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

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## From John,

I want for you the resiliency, the buoyancy, the strength that we can draw from faith. Paul's writings in Romans is appealing in its offering the strength of faith.

*"Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

*Romans 8:35, 27-39, NRSV*

We will not live out the story of Jesus' Passion, crucifixion, and resurrection in a moment by moment, exact event for event way. It is our story and our victory. This primary narrative is meant to shape how we live, with confidence and courage; perhaps bent but not broken.

Nothing in life, things past, present, or to come, (whatever we may anticipate) will cheat us of God's love—if we choose.

This is what I want for you; choose faith that becomes strong and vital. Let no tragedy, heartbreak, betrayal, or failure defeat you. (Remember, "we are more than conquerors".)

Though we do not exactly live out Jesus' Passion, crucifixion and resurrection, sometimes it seems like there are similarities or parallels. In the reality of an imperfect life, in an imperfect world, with imperfect people there are sufferings and challenges. There is also the reality of what faith can mean for us. There is the reality of God's redemption for us.

We can go forward in life, after the worst conceivable moments to faithful, even joyful lives. God does make new, does redeem, repair, heal, and make whole. It happens at some point in this life and most assuredly in the life to come.

I have been engaged as a pastor and a friend in some very challenging, painful moments. They were moments

when one wonders how people endure. In those times, I have seen hurting people choose faith. I have seen how it served them and continues to serve them.

I pray that tragedy and heartache never visit you. Because I know it is an imperfect, sometimes hurtful world, I pray this quality of faith for you. Paul writes of it. We have seen it in others, we have chose this faith for ourselves.

Please embrace the promise of our faith, as in Romans 8, as in the Easter narrative, as in the lives of many faithful witnesses. And then, not only for ourselves, let others find the witness to faith's strength in us.

## Adult Study

The Wednesday evening Bible study is studying *The Call*, an Adam Hamilton study on the history, sites, and geography of Paul and his missionary journeys.

One Sunday morning adult class will begin the J. Ellsworth Kalas Bible study, *The Ten Commandments from the Back Side* on August 30th. This study will run for 12 weeks. The second Sunday morning adult class will be studying 1st and 2nd Peter throughout the fall.

People may join any of our classes at any time.

## Senior High Youth Group

The Senior High Youth Group will continue its survey of local pizzas. This fall, we will meet with people who are making a difference in the world. (September 6th we will order from Filippus; September 13 from Dominos.)

## Finance Update for July

July unrestricted revenue was \$33.7K versus unrestricted expenses of \$32.8K for net outcome of +\$900 for the month. Year to date net revenue for 2015 as of the end of June was approximately \$12,150. The finance committee thanks the congregation once again for their generosity.



***Everyone is always welcome to any of our events and fellowships!***

### **Movie Fellowship**

The Movie Fellowship will meet September 20th at 4 pm at the church to see that great classic, *Casablanca*.

### **Fishing Fellowship**

The Fishing Fellowship at Mahomet United Methodist Church will host a how-to workshop on Saturday, September 12 at 8:30 am at River Bend County Park. We will have equipment and instructors for fly fishing, bait casting, and worm dunking. Refreshments (coffee and donuts) will be provided. Please call the church at 586-2147 with any questions. Coffee and storytelling will be led by Rev. McIntosh.

### **Woodworkers Fellowship**

The Woodworking Fellowship will meet at 11 am on Thursday, September 10 to go to lunch. Come to share about your fall and winter projects. We meet at the church, then carpool to lunch.

### **Families with Young Children**

On Sunday, September 20, 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, September 9: 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. If you have any dietary concerns, please indicate this with your reservation.

### **New Member Orientation**

New Member Orientation with Rev. McIntosh will be on Sunday, September 6 at 9:50 am, between services, 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](mailto:jmcintosh@mumc.org).



### **Be Prepared to Get Wet!**

**Mark Your Calendars  
WOW Kickoff September 9th**

Our Wonderful Outreach Wednesday program will resume September 9th. All events are free of cost and a delicious meal will be provided from 5:30 until 6 pm with the weekly theme beginning after the meal. Our goal is to engage the community with entertaining activities that promote building friendships as well as shape a relationship with our church. Our kickoff on September 9th will include water activities for kids of all ages—including adults! Be ready to have **FUN!**

### **Kumihimo Braiding Class**

This September we will learn how to make a Japanese braiding technique similar to that which many kids have used to make friendship bracelets. We will be making the upscale adult and very versatile version.

We will learn a simple Kumihimo braid that can be used as a cord for bracelets, pendants or chokers. In October, we will learn how to add beads to the Kumihimo technique, and make some beautiful items.

Class will be Tuesday, September 15, at 1pm in the library. The cost is 5 dollars for a Kumi wheel and instructions, which you can keep and reuse. You can use embroidery floss (about 4 tiny skeins), S-Lon beading cord, yarn, jute, or twine—about any type of string material can be used. The size of your braid will be determined by the ply of your material. You will need about eight 3-yd lengths or at least 72 feet of material depending on your desired length of finished braid.

You may bring your own Kumihimo disc if you have one, and your own cording if you desire. There will be some selections of cording that you can purchase for a small amount if you wish. As always, instruction is free. See you there!



## UMW Luncheon

UMW cordially invites you to a potluck luncheon on September 3 at noon to commence their upcoming fall events. Drinks and table service will be provided.

Come and join us as we listen to Lee Jessup's presentation of this year's mission trip. You do *not* have to be a member of UMW to join us.

**Everyone is welcome** and we encourage you to bring a friend.

## UMW Recognition Sunday

In celebration of the United Methodist Women's ministry in the local congregation and its ministry worldwide, Sunday, September 20 is deemed UMW Recognition Sunday. The UMW will assist in the worship service and give an update of their current and ongoing projects.

In addition, the UMW will present Bibles to our current 2nd graders and announce this year's recipient of the Mission Pin Recognition.

## Joanna Circle

Joanna Circle will resume monthly meetings on Thursday, September 17th at 7 pm. The September meeting will focus on planning for the 2016 programs. Cindy Dodd is scheduled for Devotions and Carolyn Scott is Hostess.

## Women's Reading Circle

The Thursday Reading Circle will resume meeting on September 10th at 1:30 pm in the church prayer room. We will be discussing *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe.

*The End of Your Life Book Club* is the true story of a son and mother who start a book club that brings them together as her life comes to a close. Over two years, Will and Mary Anne carry on conversations that are both wide-ranging and deeply personal prompted by a diverse selection of books and a shared passion for reading. Throughout, they and we are reminded of the power of books to comfort, astonish, and teach.

If you love reading and discussing what you read with others, please join us on the second Thursday afternoon of each month.

## Medications Take Back Project:

Our parish nurse Eileen Waters will be collecting expired and unused prescription medications and over the counter drugs at the church Sunday, October 4th between services. This one day medications take-back project will provide a no-cost anonymous collection of unwanted and expired medicines. This is the safest and most responsible way to dispose of unwanted and expired medicines to protect your family and to protect our waters.

### Guidelines

- Medications are to be left in their containers with labels removed or information crossed out
- No aerosols or nebulizers
- Please do not dispose of medications in the trash or by flushing down the toilet.
- Champaign Police Department will dispose of the medications

### It's a great time to clean out your medicine cabinet!

Medicines in the home are a leading cause of accidental poisoning, and flushed or trashed medicines can end up polluting our waters. Rates of prescription drug abuse are alarmingly high—over half of teens abusing medicines get them from a family member or friend, including the home medicine cabinet, and often without their knowledge. The use of these abused prescriptions sometimes leads to the desire for cheaper more accessible street drugs like heroin.

Americans currently abuse prescription drugs more than the number of those using cocaine, hallucinogens, heroin, and inhalants combined.

## Wesley Spirit Singers

Join us for an hour of informal hymn singing and reminiscing! We will gather on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 3 pm at Bridle Brook Assisted Living, 1505 Patton Dr.

**Note: we will be singing at a different time than usual.**

For questions, contact:

Alice Nelson at [alioop55@mchsi.com](mailto:alioop55@mchsi.com)

Cindy Bell at [grannybell@mchsi.com](mailto:grannybell@mchsi.com)

Anyone is welcome to join us for this uplifting and heart-warming fellowship!





### It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Ashley and Steve Little on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Taytum Joy born 6:37 am, August 28th. Taytum's brothers, Tucker and Reese, are very excited about their new baby sister.



### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Imogene James on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Kensley James Bear, born July 15, 2015 to Megan & Jared Bear and big sister Madelyn.

### THANK YOU

When going through life's most difficult times it is always comforting to realize that church can become a verb. That is what all of you have been to me and my family through my mom's illness and then death. I am amazed at all the thoughtful cards arriving each day and the many calls, emails, Facebook messages, and texts. Thank you all for your acts of compassion.

Cindy Dodd

Dear Mahomet United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for selecting me to receive the Isabelle Purnell Scholarship this year. The money I received has been put toward my tuition for the upcoming fall semester. The continuing support of my church family has been such a blessing throughout my academic career.

Holly Jellen

Thank you for the scholarship. I am a senior at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky majoring in accounting. I plan to continue my education next year to become a CPA. This scholarship helps me purchase my books each year. I am very thankful for a church that offers scholarships that help me continue my education.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Goss

Dear Mahomet United Methodist Church,

Thank you very much for taking your time to read through my application and choosing me. The extra money will help so much and I greatly appreciate it!

Conner Diedrich

Thank you so much for letting our church use your church for the funeral dinner for the Keith Paul family. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Ann Paul and family

I want to personally thank you and your church for your generous hospitality in allowing us to use your church facility for the funeral dinner for the Paul family. This gesture demonstrated the Christian love we are called to have and we greatly appreciate your willingness to help us through this crisis.

With the love of Christ,

Brian Romanowski  
First Baptist Church of Mahomet

The Diamond Dogs 10U team sincerely thanks you for allowing us to use your pavilion and baseball field for our end of the year party on July 29th.

We appreciate your willingness to share your great facilities with us. We had a wonderful time and we have you to thank for providing us the perfect spot!!

Thanks again,  
Diamond Dogs 10u

### IN SYMPATHY

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

- The family of Cindy Dodd whose mother, Bernadine Haworth, passed away August 3, 2015.
- The family of Greg Duitsman whose father Everett passed away August 3, 2015.



## Mark Your Calendars—WOW Is NOW!

We are excited to announce our Wonderful Outreach Wednesday (WOW) program will resume September 9<sup>th</sup>. All events are free of cost and a delicious meal will be provided from 5:30 until 6 with the weekly theme beginning after the meal. Our goal is to engage the community with entertaining activities that promote building friendships as well as shape a relationship with our church.

**Everyone is welcome with open arms so spread the word!!**

Date	Adult Theme	Children's Theme
Wednesday, September 09, 2015	Kickoff- Outdoor Water Activities for All Ages!	Kickoff- Outdoor Water Activities for All Ages!
Wednesday, September 16, 2015	Parenting Workshop	Our Captain
Wednesday, September 23, 2015	One Hour Workout	Have a BLAST with our Savior
Wednesday, September 30, 2015	Family Art Party	Family Art Party
Wednesday, October 07, 2015	Parenting Workshop- Money Management	Cross Our Hearts
Wednesday, October 14, 2015	Cooking Class with Chef Gary	Camping- Let God Be Your Guide
Wednesday, October 21, 2015	Stress Management Techniques	CANDY CORN & Pumpkin Painting
Wednesday, October 28, 2015	Fall Family Indoor Carnival	Fall Family Indoor Carnival
Wednesday, November 04, 2015	DIY- Name Plaques	Leaf it to God
Wednesday, November 11, 2015	Parenting Workshop	Thankful Tree
Wednesday, November 18, 2015	Family Game Night- Minute To Win It	Family Game Night- Minute To Win It
Wednesday, November 25, 2015	Thanksgiving- No WOW	Thanksgiving- No WOW
Wednesday, December 02, 2015	One Hour Workout	"Fast and Furious"- Cars Can Be Fast- Worship Doesn't Need To Be
Wednesday, December 09, 2015	Family Indoor Drive-In	Family Indoor Drive-In
Wednesday, December 16, 2015	Christmas Present Wrapping Session	Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow...

**WOW Wish List: bright-colored buttons, old puzzles for crafts, old decks of cards, and panty hose.**



### SEPTEMBER, 2015 CALENDAR



**5:00 pm** Children's Choir (Grades 2-5)  
**5:30 pm** Dinner  
**6:00 pm** Children & Adult Programs  
**6:00 pm** Adult Study

**TUESDAY, 9/1— 6:30 pm** Wesley Bells;  
**7 pm AA; 7 pm** Al Anon; **7:30 pm**  
 Chancel Choir

**WEDNESDAY 9/2—6 pm** Adult Study

**THURSDAY 9/3—8:30 am** Women's  
 Small group at Mahomet Family Restau-  
 rant; **9 am** District Office Consultations;  
**Noon** UMW Potluck; **6 pm** Nominations  
 Committee; **7 pm** Staff-Parish Relations

**SATURDAY, 9/5—Noon** AA

**SUNDAY, 9/6—COMMUNION SUNDAY;  
 FOOD & DIAPER DRIVE; 8:30 am** Wor-  
 ship; **9:30 am-Noon** Blood Pressure  
 Checks; **9:45 am** Discipleship for All  
 Ages; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise  
 Band; **Noon** Fellowship Feast; **5 pm** AA;  
**6 pm** Senior High Youth

**MONDAY, 9/7—LABOR DAY; OFFICE  
 CLOSED**

**TUESDAY, 9/8—3 pm** Wesley Spirit  
 Singers at Bridle Brook; **6:30 pm** Wesley  
 Bells; **7 pm** Finance; **7 pm** AA;  
**7 pm** Al Anon; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

**WEDNESDAY 9/9—W.O.W. KICK-OFF;**  
**5 pm** Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner;  
**6 pm** Children & Adult Programs;  
**6 pm** Adult Study

**THURSDAY 9/10—8:30 am** Women's  
 Small Group at Mahomet Family Restau-  
 rant; **11 am** Woodworkers Fellowship;  
**1:30 pm** Thursday Reading Circle

**SATURDAY, 9/12—8:30 am** Fishing  
 Fellowship; **Noon** AA

**SUNDAY, 9/13—8:30 am** Worship;  
**9:45 am** Sunday School for All Ages;  
**10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band;  
**Noon** Young Families Lunch; **5 pm** AA;  
**6 pm** Senior High Youth

**MONDAY, 9/14—1 pm** Mission Mon-  
 days

**TUESDAY, 9/15—1 pm** Jewelry Class;  
**6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** Finance;  
**7 pm** AA; **7 pm** Al Anon; **7:30 pm**  
 Chancel Choir

**WEDNESDAY, 9/16—W.O.W.; 5 pm**  
 Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner;  
**6 pm** Children & Adult Programs;  
**6 pm** Adult Study

**THURSDAY, 9/17—8:30 am** Women's  
 Small Group at Mahomet Family Restau-  
 rant; **7 pm** Joanna Circle; **7 pm** Trustees

**SATURDAY, 9/19—Noon** AA

**SUNDAY, 9/20—UMW SUNDAY; 8:30  
 am** Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship for All  
 Ages; **9:50 am** New Members Orienta-

tion; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise  
 Band; **5 pm** AA; **4 pm** Movie Fellowship;  
**6 pm** Senior High Youth

**MONDAY, 9/21—1 pm** Mission  
 Mondays

**TUESDAY, 9/22—Noon** Mahomet Senior  
 Citizens Potluck; **6:30 pm** Wesley Bells;  
**7 pm** AA; **7 pm** Al Anon; **7:30 pm**  
 Chancel Choir

**WEDNESDAY, 9/23—W.O.W.; 5 pm**  
 Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner; **6 pm**  
 Children & Adult Programs; **6 pm** Adult  
 Study; *Circuit Rider* deadline

**THURSDAY, 9/24—8:30 am** Women's  
 Small Group at Mahomet Family  
 Restaurant; **10:30 am** Champaign County  
 Retired Teachers

**SATURDAY, 9/26— Noon** AA

**SUNDAY, 9/27— 8:30 am** Worship;  
**9:45 am** Discipleship for All Ages;  
**10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band;  
**5 pm** AA; **6 pm** Senior High Youth

**MONDAY, 9/28—1 pm** Mission  
 Mondays

**TUESDAY, 9/29—6:30 pm** Wesley Bells;  
**7 pm** AA; **7 pm** Al Anon; **7:30 pm**  
 Chancel Choir

**WEDNESDAY, 9/30—W.O.W.; 5 pm**  
 Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner;  
**6 pm** Children & Adult Programs;  
**6 pm** Adult Study

Worship Attendance Figures for August, 2015			
	8:30 am	10:45 am	Total
August 2	90	59	149
August 9	83	67	150
August 16	111	74	185
August 23	91	58	149
August 30	111	58	169
<b>August Total</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>802</b>

### Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) September Saturday Clinics

September 12th, 19th, 26th  
 10 am to 2 pm

Champaign-Urbana Public Health District  
 201 W. Kenyon Rd., Champaign

1-4 year old children are particularly encouraged to attend.  
 Each child that attends will receive a \$10 gift card.  
 For more information, call 217-531-4319



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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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Ciara Duitsman, Nursery Co-Coordinator  
Marty Butts, Custodian



**Monday, September 7**  
**Church Office Closed**  
**For Labor Day**

**Circuit Rider Deadline**  
**Wednesday, September 23**

## Donations Needed

**Sunday, September 6, 2015**

**Helping Hands** is in need of kleenex and paper towels as well as non-perishable food items to help members of our community. Please place donations in the grocery cart located at the welcome center.



**Diaper Tree** is in need of disposable diapers, wipes, and ointment.



### Fellowship Feast Menu September 6th

Roast Sirloin of Beef  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Green Beans  
Sliced Tomatoes  
Cookies/Bars