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

From John,

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What if Lent were all year? Humor me on this. What if we gave up some things for 365 days instead of forty? What if we focused our lives on moving closer to God and being better people all year? What if it was always a time of looking forward to the Good News of the Resurrection?

Certainly, we would look long and hard on what we **would give up for Lent. It wouldn't be forty days of denial** when we playfully give up favorite things (think chocolate or coffee). We would aim at things that the absence of would really make a difference, that would make us healthier people. Maybe it would be things that are distasteful to us, yet we have not yet set ourselves free from these bad habits. Maybe we would work out a more balanced pattern; like chocolate once a week with friends, one cup of coffee in the morning to celebrate the new day.

Something that comes with discipline and sacrifice is a sense of mastery over oneself and our whims. A more disciplined and methodical life moves us closer to God in each day; with prayer, reading the Scriptures, private and public worship of God, and some act that changes lives in **Jesus' name. Certainly, Jesus gave the example.**

We would need to find the support of like-minded people to help us fulfill this year-round Lent. They would encourage us, pray for us, celebrate our growing faith **and healthier lives. They would be there for "coffee hour" and "chocolate day."**

How would it be to spend each day on the cusp of Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection? Could we sense that every defeat would become a victory, every hurt would be healed, every death starts a new life? Could we then live with the confidence of those who know that God writes the final chapter of our lives with love?

If Lent was all year, it would mean a disciplined life of faith, a life in a progression towards God, a hopeful life. Most accomplishments in life that we value came through a conscious, disciplined effort that involved giving up something. It might have been time, energy, effort, or resources in a disciplined and sacrificial way.

That's what most of us value — what we made some sacrifice to have or achieve. Seek this hopeful life, close to God. **Hold nothing back. It's worth our all.**

Thanks for humoring me. Happy chocolate day.

From the Church Council

Our church council will be looking at a survey of the demographics of our community. This, and a **Bible Study based on the gospel of Matthew's call of the fisherman and the Great Commission**, will inform a **review of our church's mission statement. Everyone** will have an opportunity to engage in the review of the mission statement.

Our mission statement should then direct what we are about and how we do ministry. The allocation of resources that is staff time, money and facilities — will be directed for fulfilling our mission statement. The criteria for our choices should be based on accomplishing our mission. Managing our church to achieve our mission offers us a healthy, promising future.

Will our mission statement change? Probably, but not drastically. The mission statement for the **United Methodist Church is to "Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World."** Local churches provide the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs. Ours will likely be similar, not identical.

You are welcome to share your thoughts. A written note or email to Rev. John McIntosh (jmcintosh@mumc.org) would be most effective. Then it can be passed on and shared. Please read and consider these Matthew passages, 4:18-22 and 28:16-20.



Grief Workshop & Memorial Service

A grief workshop and memorial service is scheduled for Sunday, March 8 at 4 pm in the Prayer Room. We will talk and share about grief and the grieving process. A service to remember those we have lost will follow. Rev. McIntosh will lead this program.



W.O.W WONDERFUL OUTREACH WEDNESDAYS

For those new to our church, our W.O.W. Program is designed to bring families together and promote an atmosphere of camaraderie. This program is for the entire community, so bring a friend or neighbor. For those who have come in the past, look forward to new events as we aspire to build our program.

April 1st will be an Eggstra-ordinary W.O.W. Family Fun Night



This early Easter celebration will feature egg-citing activities, crafts, and games, including Easter egg dyeing and Pin-the-Tail-on-the-Bunny. A free dinner is offered at 5:30 pm and activities will begin at 6 pm.

Hop our way and share some Family Fun on this special evening!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 1

COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

Sunday, March 8, 4 pm

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 14, 5:30 pm

WILD GAME & FISH FEAST

Wednesday, March 25

NO WOW PROGRAM THIS EVENING
SCHOOL SPRING BREAK

Tuesday, March 24, noon

MAHOMET SENIOR CITIZEN'S CLUB

Potluck followed by Bingo

Sunday, March 29

PALM SUNDAY

Thursday, April 2, 7 pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Friday, April 3, 7 pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Sunday, April 5, 7 am, 8:30 am, & 10:45 am

EASTER SUNDAY & COMMUNION SUNDAY



- Saturday, March 14
- 5:30-7:30 pm, Mahomet UMC, Free childcare
- Dinner (\$10 donation)
- Entertainment by **MIDDLETOWN STRING BAND**
- Book Sale
- Call or email with questions
(217-586-2147, mumc@mumc.org)

*PLEASE BRING IN YOUR USED
BOOKS FOR THE BOOK SALE*

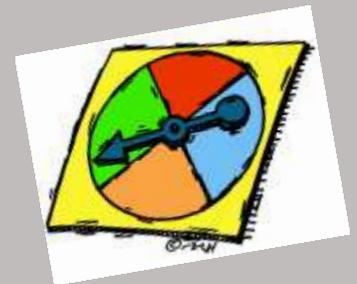


Thank you for supporting our Mission Team

Are You Game?

Join us for our 3rd Annual Wild Game and Fish Feast. Many tasty wild tidbits will be served as well as fried fish for the less adventuresome:

- Fried Fish Filets
 - Venison Chili
 - Sloppy Does
 - Italian Beast
 - Gator Bites
 - Frog Bits
 - Clam Dip
 - Bear Tacos
 - Bison Sliders
 - Pheasant Wild Rice
 - Herb-Roasted Dove
 - Smoked Mahomet Bison Tongue
 - Alaskan Wild Salmon Baked Filets
 - Salmon Dip
 - Venison Breakfast Links
 - Trout Mousse
 - Pheasant a l'Orange
- More to be added!





We Need Help!!!!

Our “core” chancel choir is a mighty and dedicated group of singers. However, with so many health problems, snow birds, and members relocating, our numbers are dropping **drastically! Won't you help us?**

We have a wonderful time not only praising the Lord with our voices, but also knitting a close relationship **between each other. You don't have to be an operatic soloist, you just need to love to sing and come to church on Sunday mornings — oops, you also need to come to rehearsals on Tuesday nights at 7:30-8:30, but those are the fun times! Help us sing our praises through the upcoming Lenten and Easter season.**



Children's Choir

Have you heard our wonderful group of young singers? They are truly amazing and dedicated musicians who meet from 5:00-5:30 on Wednesday afternoons (right before WOW). We currently have five members but would love to add more. All girls *and* boys are always welcome.

If you have a child who loves to sing, from 2nd grade to 5th grade, bring them to our rehearsals. You are welcome to stay with them if they are shy. Sometimes we sing at the traditional service and sometimes we sing at the contemporary service, usually once a month.

Dear Friends:

We want to thank you for your donation to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in the amount of \$214.00.

The work at the MMDC continues to go well and the volunteers are busy with preparation of cleaning buckets and **health kits, sewing school bags and children's hospital gowns, filling school bags, and prepared mailings.** Your gift will allow this work to continue.

In Christ,

Pat Wright, Executive Director

Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). 100% of your contribution will go to Disaster Response, International Advance, Ebola Liberia.

Your gift received on 12/31/14 of \$2020.07 is quick response to meet emergency needs around the world. Thank you for **joining with us to “Be Hope” to those who desperately need it.**

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes, General Treasure, UMCOR

From the Finance Committee

MUMC unrestricted revenue was \$29,761 versus expenses of \$28,998 for the month of January for a net positive outcome of \$763. The Finance Committee is **grateful for your faithful response to God's blessings.** Thank you and may God continue to bless you and our beloved church.

Worship Attendance Figures for February, 2015

	8:30 am	10:45 am	Total
Feb. 1	66	63	129
Feb. 8	159	65	224
Feb. 15	100	71	171
Feb. 22	99	75	174
Feb. Total	424	274	698

CIRCUIT RIDER DEADLINE
Friday, March 20 at noon



THANK YOU

To the meal planners, grocery shoppers, CHEFS, servers, bakers, delivery people, cleaner-**uppers** ... Thank You Very Much!

Whether for Fellowship Feast or W.O.W., your time and your talents are appreciated. You help nourish our bodies and the fellowship of our church.

Bless each and everyone of you. We dare not try to name everyone, but God knows you and He is happy.

Rick & Carol Swearingen

Here it's the middle of February, and I'm just now writing a thank you note for Christmas. This note is long overdue. The bag of goodies and cards were so thoughtful. All of you have been so great with food, prayer shawls, lap warmer, calls and **visits since I've been here. Sometimes I get to see you when** you come visit someone else or are getting your hair done. Thanks again for everything. May God be with all of you.

In God we Trust,

Alma Pugh

IN SYMPATHY

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

Keith Zimmerman and family following the loss of wife and mother Bobbie on February 7.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations go out to:

- Jim and Vicki Smith on the birth of their grandson, Samuel James Nilles, born January 21, 2015 in Honolulu, HI. Parents are John & Melissa (Smith) Nilles.



FROM THE PARISH NURSE

Four Things Your Aging Parent Needs Most

Assuming the parents have the basics needs of a place to live, food to eat, financial resources and safety from physical harm, you might consider focusing on other needs that can help improve their quality of life.

1. They need to be included in the family:
 - a. To help keep them maintain a sense of purpose.
 - b. They need to love and be loved.
 - c. Reminisce with them to allow a review of their lives.
2. Treat them respectfully:
 - a. Listen closely, recognize their wishes.
 - b. They have the right to live independently if mentally and physically capable.
 - c. **As long as parents are of "sound mind", their decision should be respected.**
 - d. Family meetings can be used to express opinions and concerns.
3. Offer to help handle health issues:
 - a. Offer to help sort through medical test and treatments with explanations and support.

- b. Offer to help understand the many different coverage issues of Medicare and insurance.
 - c. If a parent becomes confused, you may need to become the advocate.
4. They need to stay connected socially, intellectually and spiritually:
 - a. Social activities, hobbies, intellectual pursuits, optimism, humor and a spiritual base help individuals stay healthier, recover faster, live longer and generally enjoy life more.
 - b. Gently encourage their spiritual life whenever possible.

An adult child of an aging parent can never predict the future, ward off every disease or danger, or stop the normal aging process from happening, but you can accept and work within the reality of the situation, and lovingly consider the needs of your parent. Respect the grief process that is ongoing with your aging parents. They may be grieving the diminishment or loss of the dreams of their youth, physical mobility, purpose in the family, financial productivity, career fulfillment, and perhaps even a loss of connection to reality. Pray each day for acceptance, patience and gratitude. The rest is in **God's hands**.

Reference: "CareNotes" by Christine A. Adams



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

March 5

The regular meeting of the UMW afternoon group will be held **Thursday, March 5 at 1:00 pm. This month's speaker** will be Kay McCoy, the Shepherdess from the UMW Iroquois District Council. There will also be a vote for this **year's recipient of the Special Mission Recognition Pin.** The hostess for this meeting will be Marilyn Mohr. We would like to invite all of the women in our church to join our group.

March 19

Joanna Circle will meet Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 pm. The group will be creating tray favors for Bridle Brook and Glenwood residents that evening. In addition, the **group will vote on this year's recipient of the Special Mission Recognition Pin.** The hostess for this meeting is Janet Thompson. We welcome all women of the church to join us.

UMW DISTRICT MEETING

The Iroquois River District UMW will hold their spring meeting Saturday, March 14, 2015 at Danville First United Methodist Church. Representatives from our church will be attending the meeting. As part of these meetings, collections are taken for two of the United **Methodist Church's mission projects. Cunningham Children's Home and Lessie Bates Davis are programs** set up to help troubled children, and the poor and down-trodden in our area. We will be collecting the following items to take with us to this meeting and to these two deserving programs:

Cunningham Children's Home needs Men's (not boys) underwear or gift cards from stores and fast food places in Champaign-Urbana.

Lessie Bates Davis needs shampoo, deodorant, and erasers for their mission programs.

We will place a collection box for these items in the church office. If you wish to help support these missions, you can bring the items to the church any time before March 14. We appreciate all of the past support our congregation has given to these ministries.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION PIN

Special Mission Recognition is one way United Methodist Women honor a person for their special service and contributions to UMW and to missions. Mahomet UMW

began honoring members in 1991. Selection begins each year when each UMW and Joanna Circle member submits a ballot with the name of their nominee for that **year's honor. A committee of past recipients of the Special Mission Recognition Pin** count the ballots. Then, the name of the honoree, along with a gift for missions in her/his honor, is forwarded through UMW channels. At the September UMW meeting, the honoree is announced and presented with a certificate and gold pin. The honoree is also recognized at UMW Sunday.

WOMEN'S READING CIRCLES

The Sunday Reading Circle will meet on March 8 at 6 pm and the Thursday Reading Circle will meet on March 12 at 1:30 pm. Both groups meet in the Church prayer room. We will be 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.



In April, the reading groups will be reading and discussing *Kisses from Katie*, by Katie Davis — the *New York Times* bestselling account of a courageous eighteen-year-old from Nashville who gave up every comfort and convenience to become the adoptive mother to thirteen girls in Uganda.

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.

March UMW Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 1
Time: 1 pm
Devotions and Program: Kay McCoy
Hostess: Marilyn Mohr

March Joanna Circle

Date: Thursday, February 19
Time: 7:00 pm
Program: Tray favors for Bridle Brook/Glenwood and May Breakfast planning
Hostess & Devotions: Janet Thompson



MARCH 2015 CALENDAR



W.O.W.
WONDERFUL
OUTREACH
WEDNESDAYS

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, 3/1 – 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, 3/2 – 1 pm Mission Mondays; 6 pm Mission Team; 7 pm Discipleship Team

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

WEDNESDAY, 3/4 – W.O.W. (See shaded box for schedule)

THURSDAY, 3/5 – 8:30 am **Women's** Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; 1 pm UMW; 7 pm Staff-Parish Relations

SATURDAY, 3/7 – Noon AA

SUNDAY, 3/8 - 8:30 am Worship; 9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages; 10:45 am Worship with Praise Band; 4 pm Grief

Workshop; 4 pm Weight Loss and Health Group; 5 pm AA; 6 pm Sr. High Youth; 6 pm Sunday Reading Circle; 7 pm Disciple Bible Study

MONDAY, 3/9 – 1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 3/10 – 6:30 pm Wesley Bells; 7 pm AA; 7 pm AI Anon; 7 pm Finance; 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 3/11 – W.O.W. (See shaded box for schedule)

THURSDAY, 3/12 – 8:30 am **Women's** Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; 1:30 pm Thursday Reading Circle; 6 pm Memorial Committee; 7 pm Church Council

SATURDAY, 3/14 – Noon AA; 5:30-7:30 pm Wild Game & Fish Feast

SUNDAY, 3/15 – 8:30 am Worship; 9:45 am Sunday School for All Ages; 10:45 am Worship with Praise Band; 1:30-3 pm Church Council; 4 pm Weight Loss and Health Group; 5 pm AA; 6 pm Sr. High Youth; 7 pm Disciple Bible Study

MONDAY, 3/16 – 1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 3/17 – 6:30 pm Wesley Bells; 7 pm AA; 7 pm AI Anon; 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 3/18 – W.O.W. (See shaded box for schedule)

THURSDAY, 3/19 – 8:30 am **Women's** Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; 7 pm Joanna Circle; 7 pm Trustees

FRIDAY, 3/20 - Noon *Circuit Rider* Deadline;

SATURDAY, 3/21 – Noon AA

SUNDAY, 3/22 – 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, 3/23 – 1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 3/24 – Noon Mahomet Senior **Citizen's Club Potluck** - Bingo; 6:30 pm Wesley Bells; 7 pm AA; 7 pm AI Anon; 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 3/25 – NO W.O.W. (Spring Break)

THURSDAY, 3/26 – 8:30 am **Women's** Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant

SATURDAY, 3/28 – Noon AA

SUNDAY, 3/29 - Palm Sunday 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, 3/30 – 1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 3/31 – 6:30 pm Wesley Bells; 7 pm AA; 7 pm AI Anon; 7:30 pm Chancel Choir



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



Missions is in need of hunting decorations for the Wild Game & Fish Feast, such as fishing poles, duck decoys, nets, camouflage, tackle boxes, etc. If you have, something they can borrow, please label it and drop it off in the office by March 12th.

Thank You!



Fellowship Feast
Sunday, March 1st at Noon

Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Sliced Peaches
Dessert

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

Rev. John McIntosh, Pastor ~ jmcintosh@mumc.org

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Erika Mennig, Choir Director

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

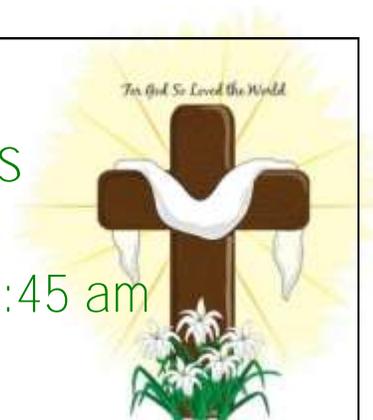
4:00 pm Weight Loss & Health Group

7:00 pm Disciple Bible Study

Easter Services

April 5

7:00, 8:30, & 10:45 am



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