.W WONDERFUL OUTREACH WEDNESDAYS

Watch Us Grow

W.O.W. is going well and we would love to see it GROW. We are looking for more people to participate in W.O.W. There are opportunities to be involved - helping with the children/youth, participating in the parent/caregiver networking support group, or joining a bible study. A free dinner is offered at 5:30 pm and activities are from 6-7 pm. Once a month, we have a whole group activity/craft or movie night.

From the Finance Committee

December is usually a very positive month for MUMC finances and 2014 did not disappoint. Unrestricted revenue for the month totaled \$79,485 and unrestricted expenses were \$33,450 for a net gain of just over \$46,000. The Christmas offering provided \$6,621 and is being distributed to the three selected charities. Unrestricted revenue for calendar year 2014 was \$461,263 and expenses were \$356,718. The finance committee is very grateful for the generous contributions provided by our congregation in December and throughout 2014!

ALTAR FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORS NEEDED FOR 2015

BULLETINS

February 1, 8, 15, 22
March 1, 15, 29
April 26
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
June 7, 21, 28
August 30
October 11
December 6, 20
Christmas Eve – 5&11, 7 pm

FLOWERS

February 1, 8
April 12
May 17, 24
June 21
August 23, 30
September 6, 13,

- Sign-up sheets are on the Welcome Center, or call or email the office to sign up (586-2147, mumc@mumc.org).
- Each sponsorship is \$20. Make checks to Mahomet UMC. Indicate "Flowers" or "Bulletin" in the memo line.

Valentines Dinner
February 14th 6 pm
\$15/person
All proceeds go toward our Mission Team.
Come share a charming evening with a special someone while enjoying a mouth-watering ribeye dinner, lovely music, and fellowship.
Childcare available

2015 Intergenerational Mission Trip Get ready!

- Where: Applachian Mountains in TN/VA
- When: June 21 - June 27, 2015
- Cost is \$100/person
- The trip is open to anyone who would like to participate!
- Stay tuned for more information.

New Member Orientation

New Member Orientation with Rev. McIntosh will be on Sunday, February 15 at noon in the Library. We will share about United Methodism and the life of this United Methodist Church. If you are considering membership, if you would like to learn more, if you have questions, please come. This is not required for **membership. We'd like to think it's helpful. Please** contact Rev. McIntosh at 217-586-2147 or jmcintosh@mumc.org.

Worship Attendance Figures for January, 2015			
	8:30 am	10:45 am	Total
Jan. 4	94	63	157
Jan. 11	118	79	197
Jan. 18	111	67	178
Jan. 25	108	55	163
Jan. Total	431	264	695



THANK YOU

Thank you church family for the wonderful Christmas bag of cards, good wishes and goodies given to Mom at Christmas time. She enjoyed it all. It is gratifying to know we are part of such a caring congregation.

Thanks again,

Barbara Rusk and Mava Herbst

Thank you to our church friends for your support through cards, kind words and food following the death of our father, Paul Parnell. You are greatly appreciated.

The Family of Paul Parnell

Thank you to our Church family who put together the **Christmas project to remember we "shut ins" that cannot get to** the church by providing cards, goodies, etc., and the friendly members who delivered the package and visited with us last week. This is really a much appreciated reminder of just how fortunate we are to have all of you as friends who have us on your minds. Bless you all and wishing all a wonderful 2015!

Steve Parker

Thank you to my beloved church family for the wonderful Christmas bag of goodies. It was such a delight!

Imogene James

Thank you all for the Christmas surprises. These are the biggest words we know to say to the card writers, the candy and mix bag stuffers, the caramel and cookie makers and all of the other fun goodies providers.

Thank you our church friends. God Bless Us, Every One.

Norma & Ed Lotz

Dear Friends at MUMC,

Thank you so much for the gifts we received for Christmas. We enjoyed each thing. The individual gifts, the cards, and the thoughts and prayers we received were so appreciated. The meal you delivered was great. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and your generosity.

Most sincerely, with all our love and prayers,

Peggy and Hubert Prah

Dear Friends,

I appreciate the wonderful bag of treats I received from you.

Thank you very much,

Nadine Cook

To all of you who sent Christmas cards,

It was a big bundle! Thank you so much. I miss seeing all of you, and wish you a Merry Christmas and a great New Year.

Thelma Labhart

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all of the many loving things you have done for us: delicious food brought to the house, cards, calls, visits, the Christmas bags, flowers, and most of all your prayers. We are in Bridle Brook but hope to return to our home in a couple months. God bless you for all your kindnesses.

Norma & Dannie Tharp

Thank you to all who sent notes or cards to us in our **Christmas packet and then did the same after Ken's death** on Dec. 23. I appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Martha Sivier

Thank you for including us in the Christmas bag deliveries with cards, snacks, and books. It was a big surprise and we greatly appreciated it. Thanks to all of you that participate in this wonderful program.

Marilyn & John Mohr

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the following families. Please keep them all in your prayers.

- Teresa Hasken and Mike Helfrich following the death of **Teresa's mother**.
 - Bill Wilkinson and family following the death of his brother Richard.
 - The family of Kenneth Sivier who passed away Dec.23.
 - Amy Roberts and family following the death of her father last week.
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CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations go out to:

- Kaiden Marshall Wilson, son of Neil and Lindsay Wilson, who received Holy Baptism on Sunday, January 25. Grand parents are Bernie and Connie Hinkle and Steve and Michele Wilson



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW Cookie Walk and Bazaar Update

In appreciation for all of the support UMW received at the Cookie Walk, Goodies Sale and sale of pillows, we want to share with you the totals earned, as well as how UMW plans to use those proceeds. With your help, UMW earned \$2,147.45 to be used toward their mission-oriented 2015 budget of \$3,600. More specifically, the following budget items will be funded with those earnings:

One other budget item of \$365.00 is for Bibles given to our

- \$ 850.00 Pledge to Missions
(Mahomet's contribution toward the UMW world wide mission efforts.)
 - 200.00 **Cunningham Children's Home**
 - 100.00 Ganta United Methodist Hospital in Liberia
 - 100.00 Mahomet UMC Mission Team
 - 400.00 Mahomet Helping Hands
 - 150.00 May Breakfast Expense
(Annual breakfast to which all women of our church and nearby UMW units are invited)
 - 150.00 UMW Reading Program
(All women of the church are invited to join one of the groups.)
 - 150.00 Tray favors for Champaign County Nursing Home
(100 favors are created and delivered to the **nursing home for Valentine's Day, Easter, July 4th, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.**)
 - 50.00 Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House in East St. Louis
(A Methodist supported program to assist both children and elderly)
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- \$ 2150.00

Sunday School students and books given as gifts to our graduates. The Pat Campbell Memorial Fund donated to UMW is used to purchase those items each year.

We are grateful to all of the bakers and all who donated special food items and craft items and helped in any way. Special thanks go to the Monday Mission group who sewed all the pillows and created the jewelry. Thank you!

We would welcome all ladies who would like to join us in our mission work and share in our fellowship.

WOMEN'S READING CIRCLES



The Thursday Reading Circle will meet on February 12 at 1:30 pm. We will be discussing *A Twist of Faith: An American Christian's Quest to Help Orphans in Africa*, written

by John Donnelly. *A Twist of Faith* is the story of one man, who despite personal struggles, a profound cultural gap, the corruption of local officials, and the heartbreak of losing an orphan he comes to love, saves himself by saving others in a place nothing like home. The Sunday Reading Circle will not be meeting in February.

In March the reading groups will be reading and discussing *The Wedding Dress*, by Rachel Hauck. This is a story of a 100-year old wedding dress and the brides that have worn it. It is a story that makes one wonder about God's intervention in our lives.

If you love reading and discussing what you read with others, please join us on the second Thursday afternoon or second Sunday evening each month. Contact us at mumc@mumc.org for more information.

February UMW Meeting


Date: Thursday, February 5
Time: 1 pm
Devotions and Program: Sheryle Carpenter
"Call to Prayer and Self Denial"
Hostess: Cindy Dodd

February Joanna Circle

Date: Thursday, February 19
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Library
Devotions and Program: Sheryle Carpenter
"Call to Prayer and Self Denial"
Hostess: Sandi Yarnell



FEBRUARY 2015 CALENDAR



5:00 pm Children's Choir (Grades 2-5)
 5:30 pm Dinner
 6:00 pm Group Time for Children
 6:00 pm Two Adult Bible Studies & a Parents Group

SUNDAY, 2/1 – Communion Sunday
 8:30 am Worship; 9:30 am - Noon Blood Pressure Checks; 9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages; 10:45 am Worship with Praise Band; Noon Fellowship Feast; 4 pm Weight Loss and Health Group; 5 pm AA; 6 pm Sr. High Youth; 7 pm Disciple Bible Study

MONDAY, 2/2 – 1 pm Mission Mondays; 6 pm Mission Team; 7 pm Discipleship Team

TUESDAY, 2/3 – 6:30 pm Wesley Bells; 7 pm AA; 7 pm AI Anon; 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 2/4 – W.O.W. (See shaded box for schedule)

THURSDAY, 2/5 – 8:30 am Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; 1 pm UMW; 7 pm Staff-Parish Relations

SATURDAY, 2/7 – Noon AA

SUNDAY, 2/8 – 8:30 am Worship; 9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages; 10:45 am Worship with Praise Band; 4 pm Weight Loss and Health Group; 5 pm AA; 6 pm Sr. High Youth; No Sunday Reading Circle; 7 pm Disciple Bible Study

MONDAY, 2/9 – 1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 2/10 – 6:30 pm Wesley Bells; 7 pm AA; 7 pm AI Anon; 7 pm Finance; 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 2/11 – W.O.W. (See shaded box for schedule)

THURSDAY, 2/12 – 8:30 am Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; 1:30 pm Thursday Reading Circle; 7 pm Church Council

SATURDAY, 2/14 – Noon AA; 6 pm Valentine Dinner

SUNDAY, 2/15 – 8:30 am Worship; 9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages; 10:45 am Worship with Praise Band; 4 pm Weight Loss and Health Group; 5 pm AA; 6 pm Sr. High Youth; 7 pm Disciple Bible Study

MONDAY, 2/16 – Office Closed for President's Day; 1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 2/17 – 6:30 pm Wesley Bells; 7 pm AA; 7 pm AI Anon; 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 2/18 – 7pm Ash Wednesday Service; W.O.W. (See shaded box for schedule)

THURSDAY, 2/19 – 8:30 am Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; 7 pm Joanna Circle

FRIDAY, 2/20 - Noon *Circuit Rider* Deadline;

SATURDAY, 2/21 – Noon AA

SUNDAY, 2/22 – 8:30 am Worship; 9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages; 10:45 am Worship with Praise Band; 4 pm Weight Loss and Health Group; 5 pm AA; 6 pm Sr. High Youth; 7 pm Disciple Bible Study

MONDAY, 2/23 – 1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 2/24 – Noon Mahomet Senior Citizen's Club Potluck - PS100 is singing; 6:30 pm Wesley Bells; 7 pm AA; 7 pm AI Anon; 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 2/25 – W.O.W. (See shaded box for schedule)

THURSDAY, 2/26 – 8:30 am Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant

SATURDAY, 2/28 – Noon AA




Food Drive Donations


will be taken Sunday, February 1st in the Foyer. All non-perishable food items can be placed in the grocery cart and will be used to help members of our community!

Diaper Tree Drive Donations

will be taken Sunday, February 1st in the Foyer. Donations of ointments, diapers, and wipes are greatly needed and appreciated..



Our Fellowship Feast Sunday, Feb. 1st



Baked Ham
 Mac & Cheese
 Mixed Veggies

Orange Salad
 Cookies

After dinner cleanup is needed and appreciated!



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Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; Fri., 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Sunday Worship

8:30 am Traditional Worship

10:45 am Contemporary Worship

Sunday Schedule

9:30 & 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship

9:45 am Sunday School/Discipleship Hour for All Ages

Church Staff

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Carrie Roberts, Nursery Co-Coordinator

Ciara Duitsman, Nursery Co-Coordinator

Marty Butts, Custodian

Sunday Schedule

8:30 am Worship

9:30 am Fellowship

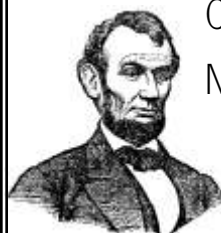
9:45 am Discipleship time for all ages

10:30 am Fellowship

10:45 am Worship with praise band

4:00 pm Weight Loss & Health Group

7:00 pm Disciple Bible Study



Church Office Closed
Monday, February 16
President's Day



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