

The Circuit Rider

Sharing the Good News in Mahomet Since 1843

Mahomet United Methodist Church

Ash Wednesday



Wednesday, March 5th

6:30 pm



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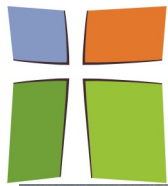
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Mahomet UMC Happenings

**LENTEN
BIBLE STUDY**

THE WAY
BY ADAM HAMILTON

Journey through
the Life & Ministry
of Jesus Christ

Mondays @ 6:30 pm
Starting March 10th

Sign up at the Narthax Table at church;
Call the office at 217-586-2147; or
email mumc@mumc.org

**LENTEN
BIBLE STUDY**

Meeting Jesus at the Table

Mondays at 1:00 pm
@ MUMC
starting Mar 3rd

SIGN UP NOW

📞 217-586-2147 📧 mumc@mumc.org

**Safe Sanctuary
for Volunteers
of Children**

Sunday, March 23rd @ 11:30 am
OR
Tuesday, April 8th @ 6:00 pm

Parents & Kids Play Group

Come play with Me

Tuesdays @ 9:30 - 10:30 am

Starts September 10th

2-4 year old toddlers
along with parents or guardians

To find out more information, call 217-586-2147
or email mumc@mumc.org

PICTURES FROM EVENTS & THANK YOU'S

Soup & Sandwich Event 2/23 Thanks to everyone & volunteers. We raised \$617.50 for Missions!



Helping Hands

Mahomet Helping Hands Food Pantry 2024 Monthly Giveaway Statistics

Food purchased in 2024	\$16,363.44
Food donated in 2024	11,356.59
(Number of pounds times \$0.33)	

Average amount available per month	2,310.00
Average # of families served per month	64
Average # of adults served per month	137
Average # of children served per month	55
Average total # of people served per month	185
Number of new families in 2024	78

Many thanks to our MUMC congregation for their support of Helping Hands, either monetarily, through food donations, or by volunteering!

MARCH "SEARCHABLE ITEM" CONTEST

Find this item in the newsletter and email MUMC@MUMC.ORG with page # and location to be entered.



Last Month's Winner—Sherri Kenner!
Thanks Sherri!
Good luck everyone!

Thank You's -

I would like to thank those of you who contributed to the bag of Christmas cards and goodies I received. I especially appreciate those of you that remembered Gerry.

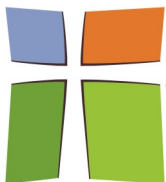
One of the handmade cards, signed by Briana's Big Buddies, was prepared on the back of a student's arithmetic worksheet. The work was correct, too!

Much appreciated. Thank you.
Jim White

Dear Family -

Thank you for the lovely Christmas "Bag" and the visits over the past year. I really enjoyed reading the cards and eating the goodies.

God Bless and Thanks!
Christa Steeves



COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION

Due to illness, the Education for All Ages Committee meeting was cancelled for February. The Committee will meet March 20th, at 6:00 pm for our regularly scheduled night. VBS planning is underway. If you would like to help contact Joan Kling (j_kling@mchsi.com or 217-493-0322)

**Monthly meetings —
3rd Thursdays @ 6:00 pm
At the Wesley Room**

MISSIONS

Hello from the Missions Team! Thank you for all of the hats and mittens that were donated in January for Canteen Run to be distributed to the area homeless. On February 23rd, we hosted our Soup and Sandwich Fellowship event. It was wonderful to see everyone and appreciate of you that volunteered and attended the event! Donations will be going to the Missions Team to fund further Mission events for this year. Our next Mission event will be in April. We are awaiting information related to a Sleep in Heavenly Peace building event. Once the date is determined, information will be given. If you have any ideas for 2025 Missions, please let the Mission Team know. You can email me at christinebunting12@gmail.com or contact me at (217) 402-2866. Thank you so much for all of your support and willingness to volunteer for mission opportunities. We appreciate all of you!

**Monthly Meetings
March meeting 3/30, between services
Phone: 217-402-2866**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Pledged \$43,000

Non-Pledged \$11,000

UNRESTRICTED INCOME \$54,000

Operating Expenses \$31,000

NET OPERATING \$23,000 GAIN

- A \$5,000 gift to the building repairs fund. Investment returns for the memorial funds were strong (+\$13K).

TRUSTEES

The Trustees Committee would like to remind church members that whenever you have an event such as a bridal shower, wedding anniversary or milestone birthday, you may use our church facilities. After, this is your church home. To schedule a date, please contact the church office. MUMC is here for you!

GOT

Have an announcement or news that you want to share with everyone?

NEWS?

Please submit no later than the 20th day of the month via office@mumc.org or call 217-586-2147.



Just a friendly reminder...

♥ Volunteers are the heart of the church and help it run smoothly. It is more fun when working as a group or with your kids. As opportunities arise, they will be posted in the weekly email; so please let the office know if and when you can help out.



United Women in Faith

UWF Meeting Times

The next UWF meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 6 at 1 pm**. Pam Parker has the program and an offering will be collected for Prayer and Self Denial. Hostess is Evelyn Epperson. We invite all women of the church to attend.



SAVE THE DATE!

United Women in Faith May Brunch

Thursday, May 1 at 9 am

A representative from *Wooden It Be Lovely* will be our featured speaker.

More information in the future.

Women's Reading Circle - Meets Second Thursday at 1:30 pm

MARCH: *YOU'VE BEEN CHOSEN* by Cynt Marshall

You've Been Chosen offers what Marshall calls "the good, the great, the bad, and the ugly parts" of her journey through both cancer and everything that led up to it. Along the way, she tackles the tough questions we all face:

What will I do with what I have been given?

How will I respond to challenges with both grace and grit?

Where will this new path take me if I keep moving?

And how can I offer something good back to the world?

APRIL: *LIFE, LOSS, AND PUFFINS* by Catherine Ryan Hyde

Life, Loss, and Puffins is an exhilarating and emotional novel about grief, hope, friendship, and taking life one beautiful and spontaneous day at a time by New York Times bestselling author Catherine Ryan Hyde.

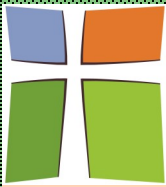
Freakishly smart. That's the unwelcome box Ru Evans is put into for life. After all she taught herself Euclidean geometry at age seven, has a eidetic memory, and is about to enter college at thirteen years old.

Boarding at a house near campus 150 miles from home, Ru meets seventeen-year-old Gabriel, an outsider himself, who like Ru, has trouble making friends — until they form a fast sibling-like bond. Finding a relateable someone in the world to talk to is a first for both of them.

But when Ru's mother dies and the threat of living with her miserable aunt looms, Ru hatches an escape. It's an impulsive road trip that takes Ru and Gabriel from California to Canada, where Ru can fulfill her ultimate dream to see Atlantic puffins in the glorious wild.

Mile by mile, Ru discover the joy of friendship, found family, dark night skies, the aurora borealis, and she basks in going from a smart person to just a person. Though she knows they'll be in trouble when they're caught, for the short time they are navigating twist by twist of an unknown road, the freedom is liberating, and she is living for what feels like the first time.

Contact Sheryle Carpenter for more information or if you are interested in this group (217) 390-6038.



MARCH 2025

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 am — Illini Carvers
9:00 am-3:00 pm — Photo Shoots for Church Directory
10:00 am — MemoryCare Support Group
12:00 pm — A.A.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 am — Traditional Worship Service
10:30 am — Contemporary Worship Service
1:00 pm — Caffeinated Confirmation @ Espresso Royale

MONDAY, MARCH 3

1:00 pm — Monday Missions
1:00 pm — Meet Me at the Table Bible Study
7:00 pm — Scout Troop #25

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

9:30 am — Come Play with Me
6:30 pm — Handbell Practice
7:30 pm — Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5—ASH WEDNESDAY

1:00 pm — Small Group—Hebrews
6:00 pm — Wiseguys Practice
6:30 pm — Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 pm — Praise Band Practice

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

1:00 pm — UWFaith Meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

12:00 pm — A.A.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9—CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

9:00 am — Traditional Worship Service
9:45 am — Young Family Life Group
10:30 am — Contemporary Worship Service

MONDAY, MARCH 10

1:00 pm — Monday Missions
1:00 pm — Meet Me at the Table Bible Study
6:30 pm — The Way Bible Study
7:00 pm — Scout Troop #25

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

9:30 am — Come Play with Me
6:30 pm — Handbell Practice
7:30 pm — Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

1:00 pm — Small Group—Hebrews
7:00 pm — Praise Band Practice

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

1:30 pm — UWF Reading Circle
6:00 pm — Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 pm — Church Council Meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

9:00 am — Illini Carvers
12:00 pm — A.A.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

9:00 am — Traditional Worship Service
10:30 am — Contemporary Worship Service

MONDAY, MARCH 17

1:00 pm — Monday Missions
1:00 pm — Meet Me at the Table Bible Study
6:30 pm — The Way Bible Study
7:00 pm — Scout Troop #25

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

9:30 am — Come Play with Me
6:30 pm — Handbell Practice
7:30 pm — Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

1:00 pm — Small Group—Hebrews
1:00 pm — H.C.E. Meeting
6:30 pm — Wiseguys Practice
7:00 pm — Praise Band Practice

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

6:00 pm — Discipleship/Education Committee meeting
6:00 pm — Staff-Parish meeting
7:00 pm — Trustees Committee meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

12:00 pm — A.A.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

9:00 am — Traditional Worship Service
Boy Scouts selling tickets to Spaghetti Dinner
10:30 am — Contemporary Worship Service
11:30 am — Safe Sanctuary Training

MONDAY, MARCH 24

1:00 pm — Monday Missions
1:00 pm — Meet Me at the Table Bible Study
6:30 pm — The Way Bible Study
7:00 pm — Scout Troop #25

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

9:30 am — Come Play with Me
6:30 pm — Handbell Practice
7:30 pm — Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

1:00 pm — Spicy Seniors
7:00 pm — Praise Band Practice

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

4:00—8:00 pm — Troop 25 Spaghetti Dinner

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

9:00 am — Traditional Worship Service
9:45 am — Mission Committee Meeting
10:30 am — Contemporary Worship Service

MONDAY, MARCH 31

1:00 pm — Monday Missions
1:00 pm — Meet Me at the Table Bible Study
6:30 pm — The Way Bible Study
7:00 pm — Scout Troop #25



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Office Hours

Mon thru Thurs 9:00 am –2:00 pm

Sunday Schedule

9:00 am Traditional Worship & Children’s Church
10:30 am Contemporary Worship & Children’s Church

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Spring Forward

Set your clock forward one hour

March 9, 2025

