



The Circuit Rider



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Sweet Thoughts...

Wow, can you believe it! May Day, May Day, May Day ... Spring is trying to spring up and the year is almost half gone! Which makes me wonder: "How comprehensive is your budget" ... or to ask it another way, "How inclusive is your stewardship"?

Think about it, does your budget only include financial items, and just how much of your life and choices and focus is beyond the reach of your finances? So, have you included your various legal documents like your will, power of attorney, trusts, deeds or mortgage(s) and what about your medical or life or auto or house insurance or if you are or will be turning 70.5 your "Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA in your budget? Does it include not just your financial pledge to the general fund and the building fund here at the Mahomet United Methodist Church, but also your attendance at worship or even your membership or your volunteer work to make coffee or help with worship or serve as an elected spiritual leader of this congregation? Does your budget also include your mission commitments and charitable work in other not-for-profits in our community and area? Does your budget include your prayer time and chances for learning both more about your faith and the world around you? So, "How comprehensive is your budget, how inclusive is your stewardship?" and what are you going to be doing with and about it as 2019 continues?

I also want to lift up a couple of things in the newsletter this month: the first is "My Commitment to Serve" which comes in preparation of the Nominations Committee's work this summer for 2020 and for your stewardship as members and attenders here at the Mahomet United Methodist Church. The second is somewhat similar as I am offering "Pizza with the Pastor" as a time to talk about what it

takes/means to be a member of this congregation on Tuesday evening, May 21 at 5:30pm.

And as we worship and live our faith in these Great 50 Days of Easter for 2019 I thought I'd share with you something from Bishop Gerald Kennedy that continues to speak to me about the power of Jesus Christ as I live my faith today:

At the center of the Christian faith, there is the resurrection of Jesus. ... Those early Christians knew that the heart of their message was an announcement that the power of God has raised Christ from the dead. Admittedly, they did not know just what happened and some of their accounts seem confused. They could not find the precise words to express it and they fell back on symbolism to suggest their meanings. But the central truth of the experience they never doubted and they made it the center of their message. Christians can never explain the resurrection because it is the resurrection that explains us. Rationalistic interpreters of Christianity can never find reasons convincing enough to be substituted for the resurrection. Their logic always has a gap in it. The whole Christian movement demands the resurrection in order to account for it. It is much more of a strain on our credulity to believe that our Lord was raised from the dead. I am frank to confess that I do not know the details of what happened on the third day. But I have been driven by the inadequacy of all other explanations, to believe that the Gospel which I have been called to proclaim, is rooted in Jesus Christ's victory over death.

See you in Church,
Rev. Craig



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

Chris & Reba Karr
Gary & Edna Winans
Jeff & Kathy Tock
Michael & Sandy Williams
Brent & Kristin Golden
Mike & Kerry Nevill
Kurt & Kristin Sexton
Doug & Stacy Schroeder
Mike Boero & Val Woodruff
Dave & Ann Byers
Ron & Susan Bates



On Tuesday, May 21 at 5:30 pm, Rev. Craig will be having a ***“Pizza with the Pastor”*** night as a time for anyone interested in learning about membership at Mahomet United Methodist Church.

Please call Angela in the church office if you are able to attend so we can have enough pizza, salad, and dishes for all. If you need childcare, please let Angela know.

Please join us!!!

THANK YOU!!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, texts, phone calls, visits and cards we have received during the past weeks. We feel the love of so many and appreciate it more than words can say.

Rick and Roberta McElmurry

Thank you to Reverend Sweet for the most beautiful flower arrangement for Administrative Professional’s Day!

With much appreciation,
Angela Pearl

We wanted to take a moment to thank you all who volunteered and participated in the 1st Annual Easter Carnival. This event was a huge success. We touched many people in our community. Our children are still chatting about the experience. It was a true privilege to experience this event with such incredible, heart warming people. What a great way to celebrate Jesus and his love, by touching others. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you again. Please know we appreciate your time. It is the reason this event was such a success.

With much love,
The Easter Carnival Team

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, May 14 at 1 pm at The Glenwood**, Mahomet.

For questions, contact: Alice Nelson at 369-6685



To Everyone in our Church Family,

For ten years 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 work 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, cups, sweetener, 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.

So, we are looking for one or two people to step up and become the coordinator (s) for the Coffee Ministry. I will be happy to share everything that I have on computer and work with you to make a smooth transition.

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

In God's Service,
Sue Welke

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 set-up & clean-up in May. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact Angela in the church office.

May Coffee Fellowship

Sunday, 5/5

Set-up—Gary & Edna Winans
Clean-up—**Volunteer Needed**

Sunday, 5/12

Set-up—**Volunteer Needed**
Clean-up—**Volunteer Needed**

Sunday, 5/19

Set-up—**Volunteer Needed**
Clean-up—**Volunteer Needed**

Sunday, 5/26

Set-up—**Volunteer Needed**
Clean-up—**Volunteer Needed**

Your help is greatly appreciated

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

Thank You

Dear Members of United Methodist Women,
Thank you for your continued support as a Guardian Parent in 2019. More than ever the assured and consistent giving from our Guardian Parents is crucial in helping the youth at Cunningham to heal, learn, and grow.

Your dedication is deeply appreciated!

Sincerely,
Time Manard, Development Officer

Dear United Methodist Women,

We are so appreciative of your recent gift in the amount of \$150 in support of Untied Methodist Women's Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign.

Your contribution is invaluable to us as we work together to reach the campaign's ambitious \$60 million goal that will serve as a significant part of the financial platform for United Methodist Women into the future.

Blessings,
Emily Marshall, Development Director,
United Methodist Women National Office

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.

In *Soul Repair*, the authors tell the stories of four veterans of wars from Vietnam to our recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan - Camillo "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!



The financial statement was not complete when the finance committee met in April. Jan Guthrie did report a preliminary operating net income for March 2019 of \$4,575.26 and Operating net income year-to-date \$10,427.40

Kay Williams handed out 2018/2019 YTD comparison Giving Reports in absence of the March Finance report. January through March 2019 Pledge giving was \$91,097 and Non-Pledge giving \$18,314. The same period in 2018 Pledge giving was \$73,979 and Non-Pledge giving \$9,471. A very generous start for the first quarter of 2019.

A reminder that 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.

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

Helping Hands Work Days

Once a year, Mahomet United Methodist Church provides workers to the Mahomet Helping Hands Center to help with the collection and distribution of food and clothing.

This year, we are scheduled for the following dates:

June 8, 9-11:30 am, accept donations of clothing:

2 people needed

June 15, 9-11:30 am, distribution of food:

6-8 people needed

If you are able to participate with MUMC's turn at staffing the Helping Hands Center, please email Karen Wilkinson at wwilkinson@mchsi.com.



Thank you!

Annual Rummage Sale

Get ready!!!! It's time for the annual church-wide rummage sale! This is a great opportunity to work together and raise money for our missions. All items should be clean and in working order—NO electronics or large entertainment centers.

The rummage sale takes a lot of volunteers. Even if you have not helped before we can use your assistance with sorting items, pricing, bagging, and working the "SALES" floor. Volunteer sign-up sheets may be found at the Welcome Center. Any time you can donate is greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Remember: *Many hands make light work.*

June 6, 7, 8



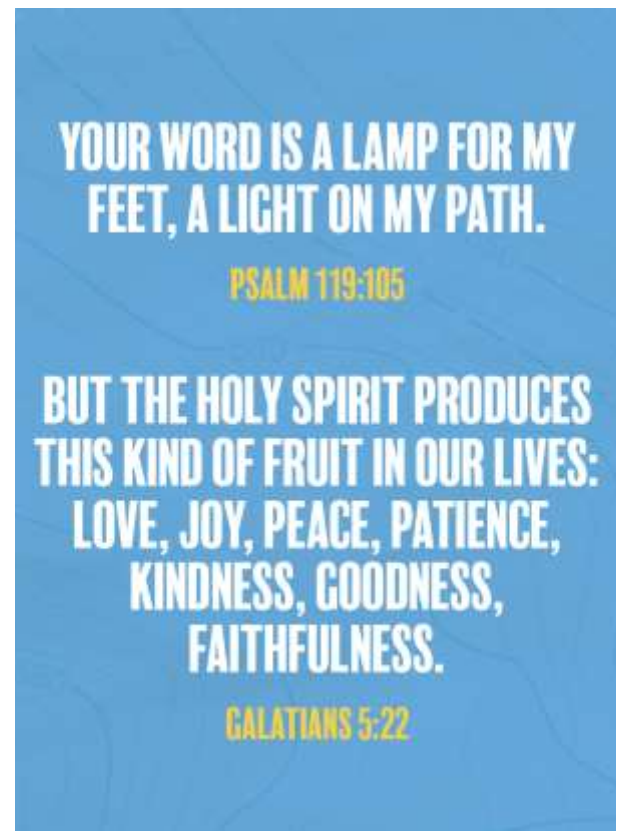
Sunday School News

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

May 2019

“TRUE STORY”

Everyone loves a story about adventure, don't they? The best stories are stories of life change, big dreams, dramatic rescues, and journeys to far-away places. Those adventure stories are even better when they're true stories! We are going to be following the true story of the early church in this series.



Date	Topic
5/05	Jesus changes lives.
5/12	Jesus loves everyone.
5/19	Jesus gives freedom.
5/26	Jesus helps us share his story.

Sunday School will carry on through the summer, but we will need your support! We hope to give our Sunday School teachers some rest as they've been consistently committed for an entire school year. We are confident that God is tugging at the heart-strings of a few of you willing to step in for the summer to lighten the load. We will train and equip you along the way. Contact Kristina if you want to get involved!



Please join us as we plant a tree in
memory of our friend,

Joel Roberts

12th of May at 9:45am

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Mahomet, IL

PARENT
GROUP

COFFEE
CONVERSATION
COMMUNITY

SUNDAYS 9:45AM



**JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
YOUTH GROUP**

6th Graders - 12th Graders

Questions??? Contact:

Kristina Robinson at
krobinson@mumc.org



Wonderful Outreach Wednesday

Wednesday Evenings 5:30-7:00PM

May 2019



SINCE WE ARE FEELING BIG FEELINGS ABOUT W.O.W.
ENDING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR,

YOU'RE INVITED

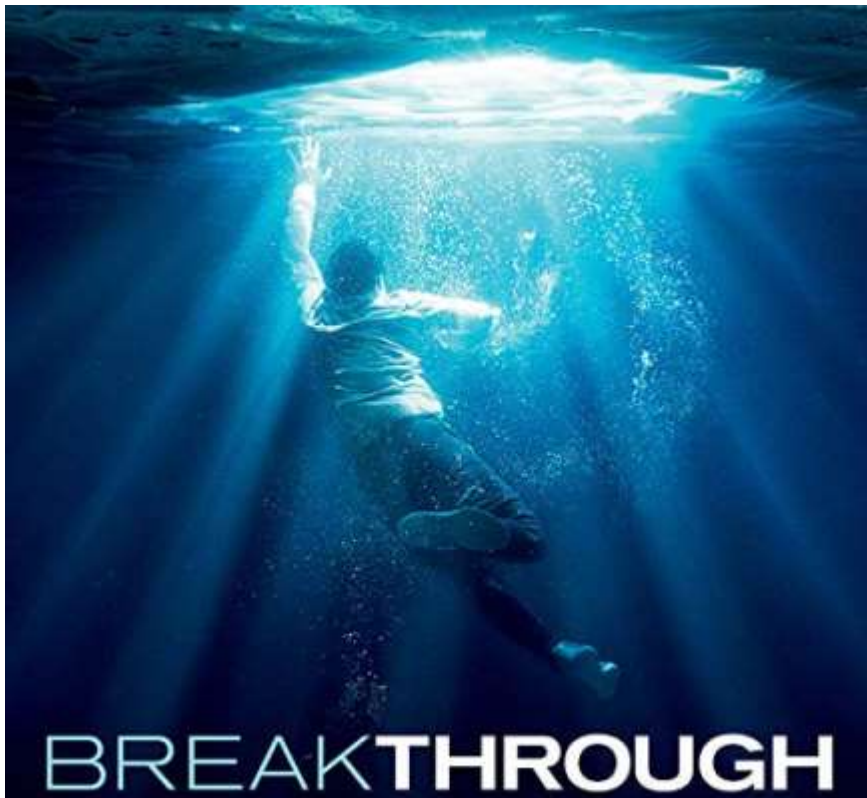
W.O.W. EMOJI PARTY
MAY 1, 5:30-7:00
DINNER AND FUN!

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE EMOJI!
GUESTS WELCOME



Youth News

May 2019



Jr/Sr High Youth Group went to see *Breakthrough* at the theater on Sunday, April 28.

Movie Info– Based on a true story
When he was 14, Smith drowned in Lake Sainte Louis and was dead for nearly an hour. According to reports at the time, CPR was performed 27 minutes to no avail. Then the youth’s mother, Joyce Smieth, entered the room, praying loudly. Suddenly, there was a pulse, and Smith came around.

“People Need People”
by Maddie & Tae
from the Movie Soundtrack

People need people when the highs get low

The world’s a bit too heavy for one shoulder to hold...

So if you’re asking me what else this world can be

People need people

Youth Sunday School class weekly at 9:45am

Date	Topic
5/05	CONFIRMATION CLASS
5/12	NO YOUTH GROUP (MOTHER’S DAY)
5/19	CONFIRMATION CLASS
5/26	NO YOUTH GROUP (MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND)

ADD THESE SUMMER YOUTH GROUP DATES TO YOUR CALENDAR NOW:

JUNE 9th and JUNE 23rd, JULY 14th and JULY 28th, AUGUST 11th



MAY, 2019 CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, 5/1

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, 5/2

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

SATURDAY, 5/4

9 am May Breakfast; **Noon** AA

COMMUNION SUNDAY, 5/5

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

MONDAY, 5/6

1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 5/7

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

WEDNESDAY, 5/8

6:30 pm Missions Team; **7 pm** Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 5/9

8:30 am Women's Small Group at The Hen House Family Restaurant;
1:30 pm Thursday Reading Circle;
6 pm Finance Committee;
7 pm Church Council

SATURDAY, 5/11

Noon AA

MOTHER'S DAY, 5/12

8:30 am Worship; **9:45 am** Tree Planting in Memory of Joel Roberts, Discipleship;
10:45 am Worship with Praise Band;
2 pm Bridle Brook Nursing Home Service; **5 pm** AA; **6 pm** NO Jr/Sr High Youth Group

MONDAY, 5/13

1 pm Mission Monday; **7 pm** Education Committee

TUESDAY, 5/14

1 pm Wesley Spirit Singers (The Glenwood); **6:30 pm** Wesley Bells;
7 pm AA; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 5/15—7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 5/16

8:30 am Women's Small Group at The Hen House Family Restaurant;
7 pm Trustees

SATURDAY, 5/18

Noon AA

SUNDAY, 5/19

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

MONDAY, 5/20

1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 5/21

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

WEDNESDAY, 5/22

7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal;
7 pm Worship Committee

THURSDAY, 5/23

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

SATURDAY, 5/25

Noon AA

SUNDAY, 5/26

8:30 am Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship;
10:45 am Worship with Praise Band;
5 pm AA; **6 pm** NO Jr/Sr High Youth Group

MONDAY, 5/27

1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 5/28

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

WEDNESDAY, 5/29

7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 5/30

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





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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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MAYC AUCTION

Burgers, Boots, and Bidding

Date: Saturday, June 8th

Time: 5:30 pm

Doug & Stacy Schroeder's Barn

1097 N. 4000 E. Rd., Bellflower, IL

Find out more at maycauction.com



No later than Friday, May 20

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 April, 2019			
Date	8:30 am	10:45 am	Total
April 7	97	62	159
April 14	104	50	154
April 21	258*	106	364
April 28	101	54	155
April Total	560	272	832

Maundy Thursday	38
Good Friday	65

*includes 7 am sunrise service



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