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Sweet Thoughts

I don't know about you but for me I think of Lent as that time of the year when I participate in the soul silence of life. This is a time when I can choose to participate in the quiet silence of being human. To have time to consider my life and direction, to pray for and with my family, to know that I am in touch with God who is always in touch with me, this is what Lent is for me: A gateway to Living.

As this happens my Lent becomes all over again the gateway to our Easter and in those chosen quiet moments I become ready once again for the freedom of resurrection. I have to remind myself that the point of Lent is not to promote a "doom and gloom" kind of faith, but to be a voice of one crying in the wilderness of life today about the light, life and hope of the resurrection. The point of Lent is not about me alone but us together, the point of Lent is Easter.

Don't get lost in your Lent this year and simply turn on the radio or TV to provide a background of noise to your existing. Lent is a time of preparation, when we are each called from the depth of our souls to examine once again the state of our living and our living together. Quiet time is not empty time, but time filled with thoughts, dreams and inner-conversations as we each start again to follow Jesus through the many paths of life in this world. Open yourself to your quiet center and move out of the Lent of this world into the Easter of life for the next. ...

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Upcoming Dates:

Girl Scout Sunday
March 8th

WOW Service
5 pm Meal
5:30 pm Service
March 11th

Easter Jam
Upside Down themed
Easter Carnival
5:30-7:00 pm
April 8th

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HOLY WEEK
information

ALL AGES WELCOME



March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1

10:00 am and 6:00 pm

Meeting in the Discipleship Room

During Lent this year Rev. Craig will be preaching and leading a conversation in a small group about the basics of our faith and what it means to live like that each day. If you're just beginning your walk with Jesus or you've been on the journey for a number of years and are looking for a "pick me up" as you walk, please join Rev. Craig.

The meetings will be Wednesday mornings at 10 am OR Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. We will use the previous Sunday sermon as a jumping off point as we share and learn together about some of the spiritual disciplines in the 3rd part of our 2020 Bookmarks: praying, reading, giving, fasting, and inviting as we journey together to become fully developing followers of

J e s u s .

A NOTE FROM OUR NEW PASTOR

BY REV. LORI HARVEY

To the members and friends of Mahomet UMC

My name is Lori Harvey and I am looking forward to meeting you all. I have been a pastor in the Illinois conference since 1991, with an emphasis in discipleship. I love to connect people to God and one another. My ministry is creative and team oriented.

My husband, David Johnston and I have been married since 1986 and we have two grown children. Clarissa lives in California and recently married Aton Abril. They live in San Jose, California and have an adorable dog, Spring. Our son, Drew, recently moved back home to complete a second degree at ISU in communications. When he moved home, his punk-rock band moved in to the basement. We plan on this being short term.

A few things that I enjoy doing at church include preaching sermon series and teaching, from Bible studies to health workshops. David and I have been active in international mission projects and hope we can continue mission outreach projects with you in Mahomet. When not working, David and I enjoy being outdoors, riding bikes and kayaking. I enjoy running and yoga so I will be looking for a group to join after my move. In the winter, I put together jigsaw puzzles, recently completing my first 2,000 piece puzzle with lots of help from family.

I will be praying for our ministry together and appreciate your prayers during this transition.



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Thank you for the \$50 gift certificate to the Ribeye. We are looking forward to spending an evening there.
Rev. Craig & Kathy

Thank you for your patience with me as said farewell to my appendix. I'm feeling more like myself everyday. Thank you for the prayers and the meals!
Kristina Robinson

To all the ladies who helped serve John's dinner after the funeral,
I give my deepest THANKS! I had so many "family members" I could not possibly get them all in my house!
Thank you ONE and ALL!
It was a delicious meal!

Love to all,
Marilyn Mohr

Church Family,
The paper goods you donated have been delivered (thanks Rob Parker) to the Mahomet Area Youth Club. If you had things to donate but didn't get them to the church in time you can arrange a time to drop them off at the Club. Thank you, church, for seeing a need and jumping in.
Staff

Thank you to all who provided the meal following Lucas's memorial service. The caring support from all at MUMC has been greatly appreciated.
Dan & Laurel Matthews

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Norma and Danny Tharp on their 73rd Wedding Anniversary!

[HTTPS://WWW.MAHOMETDAILY.COM/THARPS-TO-CELEBRATE-73-YEARS-OF-MARRIAGE/](https://www.mahometdaily.com/tharps-to-celebrate-73-years-of-marriage/)

**FIND
HOPE THIS
EASTER**

**HOLY WEEK
ACTIVITY & SERVICE TIMES**

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 5TH- 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM

EASTER JAM CARNIVAL

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8TH-5:30-7:00 PM
UPSIDE DOWN THEMED COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

MAUNDY THURSDAY

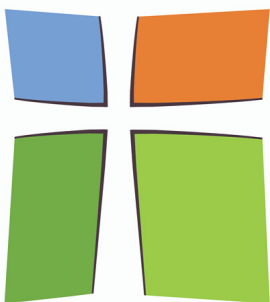
APRIL 9TH-6PM
POTLUCK WITH WORSHIP FOLLOWING

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 10TH-7PM

EASTER SUNDAY

8:30 AM & 10:45 AM
FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN SERVICES
WOW CHOIR AT 10:45AM SERVICE



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WE'RE HOSTING A COMMUNITY EVENT:
WEDNESDAY APRIL 8TH

UPSIDE DOWN THEMED EASTER CARNIVAL
5:30-7:00PM

BREAKFAST FOR DINNER, EGG DYING, STORY TELLING, CRAFTS &
EGG HUNT (OUTSIDE WEATHER PERMITTING)

CONTACT VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR TO GET INVOLVED:
WENDY STABLER
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EASTER
JAM



Upside
DOWN



AN EASTER CELEBRATION **BIG** ENOUGH FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

ALMOST

IT'S TIME FOR



SAVE THE DATE FOR:
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 6TH-9TH

9AM-NOON

FOR AGES 4 YEARS OLD -ENTERING 4TH GRADE
YOUTH HELPERS ENTERING 5TH GRADE-12TH GRADE
FAMILY PARTY JULY 9TH PM

VOLUNTEER INFORMATIONAL MEETING
APRIL 19TH AT 9:30AM
REGISTRATION OPEN APRIL 26TH AT NOON

WE WILL NEED MANY BOXES TO TRANSFORM THE
CHURCH INTO A CASTLE, SO PLEASE BREAK DOWN
YOUR BOXES AND BRING THEM INTO CHURCH.



Adult Study Opportunities

Reading Circle-

Meeting on Thursday, March 12 at 1:30 pm.

We welcome anyone that loves to read a good book, and then discuss it, to join us each month

The Hidden Life Awakened by Kitty Crenshaw and Cathy Snapp
When Betty Skinner was 42, her doctor told her, "You have a hole in your soul." In the 50 years that followed, Betty, now in her 90s, clinging only to her faith and a glimmer of hope, journeyed from desperate clinical depression to wholeness and profound wisdom well before anti-depressants and mindfulness were mainstream. With utter vulnerability and the beautiful view of hindsight, she reaches back with joy to offer her spiritual friendship and powerful encouragement to those of us still struggling on our own journey to the higher places.

Discussion led by Sheryle Carpenter



Monday Night Study-

February 3rd through Mid May at 6:30PM

Fearless by Max Lucado

FEARLESS: IMAGINE YOUR LIFE WITHOUT FEAR! Each sunrise seems to bring fresh reasons for fear. They're talking layoffs at work, slowdowns in the economy, flare-ups in the Middle East, turnovers at headquarters, downturns in the housing market, upswings in global warming. The plague of our day, terrorism, begins with the word terror. Imagine your life, wholly untouched by angst. What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? If you could hover a fear magnet over your heart and extract every last shaving of dread, insecurity, or doubt, what would remain? Envision a day, just one day, where you could trust more and fear less. Can you imagine your life without fear?

Discussion Led by Gene Larson

Adult Sunday School- Meets at 9:30am

We started Les Miserables on Sunday, February 29. For a few weeks we will watch parts of the PBS mini-series and then go into the bible study by Matt Rawle.

See also: Discipleship Stew on
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LESSON FROM REV. CRAIG AT W.O.W.



WONDERFUL OUTREACH WEDNESDAY'S

W.O.W. IS AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR KIDS KINDERGARTEN-5TH GRADE. IN MARCH THE KIDS WILL BE LEARNING BIBLE BASED LESSONS ON FORGIVENESS.



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Other Dates to Remember-
 April 8th: Plan to invite friends to our Easter Carnival open to the Community 5:30-7:00PM
 April 12th: WOW CHOIR will sing at the 10:45AM Easter service
 May 13th: WOW Talent Show
 May 20th: Last WOW of school year

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SWEET THOUGHTS

During Lent this year I am going to be preaching about Disciple Stew: by this I mean some of the spiritual disciplines from our bookmarks that help us to become fully developing followers of Jesus. I will also be leading a class on Wednesdays at 10am and 6:30pm that will use the previous Sunday sermon as a jumping off point in our growth as followers of Jesus. If you are interested in learning together with me please call the church office, respond to the email that is coming and let us know so that we can plan for your participation as we grow together.

Resurrection happens! Resurrection happens when we least expect it and when we aren't ready for it because it is a gift, pure and simple. Resurrection happens every day. Easter is coming all over again, are you ready ... can you hear the Spirit call ... will you be open to the movement of the seasons ... take stock of yourself, your relationships and with Jesus look through the cross to life and that abundant as you become fully developing followers of Jesus.

Come and see.

Pastor Craig

IGRC EVENT UPDATE

ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS CONFERENCE

General Conference briefings offered by IGRC delegation members. Members of the IGRC General Conference delegation are available to visit churches and present information about legislation coming before the General Conference May 5-15 in Minneapolis.

Sunday, March 8 -- Waverly UMC, 2 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10 -- Springfield Laurel UMC 6 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11 -- United Methodist Center, Springfield, 10 a.m.

Sunday, March 15 -- Taylorville First UMC 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 15 -- Maryville St. Luke UMC, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18 -- Edwardsville St. Johns UMC, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 22 -- Pekin Grace UMC, 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 22 -- Rossville UMC, 5 p.m.

Sunday, March 29 -- Elmwood UMC, 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 19 -- Colona UMC, 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 19 -- Mahomet UMC, Iroquois River District, 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 19 -- Aledo UMC, 6 p.m.

Monday, April 20 -- Industry UMC, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 26 -- Carbondale First UMC, 2 p.m.

Monday, April 27 -- Marion First UMC, Cache River District, 6:30 p.m.

NOTE:
4.19 AT 2PM
AT MUMC



FEBRUARY 26th COMBINED SERVICE & MARDI GRAS

YOUR FEEDBACK IS REQUESTED:

OPEN YOUR PHONE CAMERA AND SCAN THIS CODE.
YOUR PHONE WILL OPEN YOUR INTERNET BROWSER
AND TAKE YOU TO A SURVEY. PAPER COPIES ARE
AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.



THANK YOU CARLOS AND KATHY
FOR THE BEAUTIFUL DUET.

THANK YOU CHUCK FOR THE
FESTIVE TABLE CENTERPIECES.





SERVING TOGETHER IN WORSHIP

Please consider volunteering, your efforts are needed and appreciated.

GREETERS

- March 1 - Joan and Gary Kling
- March 8 - Reba Karr
- March 15 -
- March 22 -
- March 29 - Evelyn Epperson and Drew Christensen

USHERS

- March 8 -
- March 15 -
- March 22 - Eileen Noone
- March 29 -

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

- March 1 - 10:45 Melody Maxwell
- March 8 - 10:45 Alice Miller
- March 15 -
- March 22 - 8:30 Eileen and Lance Noone/ 10:45 Warren and Gerry Drake
- March 29 - 10:45 Kris Parker

COMMUNION STEWARDS

- March 1 - 8:30 Gerry White/10:45 Warren and Gerry Drake

ALTAR FLOWERS

- March 8 -
- March 15 - Chuck Peterson
- March 22 -
- March 29 - Darrell and Judy Uebelhoer

EASTER LILIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN MID-MARCH

February Attendance

February 2nd Worship
8:30 68/10:45 36

February 5th W.O.W.
48 KIDS/10 HELPERS

February 9th Worship
8:30 53/10:45 70

February 12th W.O.W.
50 KIDS/ 12 HELPERS

February 16th Worship
8:30 86/ 10:45 40

February 19th W.O.W.
57 KIDS/14 HELPERS

February 23rd Worship
10:00 138

February 26 W.O.W.
52 KIDS/10 HELPERS

Ash Wednesday 5:30 75



COMMUNICATION

Bulletin

Follow the weekly announcements and calendar reminders in the bulletins at our Worship services.

Newsletter

Read through our monthly newsletter publication "The Circuit Rider". It can be found electronically on the News Page of our Website. Paper copies can be picked up at the church or we are happy to add you to the list of people that receive the newsletter in the mail.

Website

www.mumc.org

There is so much to see on our website. Take the time to look through all of tabs. You can find the newsletter on the news page. Also, there is a calendar of events tab that is updated regularly.

E-mail

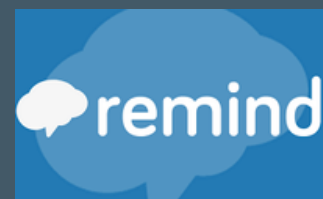
If you do not receive our church e-mail listing please send an e-mail to mumc@mumc.org and we will get you added. We send 1-2 emails a week.

Phone & Voicemail

217-586-2147

Our office hours are Monday-Friday 9AM-1PM or by appointment.

TEXT ALERTS



Remind App:

Want a new way to stay connected to events happening at MUMC? Use your smartphone or cellphone to receive notifications with important updates and events.

Smartphones: Open your browser and go to the following link rmd.at/fd2h62. Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

Cell phone (non smartphone): Text the message [@fd2h62](https://www.textnow.com/text/@fd2h62) to the number 81010. If you are having trouble with 81010 try texting [@fd2h62](https://www.textnow.com/text/@fd2h62) to (972) 776-2460.