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Sweet Thoughts

As you know it was sometime after the birth of Jesus that "Wise Men" — "Magi" came from the East bringing gifts to the newborn King. They were guided by an amazing Star which led them to Bethlehem, where they offered their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh in worship and adoration.

What can we, who would be "wise" today, bring to Jesus at the altar?

Think about it ... Jesus is no longer the Infant in the manger. He is "at the right hand of God the Father Almighty," and seeks our love in response to His yearning love for us. So, what gifts can we bring?

To be honest, we are truly blessed in that God has given us minds that can reason! This year as we read our Frankincense Advent Devotionals let's bring out each day our best thoughts as we seek insight, balance and understanding for our living by faith each day.

If we can admit it, this time of year touches us emotionally as few other seasons do so we should offer Jesus the gift of our love as we dedicate our Myrrh offerings. Let our warm, kindly, generous feelings be consecrated by our Lord, and then flow out from that center which He is in us in helpfulness to our Friends, Relatives, Associates at work or school and our Neighbors.

Now, consider the mystery of our human will! All the best reasons in the world may be piled up to persuade us to a thing, but we won't do it unless we want to do it. This year as we lay our Gold Gifts on the altar let's also bring to our God the gift of our obedient will.

As Tennyson wrote,

"Our wills are ours, we know not how;

Our wills are ours to make them Thine."

So then, let these be our resolves, as the Magi of today as we bring *Our Three Gifts* this month to the altar of our Lord. May this be one of the most generous seasons our Mahomet United Methodist Church family has ever known!

Blessings & Peace to you all!

Rev. Craig



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Jesus and help them grow as disci-

methodist + church



Rev. Craig Sweet Directing Pastor

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Kristina Robinson Director of Inclusion

Kelly Cramer Programming Coordinator

Kathy Tock Music Director

Carrie Roberts Nursery Director

Our Sunday Schedule Worship @ 8:30am & 10:45am 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 9:45am Sunday School Youth Group is every other week @ 6pm

Our Wonderful Outreach Wednesday Schedule: After School until 5:30pm 5:00pm WOW Dinner once a month



November 5, 2019

Grace and Peace to each of you,

This fall our Mahomet United Methodist Church family is gathering itself in stewardship as we share in *Our Three Gifts*. We are focusing ourselves through the three gifts of the Magi as we prepare our congregation for another year of mission and ministry with Jesus.

We've been busy gathering in our food offerings for Myrrh Sunday on November 10, and we will dedicate the food we've brought to the altar this fall for 80 families to have a Thanksgiving dinner like each of us will. It is a time to give thanks and just give so that others can live.

We want you to know that on Sunday, November 17, our Mahomet United Methodist Church family will celebrate Gold Sunday as we each place on the altar our financial commitment cards for 2020. Our commitment to God's ministry and mission through our Mahomet United Methodist Church family has another chance to grow. Please continue to include in your prayers the mission and ministry of our church family as you prepare to make your financial commitment for the coming year and take the time to fill out and this weekend return the enclosed commitment card. It will be a time to grow in our daily walk with Jesus.

We are currently completing the production of our annual Advent Devotional Booklet that will be distributed after worship on Frankincense Sunday, November 24. We again want to encourage you to bring a representation of the Jesus you serve in mission and in ministry each day of your life. You can draw, paint, or sculpt. You can make a collage, a banner, a quilt. You can bring in a picture that continues to encourage you each day. But please bring to worship on November 24 a representation of who Jesus is for you. It will be a day for all of us to worship and share together.

Gold, Myrrh, Frankincense the three gifts of the Magi to the Christ child and Our Three Gifts through our Mahomet United Methodist Church family for Jesus in our community and across the globe in 2020.

Come and Share,

Jeff Bunting Chair, Church Council Scott Yeazel Chair, Finance Rev. Craig Sweet Directing Pastor

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
to register for the Catered Lunch on November 17
by calling (217) 586-2147 or
Emailing at mumc@mumc.org
Thank you!

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October 2019 Finance Report

At our October meeting we continued to plan a Gold Sunday Celebration and began collecting information for the 2020 budget.

October unrestricted total income was \$ 27,589 for our church and total expenses were \$30,431 for a negative \$2842 for the month. January through October 2019 unrestricted total income was \$ 284,612 and total expenses were \$313,806 for a negative \$29,194. Last year January through October 2018 unrestricted total income was \$274,842 and total expenses were \$324,278 for a negative \$49436. We also received \$3500 in designated funds for the WOW program.

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



On Sunday, November 3 we celebrate in worship and at the altar the communion of saints as we remember those who have gone on to glory, both from the church universal and our own congregation.

The names of those connected into our congregation who have died during the past year will be read and remembered in worship.

We remember and pray for the families and friends of:

Joel Richard Roberts Janet Ann Parkhill Edward James Armbrust Mary Imogene James Harriet Louise Miebach Arlon Joseph McGuire Carol Margadene Bateman Patricia Ann Baird Steven Mark Dalton Marjory Jean Forbes Leland "Lee" Bishop Miller Richard A. McElmurry

We honor their lives and their ongoing legacy as faithful witnesses to the surpassing value of knowing Jesus Christ as friend Lord and neighbor.

Our Christmas Dates to Remember

If you signed up to decorate the church for Christmas please remember the dates and times below. Sunday, Nov. 16 from 9 -11am Monday, Nov. 18 from 10am - 1pm Thursday, Nov. 21 from 6 - 8pm

Sunday, Dec. 1 at 4pm - Community Service at the Open Room on Main Street, Mahomet

Saturday, Dec. 7 at 8:30am - 11:00am -Cookie Walk and Bazaar

Sunday, Dec. 8 at 5:30pm - All-Church Christmas Potluck

Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 5:30pm -WOW Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 21 at 4:30pm - Longest Night Service

Tuesday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Worship times - 4:30pm, 7:30pm and 11:00pm





Veterans Recognition in Worship at the Mahomet United Methodist Church

In years past we have recognized Veterans Day with a power point presentation during worship and an altar presentation of items. This year we will be recognizing our Veterans in a more personal way.

On Sunday, November 10 during each service of worship Veterans connected to our congregation will be recognized as Pastor Craig reads their names and we are asking that they stand as they are able when their name is read and share their branch and dates of service. If you have a hat/cap/lid/cover please bring it with you and you can hold/wear it as you are able. There will also be an insert in the bulletin, and we will have a musical salute as part of our recognition of Veterans. If you have an item from your service or that of a loved one that you would like to share with the congregation please bring it on Sunday, November 10 and we will have a place to display all of the items. Take the time not just this Sunday, but other times to not only thank veterans, but have a conversation with them.

Please notify Kathy Tock at <u>tockwoman@gmail.com</u> if you or a family member has served in the military and what their current status is so that we can properly recognize them in worshipon Sunday, November 10. Thank you!



Wesley Spirit Singers

Wesley Spirit Singers are people of Mahomet United Methodist Church 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.

We invite anyone who enjoys singing to join us. Our next visit is: **Tuesday, November 12 at 1 pm at the Glenwood,** 1709 S Division

For questions, contact: Alice Nelson at 369-6685 MAHOMET UNITED MEHTODIST CHURCH

PRAISE BAND MEMBERS NEEDED!

We are looking for experienced musicians for our Praise Band. Guitarists, drummers and singers are needed. Anyone interested should be available on some Sunday mornings for worship and Wednesday evenings for practice and should have the ability to learn songs in a short period of time. We would love to make music with you!

PLEASE CONTACT KATHY TOCK IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. TOCKWOMAN@GMAIL.COM



Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 7 at 1 pm in the church library. Janet Thompson has devotions and will also present the program, World Thank Offering. Hostess is Karen Wilkinson.

YARD SIGNS - If you have a Cookie Walk & Bazaar yard sign please place it in your yard beginning Sunday, December 1 through Saturday, December 7. Thank you.

Cookie Walk & Bazaar Coming December 7



What's the Cookie Walk, you ask? Each year, we request each household of the church to make their favorite Christmas cookies (5-6 dozen) and bring them to the church on Friday, December 6. The UMW will then place them on pretty trays and

line them up on tables that are set up in the worship area. On Saturday morning, people line up to take their turn to select their cookies. There is a charge per box and the proceeds go towards mission projects. There will also be some handmade items, candy, and other goodies to purchase.

Let Your Inner Betty Crocker Out!

Attention all household bakers! We are seeking donations of five

dozen of yur favorite Christmas cookies, and/or baked goods and candies for the annual Cookie Walk. All proceeds from the sale go towards missions projects. If you are able to help, please bring your donations to the church on Friday,



December 8 or early Saturday, December 9. Thank you!



Adult Study Opportunities

Sunday morning Discipleship class is continuing the Adam Hamilton Study UNAFRAID. Please join us as we discuss topics such as Change, Missing Out, Finances, Aging, Illness, Dying and Fear of the Lord.

Beginning in December our Advent study will be LIGHT

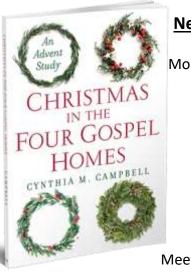
OF THE WORLD by Amy-Jill Levine. This is a four week study that explores Biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. She traces the Christmas narrative through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem and the visit from the Magi.

Thursday Reading Circle

The United Methodist Women's "Reading Circle" will meet on November 14 at 1:30pm. We will be discussing the book *The Same Sky* by Amanda Eyre Ward. Poignant and arresting, this book is about motherhood, resilience and faith. A ripped-from-theheadlines story of two families on both sides of the American Border. Contact Janet



If you or someone you know is hospitalized for illness or going to be in the hospital for tests or surgery, please notify the church office (217-586-2147 or mumc@mumc.org) so that Rev. Sweet may provide pastoral care. Please contact Judy Ash (217-417-6611) by email at jash@prairieinet.net or fill out a prayer form during worship to have your requests added to the prayer list. The prayer list will be e-mailed to the congregation once per week, if you would prefer to get the prayer list mailed to your residence we can do that for you.



New Advent Study

Mondays 6:30 - 7:30pm

November 25

December 2

December 19

December 16

Meet in the Wesley Room

In this <u>unique</u>, four-session group study book for Advent, Cynthia Campbell envisions for the reader what each Gospel would look like as a house and invites us to visit each house throughout Advent. Along with beautiful illustrations by architect Kevin Burns, each session reflects on the distinctive perspective of the birth of Jesus or the incarnation offered by each Gospel.

Please consider joining in this Study. Go to this link to sign up. https://signup.com/go/ AqsZHbM



JT's Brewery 402 E. Main Street Wednesday's 7:00-8:00PM

We'll talk with one another about God, the Bible, the world around us, and our lives. If you have been before, come on back. If you haven't been yet, come join us!



Meet Our Wow Kids (in their words)



I am...Wyatt Bell I am in 4th grade and I love music and, love to read. My favorit subject in school is p.e. and my favorit sport is football. At WOW we...do stuff like learn about God, and manners and stuff like that we have lots of fun!!!! When I am at WOW I feel...Very exited before I get there and when I am there I am having lots of fun and I am very happy.

I am...Maci Bemount. I'm 8 years old. I'm in 3rd grad. My techer is

Mrs. Pflum. I like cheer and scool.

At WOW we...fun stufe like go outside. And today we went on a walk.

When I am at WOW I feel...very very happy.

I am...Vance and im 11 years old. My faviote color is red and black then my favriote food is a chocolate chip cookie. The animals I like are American Bison and I like superheros and sports.

At WOW we...first eat snacks and we wash are hands, pray, go outside, have projects and draw and color.

When I am at WOW I feel...happy I get to be here and have fun after school.

I am...Emerson I am 8 years old I was born a June 12 2011 I have two siblings and I do cheer.

At WOW we...eat snack we have recess we learn and do quet play game's

When I am at WOW I feel...nice happy calm exited amazing cool funny

I am Ava Phillips. I like to pray at WOW. At WOW we...cwier, fun activities, resses, snak. When I am at WOW I feel...tiyerd, happy.

I am...Kaden Junge and I am in 3rd grade. I have Mrs. Allison and I am 8 years old.

At WOW we...eat snacks, play games, pray and watch video When I am at WOW I feel...good and safe and fun

I am...Jacob Jeffry Borst currently I'm 8 years old and my birthday is on November 1st I was born in 2010.

At WOW we...have fun. I'll even give you schedule here it is...Snack, then discushen grupe, then reaces, then a game, then choir.

When I am at WOW I feel...happy, loved, protected, and nice.

I am...Audra Martin. I am in 4th grade I am nine years old my Birthday is 4/27/10 and I have 2 siblings. I have 2 dogs. At WOW we...do choir but on the way here we ride the bus we have snack we go to play outside and we laugh. When I am at WOW I feel...Happy spontinaous and joy ful also tired.

I am...Emma Arbuckle I am 4th grade and I am 9 years old my birthday is 3/3/2010 and I have 2 brothers. At WOW we...Play, sing, talk, eat and mack crafts. When I am at WOW I feel...Happy, spontanius & joyful.

I am...Madisyn Morgan I'm in 4th grade I'm 10 years old My birthday is Sep 14th I have two sibling and one dog. My favorite subject in school is math.

At WOW we...eat snack we ride the bus here. Play outside and the playground. We have choir.

When I am at WOW I feel...Happy, amazing

I am...Celby Ryan and vary cool. I like dinosaurs, science, reptiles, and sharks and weapons.

At WOW we...leran about God and his nine elements fruit of the Spirit

When I am at WOW I feel...Good, fine, heppe, and chill.

I am...Jordynn Grindley-Carrier I love my family and my brother is on the football team and that makes me special.

At WOW we...We have fun we have the best teachers. When I am at WOW I feel...happy and joyful

I am...Ayden. My favorite subject in school is math/P.E/ recess/music. I like to play football. At WOW we...do science, music. When I am at WOW I feel...happy, blest

I am...Diem Bryan I live in Mahmet IL I love Dobermans, puppis

At WOW we...Have fun Eat When I am at WOW I feel...Happly

I am...Nora! I loveeee Pupies! My mom works at a church. My dad works at Elients grain. If your wondering what is Elients grain? Whell it's a place where they do stuf with grain.

When I am at WOW I feel...asome! It's the best thing ever!

I am...Nathan Stabler At WOW we...eat, Have fun and learn and play, play on play ground When I am at WOW I feel...Happy, fun, exsided



Meet Our Wow Kids Continued...

I am...Henrik Berglen. I love ice cream. I love pizza. I love tacose

At WOW we...do stuff like going on the Play Ground to play When I am at WOW I feel...Happy, exsited and Hungry.

I am...Allie Hewitt i'm 8 years old. I love donuts and basketball and cats.

I am...Bryden Ellett At WOW we...do stuf like we eat snaks. When I am at WOW I feel...good.

I am...Megan Cramer and I am 8 years old. I love chocolate labs and just any dogs. WOW is my favorite.

I am...Layla Nagle, I am 9 years old. I love puppys and dogs. My favorite color is pink and teal.

At WOW we...Sing, play, eat snacks, and have fun I also play with my friend Megan

When I am at WOW I feel...happy, exidid, hungry.

I am...Cash Bryan At WOW we...Play fun games while learning about God. When I am at WOW I feel...Happy

I am...Callie Turner from Mahomet IL I live on a farm my mom and dad are amanda & luke turner I have 3 sisters and a brother plus 1 dog and 2 barn kittens

At WOW we...have so much fun and play and talk about a bunch of cool stuff and say prayers and have a really good snack

When I am at WOW I feel...Safe, happy, enjoyable, loved, I can be me, nobody is judged and I have fun.

I am...Zachariah I am nice likes video games, likes to play tag. really good at soccor, has really good parent/grand Parets, likes to sleep in, likes to stay in hotels.

At WOW we...learn bible storys and learn about god and his disiples we do projects that are simalr to bible storys and the lesson that we learn and we play outside

When I am at WOW I feel...Ready to learn about god and what he did when he was alive and happy because all of my friends are here

I am...lzaiah Brotherton At WOW we...play games When I am at WOW I feel...happy

I am...10 year old Lilly Jones. I like playing basket-ball and playing with friends.

At WOW we...learn about God and have lots of fun! When I am at WOW I feel...Happy. I am...Alexa Turner I have 4 siblings. I live on a cattle farm my hobbys are Danceing, crochet, and building legos. I have a cow named lola and I love her.

At WOW we...have a lot of fun playing games, eating snack, and being together. I also love that all are leaders and coaches are really nice

When I am at WOW I feel...Safe because we have nice, and kind, caring leaders that protect us.

I am...Avery Chadwick I am 11 years old and I live in Sandy Ridge. I have 1 sister and her name is Addison Grace my middle name is Elizabeth if you were wondering. My mom and dad names are Joshua and Kristin.

At WOW we...Have a "Snack" today it was Hot Dogs we also play a game and have Resses We also do Choros and sing alot of Songs

When I am at WOW I feel...Never left out when we are playing games and it is fun to play with all of my friends at WOW

I am...Bristol—My frens ar Nora, Camdin, Cambrya, Masy. Emerson and every one els.

At WOW we...do cool projecs and reses We also do talks and cwiyer and last we get to chran A dog named Bomer When I am at WOW I feel...happy becas I know I am with peopol ho love me and car about me.

I am...Kaiti Kermmen I am in 6th grade. At WOW we...do fun thing like games, movies, when it is warm anuff we play out side.

When I am at WOW I feel...happy, exsitedy and safe.

I am...Kamden Hanchett. I like to pray at wow. I like the snaks at wow.

At WOW we...we pray at wow at wow we play with matt When I am at WOW I feel...like it is safe.

I am...Addison. I like cheetas. I like P.E., math, and reading. I am in third grade. I do gymnastics.

At WOW we...do expriments, we had a dog come, we do choir, we go on hikes, we also play outside.

When I am at WOW I feel...great, safe, joyful, thankful, aprsheated, happy, and exsided. I like wow!

I am...Cambria Clark. I'm 8 years old. I'm in Mrs. Pflum's class.

At WOW we...Do fun stuff





MUMC KIDS



Join us on Sunday, November 3rd at 9:30 for Sunday School

PANCAKES AND PAJAMAS Wear your PJ's and come with a hungry belly. Bible Lesson: God is generous and He wants us to be generous too. Parents go to the Wesley Room for a parenting class led by Wendy Stabler.

Text @mahometu to the number 81010

REMIND APP



Welcome to Membership Confirmation Class of 2019

Jamey Slade, Kaleb Roberts, Eli Beal, Keaton Roberts, Claire Seal, and Clayton Seal Alongside their parents and mentors, Rev. Craig Sweet led this beautiful group of young people toward the next steps of their faith journey.

ENROLL IN OUR TEXT ALERTS For text alerts about Youth Programming text @mumc2018 to the number 81010



IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to:

- * Alice Miller and family following the death of Lee on October 26.
- * Roberta McElmurry and family following the death of Rick on October 27.

THANK YOU

Dear MUMC Women,

Thank you for the gift to The United Methodist Church for mission work in memory of my mother Marjory Forbes. I also want to thank all the people who provided food at her visitation. The church will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Sincerely, Pam, Mike, Jason, Matthew & Emily Ziegler

Thank you for your recent gift and hospitality to Ed. Your generosity enables Preacher's Aid Society and Benefit (PASBF) to make a significant difference. One spouse wrote "PASBF is saving my life!"

Thank you. Keith Anderson

As we approach the first remembrance of Joel's passing... I would like you to hear this scripture taken from Ruth. Thank you for being so good to us all in so many ways in this time.

Thank you, Joyce Livesay

May the Lord repay you for your kindness May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge Ruth 2.12

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Carolyn Scott who received the Iroquois River District United Methodist Woman of the Year award. Dicksie Blankenship presented the award to Carolyn at the 8:30 am worship service on Sunday, October 13th.

M & M's Group Project Distributed in Nigeria





M&Ms made simple "little girl" dresses that were shared with members of the Volunteer Extension Agents team for distribution - being part of the EYN (Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) - during Dennis Thompson's recent training visit in support of NE Nigerian redevelopment efforts. Extension agents and AGRIC staff each selected one of the 23 dress to be given their own children or a girl in their community. Dennis was asked to share their gratitude with the Mission Monday women and our congregation. The smiles say it well!



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Office Hours

Mon.-Friday, 9:00 am- 1:00pm

Sunday Schedule

8:15 Prayer Circle8:30 am Traditional Worship9:30 & 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship9:45 am Sunday School/Discipleship Hour for All Ages

10:30 Prayer Circle 10:45 am Contemporary Worship

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Sunday, November 24 3 pm at Champaign First UMC



Sunday, November 3

Church Calendar

Let us remind you that our calendar of events can be found on our website <u>https://www.mumc.org/</u>

Coffee Ministry

Nov. 3 - Melvin and Marilyn Bell Nov. 10 - Brian and Wendy Stabler Nov. 17 - Lance and Eileen Noone Nov. 24 - Gary Winans *Thank you for volunteering!*

Worship Attendance Figures for October, 2019				
Date	8:30 am	10:45 am	Total	
October 6		127	127	
October 13	69	46	115	
October 20	61	40	101	
October 27	75	54	129	
October Total	205	267	472	

November Sunday Worship

- Nov 3 All Saint's Sunday
- Nov 10 Myrrh Sunday/Veteran's Sunday
- Nov 17 Gold Sunday with Pledge Campaign and catered lunch
- Nov 24 Frankincense Sunday Receive Advent Devotional Booklet

Our Myrrh Gifts at the Altar

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Please bring:

October 6 – Soup

October 13 – Three Boxes of Jello

October 20 – Stove Top Dressing

October 27 – Cans of Yams, Baked Beans or 3 LBs of Potatoes

November 3 – Coffee, Tea, Kool-aid or Lemonade

November 10 – Frozen Turkey or Canned Ham or monetary donation

Dedication of these gifts will be on **November 10th** as we support 80 families receiving a Thanksgiving meal.