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LETTER FROM REV. LORI HARVEY

OUR GOALS

- 1) To live our mission of leading people to Jesus and help them grow as disciples
- 2) To create spaces of diversity and unity through table discussions, study and workshops
- 3) To be flexible and creative in worship, fellowship and caring ministry

This past year, we have started on a journey that calls us to reassess how we relate to other people. Family gatherings have often occurred online from video calls to check up on one another, to celebrating birthdays and holidays by gathering in front of a screen. Some firsts for me included a baby shower, a graveside service and wedding on zoom. Our communion services and even weekly worship have been viewed from our homes more often than in the church building.

Even though it doesn't feel the same, our church is reaching people for Jesus. We are poised to take the next step of engaging these people who attend online to grow in discipleship. Our ministry is vital. In some ways, it is scary. It reminds me of Moses sending men to explore the land of Canaan and they come back fearful expect for Caleb and Joshua. We can find ways to be creative in ministry, to move forward in new ways as we seek to share God's heart with our community and world.

As one body with many members, we need to celebrate our diversity, to see the worth of every person and to seek forgiveness from those we have harmed. The Wesley three simple rules: Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God. As we live these rules, we have to acknowledge times when we have harmed someone or a group of people. Through confession and reparation, we can do good and stay in love with God.

Thank you for your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness.

Blessings,
Rev. Lori

CHURCH CONFERENCE DECISION

At the November 30 church conference, our church approved the exchange of land to the Village of Mahomet in exchange for release from subdivision requirements from the original purchase of the land that we own. The exchange includes permit of the natural prairie grasses, and the lighted baseball field. The village will complete a bike path on the right of way along South Mahomet Road. The Village of Mahomet plans to extend south Mahomet road across the railroad tracks in order to connect with the school buildings east of town.

JANUARY TRAINING

January 14, 2021

6-8 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 951 9825 5291

Passcode: 2020

For all people on SPRC, Finance, Trustees, and Memorial

January 17, 2021

10:30 a.m. - noon

Zoom Meeting ID: 928 3663 7954

Passcode: 2021

For all people on Education, Missions, Worship, and Discipleship



SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Thelma Primmer who died December 23.

THANK YOU

Dear Church family, Thanks to everyone who filled a Christmas bag with such a variety of useful items, tasty goodies and cards. I spent many joyous hours opening up everything. Thank you for remembering me. I pray that 2021 will be a better year for all of you.

God bless all of you dear church friends.
Norma Tharp

Dear Mahomet UMC, Thank you for making Christmas merry and bright for the children and families of The Baby Fold with your gift card. Because you gave from your heart, our community will be stronger in 2021.

May your holidays be holy days,
Rev. Lori Bultemeier, Christian Life Coordinator

This past Monday I had just arrived home from a hospital stay & the door bell rang. It was Eileen Waters bringing us the flower & gift bag from the folks at church. Lily & Jamey we're here & it was like Christmas came early. The gift bag was filled with thoughtful and useful items. We want to say THANK YOU to everyone that participated in our Christmas bag. It was all much appreciated & loved! Please keep going with continued prayers, my health isn't too good right now. Randy is better thank the Lord.

God bless everyone. I miss you all.
Randy & Sherry Emerson

To our church friends, We thank you so much for the sack of gifts and the many cards. Very interesting!

Love and prayers,
Harold and Bev

THANK YOU

Thank you for the Christmas cards and remembering me.

Lori Christianson

We enjoyed having carolers come by! You're welcome anytime. Thank you and Merry Christmas from Sue and John Hesketh

Thank you for the generous gift! God bless you as together we work to show His love as the hands, feet and heart of Christ.

In His Service,
Chantel Corrie
Executive Director
Midwest Mission Distribution Center

Thank you, MUMC, Pastor Lori and all who helped make Christmas so special. I took the nice decorated bag of cards and items for shut-ins up to Paxton for Ron and I'm sure he really appreciated being remembered by the church. I know it meant alot to me. I also appreciated the special bag of helpful and fun "goodies" provided to the seniors at the noon drive through, as well as the communion. It was special to see "the growing place" illustration of the grape vine on the cross that my daughter, Connie Balek, drew some time ago. The poinsettia is still beautiful and I have wonderful memories of on-line services and the people of MUMC caring.

Thank you so much.
Susan Bates

I want to thank all the ladies that came to my home with flowers, a goodie bag and sang. That was so thoughtful. Merry Christmas to all.

Helen Brown



2021 Officers & Committees

CHURCH COUNCIL (Meetings: Second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm)

Table with 3 columns: Office, Name, Class. Lists various church roles and their corresponding officers and terms.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS (Meetings: On call during summer/fall of each year)

Table with 3 columns: Class of 2021, Class of 2022, Class of 2023. Lists members of the Nominations Committee and their terms.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm)

Table with 3 columns: Class of 2021, Class of 2022, Class of 2023. Lists members of the Board of Trustees and their terms.

(Note: Trustees elect their own officers at first meeting in January. Officers serve for term of one year.)

Table listing officer positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Rep to Finance) and the Ex-Officio officer (Rev. Lori Harvey - Pastor) and Lay Leader (Rob Parker).



EDUCATION TEAM (Meetings: On call as needed)

Margaret White* Sherri Kenner-Orenic; Sherry Emerson; Kim Stelle; Stacy Schroeder; Lindsay Brotherton, Joan Kling; Kris Parker, Kami Parker, Kristyn Kempher, Safe sanctuary chair
Co-Chairs Margaret White & Kris Parker
Ex-Officio Rev Lori Harvey..... Pastor
Kristina Robinson .. Director of Inclusion
Janet Thompson UMW Liaison

MISSIONS TEAM (Quarterly)

Steve Carlson*, Ethan Carlson, Carmelita Clark,
Elaine Jones, Darrell Uebelhoer, AnnaLee Jellen,
Melvin Bell, Joy and Greg Duitsman
Chair..... Steve Carlson
Ex-Officio.....Rev Lori Harvey, Pastor

WORSHIP TEAM (Bi-monthly meeting)

Joyce Schmale; Dan Matthews*; Dave Byers;
Judy Ash; Judy McGuire (communion);
Jay Simpson; Chuck Peterson; Kathy Roush

Chair..... Dan Matthews
Ex-Officio Rev Lori Harvey, Pastor
Kathy Tock, Music Director

ON HOLD

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Gary Kling*	Ron White	Margaret White
Doug Beckman	Scott Nelson	John Murphy
Janet Thompson	Stacy Schroeder	Doug Schroeder
Gary Miller	Alice Miller	Rick Swearingen
Matt Robinson		

Chair..... Gary Kling
Ex-Officio Rev Lori Harvey..... Pastor
Jeff Bunting..... Church Council Chair (2020)
Rob Parker..... Lay Leader (2014)

BUILDING FINANCE COMMITTEE

Doug Beckman	Jennifer Vallowe
Valerie Goodwin	Doug Schroeder

Chair.....
Ex-Officio Rev Lori Harvey..... Pastor
Jeff Bunting..... Church Council Chair (2020)
Rob Parker..... Lay Leader (2014)



Angel Whisper Ministry



A new beginning- what can we do for our church this year? For our families, friends or community? God will guide us if we pray and ask for His help.

GIVING MADE EASY

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To learn more about our eGiving options, visit our church website or contact the church office.

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Poinsettias 2020

The poinsettias filling our church were given by families in honor or in memory of friends and loved ones to celebrate Christmas. Thank you.

Mike & Donna Greene in memory of Merle & Helen Hendren
and in memory of Jim & June Greene

Ricky & Linda Hambleton in memory of Gloria Hambleton and Barbara Grace

Chris & Reba Karr and family in honor of J.C. Karr
and in memory of Louise Karr, Robert & Alice Floyd

Dan & Laurel Matthews in memory of Lucas Matthews

Judy McGuire in memory of Arlon McGuire

Lois Meerdink & family in memory of Gavin L. Meerdink

Alice Miller in memory of Leland B Miller Jr, Steve Miller, Leland & Nellie Miller, Donald Elder
in honor of James Miller, Tim, Sue Kate and Liz Fallon, Nadine Elder

The Murdoch's in memory of Earle C. Murdoch

Harold & Bev Schroeder in memory of Susan Stuckey

Mahomet UMW in honor of Rev. Lori Harvey & David Johnston

Mahomet UMW in honor and appreciation of our church staff

Kevin & Kay Williams in memory of Lyle & Eleanor Williams, Steve Williams Harold & Lucile Effland

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NEXT UMW MEETING WILL BE ON ZOOM

Our next UMW Zoom meeting will be Thursday, January 7 at 1 pm. Send your email address to cindy.dodd@gmail.com If you did not get an email inviting you to attend the January meeting. She will send out the Zoom link for the meeting. We look forward to our session.

THURSDAY READING CIRCLE

Our next meeting will be February 11, 2021. We will be discussing *Traveling With Pomegranates* by Sue Monk Kidd. Sue Monk Kidd has touched the hearts of millions of readers with her beloved novels and acclaimed nonfiction. Now, in this wise engrossing dual memoir, she and her daughter, Ann chronicle their travels through Greece and France at a time when each was on a quest to redefine herself and rediscover each other.

An absorbing book about spiritual growth and finding one's destiny. *Traveling With Pomegranates* is both a revealing self-portrait by a beloved author and her daughter, and a momentous story that will resonate with women everywhere.

We encourage any readers to come join the discussions. For any questions contact Sheryle Carpenter at davesherylecarp65@yahoo.com