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

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From John,

“By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.”

Galatians: 5:22-23, NRSV

Let me advocate for respectful dialogue and civil discourse. I'm sure I am not the only one concerned and alarmed at the level of animosity and viciousness in public debate. It seems to be feeding itself. The “us versus them” mentality that engenders polarization. It's unhealthy for individuals, groups, communities, sectors of society, and our society as a whole.

There are people who will use inflammatory language, inaccurate and even dishonest information, and demonizing to polarize us. Then, they serve themselves by making that their power base and/or revenue source.

The problem is that resolutions for problems seldom come out of this conflicted approach. When has someone been won over with mean-spirited language? Talking louder and with harsher words doesn't make one more right.

The truth is that we can't annihilate those we disagree with, no matter the issue, period. We can't wish them out of existence, no matter how right, or justified we are. We have to find ways to live and exist with even dramatic differences. (Yes, there are extreme case where violence must be met with violence, like Nazi Germany and ISIS. I am referencing this country's current manner of debate on so many Issues.)

In most instances; in a harsh, all-or-none, no-holds-barred approach to a debate; the nuances of an issue are lost. Sometimes, the best answers are in between the polarities of an issue.

Most people, when threatened or made defensive, particularly if their identity is attacked, will react adversarially. It is not far to take the energy of defensiveness to militancy. Sometimes resolution means backing down the defensiveness, or what makes people feel threatened.

I want to advocate respectful dialogue. One does not have to give up your position or opinion to listen

thoughtfully to someone else. You probably will have a more informed opinion and maybe learn places to thoughtfully inform the assumptions of those you disagree with. I believe more people are won over by listening first.

It is unrealistic to think everyone you talk with, debate or argue with, will be won over to one's point of view, but you can gain their respect. That will count for something.

“By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”

Galatians 5:22, NRSV

Maybe with respectful dialogue, we can win them to Christ and that counts the most.

It is we Christians who should lead and set the tone; as Paul would advocate to the Galatians and to us.

CPR/AED TRAINING

Cornbelt Fire Department in partnership with Carle Arrow Ambulance paramedics will offer a CPR/AED training session on Tuesday, May 19th



hosted by the Mahomet United Methodist Church. Training is limited to twelve and begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Library at the Mahomet United Methodist Church on South Mahomet Road at Sunny Acres Road.

Register by calling the Mahomet United Methodist Church at 586-2147. For questions contact Lee Jessup at 493-7991

CHURCH OFFICE

CLOSED

Monday, May 25

For Memorial Day





Come Join Us for Fellowship and Fun

Woodworking Fellowship

Woodworking Fellowship will meet Thursday, May 14 at 11 am at the church. We will then proceed to Cham-paign for lunch and a visit to C-U Woodworks. Whether you are new to this interest or a skilled carpenter, whether you wood carve or make furniture, you are welcome.

MUMC Fishing Fellowship II

MUMC Fishing Fellowship will try again to fish at River Bend County Park from 9 am—Noon on Saturday, May 16. We will have instructors and helpers for those who want to learn fly fishing, bait casting and other ways of fishing. Come when you can. Refreshments provided. Please have the necessary fishing license. (You may use a boat if it doesn't have a gas motor or live well.) Most of us will fish from the shore or the dock. Everyone is welcome, whatever your expertise. Contact Rev. McIn-tosh 217-586-2147 or jmcintosh@mumc.org with any questions.

In the event we get rained out, we will meet at the church to share fish tales, coffee, and donuts.

MUMC Movie Fellowship

The Movie Fellowship will be attending *The Woman in Gold* at the Goodrich Savoy Theater on Sunday, May 3 at 3:40 pm.

The movie stars Helen Mirren as an elderly Jewish survivor of World War II who is seeking the return of her family artwork that had been stolen by the Nazis.

You may meet us at the theater by 3:37 pm or meet to share rides at the church at 2:10 pm. We will meet back at the church after the movie for discussion and refreshments.

Wesley Spirit Singers

Join us for an hour of informal hymn singing and reminiscing! We will gather on Tuesday, May 12 at 2 pm at Bridle Brook Assisted Living, 1505 Patton Dr., Mahomet

For questions, contact:

Alice Nelson at 369-6685 or alioop55@mchsi.com

Cindy Bell at 586-2876 or grannybell@mchsi.com

2015 Intergenerational Mission Trip

On June 21, our Mission Team will embark on a trip to Sneedville, TN. Please pray for safe travel, good health, and that God will use them to do His will over the course of the trip.

Our Mission Team will provide help with construction, food distribution, and evangelism. The primary work locations will be at nursing homes and homeless shel-ters/halfway houses. Local Area Information about Sneedville includes it being listed as one of the poorest counties in TN, 40% unemployment rate, a lack of run-ning water to some families with little or no medical or dental care, and an annual income of less than \$9,000 for those not finishing school.



May 14-16, 2015

- Home-Baked Goods and Pies
- Household Items
- Books
- Toys
- Clothes
- Plants
- Misc. Furniture
- Sporting/Outdoor Items
- And Much, Much More!!

Donations are being accepted through May 10th. Please, **NO ELECTRONICS** and all items should be in working order.

Delicious Home Baked Goods and Pies

Fun for the Entire Family

All Proceeds Go Towards the Mission Fund

Excellent Bargains for the Thrifty Shopper

Untold Treasures to be Discovered

May 14, 4 pm-7 pm

May 15, 8 am-1 pm

May 16, 8 am-noon



THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, visits, and love during the difficult time of Tom's passing. It was moving to see how many people were touched by Tom during his time here with us and for that, our family is grateful. We would also like to thank all of those who brought dinner, desserts, and donated time so we could grieve without burden. Your cards, calls, and most of all, your presence, meant the world to us.

With heartfelt thanks,

Linda Meachum and family

To Our Dear Church Family,

The Ben Epperson family would like to thank so many people for the prayers, phone calls, food, cards, flowers, thoughtfulness, helpfulness, and all the help that was given to Ben when we came to church. Not enough words to express our thankfulness for all the care and concerns. Thanks to Rev. McIntosh for being there on the spot when he got the call early Thursday morning. Thanks to the ladies that helped with the lunch after the funeral and others that helped in any other way.

God Bless all of you.

Evelyn Epperson

Mike Epperson

Kathy & Phillip Christensen

Andrew Christensen

Mandi & Jake Willis

Dear Members of the Mahomet United Methodist Church, On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and members of the Mahomet Area Youth Club, we thank you very much for your continued support with your special Easter Donation of \$1289.50.

With your generous support, the Mahomet Area Youth Club is able to provide safe and engaging enrichment opportunities and summer programming to children between the ages of 6 and 18 in Mahomet and surrounding communities.

With gratitude,

Marcus Moore

Executive Director

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Tom Meachum, who passed away April 25. Please keep them all in your prayers.

WOMEN'S READING CIRCLE

The Thursday Reading Circle will meet on May 21 at 1:30 pm in the Church prayer room. We will be discussing *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*, based on the true story of Elizabeth Keckley, who bought freedom from slavery for herself and her son and went on to become a well-known modiste in Washington. Keckley had a front-row seat to history: she dressed Washington's A-list, including Jefferson Davis' wife before they left D.C., and, most intimately, Mary Todd Lincoln.

If you love reading and discussing what you read with others, please join us this month. The reading group is not meeting this summer but will resume again this fall. For more information, contact Sheryle Carpenter at davesherylecarp65@yahoo.com or 217-586-2576 .

HELP!

The following books from the UMW Reading Program have been misplaced. If found, please return to the church library:

- Outcasts United
- The Round House
- Radical Welcome
- King Peggy
- Faith & Struggle on Smokey Mountain



New to the UMW Library

Our newest additions to the UMW library include *Kisses From Kate* and *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*. Check out the awesome collection located on the shelves, labeled UMW, inside the library door. Please be sure to sign the index card inside the book and leave it in the basket.

Mahomet United Methodist Women

May UMW Meeting

The May Breakfast will replace this month's regular UMW meeting. They will meet again on June 4.

Joanna Circle

Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 pm.

Devotions: Pam Parker

Hostess: Gerry Drake

Program: Janet Thompson

Mountain Heritage Mission



W.O.W.

Do you remember how excited you were as a child when spring nights started getting longer and summer rolled around? Not to show my age, but as I reminisce about my childhood, my mind instantly goes to throwing on my play clothes (not necessarily by choice, more so by force from the boss of the house, AKA Mom), staying out from dawn until dusk on my bike, and knowing I had to be home when the street lights turned on or face the wrath of said boss. Occasionally, I would get to camp but when I couldn't, I would play in the hose or go to the creek and skip rocks. My summers involved road trips with my grandparents while listening to Roger Miller and Johnny Horton cassettes, checking out all the local fairs to meet with friends, and stuffing my face with lemon shake-ups and carnival food. My best memories weren't expensive, but to me, they're priceless.

Fast forward to today. The carefree days of childhood still hold a special place my heart, and with that in mind, this church would like nothing more than to invoke those warm feelings with the youth in our own community. We want to help create lasting memories and what better way to start than with our own outreach program. WOW is about community, building friendships, and fellowship. WOW is an opportunity for parents and children to let go of the stress from everyday life and reconnect.

The WOW volunteers have done a wonderful job keeping the ideals of this program in the limelight. With that in mind, instead of ending the program and the opportunity to reach more families at the end of April, the Education Committee has decided to extend this ministry through May and hold two more Family Events. On May 6th, we want to help the children make Mother's Day gifts and spoil all Moms in attendance. This is your day ladies—let us make it special for you! Then, on May 20th, what shouts "SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE!" more than a carnival? MUMC will provide fun, family friendly games and carnival food. This will really end this seasons WOW with a bang and start the children's summers off with memory making entertainment. These events are free so if you know a family that could use a little fun and fellowship in their life, send them our way! As always, we can use volunteers, especially to run games at the carnival. Please contact the office with any questions or to volunteer.



-Ashley Little-



MUMC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015

We are excited to announce the Mahomet United Methodist Church G-Force VBS! This program is geared towards letting kids explore different methods of putting their faith into action. There will be movement and excitement as our youth experience God's unstoppable love and discover how to move in and through life with God.

Our Bible School will be the week of July 13th-17th from 9 am until noon. This program is free and open to the public so tell a friend!

Registration has begun for this year's VBS and there are three ways to enroll:

- 1) Go to <http://2015.cokesburyvbs.com/MahometUnitedMethodistChurch> and click "Register a Child".
- 2) Forms can be found at the welcome center and returned to a member of the office staff.
- 3) Email mumc@mumc.org and the office can email you a registration form.



MAY 2015 CALENDAR



W.O.W.
WONDERFUL
OUTREACH
WEDNESDAYS

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

SATURDAY, 5/2 – 9 am - Noon UMW May Breakfast; **Noon** AA

SUNDAY, 5/3– COMMUNION SUNDAY; **7 am** Worship; **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; **Noon** Weight Loss & Health Group; **5 pm** AA; **6 pm** Senior High Youth; **7 pm** Disciple Study

MONDAY, 5/4 – 1 pm Bead Class; **1 pm** Mission Mondays; **6 pm** Mission Team; **7 pm** Discipleship Team

TUESDAY, 5/5 – 10 am—Noon Iroquois Clergy Gathering; **6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7 pm** Al Anon; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 5/6 – W.O.W. Family Fun Night (See shaded box for schedule)

THURSDAY, 5/7 – 8:30 am Women’s Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **7 pm** Staff-Parish Committee

SATURDAY, 5/9 – Noon AA

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

MONDAY, 5/11 – 1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 5/12— 2 pm Wesley Spirit Singers at Bridle Brook; **6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7pm** Finance; **7 pm** AA; **7 pm** Al Anon; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 5/13 – 6 pm Adult study; **6 pm** Disciple Study

THURSDAY, 5/14– 8:30 am Women’s Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **11 am** Woodworking Fellowship to lunch & CU Woodworks; **4-7 pm** Rummage Sale

FRIDAY, 5/15— 8 am - 1 pm Rummage Sale

SATURDAY, 5/16 – 8 am -Noon Rummage Sale; **9 am - Noon** Fishing at River Bend County Park; **Noon** AA

SUNDAY, 5/17 – CONFIRMATION SUNDAY; **8:30 am** Worship; **9:45 am** Sunday School for All Ages; **10:45 am** Worship

with Praise Band; **Noon** Weight Loss and Health Group; **5 pm** AA; **6 pm** Sr. High Youth; **7 pm** Disciple Bible Study

MONDAY, 5/18 – 1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 5/19 – 6:30 pm CPR/AED training; **6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7 pm** Al Anon; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 5/20 – W.O.W. CIRCUS

THURSDAY, 5/21– 8:30 am Women’s Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **1:30 pm** Thurs. Reading Circle

SATURDAY, 5/22 – Noon AA

SUNDAY, 5/24 - 8:30 am Worship; **9:45 am** Sunday School for All Ages; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **Noon** Weight Loss and Health Group; **5 pm** AA; **6 pm** Sr. High Youth; **7 pm** Disciple Bible Study

MONDAY, 5/25 – MEMORIAL DAY, Office closed

TUESDAY, 5/26 – 6:30 pm Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7 pm** Al Anon; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, 5/28– 8:30 am Women’s Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant

SATURDAY, 5/30—10 am- Noon District Laity Gathering; **Noon** AA

Finance Update for March

March unrestricted revenue was \$36,089 versus unrestricted expenses of \$33,304 for a positive outcome of \$2,785 for the month. Year-to-date net revenue for 2015 is \$12,195. The Easter offering was just under \$2,900 and was disbursed 50% to Mahomet Area Youth Club and 50% to the Illinois Great Rivers Conference for the Special Sundays designated by the conference for 2015. Within designated funds, the Wild Game Night generated \$2,244.50 for the 2015 mission trip. The finance committee thanks the congregation once again for their generosity.

Worship Attendance Figures for April, 2015			
	8:30 am	10:45 am	Total
Apr. 5	284	98	382
Apr. 12	89	95	184
Apr. 19	124	79	203
Apr. 26	118	91	209
Apr. Total	615	363	978





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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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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

12:00 pm Weight Loss & Health Group

7:00 pm Disciple Bible Study



Donations needed!

Sunday, May 3

Helping Hands Food Drive

- Bring non-perishable food. Place in grocery cart in Commons.

Diaper Tree Drive

- Bring disposable diapers, wipes, ointment. Place in box in Commons.



CIRCUIT RIDER DEADLINE

May 20 at noon