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

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From John,

The uncertainty and randomness in life finds expression in the cliché, “The only two certain things in life are death and taxes.” That there is mystery about God, that there will always be things we don’t know about God, give rise to the comment, “The Lord works in mysterious ways.” The truth is we don’t always know or understand God’s ways. Sometimes that’s our fault because we haven’t bothered to learn God’s ways. Sometimes we choose our flawed ways over God’s.

Though there is uncertainty in life—and these seem like uncertain times—and though what God is doing seems out of reach of our understanding, **there are things we know for sure.** There are certainties we can count on, that we can use as a foundation for an unshakeable hope.

We know there is a God who created the good world. We know that God wants our well-being, as expressed in God’s redeeming and sustaining activity in our lives and our world. God has not abandoned us, even when we have walked away from God’s love. Our primary experience of God is a loving God. Salvation is offered to all. God has a way of, well, having God’s way.

The last verse of the hymn *How Firm a Foundation* is one of my favorite and dearest lines:

*The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to it foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.*

I take that as a certainty, a known, a foundation. This is what I want for you—to develop a foundation of confidence based on your faith. Even in the face of uncertainty and mystery, claim your faith.

The Easter story is the definitive narrative on God’s loving presence in our world. This is who we are, the people who embrace the victory of Easter as the deepest truth. This is what is certain. Let us shape our perspective on life with this.

I pray that the resiliency of faith is real in your life.

Adult Study Opportunities

Sunday Mornings 9:45-10:30 am

The library class is currently discussing Hebrews. Following this, they will begin an in-depth study of Revelations.

The other class will begin studying *The Beverly Hillbillies Bible Study* on July 5th. It features classic episodes, from the TV series *The Beverly Hillbillies*, with relevant scriptures to use as modern parables on the teaching of Jesus.

Wednesday Evenings

The Wednesday evening Bible study will resume the third week of August 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 3, Friday

OFFICE CLOSED

July 5, Sunday, 8:30 & 10:45 am

COMMUNION SUNDAY

July 7, Tuesday, 1 pm

BEADING CLASS

July 12, Sunday, Noon

YOUNG FAMILIES LUNCH

July 13-17, Mon.-Fri., 9 am-Noon

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 14, Tuesday 2 pm

WESLEY SPIRIT SINGERS at Bridle Brook

July 16, Thursday, 6 pm

JOANNA CIRCLE COOKOUT

July 20-24, Mon.-Fri., 10 am

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM at Candlewood

July 28, Sunday, Tuesday, Noon

SENIOR CITIZENS POTLUCK



Joanna Circle Cookout

Cindy Dodd will be hosting the Joanna Circle Cookout on July 16, 6 pm at her home on 1806 S. Brook Court in Mahomet. Please RSVP by calling the church office at 217-586-2147 or email mumc@mumc.org.

Joanna Circle will not be meeting in August.

The UMW will not be meeting in July or August.

Finance Update for May

May unrestricted revenue was \$27,715 versus unrestricted expenses of \$34,890 for net outcome of -\$7,175 for the month. May is traditionally a low revenue month for the church and expenses were high due to the payment of the annual building insurance bill (\$5,808) in May. Year to date net revenue for 2015 is approximately \$10,700. The finance committee thanks the congregation once again for their generosity.

Times Center Collection

The Times Center is 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 wash cloths and place them in the collecting tub under the name tags. There are never enough towels and wash cloths 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.

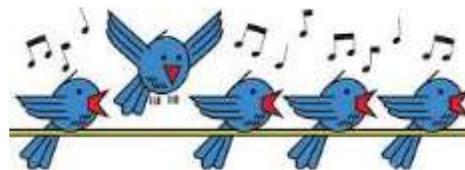
Candlewood Summer Lunch Program

Summer lunch is well under way at Candlewood. MUMC is scheduled to take the week of July 20-24. We will provide lunches each day from 11:30 till 12:30. If you are interested in helping that week, we need people to provide dessert, people to help cook (usually around 10 am in the morning each day), and people to help serve and clean up. The churches have seen a growth in numbers this year, with 60 to 80 being served each day. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, please contact the church office at 217-586-2147 or email mumc@mumc.org.

Open Bead Class

There will be an open beading session at 1pm on Tuesday, July 7, in the library. Upon request, Cindy Bell will be re-teaching the Swarovski crystal tennis bracelet. Everyone is welcome to come work on beading and to get some help or suggestions. If you want to make a tennis bracelet, you will need Fireline, some delicas or 15's for the framework and about 40 Swarovski crystals plus a clasp of choice. Materials can be purchased for \$15.00—the instruction is free.

This class is appropriate for ages 12 and up. All are welcome to join us, but you may need some cheaters or magnifiers.



Wesley Spirit Singers

Join us for an hour of informal hymn singing and reminiscing! We will gather on Tuesday, July 14th, 2 pm at Bridle Brook, 1505 Patton Dr., Mahomet, IL.

For questions, contact the church office at 217-586-2147 or email mumc@mumc.org

Wesley Spirit Singers is an informal group of various people from our church who come together because they enjoy singing the old hymns with the folks at the local assisted living homes. They are not a “performance” group but rather an interactive sing-along group. They gather once a month on a Tuesday at 2 pm, alternating months between The Glenwood and Bridle Brook facilities.

Large print books with traditional hymns are passed to the assisted living residents who love to join in. The program includes talking and reminiscing between hymns, and singing requested favorites as well. *Wesley Spirit Singers* is a seasonal group which does not meet in the winter months.

Anyone is welcome to join us for this uplifting and heartwarming fellowship!



THANK YOU

Dave and I wish to thank everyone in the congregation that helped to participate in our 50th anniversary celebration with their presence at the open house, a beautiful card, and heartfelt wishes. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Dave & Sheryle Carpenter

To the Mahomet United Methodist Church,

Thank you very much for providing volunteers for the Mahomet Helping Hands donation and giveaway Saturdays in June. We also appreciate your loyal support during the year through generous donations of food, money, and other items. The dedication of caring organizations such as yours allows MHH to continue to reach out to those in need in our community.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Mahomet Helping Hands

Dear Ladies of MUMC,

Thank you so much for providing a wonderful meal for the family of Gary Manuel. You always care for our family so well.

With much gratitude,

Ann Manuel, Teri Noel, Tami Ryan, and families

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations go out to:

- Haven Rae Steinberg, daughter of Stephanie Coile and Benjamin Steinberg, who received Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 7th.
- Bernie and Connie Hinkle on the birth of their granddaughter, Aurora Hinkle, born June 6, 2015. Parents are Josh and Cassidy Hinkle.
- Kirby Rae Henry, daughter of Bradley and Christina Henry, who received Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 28th.

JULY 2015 CALENDAR

THURSDAY, 7/2 – 8:30 am Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant

FRIDAY, 7/3 – Office closed

SATURDAY, INDEPENDENCE DAY, 7/4 – Noon AA

SUNDAY, 7/5– 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, 7/6– ; 1 pm Mission Mondays; **6 pm** Mission Team; **7 pm** Discipleship Team

TUESDAY, 7/7 – 1 pm Bead Class; **7 pm AA; 7 pm** Al Anon

THURSDAY, 7/9 – 8:30 am Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **7 pm** Staff -Parish Committee

SATURDAY, 7/11 – Noon AA

SUNDAY, 7/12 –8:30 am Worship; **9:45 am** Sunday School for All Ages; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **Noon** Young Families Lunch; **Noon** Weight Loss and Health Group; **5 pm AA**

MONDAY, 7/13 –FRIDAY, 7/17: 9 am-Noon Vacation Bible School

MONDAY, 7/13 – 1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 7/14 – 2 pm Wesley Spirit Singers at Bridle Brook Assisted Living; **7 pm** Finance; **7 pm AA; 7 pm** Al Anon

THURSDAY, 7/16 – 8:30 am Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **6 pm** Joanna Circle Cookout; **7 pm** Trustees

SATURDAY, 7/18 – Noon AA

SUNDAY, 7/19 – 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, 7/20 –FRIDAY, 7/24: 10 am Summer Lunch Program at Candlewood

MONDAY, 7/20– Noon Circuit Rider deadline; **1 pm** Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 7/21 – 7 pm AA; 7 pm Al Anon

THURSDAY, 7/23 – 8:30 am Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant

SATURDAY, 7/25 – Noon AA

SUNDAY, 7/26 - 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, 7/27 – 1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 7/28 – Noon Senior Citizen's Potluck; **7 pm AA; 7 pm** Al Anon

THURSDAY, 7/30 – 8:30 am Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant



MUMC Vacation Bible School

Our G-Force Vacation Bible School will be held July 13th-17th beginning at 9 am and lasting until noon. We have an awesome program this year designed to get our children moving, learning, and acting out their faith. The main Bible verse for G-Force VBS is **Acts 17:28a, "In God we live, move, and exist."** A life with God is one of movement! To reinforce this idea, we will have science projects, bible stories, crafts, and recreational activities.

The MUMC VBS classes are for children 4 years through 5th Grade. There will be childcare available for those 3 and under and older students are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to volunteer. There will be a color of the day so if possible, please have your children wear the following shirt colors to coordinate:

Monday- Purple

Tuesday- Orange

Wednesday- Yellow

Thursday- Blue

Friday- Green



This program is free of cost so if you would like to register or know a family that might like to participate, go to www.MUMC.org and click on the VBS ad which links to the registration online site. Paper forms can also be found on the Welcome Center and returned to the office.

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering for this ministry, please contact the church office at 586-2147 or email mumc@mumc.org.

Donations needed!

Sunday, July 5, 2015

Helping Hands Food Drive

- Bring non-perishable food. Place items in the grocery cart by the Welcome Center.

Diaper Tree Drive

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



Cunningham Homecoming 2015

On Sunday, July 26, 2015, Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana will celebrate 120 years of service to youth and families in need. Hundreds of visitors including former staff, alumni, and community members will be in attendance at the Anniversary and Homecoming event. From 1 to 4 p.m., the public is invited to tour the main campus, meet the staff, and learn more about the programs and services offered to children and youth at Cunningham. The highlight of the afternoon will be the 120th Anniversary Celebration Service, which will be held in the Spiritual Life Center at 2:30 p.m. The Celebration Service will feature a special performance by Cunningham's Gospel Choir; a message from Bishop Jonathan Keaton, residing bishop of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference (IGRC) of The United Methodist Church; and a time of recognition for the IGRC United Methodist Women who have been stewards of the home since it was deeded to them 120 years ago.

For more information, contact (217)367-3728 or visit cunninghamhome.org.

Worship Attendance Figures for June, 2015

	8:30 am	10:45 am	Total
June 7	81	61	142
June 14	111	82	193
June 21	71	77	148
June 28	87	95	182
June. Total	350	315	665



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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



Circuit Rider Deadline

Monday, July 20

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



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