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*Our Mission: To know Christ's love and share it with our neighbors through service and education.*

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### From John,

It is certainly an unusual year. Ash Wednesday is also Valentine's Day (February 14.) Easter is April 1. Regardless of that curiosity, the Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter. Traditionally the season of Lent is a time of preparation, a time to make ready for the Risen Lord. In years past, churches would be emptied out their furnishings on Good Friday, receive a thorough cleaning, and been whitewashed as preparation for Easter.

Many people give up something for Lent, honoring the tradition of fasting and sacrifice. If you choose to give up something for Lent, emphasize the idea of being the master of oneself and one's habits. Try to avoid a sense of being deprived. I am not sure of the value of giving something up for forty days, feeling deprived, and then overindulging in what one felt deprived of.

For the early Christian church Lent was a time of preparation for new disciples to be baptized on Easter. It was also a time of reconciliation and reclaiming damaged relationships. There would be a great deal of preparation for Easter, the holiest day of the Christian year.

A friend of mine claims that I use my truck as a storage unit. (It does currently have a pair of boots, a blanket, coffee cups, a fly fishing rod, three sets of gloves, two sets of riding chaps, and a Bible in it.) To make room for a passenger, I go to the truck first to empty it out to make room for said passenger (who will also acquire some English Setter hair for their clothing.)

Most of us can relate to the sequence of cleaning and preparation for guests to our homes. Perhaps this is similar to the internal cleaning we can do to make ready for the great event of Easter, to make room for the Risen Lord in our lives. Where do we need to empty out and clean? Is it anger, grudges, guilt, shame, jealousy, or misguided motives? Do we need to re-order our priorities, to re-focus our lives?

The invitation is to make February 14 to April 1st a time of preparation and growth. Maybe we refrain from some things. More so, let us add the disciplines of faith. Consider a daily Bible reading, or devotional reading, add an extra amount of time in prayer, make a commitment to

some deeds that are the good works of faith. Replace a habit that wastes time with time with loved ones.

Write letters that reconnect and affirm people. When in the presence of loved ones be really present.

So in considering ways to make this Lenten season a time of preparation for the great Good News of Easter, add the positive and constructive habits that build faith.

May this be a time of growth and change for you in faith.

### IN APPRECIATION

Each January we receive a statement of monies sent to the larger church through the conference treasurer. What are called "Conference Claims" or "Apportionments" is the set amount we send in each year to support the Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference and its ministries. These are assigned based on our yearly spending, excluding money sent to missions. They are not based on membership. It is not a head tax. It hasn't been so for years. Still sometimes I get asked if it is based on membership and shouldn't we clean the membership rolls.

Part of this goes to support the cost of administration for our conference. A significant amount goes to ministries that are supported by our churches, collectively. The ministries that get support include children's homes, our campus ministries, and our camping program. Good work is being done in the name of Jesus Christ through our conference claims.

What I want to thank you for is your generosity in supporting relief efforts and ministries above and beyond what is assessed. Those receiving your gifts include, disaster relief through UMCOR, Midwest Missions Distribution Center, the food pantry at the U of I Wesley Foundation, Healthy Start through the Baby Fold, the ministries and scholarships supported by special offerings, Helping Hands and MAYC.



## THANK YOU

Thank you for all the lovely Christmas cards, candy, and gifts . I really enjoyed reading the cards and eating the goodies! Thanks for making me feel very special while I was home bound. I feel so blessed to have a wonderful church family!

Lee Miller

Dear Church Family,

We want to thank you for the wonderful Christmas Bag of greeting cards, candy, cookies, chap stick, and tissues. A special thanks to the Volunteers who delivered them and spent their time visiting with us.

Thank you.

Ed and Norma Lotz

Dear Church Family,

What an honor it was to receive so many Christmas cards from you and to be remembered during the Holidays. They brought back so many happy memories of you as we saw your names signed on the cards. We thank you and we miss you and wish you a happy and healthy 2018.

Dannie and Norma Tharp

Thank you for all the Christmas cards. It is great to be remembered during the Holidays.

Lois Winger

## CONGRATULATIONS

- \* Lee & Alice Miller on their anniversary
- \* Aaron & Barb Huffman on their anniversary
- \* Robert & Bonnie Vaughn on their anniversary
- \* Robert & Suzanne Slade on their anniversary
- \* Terry & Cindy Dodd on their anniversary

## SERVICE OF HOLY WORSHIP

February 14, 7 pm

Ash Wednesday begins the observance of the Lenten season. It is a time of preparation for celebrating Easter. This year Lent begins on February 14 and continues through Easter on April 1. Our Ash Wednesday service helps us begin this season in a worshipful spirit.

Other Holy Season dates to remember:

Palm Sunday, March 25

Maundy Thursday, March 29

Good Friday, March 30

Easter Sunday, April 1



## From the Finance Committee

Dear Church Family,

This is the season of new beginnings in our church and the Finance Committee wanted to say THANK YOU for an excellent December and 2017.

December unrestricted revenue was \$119,920 for our church and total expenses were \$37,369 for a net of \$82,551 for the month. Some of December's revenue were 2018 pledged giving's in advance.

For 2017, unrestricted revenue was \$508,209 versus expenses of \$398,770 for a net positive outcome of \$109,439. The Christmas offering came in just under \$2,000 and will be disbursed to the designated charities. Overall, a very positive conclusion to the year.

As always, we are a transparent organization. The reports are always available on request. We thrive as a church because of our congregation's generosity and faithfulness.

Sincerely,

Scott Yeazel

Chair, Finance Committee



## February Worship Services

Sunday, February 4 is Holy Communion. The scriptures are Isaiah 40:21-31 and Mark 1: 29-39. The sermon title is "Everyone Is Searching". After teaching with authority and healing people, Jesus takes time to be alone. Followers come looking for Him. What is it that they want or need? What have they found in this Jesus of Nazareth?

Sunday, February 11 is Transfiguration Sunday. The scriptures are 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 and Mark 9:2-9. The sermon title is "God Wants Us, All of Us!" Gene Larson is preaching. We will have an opportunity to hear the kind of message that Gene brings to worship services at Bridal Brook . He leads worship there about twice a month.

Ash Wednesday, is February 14. The service is at 7 pm. This service begins the Lenten Season. The scripture passages are Psalm 51, Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17, and Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21. The sermon title is "From the Ashes".

February 18 is the First Sunday of Lent. The scriptures are Genesis 9: 8-17 and Mark 1: 9-15. The sermon title is "God's Plan for humanity". The Genesis passage is on God's covenant symbolized by the rainbow. The Mark passage tells of the beginning of Jesus' ministry. What of God's intention can we gather from these passages?

Sunday, February 25 has the scripture readings from Romans 4: 13-25 and Mark 8: 31-38. The sermon title is "Will Your Soul Thrive?" What choices and priorities keep our souls healthy?

## Women's Reading Circle

The Thursday Reading Circle will meet **February 8th at 1:30 pm** in the church prayer room. We will be discussing the movie, *Same Kind Of Different As Me* by Ron Hall & Denver Moore.

It's a movie about a dangerous, homeless drifter who grew up picking cotton in virtual slavery. An upscale art dealer accustomed to the world of Armani and Chanel. A gutsy woman with a stubborn dream.

It's the most inspirational and emotionally gripping story of faith, fortitude, and friendship. A powerful example of the healing, restorative power of forgiveness and the transformational, life-changing power of unconditional love.

If you love reading and discussing what you read with others, please join us on the second Thursday afternoon of each month. Contact Sheryle Carpenter at [davesheryle65@yahoo.com](mailto:davesheryle65@yahoo.com) for more information.



## WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE!

During the process of updating the Church Database, we have been notified that some emails have not been received. We would like to request your assistance to make sure all of our information is accurate to ensure all church related emails are communicated. Please contact the church office if you have an updated email or if you have not been receiving emails from the church. Thank you!

## Church Pictorial Directory

In the upcoming months, we will be preparing the church pictorial directory for 2018. We will need your help with this project as we move forward.





# ★ Show Your Talent! ★

MUMC's Got Talent

February 7

Dinner 5:30-6:00PM

Talent Show 6:00-7:00PM ★

ALL AGES ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE

DO A SKIT-TELL A JOKE-DRIBBLE A BASKETBALL- JUMP ROPE- TELL US THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE- MARTIAL ARTS-A YOGA POSE-DRAW A PICTURE-TELL US ABOUT AN INVENTION, READ A POEM-SING A SONG - DO A DANCE-PLAY AN INSTRUMENT- RECITE A BIBLE VERSE -YO-YO TRICKS-MAGIC TRICK- NAME ALL 50 STATES-BRING IN A BOOK YOU LIKE AND TELL US ABOUT IT--A LEGO BUILD-GET CREATIVE! Don't want to be in the talent show? That's ok! Come cheer for your friends!

Please let us know if you would like to get involved. In the welcome center you will see a board full of supplies (for experiments) we are in need of. We are seeking extra hands to help set up the activities. We will be doing that the Tuesday prior to each program.

We are looking for volunteers to perform skits during the program and assist with audio/visual equipment. We need volunteers to help serve dinner and clean up afterward.

What a privilege it is to be able to offer a BIBLE BASED Science Program for kids in our community. With your involvement we could make this a very memorable six weeks!

Mahomet United Methodist Church

## SCIENCE SERIES

Feb 28

Mar 7, 14, 28

April 4, 11

Ages Kindergarten-5th grade  
Childcare available 0-5 years

5:30PM Dinner

6:00-7:00PM Hands on Faith

Pre-Registration Appreciated  
Using the MUMC REMIND APP  
or email [krobinson@mumc.org](mailto:krobinson@mumc.org)





### Menu

- Choice of Roasted Sirloin Steak, Stuffed Chicken Breast, or Poached Salmon
- Roasted Red Potatoes
- Sautéed Summer Vegetables
  - Rolls/Butter
  - Mint Ice Cream

## Valentine's Dinner

On Saturday, February 10, the Gourmet Group will be serving a special dinner for Valentine's. We will be serving from 6 pm until 6:30 pm. **Reservations are required** and can be made by signing up at the Welcome Center, calling the church office or sending an email. All reservations must be made by **February 6** to allow time for meal planning and preparation. The suggested donation for this meal is \$35 per couple or \$18 per person. Checks for this meal should be payable to the Church with Valentine's Meal noted in the memo area of the check. This will benefit Cunningham Children's Home. When making your reservation, please indicate your choice of entrée. Couples may order different entrées, just be sure to specify how many of each entrée is needed.

## Happy Valentine's Day

Candle Light

Cards

Chocolate

Cupid

Date

Dinner

First Kiss

Memories

Movie

Pink

Poem

Proposal

Red

Romance

Roses

St. Valentine

Sweetarts

Teddy Bear

True Love



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## FEBRUARY, 2018 CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, 2/1—8:30 am** Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **1 pm** UMW; **6:30 pm** Bible Journaling; **7 pm** Staff Parish Relations

**SATURDAY, 2/3—Noon** AA

**COMMUNION SUNDAY, 2/4—8:30 am** Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship Hour for All & Teen Group; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA

**MONDAY, 2/5—1 pm** Mission Mondays

**TUESDAY, 2/6—6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

**WEDNESDAY, 2/7—5 pm** Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner; **6 pm** WOW Children & Adult Programs; **6 pm** Adult Study

**THURSDAY 2/8—8:30 am** Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **1:30 pm** Thursday Reading Circle; **6:30 pm** Bible Journaling; **7 pm** Church Council

**SATURDAY, 2/10—Noon** AA; **6 pm** Valentine Dinner

**SUNDAY, 2/11—8:30 am** Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship Hour for all & Teen

Group; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA

**MONDAY, 2/12—1 pm** Mission Mondays

**TUESDAY, 2/13—6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

**ASH WEDNESDAY, 2/14—Valentines Day; 7 pm** Ash Wednesday Worship Service; **NO W.O.W.**

**THURSDAY, 2/15—8:30 am** Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **6:30 pm** Bible Journaling

**SATURDAY, 2/17—Noon** AA

**SUNDAY, 2/18—8:30 am** Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship Hour for all & Teen Group; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA

**MONDAY, 2/19—Presidents' Day—Church Office Closed**

**TUESDAY, 2/20—6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

**WEDNESDAY, 2/21—5 pm** Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner; **6 pm** WOW Chil-

dren & Adult Programs; **6 pm** Adult Study

**THURSDAY, 2/22—8:30 am** Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **6:30 pm** Bible Journaling

**SATURDAY, 2/24—Noon** AA

**SUNDAY, 2/25—8:30 am** Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship Hour for all & Teen Group; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA

**MONDAY, 2/26—1 pm** Mission Mondays

**TUESDAY, 2/27—6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

**WEDNESDAY, 2/28—5 pm** Education Meeting; **5 pm** Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner; **6 pm** WOW Children & Adult Programs; **6 pm** Adult Study

**Presidents Day  
Office Closed  
February 19**



Worship Attendance Figures for January, 2018			
	8:30 am	10:45 am	
Jan. 7	92	74	166
Jan. 14	91	67	158
Jan. 21	108	68	176
Jan. 28	96	85	181
<b>Jan. Total</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>681</b>



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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**

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:30 & 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship

9:45 am Sunday School/Discipleship Hour for All Ages

10:45 am Contemporary Worship

### **Church Staff**

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Kyle Shaw, Organist

Emily Kuchenbrod, Choir Director

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Carrie Roberts, Nursery Co-Coordinator

Marty Butts, Custodian



### **Circuit Rider Deadline: February 20**

**Committees, classes, and groups:** If you have information about upcoming events, please let us know.

### **Would you like to be an active part of our church service?**

We could use your help! We are in need of Worship Assistants and Greeters!

What's involved? Are you qualified? Absolutely! Simply arrive 30 minutes prior to the service, greet people at the door, hand out bulletins, distribute hymnals before the service and collect afterwards, record the attendance, and collect the offering.

