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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,

"One brick at a time." That was my friend's advice on facing some significant problems. "Rome wasn't built in a day," is similar counsel.

Most great projects are a culmination of effort. It could be the long term effort of one individual or the collective of many working on a project, or to solve a problem.

Habitat for Humanity is an example of collective effort to build a project (a house.) it is also a long term approach to the problem of affordable housing.

The best approach to weight loss is to change one's lifestyle (not go on a diet) so as to lose one pound a month to the desired weight. It might take several months, even years. Yet this is approach that maintains that weight loss.

Think of lifetime achievement awards. Great accomplishments and the resolution of significant problems take a concerted effort over time. Set this thinking in contrast to our "quick fix" culture. Have we given up on the great accomplishments, or great solutions? Have we become cynical about our ability to address the great social problems? Has our low threshold for discomfort or ill ease compromised our ability to solve problems? Have we lost the connection between sacrifice and accomplishment?

The greatest generations were the sacrificial generations. The great individuals are those who are willing to sacrifice, to endure and are not compromised in their efforts by discomfort of any kind.

The Apostle Paul writes on several occasions calling for the quality of endurance in the early Christian churches (Romans 5 and Hebrews 10, among others.)

Most of us have heard the cliché, "suffering build character." The more complete quote from Romans 5 is, "And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us," (Romans 5 :3-5a NRSV).

Where would our Christianity be without endurance for struggle? Our faith is a sacrificial faith. This is what it is founded on, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and subsequent martyrs.

Anything we have done that is prized or valued has taken effort, endurance, and even sacrifice. What comes to easily, we do not value so much.

There is a connection between endurance and sacrifice, and great accomplishments. What concerns me is that we might be losing this awareness. Even more, I worry that our affinity for quick fixes means we fail to solve significant problems. I believe there is a latent greatness in our people. We will not be great while we are in love with quick fixes and given to avoiding any discomfort.

The time is before us to be a great nation and a great people. It will mean rising to the times as a sacrificial generation with the character that endurance produces.

May God grant us the virtues and qualities we need.

Let me share a few words on my retirement and the pastoral transition. My plans are to lead my last worship services on Sunday, June 10.

The intent is to create some space between my time as your pastor and your new pastor, Rev. Craig Sweet. I have lined up guest speakers for June 17 and 24. I will still be attending to pastoral needs, such as hospital calls, until July 1.

My hope is to have a helpful transition in pastoral leadership. Your wholehearted welcome to Pastor Craig and a ready response to his leadership will help your church thrive. I will share more about setting boundaries for this transition in the next newsletter.

I will complete my role as your pastor on June 30., but pray we will continue to be friends. Please give consideration to the difference in these roles. There is no diminishment in my fondness for you and your church. It is because of my attachment that I want the best possible transition to Pastor Sweet's leadership.

I look forward to each day remaining in my tenure here, made all the more precious because I know they are numbered. When your leadership is in the hands of your new pastor, I will look forward to retirement.



### Wesley Spirit Singers

We have a group of church members who visit the two local assisted living centers in Mahomet, one per month, and sing old church hymns sing-a-long style with the residents. We alternate monthly between Bridle Brook and The Glenwood. The residents love our visits and it brightens our hearts as well. There is no effort or practice involved—just show up at the designated times and help us sing out. We all share in the Lord’s Prayer together. We invite you to join us and help support this outreach program.



Please consider coming to our next visit on **Tuesday, May 8 at 1 pm at Glenwood**, 1709 S Division. We will be at the front door with welcoming arms. God Bless you!

For questions, contact:  
Alice Nelson at 369-6685

### Senior Recognition Sunday Sunday, May 27

If you have a high school or college senior, please contact the church office. We will be recognizing our graduates at both services.



### June Circuit Rider Deadline, May 25

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

### Isabelle Purnell Scholarship

*The Isabelle Purnell Scholarship was established in 2009 in memory of Isabelle Purnell who was very committed to education. She died on March 10, 2006, at the age of 94.*

- Scholarships are awarded annually to students selected by the Mahomet United Methodist Church
- Applications are available at the Welcome Center or in the church office
- Deadline for application: June 1, 2018
- Considerations:
  - Shall be an active member of the Mahomet United Methodist Church
  - Financial need
  - Service within the church or school
  - Must be enrolled and in good standing as a student in an accredited program of higher education or working toward an advanced degree
  - The field of study is not stipulated, but preference may be given to education in ministry, health fields, social services, or agriculture
- Previous recipients may reapply

### Women’s Reading Circle

The Thursday Reading Circle will meet **May 10 at 1:30 pm** in the church prayer room. We will be discussing *Hiding in the Light* by Rifqa Bary.

*In 2009, sixteen-year-old Rifqa Bary made national news when she ran away from her Ohio home, claiming that her father, and observant Muslim, had abused and threatened to kill her because of her Christian faith. The media storm pitted critics of Islam against its defenders, sparking national debate about the treatment of women and converts within Islam and how they should be protected. A true story of a young woman's courageous decision to leave Islam and follow Jesus—no matter the cost.*

If you love reading and discussing what you read with others, please join us! Contact Sheryle Carpenter at [davesheryle65@yahoo.com](mailto:davesheryle65@yahoo.com) for more information.



## CONGRATULATIONS

*Our congratulations go out to:*

- John & Jodi Murphy on the birth of their grandson, Bryson Charles Bartelt, born April 7, 2018.
- Ramey Lea Emerson and Lily Lou Emerson, who received Holy Baptism on April 8.
- Jamey Slade, who received Holy Baptism on April 8.
- Sloane Rae Davis, daughter of Benjamin & Leah Davis, who received Holy Baptism on April 8.
- Ramey Emerson and Jamey Slade, who were welcomed into membership at Mahomet UMC on April 8.
- William & Liz Morrow on their anniversary
- Phil & Elaine Jones on their anniversary
- Dick & Linda Kennedy on their anniversary
- Jeremy & Lindsay Brotherton on their anniversary
- John & Patty McIntosh on their anniversary
- Phil & Terri Campbell on their anniversary
- James & Debbie Goss on their anniversary

## IN SYMPATHY

- John & Julie Odom and family following the death of Julie's mother, Venus Martin on April 7, 2018. *(John & Julie Odom, 707 W. Main St, Mahomet, IL 61853)*
- Rob & Kris Parker and family following the death of Kris's father, William M. Kroeker on April 8, 2018. *(Rob & Kris Parker, 467 County Rd 2500 N, Mahomet, IL 61853)*

## THANK YOU

Thank you to our church family for the cards, kind words, hugs, prayers, and support as we grieve the loss of my Dad.

Thank you!  
Rob & Kris Parker

## Hospital and Healthcare Facility Visits

If you or a member of your family will be in the hospital, please let Rev. McIntosh know your legal first name, i.e., the name you will be admitted under. Thank you!

## A Special Thank you!

To Everyone in our Church Family,

For ten years (How fast did that time go?) I have been privileged to serve as the coordinator of our church's Coffee Ministry. In the beginning, with suggestions from many of you, learning how to use the computer for communication, and God's guidance every step of the way, a plan evolved that works for us. As God has guided us we have grown together in this effort.

For several years, we have been blessed to have Gary and Edna Winans responsible for buying the food and the necessities such as coffee, sweetener, cups, creamer, drinks, etc.

They are committed, faithful, and invaluable servants of God. Thank you Gary and Edna. And, of course, this ministry would not exist without all of you who have given your time and effort each Sunday.

As Bob and I have become more involved in the lives of our son, Karl, his wife, Lori, and our five grandchildren with whom God has blessed us, it is becoming difficult for me to be available on a particular day or weekend.

It is not that it is so much work, but I find that I am frequently away from Mahomet when situations arise that need attention (which is really very rarely). So, we are looking for one or two people to step up and become the Coordinators of the Coffee Ministry. I will be happy to share everything that I have on the computer and work with you to make a smooth transition.

Please contact the church office if interested to pursue this opportunity .

Thank you all for your cooperation and commitment these last 10 years.

In God's Service,  
Bob & Sue Welke





### From the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee did not meet in March but I would like to thank the volunteers that work hard and donate their time every month. Kay Williams is our expert with the Service Keeper Program that tracks the restricted and unrestricted pledge giving and sends out the statements of giving. Terri Hunt and Jay Simpson are paying the monthly bills. Dick Livesay, Kay Williams, Bonnie Vaughn, and Joyce Harriot do the weekly counting and make the bank deposit. This month Gary Winans, our treasurer, worked with our bank and the UM Foundation on improving the electronic communication and statements. Jan Guthrie made sure the district's annual financial audit was completed, accurate and sent to the district office on time. John McIntosh did the same for the Conference Statistical reports. I know we have many more members volunteering and that's essential to our church. This is just the group that work in the financial area.

March's unrestricted revenue was \$23,127 for our church and expenses were \$40,546 for a net minus of \$17,418 for the month.

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,  
Finance Committee

### From the Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Please mark your calendars for the following dates that we will honor and celebrate Rev. John McIntosh's retirement. The Farewell Fellowship Feast is on Sunday, June 3. The meal is one of John's favorites; Beef & Noodles. The rest of the menu is: green beans, coleslaw, pie, and ice cream.

Because June is a busy travel month, we scheduled this meal on Sunday, June 3. In addition, there will also be a reception with cake after each worship service on Sunday, June 10. This will be John's last time preaching at Mahomet United Methodist Church.

We encourage you to send a note of appreciation to Rev. John McIntosh. This is the time to express our gratitude. If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift, please bring it to the church office. Please mark it "**Rev. McIntosh gift**" on the envelope.

In the spirit of our transition, let us extend our welcome to Rev. Craig Sweet. You may send a note to:

Rev. Craig Sweet, 208 Middleburg Drive,  
Sherman, IL 62684 or  
craig.sweet@yahoo.com



**RUMMAGE  
SALE**  
June 7-9

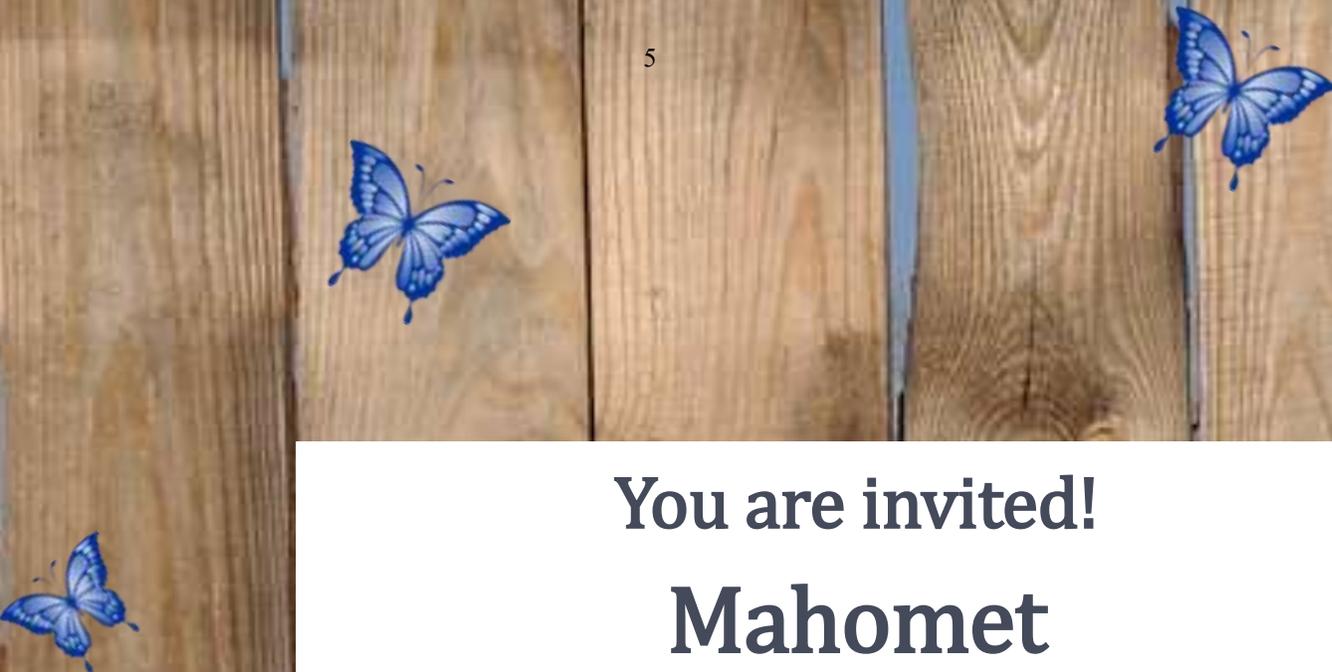
### Time to Do a Little Spring Cleaning!

Get ready for our annual rummage sale! This is a great opportunity to work together and raise money for our missions trips. Donations will be accepted beginning June 4.

The rummage sale takes a lot of volunteers. Can you help? Even if you have not helped before we can use your assistance with sorting items, pricing, bagging, and working the "SALES" floor. Bake Sale items are also needed. We would love to have your contribution of baked items for the sale. Sale patrons look forward to bagged cookies, snack mix, yeast breads, pies, and homemade cakes. Fresh items are needed the day of the sale. **Any time you can donate is greatly appreciated!**

*Reminder: We ask that all items be clean and in working order. NO ELECTRONICS can be accepted and all items donated should be clean and in working order.*

Sign-up sheets for volunteers may be found at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



**You are invited!**  
**Mahomet**  
**United Methodist Women's**  
**Spring Breakfast**

**Saturday, May 12, 9 am**

**Special Speaker:**

**Chantel Corrie, Executive Director of Midwest  
Mission Distribution Center**

**RSVP by May 8**  
**[mumc@mumc.org](mailto:mumc@mumc.org) or 217-586-2147**





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## MAY, 2018 CALENDAR

**TUESDAY, 5/1—6:30 pm** Wesley Bells;  
**7 pm AA; 7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

**WEDNESDAY, 5/2—W.O.W.**

**5:00 pm** Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner; **6:00 pm** Children & Adult Programs; **6 pm** Adult Study

**THURSDAY, 5/3—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, 5/5—Noon** AA

**COMMUNION SUNDAY, 5/6—8:30 am** Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship for All Ages & Teen Group; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA

**MONDAY, 5/7—1 pm** Mission Mondays ; **7 pm** Discipleship Team

**TUESDAY, 5/8—1 pm** Wesley Spirit Singers; **6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7 pm** Finance Committee; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, 5/10—8:30 am** Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **1:30 pm** Thursday Reading Circle; **6:30 pm** Bible Journaling

**SATURDAY, 5/12—9 am** UMW May Breakfast; **Noon** AA

**SUNDAY, 5/13—8:30 am** Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship for All Ages & Teen Group; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA

**MONDAY, 5/14—1 pm** Mission Mondays

**TUESDAY, 5/15—6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, 5/17—8:30 am** Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant ; **6:30** Bible Journaling; **7 pm** Trustees

**SATURDAY, 5/19—Noon** AA

**SUNDAY, 5/20—8:30 am** Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship for All Ages & Teen Group; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA

**MONDAY, 5/21—1 pm** Mission Mondays

**TUESDAY, 5/22—6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, 5/24—8:30 am** Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant ; **6:30 pm** Bible Journaling

**SATURDAY, 5/26—Noon** AA

**SUNDAY, 5/27—8:30 am** Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship for All Ages & Teen Group; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA

**MONDAY, 5/28—Memorial Day-Church Office Closed**

**TUESDAY, 5/29—6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, 5/31—8:30 am** Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **6:30 pm** Bible Journaling





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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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Marty Butts, Custodian



*Office Closed May 28th  
For Memorial Day*

Worship Attendance Figures for April, 2018			
Date	8:30 am	10:45 am	Total
April 1	245*	158	403
April 8	122	106	228
April 15	119	91	213
April 22	116	69	185
April 29	106	76	182
<b>April Total</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1211</b>

\*includes 7 am sunrise service



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