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LETTER FROM REV. LORI HARVEY

Actual hand written letters are rare these days. I have purchased cards and sent them for special occasions.



I have sent emails and text messages to people. It is rare for a person to sit down and write a letter. Now, having said that, I do want to say thank you for all the cards and notes that you sent me. You took the time to thoughtfully pick out a card or

write a note or send an email to introduce yourself. Thank you.

We have enjoyed the meet and greet opportunities this past month. I have met several people with masks on and on occasion, I have seen people without a mask while outside and socially distancing. This has been a first for me in my ministry and moving experiences. I hope that you will continue to tell me your name since I don't have the advantage of seeing you in worship with your name tag on and face uncovered.

With August comes new opportunities for ministry. We have several committees meeting to get us organized, including the missions and nominations. Our reopening committee will be evaluating the results from the survey and making adjustments towards moving us closer to gathering in small groups for worship. We need to remain cautious and caring of our families and friends. Many of our congregation have health issues that make them vulnerable.

As a church, we are being called to shine the light of Christ into our community. We are working with the school district that offers online as well as in person learning. Our church is choosing to do ministry by meeting a need in the community. One program that will be using our building is a life skills class for 18-21 year olds with special needs. They lost their room to other classroom needs. Here they will learn in a classroom, outside and in our kitchen. We hope to assist in their learning by offering small church projects like mailing the newsletter or sorting food donations.

Our other group is a family coop with 10 children, some from our church and some from outside our church. They have a school teacher assigned them and will be using the district curriculum. This group will be based on Christian principles although they do not use faith based curriculum. We will offer all these families a place to meet their children's needs of education but also a spiritual place to see God working, especially in this anxious time.

God is calling us to use our resources, see the needs of the community and be involved, even if it is only five loaves and two fish. God will bless it and in doing ministry we will be blessed as well.



RE-OPENING COMMITTEE

Would you like to watch the recording process of our worship service on Wednesday at 4:30 pm inside the church or would you like to attend a viewing of the recorded service on Sunday at 9:30 am? We will have limited seating, we will take temperatures, we will wear masks, and we will physically distance. If you would like to reserve a seat call the church and leave a voicemail with your name and phone number or sign up using the [signup.com](https://www.signup.com) link on the website.



SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

MUMC served lunches at Candlewood the week of July 6th. All lunches were prepared and served at the pool house where over 300 adults and children were able to carry out a variety of tasty meals at about \$1.35 per meal. We served Turkey and Cheese wraps, Sloppy Joes, Ham and Cheese sliders, Hot dogs and a very special day of Domino's Pizza. Having an air conditioned space to work in was wonderful thanks to Bud Parkhill and his great facility and his unending support. I want to thank those who prepared lunches, took numbers at the door, handed out the lunches and helped clean up. Special thanks to those individuals who donated money to the program, Domino's Pizza for delivering the pizza, the UMW who provided the funds for Pizza Wednesday, and last but not least Lion's Club. They provide funds to purchase supplies for all the churches involved in the Summer Lunch program. This year, instead of plates and silverware we used a lot of take out containers, napkins, paper bags and zip lock bags. This program continues to provide much needed meals and support for our Candlewood community. This was our 9th year of the Summer lunch program and we look forward to continuing to serve in the future.

Thanks to Janet T., Georgine E., Karen W., Gerry D., Judy Mc., Nancy S., Annalee J., Roberta Mc., Sheryle C., Gerry W., Karis., Julia Mc., and Lindsay B. for all your help. Thanks Jeff B. for your support and Pastor Lori for coming out to visit.





MUMC & MAYC PARTNERSHIP

Greetings! My name is Sara Balgoyen and I'm the Executive Director of the Mahomet Area Youth Club (MAYC). I'm writing today to extend a HUGE thank you to the MUMC family! The congregation, pastors and staff have been tremendous supporters of MAYC for longer than I've been in this role, and this summer is no different. In fact, this summer, MUMC has gone above and beyond to serve the community through their support of MAYC. Faced with the challenges of COVID-19, MAYC's summer program that normally serves 100 youth daily with summer day camp, was in question and everyone was uncertain about what to do. The restrictions meant we were only going to be able to serve 10-20% of our normal families. MUMC stepped in to provide a second site, doubling the number of youth we could serve while still following the health & safety guidelines and recommendations. It was challenging to adapt the program, but the support we felt from MUMC eased the stress. Not only did you open your doors to us, but volunteers donated supplies, your staff prepared the space and worked out the logistics and together we created a partnership to provide summer day camps for more Mahomet families than would have been possible alone. Our appreciation for both your partnership and your ongoing support is beyond words, but we hope you know how much families- especially those that had no other options- benefit from your generosity.

The school year will bring a whole new set of challenges for Mahomet families and we are working on how WE can help, together. Soon, there will likely be a need for help and we feel so blessed to know that the MUMC family won't hesitate to jump right in!

*Leviticus 19:18 - Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of **thy** people, but thou shalt love **thy** neighbor as thyself.*

Thank you for all you do for the community!

~Sara





THANK YOU NOTE CUNNINGHAM

Thank you very much to our Mahomet UMW Friends for your incredible support of our kids! It's a difficult summer and like us all, our youth are learning to navigate the new normal. While many things are different, some things are familiar. This week they added flowers to the raised bed garden, had a water balloon fight and zipped around campus on bikes. **Your** support makes these summer memories possible! I am grateful!

Brooke Buzard
Associate Director of Advancement

P.S. No matter how you spell it, you're special to our kids!

ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH INVITED...

to the next UMW meeting on Thursday, September 3 at noon in the Worship Area. There will be a sign in, temperature checks and hand sanitizer. We will self distance and wear masks when not eating. Box lunches will be served as we get to know Rev. Lori Harvey. Please RSVP if you will be attending to Cindy Dodd by calling her at (217) 649-1698 or email her at cindy.dodd@gmail.com. Deadline is Thursday, August 27. We need a headcount to order the box lunches. Thank you.

IN APPRECIATION

We appreciate all your help making people comfortable at Dannie Tharp's Celebration of Life service. Like so many things at MUMC it could not have happened without you.

Norma & Glenna Tharp, Gale and Bob Brandner

THURSDAY READING CIRCLE

The Thursday Reading Circle will meet on Thursday, September 10 at 1:30 pm. This year's first book will be: ***Tilly and the Crazy Eights*** by Monique Gray Smith.

When Tilly receives an invitation to help drive eight elders on their ultimate bucket-list road trip, she impulsively says yes. Before she knows it, Tilly has said good-bye to her family and is on an adventure that will transform her in ways she could not predict, just as it will for the elders who soon dub themselves "The Crazy Eights".

The reading list for the year includes:

September - ***Tilly and The Crazy Eights*** by Monique Gray Smith

October-***The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*** by Kim Michele Richardson

November- ***Above the Bay of Angels*** by Rhys Bowen

January-***Traveling With Pomegranates*** by Sue Monk Kidd

February-***The End of the Island*** by Jeffrey Tucker

March-***Know My Name: A Memoir*** by Chanel Miller

April-***What Comes With the Dust*** by Gharbi M. Mustafa

May-***One For The Blackbird, One For the Crow*** by Olivia Hawker



We encourage any readers in the church to try these books and come to join the discussion. For any questions contact Sheryle Carpenter at davesherylecarp65@yahoo.com

VBC OVERVIEW

Nothing about 2020 has been typical and our Vacation Bible School experience was no different. Since it wasn't in the cards to meet in person we got creative. REAL creative. The Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas shared their resources and talent allowing us (and many others) to use their model for a Vacation Bible Camp On-The-Go experience. We connected with families at a "Starting Line" drive thru (well really run through) event equipping them with a PLAYBOOK, craft supplies, and snacks to get through the weekly activities. Then we connected with families through facebook live, ZOOM calls, and e-mails sharing videos to Bible stories and encouraging music. Then we closed up the week at the "Finish Line" enjoying a cool summer treat (mmmm, Ice Daddy's) and getting a T-shirt made by a local vendor (HandmadebyLMJ).

Families sent pictures throughout the week to show us what they had been working on at home. It is beautiful to see families learning together in the comfort of their own home.

It was hard not being in the building hearing Sherri Kenner Orenic's Bible



story team, a crowd favorite. Sherri and Margaret White, your Education Committee chairs, rode the roller-coaster of planning with Kristina Robinson with grace and encouragement along the way. Thank you for helping us get the PLAYBOOKS to families. They were full of great Christian Education and good old fashioned family fun!

Joan Kling (and Gary) helped get the supplies together for all the crafts and assemble our kits but I know the kids missed being in your Science room, Joan. Reverend Lori, Stacy Schreoder, Kim Stelle, Lindsay Brotherton, Kris Parker and Kelly Cramer all worked hard to make the starting

line and finish line a great experience but I know they would have traded that in for a week with kids any day. Gerry Drake helped us keep the tradition alive of having kids make cards for the nursing homes. We delivered a stack of beautifully colored cards this week. Thank you Gerry! We did our best and made the best experience possible, but I can tell you I speak for the kids and the small group of people that were called up to help...we REALLY missed our big group of volunteers. We REALLY missed our youth helpers.

On that last day of VBS (next time) when everything has been cleaned up and all the kids are gone and I feel like I need to sleep for a week, I will remember how this felt and not take one second of it all for granted. Thank you for all for your prayers of support during our unconventional VBS week. God planted seeds and relationships grew and families connected. God is good.

Kristina Robinson
Director of Inclusion





Theme Verse

*Train yourself to be godly.
For physical training is of some value,
but godliness has value for all things.*

1 Timothy 4:7-8

Day 1 –Born To Be A Champion

Bible Story: Created By God! (Genesis 1:1-31; Psalm 139:14)

Bottom Line: The God of the Universe created you and loves you! You were born to be a champion!

Question: In what way are you born to be a champion?

Verse of The Day: Psalm 139:14: *How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.*

Day 2-Love Like A Champion

Bible Story: The Love Chapter (1 Corinthians 13)

Bottom Line: A champion's love puts others first!

Question: How can you show love like a champion?

Verse of The Day: 1 Corinthians 13:4-5: *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

Day 3- Serve Like A Champion

Bible Story: Jesus Feeds The 5,000 (Matthew 14:14-21)

Bottom Line: What does Jesus do? He healed the sick, cared for the poor, fed the masses, and loved others always. A Champion uses their hands to serve those in need.

Question: What can you do to serve those both near and far?

Verse of The Day: Matthew 14:14: *When Jesus arrived and saw a large crowd, he had compassion for them.*

Day 4- Talk Like A Champion

Bible Story: Jesus Blesses The Children (Mark 10:13-16)

Bottom Line: Our words have power! A champion's words can either build others up or tear them down. Choose words that speak life!

Question: How can we use our words to build others up?

Verse of The Day: Proverbs 16:24: *Kind words are like honey. They are sweet to the spirit and bring healing to the body.*



Day 5- Walk Like A Champion

Bible Story: The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-18)

Bottom Line: A Champion's work never ends. Go where God is calling you.

Question: How will you Live Like a Champ? (each day, this school year?)

Verse of The Day: Matthew 28:19-20: *Go and make disciples of all nations.*



July 2020 Finance Report

June unrestricted giving was \$30,917 and total expenses were \$29,867 for a positive \$1,050 for the month. January through June 2019 unrestricted total giving was \$181,537 and total expenses were \$206,294 for a negative \$25,091. Last year January through June 21019 unrestricted giving was \$206,129 and total of expenses were \$211,265 for a negative of \$5,136.

As a reminder, on April 15, 2020, MUMC received loan proceeds from the Small Business Administration (SBA) of \$47K. On June 5, 2020, the As of June 30, 2020, all of the proceeds received from the Paycheck Protection Program have been used for forgivable expenses (primarily payroll). It should probably be noted that year-to-date income does not include any of the loan proceeds received that are expected to be forgiven. Once the loans are officially forgiven, the forgiven amount will be reported as revenue.

We also started a discussion to have some form of an annual stewardship appeal this fall. We are forming a Stewardship Committee with Shannon Patterson as Chairman. Dick Livesay also volunteered to help.

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

ANGEL WHISPERS MINISTRY



This angel whisper, scripture picture, is God's promise that He is always with us and offering His strength to us when we have new and difficult situations such as those we find ourselves facing due Covid-19.

If you are interested in participating in the outreach mission of **ANGEL WHISPERS**, call Joyce Livesay, 369-1643

These scripture pictures are easy to find on a cell phone or computer. They can be sent to those on our churches prayer list, family and friends.



SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to:

- Lois Meerdink and family following the death of Gavin on July 4th. A memorial service will be planned in the future.
- Paula Phillips and family following the death of her mother-in-law, Marjorie Brewer on July 19th.

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

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 or go to the Prayer tab on our website at mumc.org.

BULLETIN SPONSORS

8/16 Gary/Rae Dalton in memory of our son, Mark Dalton

ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSORS

8/02 Open

8/09 Doug/Maggie Beckmann in honor of Chris & Kate's 2nd anniversary

8/16 Gary/Rae Dalton in memory of our son, Mark Dalton

8/23 Jeff/Chris Bunting in honor of Abby Bunting's 16th Birthday

8/30 Christa Steeves in memory of my sister, Rita Scott

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP OPEN DATES

Below are the open dates for Altar Flower sponsorship. Contact the church office if you would like to sponsor a week and give them information if you want the Altar Flowers to be in memory of or in honor of someone. You can send a \$20 check to the church. Thank you.

9/6, 9/13, 10/4, 10/18, 10/25, 11/8, 11/29, 12/13, 12/20



DONATIONS FOR HELPING HANDS & MOM'S PANTRY

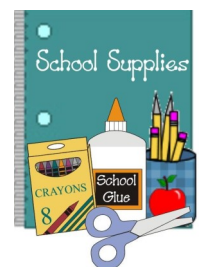
We are still collecting food and money to help our community. Checks written to Helping Hands should be mailed directly to Mahomet Helping Hands at P.O.BOX 259 Mahomet, IL 61853. Food and Toiletry donations can be taken directly to Mom's Pantry located on the north side of the Mahomet-Seymour High School. Thank you for your contributions!

SCHOOL BAG PROJECT

Our M & Ms group is making school bags but need donations of supplies to fill them. Now is a great time to purchase school supplies. Below is the list of needed items. Your donations would be greatly appreciated! Please leave them in the tote outside the front doors of the church or bring them on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm or Sundays at 9:30 am. Thank you.

Kit Contains:

- 3 Notebooks -1 subject spiral 8" x 10 1/2"
- 1 Ruler -12" long with metric
- 6 Pencils -unsharpened
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Pencil Eraser -2" or larger
- 1 Box 12 Colored Pencils
- 1 Box 24 Crayons
- 1 Pair of Scissors -student





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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.

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday, 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Thursday, 10:30 am—3:00 pm

Rev. Lori Harvey's cell number is 309-262-6861. Since this is a 309 area code many people don't pick up and let it go to voicemail, which is fine. You may add Rev. Lori Harvey as a contact.

WEDNESDAYS

4:30 pm Worship—please call office to register

SUNDAYS

9:30 am Viewing video of worship at church—please call office to register

CHURCH STAFF

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Jay Simpson, Assistant Praise Band Leader

Kristina Robinson, Director of Inclusion ~ krobinson@mumc.org

Dr. Carlos R. Carrillo Cotto, Organist

Emily Kuchenbrod, Choir Director

Eileen Waters, Parish Nurse ~ enie@mediacommb.net

WEBSITE

There is so much to see on our website wwwmumc.org. 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.

FACEBOOK

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

SUBSCRIBE TO YOUTUBE

Subscribe to our MUMC YouTube channel to see Church Videos including Worship, Devotionals and more. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP5XgdmXybxOKaiuiqjZ0KMQ>

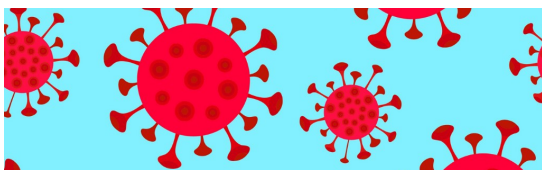
GIVING

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.

QUARTERLY GIVING STATEMENT

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.

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>.

AUGUST 5TH
5:45-6:30PM

OUTDOOR YOGA

BRING A YOGA MAT OR TOWEL

INSTRUCTOR VALERIE WRIGHT
OFFERED AT NO COST
RAIN DATE AUGUST 12TH



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