



The Circuit Rider



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Sweet Thoughts...

In the most recent issue of *Leading Ideas* [an e-newsletter from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership] I was reminded again why it is important to me that laity read scripture aloud in worship. Theodore May writes that “Reading scripture aloud before a congregation is an experience everyone should have.” Because reading “aloud in church offers readers encounters with scripture that can lead to transformative experiences. Those experiences can be surprising and richly rewarding for both the reader and the listening congregation: shared experiences that can be memorable, meaningful, formative, and ultimately binding” to and with the congregation. I am thankful that at the Mahomet United Methodist Church we involve laity in worship leadership. I would encourage you to come to me and offer to participate in this ministry and I would be honored to help you use your voice in worship to expand and deepen your relationship with God.

Also, I want to again address with you the painful reality of our denomination’s action at the most recent special session of the General Conference. First, no matter what was decided and said during those four days in Saint Louis I am confident that as a congregation and as individual Christians we will continue to be welcoming and open to all. Second, I know that you will continue to pray and live your faith.

Third, as our Bishop, Frank Beard said in his post-conference wrap up, the process continues as these decisions are now in the hands of our denominations’ supreme court, the Judicial Council; and also that our regularly scheduled General Conference meets in May of 2020 and that we as an annual conference will be electing new delegates for it this June.

One more thing I want to share with you is that our Church Council is about to engage in a time of visioning and planning not just about the building but our church and ministry and direction as a whole.

Please know that I am willing and able to be in conversation with you around any topic and I continue to keep you all and our ministry together in my prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Craig





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

James & Debbie Goss

William & Liz Morrow

Phil & Elaine Jones

Dick & Linda Kennedy

Jeremy & Lindsay Brotherton

Phil & Terri Campbell

THANK YOU!!

Dear Church Family,
I want to thank everyone for the wonderful cards and prayers during the past few weeks. We are in Hanna City now, but we look forward to rejoining our church family as soon as possible.

Dave & Sheryle Carpenter

Dear United Methodist Women,
Mahomet Helping Hands gratefully acknowledges receipt of your generous donation of \$400. This gift will provide a significant amount of food for our monthly giveaways. Your support is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Mahomet Helping Hands

Dear Church Family,
We both want to thank all of our church friends and family for their prayers, thoughtfulness, and cards. They were very special. Ralph has been given a cancer-free diagnosis (no cancer in his body). Praise God!

Thank you all,
Ralph & Anita Specht

Dear Mahomet United Methodist Church,
Thank you for choosing to help hungry people in your community. Your generous donation of \$667 will help us provide not only nutritious meals, but also bring hope to thousands of our hungry neighbors.

Warmest Regards,
Eastern Illinois Foodbank

My Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all of your thoughts, prayers, help and encouragement through this difficult time with my mother. Mom and I appreciate your care more than words can say.

Kathy Tock

SPECIAL THANK YOU!

On behalf of Mahomet United Methodist Church, we would like to send a very special thank you to Emilee Lindenbaum, Sales Director at The Waterford at Bridle Brook. She recognized that we needed Bulletin Sponsors for April 7, 14 & 21 and May 5 & 19. She graciously offered to sponsor all of the dates.

Many thanks to Emilee for her willingness to donate and the generous support from The Waterford at Bridle Brook.

On Sundays, grab a cup of coffee and settle in to the beautiful **Wesley Room** for discussion with some people in the same season of life as you. Right now the parent group is discussing "The Best Yes" by Lysa Terkeurst.

We hope you will join us!



Easter Recipe



Easter Egg Fruit Pizza

A festive Easter egg sugar cookie fruit "pizza" with strawberry cream cheese frosting. You can make it super simple with a sugar cookie mix or make it from scratch.

Ingredients

- 1 pouch (1lb 1.5oz) sugar cookie mix (or your favorite "from scratch" recipe)
- ½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 egg
- 4 oz (1/2 brick) cream cheese, softened
- 1 Tablespoon powdered sugar
- ¼ teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup strawberries, chopped
- Approx. 3 cups fruit cut into pieces (I used strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, kiwi, grapes, and blackberries)

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees and grease a 13" pizza pan and set aside.

In a medium bowl, add the cookie mix, melted butter, and egg and mix with a spoon until a soft dough forms.

Press the dough evenly onto the pan.

Bake for 10-15 minutes or until golden brown. Let it cool completely, about 45 minutes. Cut into an egg shape (I just used a butter knife).

In a food processor or blender, add the softened cream cheese, ½ cup chopped strawberries, powdered sugar, and vanilla and pulse until fully combined and smooth.

Spread the cream cheese mixture onto the cooled cookie.

Decorate with the cut up fruit.

Slice with a pizza cutter & serve.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 14

8:30 & 10:45 am

This year we will once again experience worship during Holy Week as we prepare for Easter. Palm Sunday begins the week as we share and wave our Palms at both services.

Holy Thursday, April 18

6 pm

Maundy Thursday will incorporate the liturgy of the Last Supper using a potluck dinner. We all be seated at tables for the entire service and join in dinner much as Jesus did with His disciples.

After dinner, we will continue to share in worship and communion right at our tables.

Good Friday, April 19

7 pm

Our Good Friday service is focused around the last seven words of Christ. It is a dramatic worship experience as we sing and pray at the cross.

Easter

Sunday, April 21

Easter Services will be held at
7:00, 8:30, & 10:45 am

Easter morning will kick off with a short 7 am service as we welcome the Light of Easter and our worship schedule continues with our traditional service at 8:30, followed by Sunday school, and our Contemporary Service at 10:45.

We look forward to a festive and meaningful experience for all during this most Holy of all weeks in our Christian year.





What is Maundy Thursday?

"Maundy Thursday is an alternate name for Holy Thursday, the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus. The English word "Maundy" comes from the Latin *mandatum*, which means "commandment."

As recorded in John's gospel, on his last night before his betrayal and arrest, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then gave them a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them (John 13:34). This is the night we celebrate and remember the institution of the Lord's Supper and the beginning of the Great Three days that culminate in Easter.

You are invited to come and bring a dish to share at our Mahomet United Methodist Church Potluck Supper and Worship Service on Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Communion will be served during worship as we sit at our tables.

P.S. Take the chance and invite your friends and neighbors.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

We need people to volunteer to set-up and clean-up our coffee fellowship goodies on Sunday mornings. The sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center. The only way we can continue this fellowship is for all of us to do our part. Complete instructions for set-up and clean-up are available in the kitchen each Sunday. If all of us who are able will all take a turn, we can assure that the coffee fellowship will continue and that more than a few are doing all the work. Please, if you enjoy coffee fellowship on Sundays, sign up to help. As you can see, we are in need of help for clean-up this April. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Angela in the church office.

In Christ's love and service,
Angela Pearl

Sunday, 4/7

Set-up—Scott & Lynne Yeazel
Clean-up— Ron & Margaret White

Sunday, 4/14

Set-up—Gary & Joan Kling
Clean-up—**Seeking a volunteer**

Sunday, 4/21

Set-up—Carmileta Clark
Clean-up— **Seeking a volunteer**

Sunday, 4/28

Set-up—Lance & Eileen Noone
Clean-up—**Seeking a volunteer**

Your help is greatly appreciated!!!



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.

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Thank you!!



From the Parish Nurse:

Most people would probably agree that having to give yourself a shot is bad enough. But many who take injectable medications at home face an additional challenge of what to do with their used needles.

Simply tossing used needles, syringes and lancets — also called sharps — loosely into the trash is considered a hazardous practice. Carle Hospital Urbana has an easy location to dispose of these needles, syringes and lancets at the Orchard Street circle drive to locate the bright red container near the entrance that looks like a mail box.



Boy Scout Troop 25



Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Includes Spaghetti, Salad,
Breadsticks, and Drink

Saturday, April 13, 4 pm - 8 pm

Mahomet United Methodist Church

Tickets available at the door

\$6.00 each, Kids under 3 are Free

Desserts will be available at additional cost
with proceeds going towards Venture Crew 25.



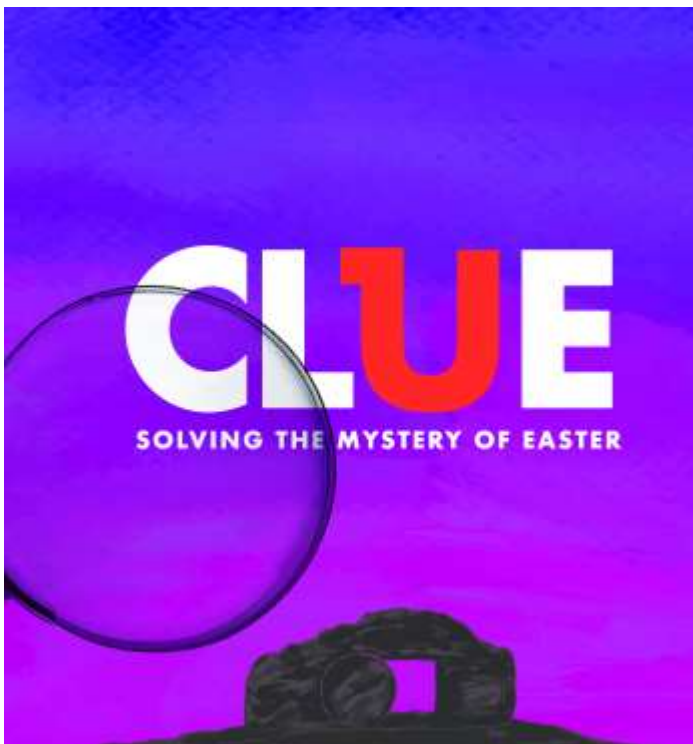


Sunday School News

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

April 2019

Next up in Children’s Sunday School: a 4-week series on Easter, titled **CLUE**. We will become detectives to look for clues and discover the true meaning of Easter.



HAVE I NOT COMMANDED YOU? BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. DO NOT BE AFRAID; DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.
JOSHUA 1:9

SO WHETHER YOU EAT OR DRINK OR WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.
I CORINTHIANS 10:31

Date	Topic
4/7	Every Easter, we worship Jesus. (<i>The Triumphal Entry</i>)
4/14	Every Easter, we remember Jesus’ sacrifice. (<i>The Last Supper</i>)
4/21	Every Easter, we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection. (<i>The Crucifixion</i>)
4/28	Every Easter, we share Jesus’ good news. (<i>Jesus Ascends to Heaven</i>)

Dear God, We know Easter tends to bring us fresh little faces. Allow us to welcome them with our whole hearts. Pray that we meet them where they are, and walk them forward in a relationship with You. In Your Name, Amen.



WONDERFUL OUTREACH WEDNESDAY'S
Spring Calendar for Kids Activities

APRIL 3RD & 10TH
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*

ADULT
BIBLE STUDY

*During WOW parents that
stay can choose to join a
study offered or join the
fun and volunteer for
WOW.*





EASTER CARNIVAL

We need VOLUNTEERS!
You can sign up online
<https://signup.com/go/xTSuodK>
or call the church office!

Wednesday April 17 | 5:30-7PM
Mahomet United Methodist Church

Easter egg hunt, bouncy houses,
egg coloring, story room, face painting,
games, and dinner!



The financial statement was not complete when the finance committee met in March. Jan Guthrie did report a preliminary year to date net income of about \$1900 in the operating fund at end of February. However, keep in mind that we had some weather issues on Sundays in January and February that affected attendance.

The Finance Committee has moved our meeting time and day from the 2nd Tuesday of the Month to the 2nd Thursday at 6:00pm before the 7:00 Church Council Meeting. This move is to improve communication between the two committees. It will also reduce the number of nights that committee members would need to be at the church and hopefully boost attendance.

The 2018 Charge Conference annual audit form has been submitted. It is actually a financial report rather than an audit. The committee has decided to develop a plan for the formation of an audit committee and will be working to define job, guidelines, and forms for an audit.

Remember you can now go to our website and click the blue button at the top of the page to set up an account for giving once or a recurring giving. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit information. Once your registration is complete you will receive text verification and a receipt. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

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



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:

- Install cornerstone plaque
- Install in the Welcome Center the stained glass window of John Wesley located in the Pastor's office
- Change batteries in the emergency lights
- Repair chain on flagpole that holds weight to lower flag
- Replace lamps in church sign
- Replace blind in Room 313
- Replace aluminum fascia on drop off roof
- Cut down uprooted spruce tree on west side of building
- Pressure wash siding and ceiling of front walkway
- Wash windows, especially the outside
- Wipe down chairs and tables in classrooms with SaniWipes
- Wipe down toys in nursery with SaniWipes
- Fill shelves in nursery from room with cribs
- Organize the library
- 9 Gal clothes could be taken to Mahomet Museum
- Clean and organize shed (dispose of junk)
- Clean up fenced in area on west side of church
- Take down sun cover on ball field bleachers



Thursday Reading Circle

The Thursday Reading Circle will resume on Thursday, May 9 at 1:30 pm in the church library. We will be discussing *Soul Repair* by Rita Nakashima Brock & Gabriella Lettini

Rita Nakashima Brock and Gabriella Lettini, who both grew up in families deeply affected by war, have been working closely with vets on what moral injury looks like and what can be done to heal the damage inflicted on soldiers' consciences. In *Soul Repair*, the authors tell the stories of four veterans of wars from Vietnam to our recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan - **Camilo "Mac" Bica, Herman Keizer Jr., Pamela Lightsey, and Camilo Maya** – who reveal their experiences of moral injury and how they have learned to live with it. *Soul Repair* will help veterans, their families, members of their communities, and clergy understand the impact of war on the consciences of healthy people, support the recovery of moral conscience in society, and restore veterans to civilian life.

"Soul Repair is an eloquent deeply human reminder that war is not just what takes place on a distant battlefield."

We would love for you to join us!

April UMW Meeting

Thursday, April 4, 1 pm

Devotions & Program: Cynthia Karr

Hostess: Cindy Dodd

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.

14th 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 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

**APRIL, 2019 CALENDAR****MONDAY, 4/1**

1 pm Mission Mondays;
7 pm Discipleship Team

TUESDAY, 4/2

6 pm Book study with Rev. Sweet;
6:30 pm Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA;
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 4/3

5 pm Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner;
6 pm **WOW** Children & Adult Programs;
6 pm Adult Study; **7 pm** Praise Band
Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 4/4

8:30 am Women's Small Group
at The Hen House Family Restaurant;
1 pm UMW; **7 pm** Staff Parish Relations

SATURDAY, 4/6

Noon AA

COMMUNION SUNDAY, 4/7

8:30 am Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship;
10:45 am Worship with Praise Band;
12 pm Confirmation Class
5 pm AA

MONDAY, 4/8

1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 4/9

1 pm Wesley Spirit Singers (Bridle
Brook); **6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA;
7 pm Finance Committee; **7:30 pm**
Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 4/10

5 pm Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner;
6 pm **WOW** Children & Adult Programs;
6 pm Adult Study; **7 pm** Praise Band
Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 4/11

8:30 am Women's Small Group at
The Hen House Family Restaurant;
6 pm Finance Committee; **7 pm** Church
Council

SATURDAY, 4/13

Noon AA; **2 pm** Boy Scouts Annual
Spaghetti Dinner

PALM SUNDAY, 4/14

8:30 am Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship;
10:45 am Worship with Praise Band;
5 pm AA; **6 pm** Jr/Sr High Youth Group

MONDAY, 4/15—1 pm Mission Mon-
days

TUESDAY, 4/16

6:30 pm Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7:30 pm**
Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 4/17

5 pm Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner;
6 pm **WOW** Children & Adult Programs;
6 pm Adult Study; **7 pm** Praise Band
Rehearsal

HOLY THURSDAY, 4/18

8:30 am Women's Small Group at The
Hen House Family Restaurant;
6 pm Potluck and Worship Service

GOOD FRIDAY, 4/19

7 pm Good Friday Worship Service

HOLY SATURDAY, 4/20

Noon AA

EASTER SUNDAY, 4/21

8:30 am Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship;
10:45 am Worship with Praise Band;
5 pm AA

MONDAY, 4/22

1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 4/23

6:30 pm Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA;
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 4/24

5 pm Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner;
6 pm **WOW** Children & Adult Programs;
6 pm Adult Study; **7 pm** Praise Band

THURSDAY, 4/25

8:30 am Women's Small Group at The
Hen House Family Restaurant

SATURDAY, 4/27

10 am Iroquois Networking District
Event; **Noon** AA

SUNDAY, 4/28

8:30 am Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship;
10:45 am Worship with Praise Band;
12 pm Confirmation Class
5 pm AA; **6 pm** Jr/Sr High Youth Group

MONDAY, 4/29

1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 4/30

6:30 pm Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7:30 pm**
Chancel Choir

**JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
YOUTH GROUP**

6th Graders - 12th Graders

**Meets every other
Sunday at 6 pm**

Sunday, April 14
Sunday, April 28

Questions??? Contact:

Kristina Robinson at
krobinson@mumc.org





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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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Carrie Roberts, Nursery Coordinator

Marty Butts, Custodian

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, April 9 at 1 pm at Bridle Brook**, 1505 Patton Drive, Mahomet.

For questions, contact: Alice Nelson
at (217) 369-6685.



NewsLetter
DEADLINE

No later than Friday, April 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 March, 2019

Date	8:30 am	10:45 am	Total
March 3	72	78	150
March 10	63	65	128
March 17	71	62	133
March 24	87	65	152
March 31	89	63	152
Ash Wed	—	—	68
March Total	382	333	715



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