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### From John,

This may sound silly or redundant, but please humor me; I think we ought to have Easter resolutions. What can we change? What will be new for us after Easter?

It makes sense. Springtime really is a time of new beginnings. One of my favorite people said, "I love flowers and baseball, so I like this time of year." For baseball fans it's a new season, for gardeners, new growth. For farmers it's the planting season. There is "spring" cleaning. There's a change in wardrobe.

With Springtime, the new energy of the season and the momentum of new beginnings: it makes sense to start anew with Easter resolutions. This is complicated by the end of Lenten disciplines. Some ought to end and some ought to continue. A friend had given up a certain fast food chain for Lent. Now seeing how it helped, she moved to giving up all fast food. Those who care about her are encouraging her and celebrating her healthier life. It is an Easter resolution.

What comes to mind are the wonderful lyrics of Brian Wren's hymn, "This Is a Day New Beginnings":

"This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointments, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is the day of new beginnings; Our God is making all things new."

Are we seeking to live as Easter people? Those who know that death has been left behind?

In Handel's "Messiah", the "Hallelujah Chorus" he writes and we sing, "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth," not any Caesar, governor, ruler, emperor, no person but God. Fear is not the ultimate power, love is. The love of God conquers all betrayal, corruption, injustice, pain, and death.

That should profoundly shape how we live as post-Easter people. We are invited to live with the excitement of Easter, the hope of Easter, the sense of fresh, new beginnings as forgiven people, in a state of grace.

I don't have much for the specifics of Easter resolutions, but I know the virtues; being hopeful, renewed, faithful, forgiven and forgiving, and encouraged. For me, I want to be excited about God's presence and power in the world. I want to celebrate every new thing. I want to be a different and better person, because of Jesus' resurrection and Ascension.

Please hear the invitation to days of new beginnings.

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### Some thoughts on The Lord's Prayer

It's a simple, direct, and comprehensive. I've found myself using it with great sincerity when a plane I'm on is landing. The Lord's prayer is beautiful in its simplicity and completeness. It's easy and accessible. Everyone can use it and feel the connection to God that Jesus intends.

Jesus' disciples had asked about praying and this is what He taught them. As recorded in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 6 and in Luke 11, Jesus' intent was for this to be a central piece of our faith. It is one of the primary legacies of the Gospel and universal in use.

Most of us have the Lord's Prayer memorized to the point of rote. We recite it automatically, perhaps too much so. At times it seems like we repeat it as something to get through, as an obligatory part of services.

There are words and phrases that should cause us to pause. Let's consider using this as a regular part of our spiritual life (not just when the plane is landing) with pause to dwell on each phrase, stop, consider these words, and their meaning.

Let's be engaged by the Lord's Prayer in meaningful ways. Perhaps we need to pray one phrase, pause, consider, then pray it again for more engagement. Jesus said, "Pray then in this way. Our Father, who art in heaven, ...."



## CONGRATULATIONS

*Our congratulations go out to:*

- \* Travis & Charlotte Farmer on their anniversary
- \* Jim & Vicki Smith on their anniversary
- \* Steve & Sherri Orenic on their anniversary
- \* Eric & Kim Ozier on their anniversary
- \* Kevin & Kay Williams on their anniversary
- \* Darrell & Judy Uebelhoer on their anniversary

## From the Finance Committee

February's unrestricted revenue was \$23,910 for our church and unrestricted expenses were \$33,171 for a net minus of -\$9,261 for the month. Year to date for end of Feb the net revenue was \$63,067 with expenses of \$67,220 for a net of -\$4,153 at the end of February.

However, keep in mind that we had some weather issues in February that affected attendance. We also replaced the church's ten year old copier in February. Hopefully this one will last another ten years but the payment was made in full at the time of purchase. So between the copier and the weather a negative net income for February is not an unexpected result.

Remember you can now go to our website and click the blue button at the top of the page to set up an account for giving once or a recurring. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit information. Once your registration is complete you will receive text verification and a receipt. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

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,  
Finance Committee

## THANK YOU

Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers following my shoulder surgery and during my recovery.

Eileen Noone

We are very grateful for all of the prayers and cards we have received during my illness. We appreciate the love and concern that has been shown to us by so many of you. Without your prayers and support, things would be so much more difficult. We can't thank you enough!

Dick & Joyce Livesay

Thank you for all the prayers I have received during my recent health issues. It was comforting to know that so many of you were with me in spirit. I am doing very well now and plan to be returning to church on April 15. Thank you again for your love and concern that has been given to me.

Cindy Bell

## Hospital and Healthcare Facility Visits

If you or a member of your family will be in the hospital, please let Rev. McIntosh know your legal first name, i.e., the name you will be admitted under. Thank you!

## Would you like to be an active part of our church service?

Please check out the welcome center and see where you can help in the life of our church.

There are sign-ups for worship assistants, greeters, assistants for Wednesday night meals, altar flower and bulletin sponsors, and the coffee ministry.





## 14th Annual Festival of Quilts

April 13-14, 2018  
9:00 am-5:00 pm

1301 N. Cunningham Avenue, Urbana



### All Proceeds Benefit Cunningham Children's Home

Quilt Show • Silent Auction • Quilt Boutique  
Gift Shop • Bake Sale • Patchwork Café

*Cunningham Children's Home is a mission and ministry  
of the United Methodist Women*



### Upcoming Events

April 5, 1 pm  
UMW GENERAL MEETING

Speaker: Patty McIntosh

April 13-14  
CUNNINGHAM FESTIVAL OF QUILTS  
Cunningham Spiritual Life Center, Urbana

May 12, 9 am  
MAY BREAKFAST

June 7, 1 pm  
UMW GENERAL MEETING

### Women's Reading Circle

The Thursday Reading Circle will meet **April 12 at 1:30 pm** in the church prayer room. We will be discussing the novel, *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger.

From New York Times bestselling author William Kent Krueger comes a brilliant new novel about a young man, a small town, and murder in the summer of 1961. New Bremen, Minnesota, 1961. The Twins were playing their debut season, ice-cold root beers were at the ready at Halderson's Drug Store soda counter, and Hot Stuff comic books were a mainstay on every barbershop magazine rack. It was a time of innocence and hope for a country with a new, young president. But for thirteen-year-old Frank Drum it was a summer in which death assumed many forms.

If you love reading and discussing what you read with others, please join us on the second Thursday afternoon of each month. Contact Sheryle Carpenter at [davesheryle65@yahoo.com](mailto:davesheryle65@yahoo.com) for more information.



### Wesley Spirit Singers

*Please join us for some informal singing  
and reminiscing!*

**Tuesday, April 10 at 1 pm**

Bridle Brook  
1505 Patton Dr, Mahomet

For questions, contact:

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Cindy Bell at 586-2876 or [grannybell@mchsi.com](mailto:grannybell@mchsi.com)



### Isabelle Purnell Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2009 in memory of Isabelle Purnell. Isabelle was a teacher and humanitarian committed to education, which is why this scholarship was formed. For consideration, one must be an active member of MUMC, have financial need, show service within the church or school, and be enrolled and in good standing with an accredited program of higher education.

Application Deadline is June 1.

Applications are available at the welcome center or you may contact the church office at [mumc@mumc.org](mailto:mumc@mumc.org).



**EASTER SUNDAY, 4/1—8:30 am** Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship Hour for all & Teen Group; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA

**MONDAY, 4/2—1 pm** Mission Mondays; **7 pm** Discipleship Team

**TUESDAY, 4/3—6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

**WEDNESDAY, 4/4—5 pm** Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner; **6 pm** WOW Children & Adult Programs; **6 pm** Adult Study

**THURSDAY, 4/5—8:30 am** Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **1 pm** UMW; **6:30 pm** Bible Journaling; **7 pm** Staff Parish Relations

**SATURDAY, 4/7—Noon** AA

**SUNDAY, 4/8—8:30 am** Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship Hour for all & Teen Group; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA

**MONDAY, 4/9—1 pm** Mission Mondays

**TUESDAY, 4/10—1 pm** Wesley Spirit Singers; **6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

**WEDNESDAY, 4/11—5 pm** Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner; **6 pm** WOW Children & Adult Programs; **6 pm** Adult Study

**THURSDAY, 4/12—8:30 am** Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **1:30 pm** Thursday Reading Circle; **6:30 pm** Bible Journaling ; **7 pm** Church Council

**SATURDAY, 4/14—Noon** AA

**SUNDAY, 4/15—8:30 am** Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship Hour for all & Teen Group; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA

**MONDAY, 4/16—1 pm** Mission Mondays

**TUESDAY, 4/17—6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

**WEDNESDAY, 4/18—5 pm** Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner; **6 pm** WOW Children & Adult Programs; **6 pm** Adult Study

**THURSDAY, 4/19—8:30 am** Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **6:30 pm** Bible Journaling

**SATURDAY, 4/21—Noon** AA

**SUNDAY, 4/22—8:30 am** Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship Hour for all & Teen Group; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA

**MONDAY, 4/23—1 pm** Mission Mondays

**TUESDAY, 4/24—6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

**WEDNESDAY, 4/25—5 pm** Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner; **6 pm** WOW Children & Adult Programs; **6 pm** Adult Study

**THURSDAY, 4/26—8:30 am** Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **6:30 pm** Bible Journaling

**SATURDAY, 4/28—Noon** AA

**SUNDAY, 4/29—8:30 am** Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship Hour for all & Teen Group; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA

**MONDAY, 4/30—1 pm** Mission Mondays



### **Circuit Rider Deadline, April 20th**

**Committees, classes, and groups: If you have information about upcoming events, please let us know.**

**Worship Attendance Figures for March, 2018**

	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Total</b>
March 4	95	73	168
March 11	85	46	131
March 18	119	50	169
March 25	95	54	149
<b>March Total</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>617</b>

<b>Maundy Th.</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>58</b>





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### **Office Hours**

Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 am - 4:30 pm; Fri., 8:30 am-12:30 pm

### **Sunday Worship**

8:30 am Traditional Worship

10:45 am Contemporary Worship

### **Sunday Schedule**

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:30 & 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship

9:45 am Sunday School/Discipleship Hour for All Ages

10:45 am Contemporary Worship

### **Church Staff**

Rev. John McIntosh, Pastor ~ [jmcintosh@mumc.org](mailto:jmcintosh@mumc.org)

Kathy Tock, Worship Music Director ~ [tockwoman@gmail.com](mailto:tockwoman@gmail.com)

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Dr. Carlos R. Carrillo Cotto, Organist

Kyle Shaw, Organist

Emily Kuchenbrod, Choir Director

Eileen Waters, Parish Nurse ~ [enie@mediacombb.net](mailto:enie@mediacombb.net)

Carrie Roberts, Nursery Co-Coordinator

Marty Butts, Custodian



**Boy Scout Troop 25**

### **Annual Spaghetti Dinner**

(Includes Spaghetti, Salad, Breadsticks, and Drink)

**Saturday, April 28th, 4 pm - 8 pm**

Mahomet United Methodist Church

Tickets available at the door

**\$6.00 each, Kids 3 and under eat free**

Desserts will be available at additional cost  
with proceeds going towards Venture Crew 25.





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