



The Circuit Rider



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Sweet Thoughts,

Beginning Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 pm I will be sharing in a time of conversation focused around Leonard Sweet's book "**Nudge: Awaking Each Other to the God Who's Already There**" as we learn about invitation and evangelism. You can purchase this book at Amazon in both printed and kindle formats.

See you in worship,

Rev. Craig



Ash Wednesday Service, March 6, 7 pm

Ash Wednesday service is a very somber and moving service with the dispensation of ashes and Holy Communion. This service is open to all and is a wonderful new beginning as you embark on a Lenten journey of faith-growth leading to Easter.



**CONGRATULATIONS to those who have
March Wedding Anniversaries:**

- Travis & Charlotte Farmer
- Jim & Vicki Smith
- Steve & Sherri Orenic
- Eric & Kim Ozier
- Kevin & Kay Williams
- Darrell & Judy Uebelhoer

THANK YOU!!

Dear Mahomet United Methodist Church,
My family would like to thank Rev. Craig Sweet for the wonderful service he gave for my wife, Janet Parkhill on January 3, 2019. We are also very appreciative e to the ladies who prepared the meal for our friends and family after the services.

Sincerely,
Bud Parkhill

Dear Mahomet Untied Methodist Church and Rev. Craig Sweet,

Thank you again for all of your spiritual support and doing an amazing job in the memorial service of Ed Armbrust.

God Bless,
Michael Bodin

Grief Support Group

A Grief Support Group will begin March 13, 2019 from 6-7 pm and run through April 10, 2019. This is an open sharing group and not a book study. Child care is provided and anyone may enjoy the meal at WOW at 5:30 pm.

Facilitator is Pam Parker. Contact information is 898-9448 or kamlaws811@gmail.com

Dear Mahomet Untied Methodist Church,
I'm so sorry to be late in thanking you all for the very lovely bag of cards and goodies at Christmas time. I have been in treatment for an eye problem so not seeing too well. I am hoping my prayers, the Dr's very able hands, and my dear family and friends will see me through.

With much love and thanks.
Betty Clapper



A very special thank you to all of our volunteers. Have you been a greeter or a worship assistant or been an altar flower or bulletin sponsor? Have you helped with Sunday morning coffee or been a communion Steward? There are many other ways you all have helped make Mahomet UMC a caring church.

Please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for all you do!! You are truly a blessing to our congregation!!! We could not do this without your help and dedication!

With Sincere Gratitude,
Mahomet UMC Staff

Our congratulations go out to:

Harold & Beverly Schroeder (great grandparents), and Doug & Stacy Schroeder (grandparents) who joyfully welcome Caroline Jane Kesler to their family born on February 18 . Parents are Adam & Lauren Kesler of Dewey.





COMMUNION STEWARDS

- Sign-up sheets are on the Welcome Center, or email or call the office to sign up (mumc@mumc.org, 586-2147).

GREETERS & WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- Sign-up sheets are on the Welcome Center, or email or call the office to sign up (mumc@mumc.org, 586-2147).

ALTAR FLOWER/BULLETIN SPONSORS

- Sign-up sheets are on the Welcome Center, or email or call the office to sign up (mumc@mumc.org, 586-2147).
- Each sponsorship is a \$20 donation. Make checks to Mahomet UMC. Indicate "Flowers" or "Bulletin" in the memo line.

AUDIO/VISUAL (Pro-Presenter)

- Sign-up sheets are located by the sound board or call the office to sign up.



Sunday Coffee Set Up/ Clean Up Schedule

Sunday, 3/3

Set-up—Carmelita Clark
Clean-up—Ron & Margaret White

Sunday, 3/10

Set-up—Seeking a volunteer
Clean-up—David & Amy Roberts

Sunday, 3/17

Set-up—Bernie & Connie Hinkle
Clean-up—Warren & Gerry Drake

Sunday, 3/24

Set-up—Seeking a volunteer
Clean-up—Dennis & Janet Thompson

Sunday, 3/31

Set-up—Seeking a volunteer
Clean-up—Doug & Stacy Schroeder

Your help is greatly appreciated!!!

ALTAR FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORS NEEDED

You can sign-up at the Welcome Center, or call the church office at 586-2147 or email the church office at apearl@mumc.org. Open dates are:

Bulletins: April 7, 14, 21; May 5, 19

Flowers: March 10, 17, 24; April 7; May 5, 12, 19

Each sponsorship is \$20. Make checks to Mahomet UMC. Indicate "Flowers" or "Bulletin" in the memo line.



HE WILL YET FILL YOUR MOUTH WITH LAUGHTER & YOUR LIPS WITH A SHOUT OF JOY. Job 22:1

JOB

A 7-Session Bible Study

Join us if you want to:

- Learn to trust in God's character
- Repair past or current emotional wounds
- Realize God welcomes your difficult questions
- Let go of complacent Christianity
- Pursue joy even in the midst of pain

NEW Adult Bible study on Wednesdays during WOW starting Wednesday, March 27 6-7PM.

Join us for an hour of Bible study on the Book of Job. Featuring a video for 30+ minutes, discussion and prayer time together.

If you are interested in a workbook, please contact Kristina Robinson by 3/15 so we can have them on hand.

Wednesday Evening Adult Study

The Wednesday evening adult study meets at 6 pm in the church library. They are currently studying "*Simon Peter*" by Adam Hamilton. We hope that you will join us! Study books are available. Any questions, please contact the church office.

Sunday Morning Lenten Studies

The Sunday Morning Bible Study will be doing a study on Simon Peter by Adam Hamilton.

The Sunday Morning Adult Study, will be doing a study on Revelations by Pastor David Jeremiah.

Tuesday Evening Study

Beginning Tuesday, March 19 at 6:30 pm Rev Craig Sweet will be leading a conversation focusing around Leonard Sweet's book "*Nudge: Awakening Each Other to the God Who's Already There*". The evening will be about invitation and evangelism. You can purchase the book on Amazon.

WOMEN'S READING CIRCLE

The Thursday Reading Circle will be meeting on March 14 at 1:30 pm in the Church prayer room. We will be discussing, "Before We Were Yours", by Lisa Wingate.

In Memphis, 1939, twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family's Mississippi River shanty boat. But when their father must rush their mother to the hospital one stormy night, Rill is left in charge—until strangers arrive in force. Wrenched from all that is familiar and thrown into a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage, the Foss children are assured that they will soon be returned to their parents—but they quickly realize the dark truth. At the mercy of the facility's cruel director, Rill fights to keep her sisters and brother together in a world of danger and uncertainty.

Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Lisa Wingate's riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.

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.



Sunday School News

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:45AM PRE-SCHOOL TO FIFTH GRADE

March 2019

“YOU'RE INVITED”

This series is all about celebrating and worshipping God. Kids will get to play party games, help decorate their space with fun party decorations, and hear Bible stories about worshipping and connecting with God.



Date	Topic
3/3	We can worship God through prayer.
3/10	We can worship God by living for Him.
3/17	We can worship God in hard times.
3/24	We can worship God out loud.
3/31	We're invited to Jesus' party.

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH John 1:1

IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD (make a book with your hands) AND THE WORD (spread your hands apart like an open book) WAS WITH GOD (point both arms up) AND THE WORD (bring hands back down like an open book) WAS GOD (bring arms back up and point up again).

Dear God, Strengthen all those who volunteer in our Sunday School program. Give them patience and understanding that they may love and care for our kids. May they leave here each week with a renewed spirit. Help us to find ways to show them how much we appreciate their commitment to our kids. Amen

WONDERFUL OUTREACH WEDNESDAY'S
Spring Calendar for Kids Activities

MARCH 6TH

6:30PM What is Ash Wednesday? (for kids)

7:00PM Ash Wednesday Service (all ages)

No meal

MARCH 13TH

*Car Construction for Drive in Movie
 (bring a box with you!)*

MARCH 20TH

No W.O.W. SPRING BREAK

MARCH 27TH

Drive in Movie Night



APRIL 6TH & 13TH

Easter Garden (as pictured)

APRIL 17TH

Easter Carnival

APRIL 24TH

Outreach Night at Glenwood Assisted Living



MAY 1ST

Last night of WOW for the school year



**PROGRAMMING FOR KIDS PRE-
 SCHOOL TO 5TH GRADE**

**PARENT STUDY BEGINNING
 MARCH 27TH**

JOB-A study of unlikely joy





Youth News

March 2019

Confirmation Class of 2019

- Eli Beal
- Jack McPherson
- Julia McPherson
- Kaleb Roberts
- Keaton Roberts
- Claire Seal
- Clay Seal
- Jamey Slade
- Kaleb Roberts



A Weekend with Shane Claiborne
 United Methodist youth and college students are invited to the Wesley Student Center at the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign) for an afternoon with best-selling author, Christian activist, speaker, and co-founder of The Simple Way, Shane Claiborne. Shane will preach and lead conversations around what it means to #livedifferently as people of faith. Join us for worship and engaging discussions, a food packaging project for the Wesley Food Pantry, meals and fellowship activities. This event is sponsored by the Illinois Great Rivers Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry and the Wesley Foundation at UIUC. All events will take place at Wesley. Saturday 11:30-12:45 p.m. Lunch in the Great Hall 1:00-2:30 p.m. Worship - Shane speaking 2:30-4:00 p.m. Packaging event 4:15-5:15p.m. Worship-Shane speaking

Contact Kristina to register by March 15th
 There is no fee to register!
 krobinson@mumc.org or via the Remind APP MUMCYOUTH

Youth Sunday School class weekly at 9:45am

The group is working together to uncover the Biblical Truths in C.S. Lewis's The Chronicles of Narnia. They watch clips of the movie and then dive in.

Date	Topic
3/3	Confirmation Class Noon
3/3	Youth Group 6PM
3/24	Confirmation Class Noon
3/31	Youth Group 6PM

Pray that our youth will spend time with the Lord. Pray that they will see the good in this and make time for it. That prayer, Bible reading and private worship will be important to them. For those students that do not do this, pray the Lord will move them to trying it. I often pray that we will have such an awesome encounter with Jesus that it will lead to us to want more of Him. Pray for this for your youth.



Hospital & Healthcare Facility Visits

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

Thank you!

Acolytes

Most traditional services use girls and boys to precede the worship team/choir into the sanctuary to light the altar candles.

Our church has used acolytes in the past and the imagery of bringing the light of Christ into the church is ancient and meaningful to many people.

We would like to determine if there are several families with 2nd through 6th grade children who would like to help reinstitute this ritual as part of our traditional worship service. Our goal is begin using acolytes on Easter Sunday and continue their use into the future.

If your family is interested in being part of this program, please contact the church office by March 24th.

Wesley Spirit Singers

Wesley Spirit Singers are people of Mahomet UMC who enjoy singing with folks at our local assisted living communities. We alternate between Bridle Brook and the Glenwood each month and sing old church hymns in a sing-a-long style with the residents. There is no practice—just show up at the designated times and place. We invite anyone who enjoys singing to join us.

Our next visit is on **Tuesday, March 12 at 1 pm at The Glenwood**, Mahomet.

For questions, contact: Alice Nelson at 369-6685



IGRC District Events...

Saturday, March 9 and 16—Lay Servant Ministry Classes

Saturday, March 30—Early Response Team Training

If interested please contact the church office for registration information.

OSF HealthCare Volunteer Opportunities

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10

OSF HealthCare Heart of Mary Medical Center wants to extend an invitation for anyone interested in volunteer opportunities to apply. We are confident we can find the right fit for you between Volunteer Services, which functions within the hospital, and Faith in Action, that operates outside of the hospital walls assisting community members.

Volunteer Services offers patient and non-patient care opportunities that aid in the daily functions of the hospital. Faith in Action works specifically with those 55+ to assist with basic needs helping community members maintain their independence and enhance their quality of life.

For more information regarding these volunteer opportunities, with no obligation, please contact:

OSF HMMC Volunteer Services at [217-337-2378](tel:217-337-2378) or hmmc.volunteerservices@osfhealthcare.org

OSF HMMC Faith in Action at [217-337-2778](tel:217-337-2778) or hmmc.fia@osfhealthcare.org





Happy Birthday, United Methodist Women!

Mahomet UMW will be celebrating the 150th birthday of United Methodist Women at its meeting on Thursday March 7th at 1 p.m.

On March 23, 1869 eight women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts and organized the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society which later became the United Methodist Women.

The group grew and currently there are 800,000 UMW members. We invite you to join us at our meeting and become a part of our team responding to God's call for us to help women, children and youth.

Carolyn Scott has the program. We will also be voting for the Special Mission Recognition Pin recipient .

All women of the church are invited to attend.
For more information contact Cindy Dodd
(217) 649-1698.

Iroquois River District UMW Spring Meeting

Saturday, March 30

9 am— 2 pm

Savoy United Methodist Church

9665, 3002 W Old Church Rd, Champaign, IL

15th Annual Festival of Quilts

April 5-6, 2019

9:00 am-5:00 pm

Cunningham Spiritual Life Center

1301 N. Cunningham Avenue, Urbana



All Proceeds Benefit Cunningham Children's Home

Quilt Show ▪ Silent Auction ▪ Quilt Boutique
Gift Shop ▪ Bake Sale ▪ Patchwork Café

*Cunningham Children's Home is a mission and ministry
of the United Methodist Women*

YOU'RE INVITED



Mahomet United Methodist Women's May Spring Breakfast

Saturday, May 4, 9 am

Egg Casseroles, Fruit Cups, Coffee Cakes

Special Speaker

Julie Dowler,

Campus Minister & Foundation Associate Director,
Wesley United Methodist Church, Urbana

RSVP by April 30, mumc@mumc.org or
217-586-2147



For the month of January 2019, our Unrestricted Giving income was \$40,839 and our expenses were \$32,686. Our income was 17% above our planned monthly budget and expenses 14% below budget. A good start to 2019 considering there have been some weather issues.

As was noted in last month's newsletter for 2018, unrestricted Offerings were \$411,826 and total expenses for the year of \$431,952 for a negative net of \$20,126. After we take in to account that \$35,550 of the 2018 pledges were paid in 2017 that makes the 2018 net \$15,424. Overall, a positive conclusion and we ended the year with a surplus and no indebtedness.

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

Dear Friends in Mission,

During the time that hurricanes hit the United States, we appreciate your support to disaster relief. Thank you for your gift received on 12/31/2018 for \$2,250 through *"The Advance"*, (***Advancing hope in Christ's name***) which is the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church. We are please to share that 100% of your contribution will support UMCOR's U.S. disaster training and response. *"The Advance"* enables United Methodists to partner with one another in mission and ministry around the world. Thank you for joining with us in God's mission. You can learn more about UMCOR's disaster response and development work by visiting our website at www.umcor.org. Here you can also track your gift or set-up monthly donations.

Grace and Peace,

General Board of Global Ministries

One Great Hour of Sharing

On **Sunday, March 31**, we are participating in a special offering for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Donations UMCOR receives through this offering do not go toward administrative costs.

This makes it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions to the projects donors specify, instead of administrative or fundraising costs. UMCOR keeps operating costs under 10% of their total budget.

Special envelopes will be provided to help us support this important program.



**MARCH, 2019 CALENDAR****FRIDAY, 3/1**

7 pm Debt Anonymous

SATURDAY, 3/2

Noon AA

COMMUNION SUNDAY, 3/38:30 am Worship; 9:45 am Discipleship;
10:45 am Worship with Praise Band;
5 pm AA; 6 pm Jr/Sr High Youth Group**MONDAY, 3/4**

1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 3/56:30 pm Wesley Bells; 7 pm AA; 7:30 pm
Chancel Choir**ASH WEDNESDAY, 3/6**

Holy Worship Service 7 pm

THURSDAY, 3/78:30 am Women's Small Group
at The Hen House Family Restaurant;
1 pm UMW; 7 pm Staff Parish Relations
Committee**FRIDAY, 3/8**

7 pm Debt Anonymous

SATURDAY, 3/9

Noon AA

SUNDAY, 3/108:30 am Worship; 9:45 am Discipleship;
10:45 am Worship with Praise Band;
5 pm AA**MONDAY, 3/11**

1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 3/121 pm Wesley Spirit Singers (The Glen-
wood); 6:30 pm Wesley Bells; 7 pm AA;
7 pm Finance Committee; 7:30 pm
Chancel Choir**WEDNESDAY, 3/13**5 pm Children's Choir; 5:30 pm Dinner;
6 pm WOW Children & Adult Programs;
6 pm Adult Study; 6 pm Grief Support
Group; 7 pm Praise Band
Rehearsal**THURSDAY, 3/14**8:30 am Women's Small Group at
The Hen House Family Restaurant;
1:30 pm Thursday Reading Circle**FRIDAY, 3/15**

7 pm Debt Anonymous

SATURDAY, 3/16

Noon AA

SUNDAY, 3/178:30 am Worship; 9:45 am Discipleship;
10:45 am Worship with Praise Band;
5 pm AA**MONDAY, 3/18—1 pm** Mission Mon-
days**TUESDAY, 3/19**6:30 pm Wesley Bells, *Nudge* Adult Bi-
ble Study; 7 pm AA; 7:30 pm Chancel
Choir**WEDNESDAY, 3/20****NO WOW**; 6 pm Grief Support Group;
7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal**THURSDAY, 3/21**8:30 am Women's Small Group at The
Hen House Family Restaurant;
7 pm Trustees**FRIDAY, 3/22**

7 pm Debt Anonymous

SATURDAY, 3/23

Noon AA

SUNDAY, 3/248:30 am Worship; 9:45 am Discipleship;
10:45 am Worship with Praise Band;
5 pm AA**MONDAY, 3/25**

1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 3/266:30 pm Wesley Bells, *Nudge* Adult Bi-
ble Study; 7 pm AA; 7:30 pm Chancel
Choir**WEDNESDAY, 3/27**5 pm Children's Choir; 5:30 pm Dinner;
6 pm WOW Children & Adult Programs;
6 pm Grief Support Group;; 6 pm Adult
Study; 7 pm Praise Band**THURSDAY, 3/28**8:30 am Women's Small Group at The
Hen House Family Restaurant**FRIDAY, 3/29**

7 pm Debt Anonymous

SATURDAY, 3/30

Noon AA

SUNDAY, 3/318:30 am Worship; 9:45 am Discipleship;
10:45 am Worship with Praise Band;
5 pm AA; 6 pm Jr/Sr High Youth Group

Boy Scout Troop 25 Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Includes Spaghetti, Salad,
Breadsticks, and Drink**Saturday, April 13, 4 pm - 8 pm**
Mahomet United Methodist ChurchTickets available at the door
\$6.00 each, Kids under 3 are FreeDesserts will be available at additional cost
with proceeds going towards Venture Crew 25.

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

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Office Hours

Mon.-Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 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

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Emily Kuchenbrod, Choir Director

Eileen Waters, Parish Nurse ~ enie@mediacombb.net

Carrie Roberts, Nursery Coordinator

Marty Butts, Custodian



SAVE THE DATE!!!

SATURDAY, April 6, 2019

Please consider volunteering your time, talents or resources to join together to perform needed cleanup and maintenance around the church. Tasks that have been identified include cleaning and repair of siding, concrete hole patching, cleaning the fenced in area on the West side of the church. Many hands make light work - please join us for a day of fellowship through cleanup.



No later than Friday, March 22

Committees, classes, and groups:

If you have information about upcoming events, please let us know so we can share with the church.

Worship Attendance Figures for February, 2019

Date	8:30 am	10:45 am	Total
Feb. 3	83	70	153
Feb. 10	85	56	141
Feb. 17	71	41	112
Feb. 24	68	54	122
February Total	307	221	528