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Sweet Thoughts

You've heard me say before that one of the traditional spiritual and daily life questions that we as United Methodist share is "How stands your soul?" Just as it was almost 200 years ago as Methodists were moving into this area of the country times of uncertainty raise out anxiety as the interruptions to our current living feels unfamiliar and uncomfortable. I understand and I am living these days with you as we each Shelter-in-place and so even as I ask myself, I encourage you to take the time to "count your blessings, name them one by one" and recognize just whose you truly are as a Child of the Living God.

"How Stands your soul?" is a discipleship, a how do you follow Jesus question that still speaks into our current Sheltering-in-place through this COVID-19 outbreak as we share with one another in a variety of physically distant and emotionally connected ways. I imagine that like me you've seen these Daily Quarantine Questions from a variety of sources and in a number of different orders, but it is good as you look forward into and in reflection on your day that you take the time to consider them as you practice your self-care:

1. What, who am I grateful for today?
2. Who am I checking in on or connecting with today?
3. What expectations of "normal" am I letting go of today?
4. How am I getting outside today?
5. How am I moving my body today?
6. What beauty am I creating, cultivating or inviting in today?

I pray that for you, as it is for me this well-loved hymn speaks into your living each day, because "It Is Well with My Soul."
See you Online and in my prayers,

Pastor Craig

Upcoming Dates:

Pastor Sweet's Daily Devotionals on MUMC Facebook

Live Worship @ 9:30 am Sundays on MUMC Facebook/YouTube

Palm Sunday Service April 5 @ 9:30 am on MUMC Facebook/YouTube

Maundy Thursday Service April 9 @ noon on MUMC Facebook/YouTube

Good Friday Service April 10 @ noon on MUMC Facebook/YouTube

EASTER Sunday Service April 12 @6:20 am on MUMC Facebook/YouTube

Grand Re-Opening Celebration Date and Time TBD

Vacation Bible School July 6 - 9 9 am - Noon



**COMING SOON!
TIME AND DATE-TBA**

WE ARE FINALLY OPEN!

GRAND RE-OPENING

MAHOMET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Ribbon Cutting, Worship, Lunch, Fellowship and Fun!

**COME JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE
BEING TOGETHER AT CHURCH!**



mahomet + united  methodist + church

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

Stay
Connected



Continued Conversations: Check our Mahomet United Methodist Facebook page and/or subscribe to our YouTube channel to view Pastor Sweet's daily devotionals.

Worship: Please note that we will be streaming one Worship Service on Facebook Live at 9:30 am Sunday mornings this can also be found on YouTube.

Church Phone Tree: We will be starting an All-Church phone tree, so expect a call! We look forward to hearing your voices!

Giving: Although we cannot currently be at worship together your contributions are still very much needed and appreciated. You can give online by going to our website, mumc.org and clicking the blue box at the top of the screen that says "Give Online". You can also mail checks directly to the church.

Donations: We are still collecting food and money to help our community. Checks written to Helping Hands should be mailed directly to Mahomet Helping Hands at P.O. BOX 259 Mahomet, IL 61853. Food and Toiletry donations can be taken directly to Mom's Pantry located on the north side of the Mahomet-Seymour High School on Mon., Wed. and Fri. between 12:00pm - 12:30pm. (They have a distribution Mon., Wed. and Fri. from 10:00 - 12:00, so make sure if you are dropping items off you do not get in the way of their distribution process.) Thank you for your contributions!

Prayers: Look for our weekly Prayer List sent out in an All-Church e-mail and by US Mail if requested. To submit prayers call (217-586-2147) or email the church at mumc.org, you can also post prayers in the comment section on Facebook during our 9:30 Sunday Worship Service.

How to Reach Us: The church office is closed, but voicemail will be checked daily and you can always reach us via e-mail at mumc@mumc.org. See the last page of this newsletter for more communication details.

Update from Finance: Due to limited office hours we are not going to be sending out quarterly giving statements. If you need to see yours, please send a request to finsecretary@mumc.org.

Mahomet Business Relief Fund: The Mahomet Area Chamber of Commerce is coordinating a Business Relief Fund for Mahomet Area Businesses. They will also be providing a delivery service for CVS, Walgreens and the IGA, benefiting residents who are anxious about being out at this time. Please consider making a donation. To donate, call the chamber office at 217-586-3165. If you are a business owner looking for assistance contact the office for a Business Relief Fund Application.

<http://mahometchamberofcommerce.com/>

COVID-19 Screening: Carle Foundation Hospital has launched two new screening resources that can help patients determine if they need further assistance when experiencing symptoms of coronavirus.

Coronavirus Hotline: Call 217-902-6100 and Press 1

Online self-assessment go to: <https://carle.org/home/covid-19-screening>



Thank you for the prayers, donations, cards and kind words at the time of our son Jeffrey's illness and passing.

The Slade Family

I would like to thank people for their cards and thoughts of my broken toe. It's been an interesting time with all going on in our world.

Georgine Early

Church Family,
Thank you for all of the food and hygiene product donations for Helping Hands and Mom's Pantry. Your donations make a difference in our community!

MUMC Staff

April Prayer Walk

Go for a drive or walk in the streets around your neighborhood, imagining that you are a family looking for a place to accept you and help you to rebuild your life together. Pray that the people in each house you pass will open the doors of their hearts to Jesus and the chances that God's love gives them to love and accept the people around them.



Prayer for a pandemic
May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.
Amen.



HOLY WEEK SERVICE TIMES

The services will be posted on our [youtube channel](#) at the listed time and will be available to watch anytime after that.



PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 5TH- 9:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 9TH-NOON

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 10TH-NOON

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 12TH- 6:20AM

HAVE BREAKFAST
GET DRESSED
TUNE IN



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

Virtual W.O.W
 We just can't miss a week with our W.O.W. buds! We are staying connected through Google Hangouts so we can talk and see each other. Looking forward to fun online activities and staying connected!

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Other Dates to Remember
 May 13th: WOW Talent Show
 May 20th: Last WOW of school year

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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 SAVE THEM FOR US.



May Breakfast

The UMW May Breakfast scheduled for May 1, will be rescheduled. Hope to see you there!

16th Annual Festival of Quilts

- Virtual Festival of quilts to be held on Facebook on April 2, 3, 4,
- Pictures of Quilts, volunteers and attendees from past festivals

UMW Meetings

The April 2nd UMW meeting will be cancelled, but we look forward to seeing you soon!

Next general meeting scheduled for June 4th at 1pm.

THURSDAY READING CIRCLE

The Reading Circle will not meet in April. I hope that you are each getting some reading in while you are staying home. This month's book was *The Devil Came Down to Chinatown* by Christine Taylor. The book for May is *The Long Flight Home* by Alan Hlad. We will decide later whether we will be able to meet in May. The most important thing at this time is to stay safe. If that means staying in a little longer than that is what we should do. We may meet during the summer to make up those months. Please stay safe.

Sheryle Carpenter

Mission Mondays

The M & M group will continue to make prayer shawls at home for those in need. Looking forward to being together again soon!



SERVING TOGETHER IN WORSHIP

*When we can join in Worship in person again, please consider volunteering.
Your efforts are needed and greatly appreciated!*

Bulletin Sponsors

April 5 - Gary Dalton's Birthday

April 12 - Lindsay and Jeremy Brotherton's 15th Wedding Anniversary

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 5 - Scott and Lynn Yeazel's Wedding Anniversary

April 12 - Roberta McElmurry in honor of Rick's birthday on April 8

April 19 - Phil and Elaine Jones 56th Anniversary



March Attendance

March 1st Worship
8:30 65/10:45 35

March 4th W.O.W.
55 KIDS/12 HELPERS

March 8th Worship
8:30 79/10:45 37

March 12th W.O.W.
54 KIDS/ 15 HELPERS

March 15th Worship
8:30 30/ 10:45 36

March 18th W.O.W.
SPRING BREAK

March 22nd Worship
9:30 210 VIEWS

March 29th Worship
9:30 329 VIEWS



COMMUNICATION

Facebook

Find Daily Devotionals, Worship Videos and church updates on our MUMC Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/MahometUMC/>

YouTube

Subscribe to our MUMC YouTube channel to see Church Videos including Worship, Devotionals and more. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP5XgdmXybxOKaiqjZ0KMQ>

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. As of April 1, 2020 the office is currently closed, but voicemail will be checked daily.

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 to the number 81010. If you are having trouble with 81010 try texting @fd2h62 to (972) 776-2460.