



Letter from Rev.  
Lori Harvey

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Maybe you have adjusted the way you communicate with people now that we have been socially distancing. My family tries to meet on Zoom every Sunday afternoon. It has been a great way to connect with each other. We have learned new things about each other because we use different “games” each week. One week, we were to come up with two truths and a lie. The family had to guess which one was the lie. It is difficult to lie to your family with a straight face.

Sometimes we just tell a story using the beginning statement, “Remember when...” Some of these stories are exaggerated like the big fish that got away. Some of the stories have several versions depending on the person’s perspective. My family loves to tell stories. This is not true of all families.

The Bible has some stories that are easy to understand and others that just make you question what God was thinking. During our first sermons series, we will share Biblical stories, some of my stories and also hear some stories of faith from our congregation. These stories will offer hope and be grounded in grace. Listen to the stories with the same attitude of hope and grace.

I want to offer other opportunities for people to tell me their story. We can do this by meeting in small groups. Sometimes, the meeting will be an invitation to bring your coffee and snack to the church. Other times, we will find an indoor place that meets our needs. We will give opportunity to share how God is working in our lives, in our community and in giving us direction for discipleship.

I am looking forward to meeting you all.

Blessings,  
Rev. Lori



# Angel Whispers



This is an angel whisper, a scripture picture. Sending them to church members, especially those on the prayer list, is an easy way to reach out to friends. For those who are sick, those grieving and those who are worried, lonely or afraid, it can be a little bit of reassurance. For those who are getting well or had success at something, it is a way to recognize their efforts. Scripture pictures for weddings and new babies are always fun to send. Using a search engine such as Google on a cell phone or computer makes it very easy to find images to go with scriptures. It's not necessary to know the scripture chapter and verse, just the subject matter or a few words will get you a lot of scripture pictures. They are easily sent to a cell phone number or an email address.

If you are interested in knowing more about this, call Joyce Livesay, 369-1643.

Thank you to Tyler Tanaka for his beautiful rendition of this song in Sunday's service.

Thank you to Terri Early Hunt for her beautiful rendition of John Lennon's Imagine.

We all long for a world at peace.



Stay  
Connected



**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](http://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 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](http://mumc.org), you can also post prayers in the comment section on Facebook during our 9:30 Sunday Worship Service or go to the Prayer tab on our website at [mumc.org](http://mumc.org)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:finsecretary@mumc.org).

**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>



## July 2020 Finance Report

The Finance Committee meeting was held June 11 just before the Church Council Meeting with Pastor Craig Sweet, Gene Larson, Jeff Bunting, Scott Yeazel, Sherri Kenner, Kay Williams, Rob Parker, Kathy Tock, Dave Byers, Alice Miller, Cindy Dodd, and Tyler Tanaka attending.

January through the end of May 2020 unrestricted total income was \$150,619 with \$16,626 coming from Non-Pledge Giving. Last year the same period unrestricted income was \$167,576 and \$27,784 of that being non-pledged giving.

The mission of the church goes on. Locally we support MAYC, The Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, WOW, VBC, Summer Lunch Program, and our online worship and outreach. We still support the Conference UMCOR and all their good work.

The majority of the Non-Pledge giving comes in during Sunday morning services so it's no surprise that number is down. Even though we have online giving available and try to make it as easy as possible to continue giving to the church, it's just not the same as when we pass the collection plate on Sunday morning. One idea from an email I received was to have people drop off their gifts at the church. Maybe we could set up a special time and day for donations. Let me know if you think that would be more helpful for you.

We have taken action to help this shortfall. We have applied for and received the PPP forgivable loan. Pastor Craig applied for, was approved and received a forgivable loan from the conference. Kristina applied for and received a grant to help fund part of the summer lunch program.

We thrive as a church because of our congregation's generosity and faithfulness. As always, we are a transparent organization. The reports are always available on request. You can email [syeaz73@gmail.com](mailto:syeaz73@gmail.com) or call me at 586-3072 for more detailed information.

Sincerely, Scott Yeazel, Chair, Finance Committee

# GOOD NEWS

## WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to Reverend Lori Harvey! We look forward to working together to lead people to Jesus and help them grow as disciples.

MUMC Family

## DATABASE UPDATE

Please keep an eye out for an email or letter sent to you asking for you to update your personal information for our church database. We appreciate your help in making our database and our communication with you as accurate as possible.

## THANK YOU

To the Mahomet United Methodist Church, Mahomet Helping Hands wishes to acknowledge all of the support you give us throughout the year. Your regular donations are greatly appreciated and help us to keep our food pantry stocked. Thank you very much for the volunteers who helped us with the June giveaway. With help from Churches and organizations such as yours, we can continue to assist those in need in our community.

Sincerely,  
Mahomet Helping Hands



## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the many cards, notes and phone calls I received after the passing of my dear Dannie. Each one has been a blessing to me. I have read and re-read the cards and notes many times. We plan to have a celebration of Dannie's life at the church when this quarantine is over and hope that you can attend. Again, thank you and God Bless You!

Norma Tharp

## CONGRATULATIONS

To the Isabell Parnell Scholarship recipients! We wish you the best in your college education!

# Summer Lunch at Candlewood



## **Summer Lunch at Candlewood--WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

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***Mahomet United Methodist Church's week is the week of July 6th.***

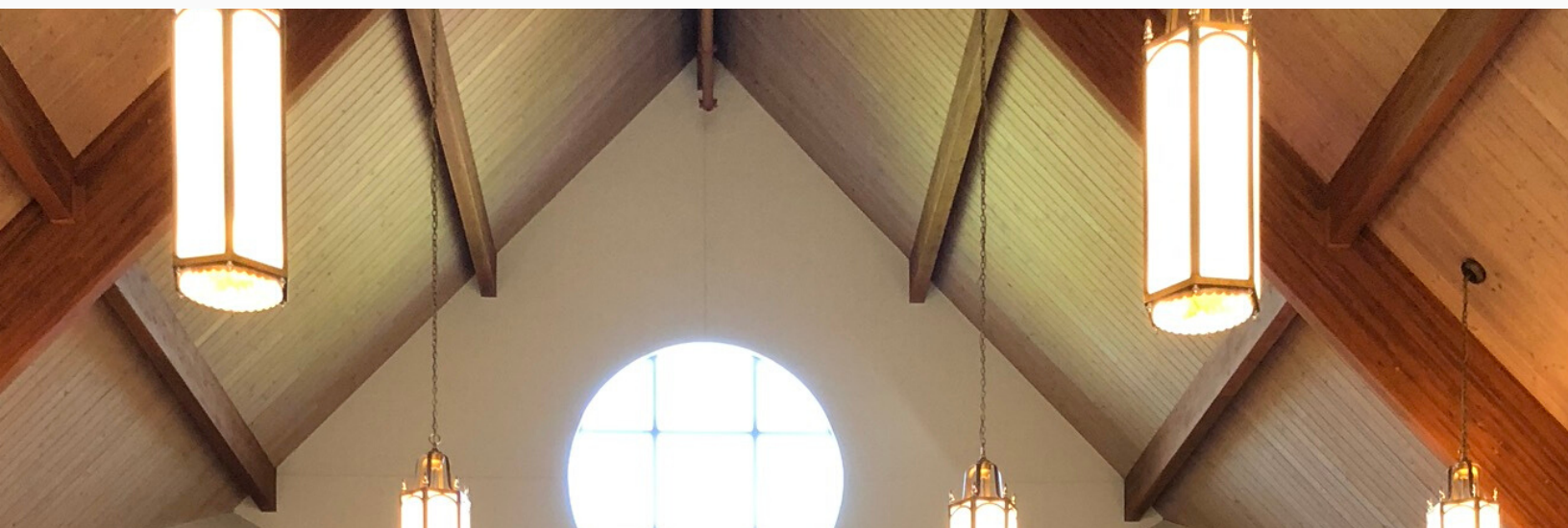
The churches of Mahomet have once again partnered to provide lunches for the residents of Candlewood. MUMC will provide lunches the week of July 6th-10th. Lunches will look a bit different this year as we will be providing takeout meals only instead of baked goods provided by the congregation. We would appreciate a few volunteers to help provide meals and to help serve. We will need 3 people to work from 9:30 am to 11 am with preparation/assembly of the lunch in the kitchen and 2-3 people at Candlewood for distribution. You don't have to work every day so if you can help just one day, let us know.

**If you are willing to help, please contact Linda Meachum  
at [lmeachum22@gmail.com](mailto:lmeachum22@gmail.com).**

We need to start pulling together the volunteers for the week. We need donations this year since we will have to purchase all of the food. The MUMC received \$500 from a grant from the conference and was presented to Church Council in June. This will be a good start, but will need more. You can send your donation to the church. Please designate it for the Summer Lunch fund. Any extra money will be left in the designated account for future use in Mahomet. Any ideas or suggestions for easy "box" lunches will be appreciated. Again, this is exactly the type of outreach many of you have stated in the appreciative inquiry. The good news is we have been doing this for a number of years and we thank those that have helped in the past and made this so important for the community and representing the best side of the members from the Mahomet United Methodist Church. Thanks in advance for all your help and support.

Jeff Bunting Church Council Chair

**For more information about other Food Assistance programs in our community  
go to our website: [www.mumc.org](http://www.mumc.org).**



## SERVING TOGETHER IN WORSHIP

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

### **ALTAR FLOWERS:**

July 5th-

**in Memory of Alice E. Murdoch and of Rev. Richard E. Murdoch from the Murdoch Family**

July 12th-

**In Memory of Dick Steeves and In Honor of Bob Sinclair Given by Christa Steeves**

**July 19th-In honor of Gary and Rae Dalton's 58th Wedding Anniversary**

**July 26th-In memory of Richard D. Ward**

### **BULLETIN SPONSORS:**

**July 5th-Sue and Bob Welke in honor of Karl and Lori Welke**

**July 19th-In honor of Gary and Rae's Wedding Anniversary**



Please note that we have created a Prayer tab on our website, [mumc.org](http://mumc.org). When you click on this tab it will open a form that you can fill out and submit for your prayer requests. Prayer requests can also be e-mailed directly to us at [mumc@mumc.org](mailto:mumc@mumc.org). Let us be in prayer for you!

# June Attendance

June 7th Worship  
113 VIEWS

June 14th Worship  
101 VIEWS

June 21st Worship  
119 VIEWS

June 28th Worship  
90 VIEWS



## Mission Mondays

Monday Mission Team has been busy sewing masks. We have donated 170 masks to Clark-Lindsey. We have also provided the Mahomet school district with 114 adult masks and 31 children masks.

M&Ms continues to sew masks. We have a supply of adult and children's masks if anyone needs one. Please contact Janet Thompson 898-4001 if you would like a mask.



## UMW MEETINGS

Next general meeting is scheduled for **September 3rd at 12:00pm.**

We will plan to meet on September 3 at noon for a potluck. Evelyn Epperson will be our Hostess. Hopefully we will all be able to get together by then.

## THURSDAY READING CIRCLE

The Thursday Reading Circle has completed the *The Long Flight Home* by Alan Hlad. They will meet again in September.





## 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/UCP5XgdmXybxOKaiuiqjZ0KMQ>

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.