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

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From John,

One of my favorite moments during Vacation Bible School (and there were many) was at the end of story time with Sherri Kenner Orenic. Sherri had just engaged the children—fourth and fifth graders—in the story of the friends who lowered their sick friend through the roof, so that Jesus might heal him. One girl said, “That’s a good story!” This one really appealed to them.

One point, we should be telling the “good story”; certainly to children, and in so many ways, to others. This is what we have to offer the world, “The good story”. It is *the* definitive narrative of God’s loving relationship with us.

Another point, children instinctively respond to helping others in need. It appeals to them. They know it is the right thing to do. It resonates, naturally, with the compassion in them. Children find the right thing to do, fairness, and compassion appealing. They find joy in these scenarios. And we adults do, too.

This is who we are as a church. We are those entrusted with “the good story”. We have the privilege and obligation of telling the story of Jesus Christ with our words, deeds, and choices. The legacy of the Gospel comes to us. Then how do we honor and carry on the legacy?

We are the people who gather as a church to see the right thing done for others. We believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the church entrusted with the Gospel should transform lives. Something should happen because of our faith. Some things should happen because of the life of our church. That resonates with people of faith.

If you want a church that tells the good story and helps those in need, I think you have found it at Mahomet United Methodist Church.

What we hope for is that one day, in the next generation of Vacation Bible School, one of those twelve children who heard Sherri will hear a child say “That’s a good story”. Better yet would be if all twelve would hear that affirmation. The thought of that legacy is very appealing.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the “good story”. It will be told. It will change lives. Let us be among the storytellers.

Wednesday Evening Adult Study

The Wednesday evening Bible study will resume August 19th with a six-week study following *The Call*, an Adam Hamilton study on the history, sites, and geography of Paul and his missionary journeys. If you are interested in becoming a part of this study or would like further information, please contact John Schmale or the church office. Books are available in the church office.

Senior High Youth Group

The Senior High Youth will start meeting this fall on Sunday, August 23rd at 5pm. We will begin our survey and evaluation of pizza in our area with the iconic Papa Del’s. August 30th will be the local favorite, Monicals. Fall plans will include service projects. We will also learn about the agencies and people in our area who change lives.

Senior High Youth Outing

The senior high youth outing will take place on Friday, August 7th. We will meet at 8:30 am at the church to go to Lake Sara in Effingham. Doug and Stacy Schroeder will be the hosts for a day of boating, tubing, swimming, and lunch. It’s going to be awesome!

Be sure to bring swimwear, dry clothes to change into, sunscreen, and a towel. Lunch will be graciously provided by our host. Please let us know you are coming so that we may get an accurate count for lunches: 217-586-2147 or mumc@mumc.org.



Please be sure to check the church office if you are missing any items such as earrings, clothing, small children’s toys, etc. and we would be happy to return your lost goods!



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF



Sunday, August 30th is our Sunday School kickoff for the upcoming year. Please join us at 9:45 am for refreshments and fun!

Movie Fellowship

The Movie Fellowship will meet August 9th at 4 pm. Hopefully, you will see either or both *Everyman* and *Infinitely Polar Bear* at the Art Theater on Church Street in Champaign prior to our meeting. *Everyman* will be tricky to see because it is scheduled for two showings, Sunday, August 2nd at 11:30 am (that means you'll come to first service that Sunday) and Wednesday, August 5th at 2:30 pm. *Everyman* is based on a Shakespeare play. *Infinitely Polar Bear* has more dates and times. Please check the Art Theater on Champaign's website for times and descriptions. We will discuss the films and make future plans on Sunday, August 9th at 4 pm in the library.

Fishing Fellowship

The Fishing Fellowship at Mahomet United Methodist Church will meet on Saturday, August 15th at 8:30 am for a light breakfast, a review of a critical skills, knot tying, and thorough review of our summer adventures. We will meet in the area near the kitchen serving window.

Woodworkers Fellowship

The woodworkers will meet on Thursday, August 13th at 11 am to go to lunch and plan our fall schedule.

Medications Take Back Project

Sunday October 4th, our parish nurse will be coordinating a collection for expired and unused prescription medications and over the counter drugs. This is in coordination with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's nationwide drug "take-back" day. Take this opportunity to clean out your medicine cabinet and dispose of medications in an environmentally safe way.

Got Drugs?



Tree of Life Pendant Class Wednesday, August 12, 1 pm

We will be making a Tree of Life pendant in bead class on Wednesday, August 12th at 1pm. This pendant can be hung on any cord you like, leather, yarn or even Kumihimo braid, and can be made in silver or gold color. Cost for materials is \$10 dollars, instruction is free.



If you wish to use your own materials, bring some 16-18 g wire for the pendant, some 24 or 26 g wire for the tree, an assortment of small (tiny looks best) bead chips or beads of desired colors. If you have any jewelry tools, you will need round or flat pliers, and a bead mat.

You may use birthstone colors, seasonal colors or all one color for pretty pendants—whatever you like. These are easy to make. Youth above ages 8-9 should be able to make this, but remember the wire can be sharp. You can also make smaller versions of these for earrings.



Countdown to WOW

We are excited to announce our Wonderful Outreach Wednesday (WOW) program will resume Sept. 9th. All events are free of cost and a delicious

meal will be provided from 5:30 pm until 6 pm on Wednesdays, 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.

Some events planned specifically for the adults include **parenting workshops** taught by our own Margaret White, a **cooking class** taught by Chef Gary Dalton, one hour **workout sessions**, and a **Christmas present wrapping** event. Activities for the children's group include **blasting off rockets, water activities, boat racing, building race cars, pumpkin painting**, and much more!

Although most Wednesdays, adults and children will be separate, there will be one Wednesday a month designated as a family night. We will have a Fall Carnival (since our Spring Carnival was such a success), a "Minute to Win It" game night, a family art event similar to sessions provided by Art Party Studio, and a Drive-In Movie night. A schedule of events will go out with our next *Circuit Rider*. Everyone is welcome with open arms. Spread the word!!



THANK YOU

Thank you to the Mahomet United Methodist Church,

The family of Alma Pugh would like to thank the church and all those who showed us the love of Christ as we celebrated the life of our mother.

We thank Rev. John McIntosh for officiating at the service; all the kitchen help who served and cleaned up the meal; all those who graciously brought food for our fellowship meal following service and all the wonderful hospitality that was shown to us.

Thank you so much!

Mike & Mary Pugh
Sally Swaim

IN SYMPATHY

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

- The family of Catherine Clinebell who passed away July 19, 2015.
- The family of Alma Pugh who passed away June 30, 2015. Please keep them in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations go out to:

- Melissa and Michael Litchfield, son of John and Marilyn Litchfield, who were married on July 11th.
- Christa and Dick Steeves on the birth of their granddaughter, Stella Kathleen Drollinger, born July 8, 2015. Parents are Miranda and Blake Drollinger.
- Rick and Roberta McElmurry on the birth of their granddaughter, Abigail Claire Westrick, born June 24, 2015. Parents are Susan and Dan Westrick.

Vacation Bible School 2015

We are extremely grateful to all the volunteers who made our Vacation Bible School a hit this year. Without you, it would have been impossible to teach the 70 plus children about Moving, Caring, Acting, Sharing, and Following the word of God. Thank you for your hard-work, patience, and enthusiasm with our program and practicing what was preached with the children. Also, a special shout out is in order to Kate Nelson for her dedication and behind the scenes work!



Summer Lunch Program

The summer lunch program was a big success! Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who prepared, cooked, served and provided desserts. This program could not continue without your support. A special thanks to Linda Meachum for her dedication to this important ministry.

Mahomet Helping Hands

A big thank you to the Mahomet United Methodist Church for all of their contributions to the Mahomet Helping Hands program this month. In addition to other contributions throughout the month, VBS collected an impressive 210 pounds of food!

Times Center Thanks You

We delivered 2 large tubs of gently used towels, wash cloths and hygiene products to Times Center and they were very happy to receive them stating, "We can definitely use everything here. Thank you so much." The worker went on to explain that often when a resident leaves, he may take a towel set with him in order to clean up so the Center's towel supply is ever dwindling. We just don't think about all those details of living homeless—the dignity of being able to shower and wash your clothing.

Thank you in advance for helping these men. Maurice and I will deliver the tubs as they fill.

Cindy Bell



Reaching Out Beyond Our Walls

Times Center Collection

The Times Center is a local men's shelter providing transitional housing for homeless men. They are currently in need of **TOWELS**. In addition to the regular items such as soap and deodorant, please consider bringing in gently used or new towels and washcloths and place them in the collecting tub under the nametags. There are never enough towels and washcloths available for showering. Watch your local rummage sales and thrift shops and you may find some great bargains.

The Times Center also needs laundry detergent, shower soaps, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste and toothbrushes, hair combs and brushes, nail clippers, rubber flip flop/thong sandals to wear in the showers, and deodorant. Used clothing, especially larger sizes like XL and up, is also accepted. Underwear must be new; T-shirts and socks may be gently used. All donations are truly appreciated.

Restoration Urban

Restoration UM runs a program for homeless that provides living quarters and personal needs as long as the participant attends church and the educational programs that help them get back on their feet to live independently. These apartments are in need of many small cooking appliances to allow the individuals or families a chance to prepare meals. There is also a community kitchen for larger items where a large meal can be produced and taken back to their apartments to eat, since stoves and hot plates are not allowed in the apartments.

Below is the needs list for Restoration Urban Ministries:

Apartments need good used 2-slice toasters, coffee pots, crockpots, small microwaves, dishes, utensils—both cooking and eating, cups, glasses, etc. When residents are able to move out they often need to take these items with them to get started again so the need is continuous.

The community kitchen can use refrigerators (they actually need 5 new or gently used), convection or toaster ovens, larger kitchen appliances, pizza cookers, pots, pans, utensils of all kinds, casseroles, baking dishes, sheet pans, hot pads and mitts, and cleaning supplies.

In addition, there are needs for back-mount toilet fixtures, painting, 63" curtains, 20-gal. water heaters, new pillows, laundry detergent, large rugs or carpet pieces of 15'X20', children's clothing, and personal hygiene products.

It Takes A Village

ITAV is a local branch of a Central Illinois group who collects and offers items to low income families. They have waiting lists for people who need appliances and furniture, and have a storage unit for small items like clothing, toys and small household appliances to give away. They have regular give-away days on Thursdays and Saturdays where people can work to earn credits for shopping at Salt and Light for groceries as well as other items they may need.

If you are need more information about any of these donation sites or items you may have to offer or need help in making deliveries, please contact Cindy Bell at grannybell@mchsi.com or phone or text to 217-493-7896.

2015 Intergeneration Mission Trip

We (Rita, Kate, Carmelita, Janet, Annalee, Teri, Beth, Quinton (aka Q.), Darryl, Tyler, Annie and yours truly) traveled to one of the poorest counties in the U.S., Lee County Virginia. We helped many families for a week, completed every project started, discovered 'we were the mission', met some great folks locally as well as Jane and Machaela, an "add on" to our group from Indiana. We had great leadership from Rev. Donnie, Josh, Christopher, Mark and Scott the entire week both in work and devotions. We were well fed at the bell by two of the sweetest ladies – Vergie and Ettia. For me it was a fulfilling and uplifting week. And, I believe, from what I heard from others, they had similar experiences and felt the same. A HUGE THANKS to all of you that supported us with your prayers, thoughts and money.

Lee Jessup



For an interesting perspective of the mission trip through Lee's eyes, please visit our website (mumc.org) and find the link to Lee's Journal under the news tab.



Visiting Team Planning and Updating.

We would like to update our current list of church members who would like to receive visits or be checked on occasionally, or who might need assistance and need our help. A planning meeting will be held on July 31st at 11 am to get started and anyone who is interested or has ideas is invited to attend. There will be a second meeting on Thursday, August 6th at 11 am to work on names of volunteers and the list of members desiring visits.

Visiting simply involves making a dedication to check in on someone for 15-30 minutes at least once a month—bringing them news of their church, letting them talk about things they are concerned about, sharing some laughter as well as caring about how they are doing. Visiting in pairs is often easier and more comfortable so some volunteers prefer to visit with a partner.

As a visitor, you might read the Bible, take a small gift, food item, or even a flower from your garden—any small thing to let them know you are remembering them on behalf of Mahomet UMC.

We are currently looking for a volunteer coordinator to keep an updated list of names of those needing visits and where they are located, and a list of volunteers who might be able to help.

In addition, we are in need of a volunteer to head up the card ministry, another way to let people know they are in our prayers. Cards are sent to persons on the prayer list or in need of a kind word. Cards may be sent in celebration, comfort, or sympathy.

If you would be interested in serving our church in either of these positions, please let us know at one of the upcoming meetings or let the church office know so that you might be considered during the nomination season.



Wesley Spirit Singers

Join us for an hour of informal hymn singing and reminiscing! We will gather on Tuesday, Aug. 11th, 2 pm at The Glenwood, 1709 S. Division, Mahomet, IL.

For questions, contact:

Alice Nelson at alioop55@mchsi.com

Cindy Bell at grannybell@mchsi.com

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

United Methodist Women



Fall Potluck

On September 3, 2015 at noon, the Mahomet United Methodist Women will host a potluck luncheon to kick-off their fall 2015 events.

In the fine tradition of United Methodist women everywhere, we ask you to bring your favorite dish to share with everyone. We will provide drinks and table service.

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 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. For more information, contact Sheryle Carpenter at davesherylecarp65@yahoo.com.



AUGUST 2015 CALENDAR

SATURDAY, 8/1 – Noon AA

SUNDAY, 8/2 – COMMUNION SUNDAY;
8:30 am Worship; 9:30 am-Noon Blood Pressure Checks; 9:45 am Discipleship for All Ages; 10:45 am Worship with Praise Band; Noon Weight Loss & Health Group; 5 pm AA

MONDAY, 8/3 – 1 pm Mission Mondays;
6 pm Mission Team; 7 pm Discipleship Team

TUESDAY, 8/4 – 7 pm AA; 7 pm Al Anon

THURSDAY, 8/6 – 8:30 am Women’s
Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; 11 am Visiting Team; 7 pm Staff - Parish Committee

FRIDAY, 8/7 – 8:30 am Sr. High Youth
Outing

SATURDAY, 8/8 – Noon AA

SUNDAY, 8/9 – 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

MONDAY, 8/10 – 1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 8/11 – 2 pm Wesley Spirit
Singers at The Glenwood; 7 pm Finance; 7 pm AA; 7 pm Al Anon

WEDNESDAY, 8/12 – 1 pm Bead Class

THURSDAY, 8/13 – 8:30 am Women’s
Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; 11 am Woodworkers Fellowship; 7 pm Church Council

SATURDAY, 8/15 – 8:30 am Fishing Fel-
lowship; Noon AA

SUNDAY, 8/16 – 8:30 am Worship;
9:45 am Discipleship for All Ages; 10:45 am Worship with Praise Band; Noon Weight Loss and Health Group; 5 pm AA

MONDAY, 8/17 – 1 pm Mission
Mondays

TUESDAY, 8/18 – 7 pm AA; 7 pm Al Anon

WEDNESDAY, 8/19 – 6 pm Adult Study

THURSDAY, 8/20 – 8:30 am Women’s
Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant

FRIDAY, 8/21 – Circuit Rider deadline

SATURDAY, 8/22 – Noon AA

SUNDAY, 8/23 - 8:30 am Worship;
9:45 am Discipleship for All Ages; 10:45 am Worship with Praise Band; Noon Weight Loss and Health Group; 5 pm AA; 5 pm Senior High Youth

MONDAY, 8/24 – 1 pm Mission
Mondays

TUESDAY, 8/25 – Noon Senior Citizen’s
Curtis Orchard tour; 7 pm AA; 7 pm Al Anon

WEDNESDAY, 8/26 – 6 pm Adult Study

THURSDAY, 8/27 – 8:30 am Women’s
Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant

SATURDAY, 8/29 – Noon AA

SUNDAY, 8/30 - 8:30 am Worship;
9:45 am Sunday School Kickoff; 10:45 am Worship with Praise Band; Noon Weight Loss and Health Group; 5 pm AA; 5 pm Senior High Youth

MONDAY, 8/31 – 1 pm Mission
Mondays

Trustees Update on Hail Damage

As some of you may know, our church suffered fairly significant damage to our roof, siding, gutters and windows from a spring hail storm. Fortunately, we have good insurance coverage through Country Companies with replacement value.

The Trustees selected Scott Nelson Construction as the contractor to make the repairs. Construction is scheduled to begin as soon as the ground around the church is firm enough to minimize damage. The roof will be first followed by windows, siding and gutters.

Please pardon our mess and some inconveniences that are sure to occur during the construction process. When parking your vehicles or walking around the site, please give the contractors plenty of space. We look forward to getting our church back to good condition. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Gary Kling, Trustees Chair.

Finance Update for June

June unrestricted revenue was \$30.3K versus unrestricted expenses of \$29.8K for net outcome of +\$500 for the month. The church also received a check in June for \$65,727.50 from Country Companies as an initial payment toward roof repairs due to hail damage. These funds will be deposited into the building fund until expended for the repairs. Year to date net revenue for 2015 as of the end of June was approximately \$11,200. The finance committee thanks the congregation once again for their generosity.

Worship Attendance Figures for July, 2015

	8:30 am	10:45 am	Total
July 5	75	78	153
July 12	80	66	146
July 19	91	128	219
July 26	95	65	160
July Total	341	337	678

Office Closed Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day



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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

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Marty Butts, Custodian

Circuit Rider Deadline



Friday, August 21

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



Donations Needed

Sunday, August 2, 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.



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