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

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## From John,

Does an event of almost two thousand years ago have an influence in your life? (Other than the presence of chocolate shaped as bunnies?) Is there a residual in your life from the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

I love Easter Sunday. I like the crowd in worship, of course. There is the excitement of the day. There is the hopeful and celebratory spirit. The sense of a homecoming and family gatherings is heartwarming. The feel of a community embracing the important message of the Christian faith is unique and special.

As a pastor, my concern is the longevity of Easter's influence on us. Does Easter add an optimism to our attitude about life? Or does it evaporate with the first frustration of the day-to-day life? Does Easter make us more resilient? I would pray that each Easter adds permanently to our faith. I would pray that our Easter-founded faith would serve us well through our lives.

Easter is the most significant event in human history. Better stated, it is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ that is most significant. We tend to make it an occasion, a highlight. That is a good thing, but not enough if it has no lasting influence on our lives. It helps to go beyond Easter as an event. We need to connect with the Author of the Resurrection. This holiday (Holy day) speaks to us of our God. We embrace Easter. We celebrate the hope of Easter. We revel in the joy of Easter. As well, we need to hear about our God, the God of Easter.

All of the Gospels speak to us of God. Jesus points us to God, speaks of God, encourages His followers to share the relationship He has with God. Jesus would go to the Cross that we might know and love God. So what does the Gospel of Jesus Christ tell us about God? What framework for living do we take from Easter into the rest of the year and the rest of our lives?

Please come to Easter to find these answers. Please look for something to take with you into your life. Please hear about the Resurrecting God that loves you.

I pray that you will embrace the joy and hope of Easter. Enjoy the celebration. Make the Resurrecting God of Easter the hope of your whole year. Let each Easter strengthen your faith.

## Mission Statement

The Church Council met Sunday, March 15, to develop a mission statement. During the meeting, we discussed a survey of demographics, projections for our community's future group and religious preferences. Then, we engaged the Bible Study of Matthew 4:18-25 and 28:16-20, which was used in that Sunday's worship service. We talked about the qualities of a mission statement; such as, what is our value, and what inspires us. After a lively and good-spirited discussion, five proposals were put forward:

"Love and serve Jesus Christ, love and serve our neighbors. Grow disciples to change our world."

"To know Christ's love and share it with our neighbors through service and education."

"Love and serve God, love and serve your neighbor, make disciples for Jesus Christ."

"To love and serve our community and help them grow as disciples of Jesus Christ."

"To love and serve God, love and serve our neighbors and develop disciples for Jesus Christ to improve the world."

These are very similar, with some differences in language. Of note is the consistency of love and service. Clearly, the Church Council is of one mind on what is the heart and inspiration of the Mahomet United Methodist Church. We invite you to consider these mission statement and embrace its spirit.



### Worship Attendance Figures for March, 2015

	8:30 am	10:45 am	Total
Mar. 1	55	41	96
Mar. 8	88	69	157
Mar. 15	96	72	168
Mar. 22	99	62	161
Mar. 29	148	71	219
<b>Mar. Total</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>801</b>



## What's New?

### Woodworking Fellowship

Woodworking Fellowship will meet Thursday, April 16 at 7 pm. Whether you are new to this interest or a skilled carpenter, whether you wood carve or make furniture, you are welcome. We will meet for conversation and refreshments in the library. We can share about projects and resources. We can enjoy a common interest and good fellowship. Let's get acquainted with others who work in God's favorite material. (After all, His Son got His start in carpentry.)



### Families with Young Children

On Sunday, April 19, we will have a luncheon for families with young children. (If you think you qualify, you do.) Please contact the church office with reservations, so that we may plan accordingly, by Wednesday, April 15: 217-586-2147 or [mumc@mumc.org](mailto:mumc@mumc.org)

Chef Gary Dalton will be preparing our meal. We look forward to this time of fellowship and sharing. We'll have some informal conversations about church activities. If you have any dietary concerns, please indicate with your reservation.

### MUMC Fishing Group

MUMC Fishing Group will meet Saturday April 25, from 9 am-Noon at River Bend County Park. 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. McIntosh 217-586-2147 or [jmcintosh@mumc.org](mailto:jmcintosh@mumc.org) with any questions.



### MUMC Movie Fellowship

Do you enjoy movies? We are beginning a Movie Fellowship and will have an organizational meeting Sunday, April 26 at 5 pm. We will plan what movies we'll see and follow-up discussion questions.



## Adult Study Opportunities

**The Wednesday Night Bible Study Group** meets at 6 pm in the church library. We are studying *The New Testament*, one of the courses from The Great Courses. This study looks at the New Testament in a historical perspective.

We will be looking at the political environment in which the New Testament was written, the practices of Judaism in that era, the men who wrote the books and who they wrote them to, the problems of the early Christian Church and the apocryphal books or those books not included in the New Testament.

Each lesson is a lesson unto itself—therefore participants can attend the sessions they wish without missing something or needing to catch up. The studies in April will be: "The Greco-Roman Context", "Ancient Judaism", "The Earliest Traditions About Jesus and Mark—Jesus the Suffering Son of God". We welcome anyone who wants to learn more about the New Testament.

**The Sunday Morning Adult Class** meets at 9:45 am. Beginning April 12, we will begin reading and discussing *Waiting For Our Souls To Catch Up*.

This book invites readers to begin a journey of the heart and mind in which a small effort of faith, guided by reason, can yield huge spiritual dividends. This is written by Sister Carol Perry, a Catholic nun, who has been the Resident Bible Scholar at Marble Collegiate for three decades.

From the small rituals that enhance our daily lives to the study of the historical and scriptural legacy shared by the world's great religions, this is a must read for all those seeking a spiritual peace in a high-tech world.

### 11th Annual Festival of Quilts

Friday and Saturday

April 10 & 11, 2015

9:00 am-5:00 pm

1301 N. Cunningham Avenue, Urbana



All Proceeds Benefit Cunningham Children's Home  
Quilt Show ▪ Silent Auction ▪ Quilt Boutique ▪ Gift Shop  
Bake Sale ▪ Patchwork Café

*Cunningham Children's Home is a mission and ministry of the  
United Methodist Women of the Illinois Great Rivers*



# 2015 Intergenerational Mission Trip

## Sneedville, TN

### Mission Opportunities Include:

- Construction
- Nursing homes
- Homeless Shelters/Halfway Houses
- Evangelism
- Food Distribution

### Local Area Info:

- Poorest county in Tennessee
- 40% unemployment rate
- 12% of children do not finish 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- \$9,000 average annual income for those not finishing school
- May not have running water
- Little access to medical/dental care

### Details:

- When: Sun., June 21 – Sat., June 27, 2015
- Sign up deadline: **April 15, 2015**
- Cost: \$100/person
- Breakfast, lunch, & dinner provided
- Lodging will be in the former Blackwater School, Blackwater, Virginia.

For more information, contact the church office at [mumc.mumc.org](http://mumc.mumc.org) or 217-586-2147

**All are welcome. A place can be found for you to serve, no matter your age or skills.**



### May 14-16, 2015

### THIS SALE WILL INCLUDE ITEMS SUCH AS:

- Home-Baked Goods and Pies
- Household Items
- Books
- Toys
- Clothes
- Plants
- And Much, Much More!!

Donations will be accepted starting April 20<sup>th</sup>. 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

You Never Know What Treasures You Might Find

May 14, 4 pm-7 pm  
May 15, 8 am-1 pm  
May 16, 8 am-noon



We could use YOUR help! Twice a year, the Intergenerational Mission Team hosts an outdoor cleaning service for members of our congregation and community. This includes cleaning gutters, blowing leaves out of landscaping, mowing, etc. The more people who are involved, the more people we can assist. Please contact the office if you would be willing to help. We hope to set a date in April.

A big **THANK YOU** to all of you who helped support this year's Wild Game & Fish Feast. Thank you to the committee members, volunteers, book donors, and Midletown String Band. It was a wonderful evening full of good food, fellowship, and fun!



## THANK YOU

Gary and Kitchen Staff,

Our wonderful Valentine’s meal prompted me to finally take the time to write and thank you for all the great meals we have had at church. We are truly blessed to have such good cooks and willing hands to keep us all well-fed! We look forward to the next one.

Dick and Joyce Livesay

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Thank you to all of you who sent cards & prayers and visited me while I was in the hospital recently. I truly appreciate your support.

Bill Bobzin

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Thank you!

I have enjoyed the beautiful cards and love reading them several times.

The Sunday lunch has been great and it gives the cooks a chance to get out of the kitchen.

I hope to be back in church before long.

Juanita Grove

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Dear Reverend McIntosh and our Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards, and spoken well-wishes— before, during and after the surgery for my cervical spine stenosis. John and I are so blessed to have EACH and ALL of you in our lives!

In Christian love,

Joyce Bender Schmale

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Dear PS-100,

You have no idea how much joy and pleasure you brought us with your music. There were many wonderful memories as we remembered singing those lovely old hymns that we had sung in our younger days growing up.

Thank you so much for your lovely music.

Yours truly,

The Mahomet Senior Citizen’s Club

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To the Mahomet United Methodist Women,

Mahomet Helping Hands wishes to thank you for your generous donation of \$400. Your continued support is so important to us as we provide a once-a-month food giveaway to 70-80 families. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mahomet Helping Hands

*(Note: Our church also donated 146 lbs of food to the Mahomet Helping Hands in March.)*

Dear Staff and Members,

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 \$2,207.08 donation from your Special Christmas Offering.

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

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Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you for your support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). 100% of your gift of \$2207.09 from the One Hour of Sharing will go to Disaster Response, International. Through the Advance, the designated giving channel of the UMC, United Methodists are enabled to partner with one another in mission and ministry around the world. Thank you for joining with us to “Be Hope” to those who desperately need it.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes, General Treasurer  
General Board of Global Ministries

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## IN SYMPATHY

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

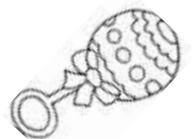
- The family of Ben Epperson who passed away on Mar. 26.
- Dick and Linda Kennedy and family following the loss of Dick’s sister, Jane, on February 28.
- Nancy Turner and family after the loss of her father.
- Marline Kessler and family following the loss of her brother.
- Kris Parker and family following the loss of her Aunt Grace.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

*Our congratulations go out to:*

- Suzie and David Miller upon the birth of their new son, Kristoff David Miller on March 2.





All of the women in our church are always welcome to attend any of our groups.

### WOMEN'S READING CIRCLE

The Thursday Reading Circle will meet on April 9 at 1:30 pmin the Church prayer room. We will be discussing 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.

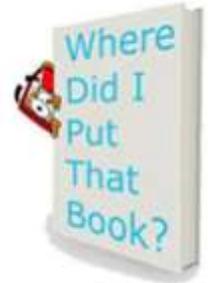
In May, the reading group will be reading and discussing *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*, based on the true story of Elizabeth Keckley, who bought freedom from slavery for herself and her son and went on to become a well-known modiste in Washington. Keckley had a front-row seat to history: she dressed Washington's 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 on the second Thursday afternoon of each month.

### 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

### JOANN CIRCLE OUTING

On Thursday, April 16, Joanna Circle invites the women of the church to join us at the Parkland College Theater for the musical comedy *The Drowsy Chaperone*. This is a pay-as-you-want night. Tickets are regularly \$16.00 for adults, but since this is the first public performance, the theater lets the patrons decide how much they want to pay.

We will leave the church at 6:45 pm to carpool to the theater. Deadline for the sign up is April 13. A sign up sheet has been placed on the Information Desk in the church entry.

In a loving send-up of the frivolous musicals of the Jazz Age, past and present hilariously collide in this tuneful and masterfully met musical! A die-hard musical theater fan is playing his favorite cast album *The Drowsy Chaperone*, on his turntable, and as he listens, the musical literally bursts to life in his apartment, telling the story of a vivacious Broadway starlet trying to find her true love! Throw in a not so bright hostess, two gangsters posing as pastry chefs, a misguided Don Juan, an intoxicated chaperone, and you've got an evening of musical comedy fun!



**United Methodist Women**

Invites all women of our church as well as all local UMW chapters to the annual

**MAY BREAKFAST**  
**Saturday, May 2, 9 am**

*Egg Casseroles, Fruit Cups, Coffee Cakes*

 Our Special Speaker will be Nathan Montgomery  
 From Salt & Light Ministries

Donations of new or gently used shoes of all sizes will be accepted.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 29  
 217-586-2147

**April UMW Meeting** | Thursday, April 2 at 1 pm  
 Devotions: Janet Thompson  
 Program: Rev. John McIntosh  
 Hostess: Evelyn Epperson



## FROM THE PARISH NURSE

### Elder Abuse

**Q: What is elder abuse?**

*A: Elder abuse is any knowing, intended, or careless act that causes harm or serious risk of harm to any older person—physically, mentally, emotionally, or financially.*

The National Center on Elder Abuse estimates that because it is a crime often concealed by the perpetrators, who are typically individuals on whom the elderly depend for their very survival, elder abuse and neglect are grossly under reported.

**Q: What should I do if I suspect abuse and/or neglect in a nursing home?**

*A: Contact the Illinois State Police Medicaid Fraud Control Unity Abuse/Neglect Hotline at 1-888-557-9503 (Monday –Friday 8AM to 5PM) or Illinois Dept. of Public Health Abuse/Neglect Hotline at 1-800-252-4343 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week).*

**Q: What should I expect when I call for help?**

*A: You will be asked to give the person's name, address, contact information, and details about why you are concerned. It is not necessary to provide your name should you wish to remain anonymous.*

*Reference: Illinois Dept. of Public Health Abuse/Neglect and Illinois State Police Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.*

### Signs of Patient Abuse and /or Neglect:

- Frequent unexplained injuries or complaints of pain without obvious injury
- Bruises, black eyes, welts, lacerations, rope marks, imprint injuries
- Fear of being alone with caretakers
- Malnutrition or dehydration that is not the result of terminal illness or end-stage disease
- Lack of personal cleanliness
- Left unattended for long periods
- Bedsores and skin lesions
- Fractures
- Open wounds, cuts, punctures
- Sexually transmitted diseases or injury to the genital area
- Difficulty in sitting or walking that is unusual or otherwise unexplained
- Habitually dressed in torn or dirty clothes
- Obvious fatigue and listlessness
- In need of medical or dental care



The Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of helpers to crochet prayer shawls or make blankets for children. This is an ongoing and vital ministry that can only exist with YOUR help.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 217-586-2147 or [mumc@mumc.org](mailto:mumc@mumc.org)

*A recent thank you we've received:*

Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you all for making such pretty gifts for us to give when we visit people. They are always appreciative and I have noticed them in use when I visit again. I wanted you to know that I have given a few to people who don't have a church home and they are always so surprised that a group of church members would care enough to spend their time praying for someone they didn't know.

I also want to thank you for the "prayer square" I noticed in the basket. I put it in my pocket the next day during some medical tests and every time I worried, I reached into my pocket to remember that God loves me as well as lots of people from the Mahomet United Methodist Church.

Author Unknown



### APRIL 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

**WEDNESDAY, 4/1 – W.O.W.** (See shaded box for schedule)

**THURSDAY, 4/2 – MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**8:30 am** Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **1 pm** UMW; **7 pm** Worship Service

**FRIDAY, 4/3 – GOOD FRIDAY;** Office Closed; **7 pm** Good Friday Service

**SATURDAY, 4/4 – Noon AA**

**SUNDAY, 4/5– EASTER 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; **5 pm** AA

**MONDAY, 4/6 – 1 pm** Mission Mondays; **6 pm** Mission Team; **7 pm** Discipleship Team; **7 pm** Nominations Committee

**TUESDAY, 4/7 – 6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **6:30 pm** Parish-Relations Committee; **7 pm** AA; **7 pm** Al Anon; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

**WEDNESDAY, 4/8 – W.O.W. Family Fun Night** (See shaded box for schedule)

**THURSDAY, 4/9 – 8:30 am** Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **1:30 pm** Thursday Reading Circle; **7 pm** Church Council

**FRIDAY-SATURDAY 4/10&11— 9-5pm** Festival of Quilts at Cunningham Children's Home

**SATURDAY, 4/11 – Noon** AA; **4-8 pm** Boy Scout Spaghetti Dinner

**SUNDAY, 4/12 – 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, 4/13 – 1 pm** Mission Mondays

**TUESDAY, 4/14 – 9 am-2 pm** UMW District Spring Meeting @ Danville First UMC; **6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7pm** Finance; **7 pm** AA; **7 pm** Al Anon; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

**WEDNESDAY, 4/15 – W.O.W.** (See shaded box for schedule)

**THURSDAY, 4/16– 8:30 am** Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **6:45 pm** Joanna Circle Outing to Parkland Theater; **7 pm** Woodworking Fellowship

**SATURDAY, 4/18 – Noon** AA

**SUNDAY, 4/19 – 8:30 am** Worship; **9:45 am** Sunday School for All Ages; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **Noon** Luncheon for families with young

children; **4 pm** Weight Loss and Health Group; **5 pm** AA; **6 pm** Sr. High Youth; **7 pm** Disciple Bible Study

**MONDAY, 4/20 – 1 pm** Mission Mondays

**TUESDAY, 4/21 – 6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7 pm** Al Anon; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

**WEDNESDAY, 4/22 – W.O.W.** (See shaded box for schedule)

**THURSDAY, 4/23– 8:30 am** Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant

**SATURDAY, 4/25 – 9 am—Noon** Fishing at River Bend County Park; **Noon** AA

**SUNDAY, 4/26 - 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, 4/27 – 1 pm** Mission Mondays

**TUESDAY, 4/28 – Noon** Mahomet Senior Citizens at Hometown Buffet in Champaign; **6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7 pm** Al Anon; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, 4/30– 8:30 am** Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant



**NO FELLOWSHIP FEAST ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH.**



**Boy Scout Troop 25**  
**Annual Spaghetti Dinner**  
 (Includes Spaghetti, Salad, Breadsticks, and Drink)

Saturday, April 11th  
 4 pm - 8 pm

Mahomet United Methodist Church  
 Tickets available at the door  
 \$6.00 each or 4 for \$20.00  
 Kids under 3 are Free



Desserts available at additional cost with proceeds going towards Venture Crew 25.



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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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Wednesday, April 1, 5:30 pm**

WOW EASTER FAMILY FUN NIGHT

**Thursday, April 2, 7 pm**

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

**Friday, April 3**

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, 7 PM

OFFICE CLOSED

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

EASTER SUNDAY

**Friday & Saturday, April 10 & 11, 9 am-5 pm**

FESTIVAL OF QUILTS

AT CUNNINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOME

**Saturday, April 11, 4-8 pm**

BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER

**Thursday, April 16, 6:45 pm to carpool**

JOANN CIRCLE'S OUTING

Parkland Theater's *The Unfit Chaperone*

**Sunday, April 19, Noon**

LUNCH FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

**Saturday, April 25, 9 am—noon**

FISHING AT RIVER BEND PARK

**Saturday, May 2, 9 am**

UMW MAY BREAKFAST

**Sunday, May 3**

COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

## **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