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Our Mission: To know Christ's love and share it with our neighbors through service and education.

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From John,

I write with appreciation and gratitude for the church you are, for how you were Rev. Randy Ross' church, and how you have reach out to me and my family after my mother's death.

Rev. Randy Ross will be remembered at his services on Saturday, January 6 at 11 am, with visitation from 9 am to 11 am that day. When I called on Randy during his illness, he always expressed a desire to be in worship with us. For several months it was physically painful to be in church, yet he came, even bringing a lawn chair he found more comfortable.

At the recommendation of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee and by vote of the Church Council, Rev. Randy Ross was named our Pastor Emeritus. It was with appreciation for the Maundy Thursday and Easter tradition he brought us. He brought wonderful children's messages to worship. That he was having fun and found pleasure in these moments was obvious. He filled the pulpit for us on occasion. He was a constant source of support and encouragement for me.

That he would choose you as his church, joyfully bring his gifts to our worship, would find meaningful friendships among us, and long to be in worship with us is a high compliment. Thank you for what you meant to Rev. Randy Ross and his wife, Debbie.

Your response to my mother's death was heart-warming. I anticipated that you would care. The outpouring of support has been wonderful. You have taken time to greet me and express your condolences. We have receive many cards with comfort and encouragement. You came in numbers to the visitation and funeral that really impressed my family. My sister commented on how many people identified themselves as from Mahomet. Thank you for the plant arrangement hat was at her visitation and funeral. I am grateful for your support and care in this time.

I knew that both Randy and my mother were near the ends of their lives on this earth. I didn't think my close friend and my mother would die in the same week. Your care and support have helped.

For me to have seen your responses to your losses and grief is a great source of strength. I have seen your courage born of faith. I have seen the capacity to still be hopeful and faithful in difficult times. I tell myself, "How could I do anything less?" You witness to faith. Your capacity to love and care for others, even when you are hurting is a profound example of faith.

Where else could one find this kind of care? Where else could one find such a witness to the strength that faith provides? How fortunate we are to find the resources for life, in all its moments, in a church fellowship. This is why I write in appreciation and gratitude.

My father's response to my mother's death has been primarily to dwell in gratitude for what she meant to him, for their lives together, for their family, for their wonderful friends who have become like family. Much of this was because their lives moved in the context of ministry in the United Methodist Church. My dad shared that the night Mom died he did not sleep much and prayed a lot. He said that he came to the assurance that she was with the Risen Lord and praying for him.

Recently, we sang Charles Wesley's "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing", which has this line, "born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth." This is how we live, how we grieve, and how we go on in strength. God gives us life, life again, eternal life.

We can put death in its proper place. It is significant, but not the most significant event. It is a powerful experience, this grief and loss, but not the most powerful. Love is more powerful. God's love through Jesus Christ is the most powerful dynamic in the universe, and I pray in your lives. Thank you for being Rev. Randy Ross' church and for your care in my mother's death. Thank you for your witness to the power of faith in times of grief and pain. God bless you.

Patty and I thank you for remembering us at Christmas with good wishes, cards, treats, and gifts. We cherish your thoughtfulness and that you would remember of us in this busy season.



THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas Bag! It was a lovely surprise and really enjoyed the card, gifts, candy, and useful items.

Yours Truly,
Betty Brainerd

Thank you to everyone who helped in putting the Christmas Bags together. It was great to be remembered.

Juanita Grove

On behalf of Mahomet Helping Hands, we gratefully acknowledge your donation of \$1,943. Your support helps us to provide food to families monthly. We very much appreciate it.

Mahomet Helping Hands

I want to thank all our church family for your thoughts, prayers, meals, flowers, and cards as I've been recuperating from my recent health issues. Your kindness is deeply appreciated. Thank you as well for the Christmas Goodie Bag for my mother, Beulah Newman. She was thrilled to receive all your gifts and cards. It was a joy to see her discover her gifts and to know that she was remembered.

Sandi Yarnell

Thank You, Thank You, THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the wonderful bakers, crafters, helpers, and customers who gave their time to create the many beautiful items for the Cookie Walk & Goodies Sale. With your help, UMW raised over \$2,200 to be used for mission projects in 2018.



To our Christmas Elves

Thank you to everyone who participated with Bagful of Christmas. Each Christmas bag was gratefully received with joy. Thank you for your goodies and cards and for the taking the time to deliver them in person.



CONGRATULATIONS

- * Gary & Donna Hixson on their anniversary
- * Doug & Maggie Beckman on their anniversary
- * Greg & Barb Pasley on their anniversary
- * Dave & Karen Huber on their anniversary
- * Mike & Donna Greene on their anniversary
- * Darrin & Lindsey Peters on their anniversary
- * Doug & Pat Schertz on their anniversary
- * Benjamin Steinberg & Stephanie Coile on the baptism of their son, Evan Ray Steinberg
- * Jeff & Dana Morrison on the baptism of their daughter, Lily Morrison
- * Harold & Beverly Schroeder on the birth of their great granddaughter, Lucy Schroeder, daughter of Nick & Suzanne Schroeder
- * Kate Donahue & Andrew Coffin on the birth of their daughter, Zarah Kate Coffin, granddaughter of Greg & Barb Pasley

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the following families. Please keep them all in your prayers.

- * Rev. John & Patty McIntosh and their family following the death of John's mother, Elizabeth McIntosh, who passed away on December 15, 2017. (John & Patty McIntosh, 1303 W Westbrook, Mahomet, IL 61853)
- * Debbie Ross & their family following the death of Debbie's husband, Rev. Randy Ross on December 14, 2017. (Debbie Ross, 2206 Olen Dr, Mahomet, IL 61853)
- * Gary & Edna Winans and their family following the death of Gary's brother, Dan Winans who passed away on December 13, 2017. (Gary & Edna Winans, 418 N Dorchester, Mahomet, IL 61853)

Children & Youth Programming

Wonderful Outreach Wednesdays will resume **January 10**. W.O.W. dinner is served at 5PM and is free of charge. At 6, the adults and children get to enjoy events guaranteed to bring a smile! This program is not strictly for families either; it is for the entire community. If you know anyone that needs a little light in their life, send them our way.

January 10—Use boxes to create cars for drive in movie

January 17—"Drive in" Movie *ROCK DOG*

January 24/31—Calling all ROCK STARS!! We will learn the song "Glorious" from *ROCK DOG* to perform it as a group at the MUMC's Got Talent night.

February 7-MUMC's Got Talent! A Talent night for all ages.

Youth Programming Workshops will be held **January 3** at 6 pm and **January 15** at 10 am. If you intend to work or volunteer with the children and youth of our church in any capacity (and we hope you do!) please email krobinson@mumc.org to sign up for one of the available workshops.

The Wesley Spirit Singers will not be singing at the local assisted living facilities during the months of January and February. They will resume their regular schedule of singing on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1 pm, alternating between Bridle Brook and Glenwood. The schedule will begin on Tuesday, March 13 at 1 pm at Bridle Brook..

Women's Reading Circle

The Thursday Reading Circle will meet on January 11 at 1:30 pm in the church prayer room. (Meets the 2nd Thursday of every month)

In January, we will be reading, *Beaded Hope* by Kathy Liggett.

In February, we will be discussing, *Same Kind of Different As Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore.

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 or the church office at 217-586-2147 for more information.



A New Year Means a Fresh Start.

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 or dessert providers, altar flower and bulletin sponsors, coffee ministry, assistants for fellowship feast cooking or cleanup.

In addition, if you would be willing to help with Wednesday night programs, funeral dinners, or be a communion steward, please let the church office know via email or by phone. As our programs continue to grow, additional help is needed.



Looking Ahead

1/3—Youth Programming Workshop

1/4—UMW Meeting; Staff Parish

1/11—Church Council

1/15—Youth Programming Workshop; **(Martin Luther King Day-Church Office Closed)**

1/17—Drive-In Movie at W.O.W.

1/18—Trustees Meeting





From the Finance Committee

Dear Church Family,

The Finance Committee is happy to report that the month of November was a very good month for unrestricted income. The total for November was \$40,192.30 with the January through November 2017 total income of \$388,288.99. The Year-To-Date unrestricted total income compared to the annual budget is 90% of budget, December being one of our busiest months. The committee is pleased with the current financial status of the church. The church had a Total Operating Fund Net Income for November was \$8,051.01 and the January through November 2017 income is \$26,887.23. As a comparison, the annual budgeted Net Income for 2017 is \$14,352.00. The congregation's generosity and faithfulness continues to support the work of the church. The reports are always available on request.

The Finance Committee and Church Council have approved a working financial plan for 2018.

People do not give to budgets; people give less from the head than from the heart. Congregations give to support the church, to needs, to causes and to things that they feel are necessary. Church members realize that there are costs to maintain the building, pay the insurance and utilities. The Finance Committee hopes the plan that has been approved will accurately predict the needs of 2018. We want to thank the Congregation for their commitments to the 2018 ministries. The pledges for 2018 are 93% of the financial plan for 2018. If you still want to pledge for 2018 please complete a pledge card or call the office and Angela will mail a pledge card to you.

"How Your Gift Can Make a Lasting Difference". Those tools explained in this brochure can make a lasting difference in growing our endowments for the future of our church. Please check the Welcome Center counter for the brochures and consider making the lasting difference.

Happy New Year,

Dick Livesay

Chair, Finance Committee

Bible Journaling with Diana Hanson

We started Bible Journaling September 14 and it's the end of the year already, our growth and relationship with God has grown eminence. We are having a wonderful time reading God's Word then expressing our thoughts by taking notes, coloring, painting, doodling, cutting out pictures for our Bible or journal.

Each week we focus on a short passage and share thoughts, ideas, and fellowship. As the New Year begins we tend to set goals and I would like you to consider adding 1 hr a week to growth and fellowship in your relationship with God. You may also bring your teenager.

We invite you to join us weekly on Thursday's 6:30 – 7:30. This is a very casual group and encourage anyone with a busy schedule to join us. We meet in room 304, you may come weekly or any Thursday you want as there will not be a set agenda other than to have fun reading God's word.

God's Peace,

Please call Diana Hanson with any questions at 815-217-4036 or call the church with inquires.





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Cookie Walk and Bazaar Update

Thank you to all who supported UMW at our recent Cookie Walk and Goodies Sale. We reported earlier that with your help and support we had raised over \$2200. Additional purchases and donations have raised that total to \$2,413.00.

UMW's mission oriented budget for 2018 is \$4,420. Here are some of the budget items that will be funded with those earnings:

\$ 1,000.00	Pledge to Missions (Mahomet's contribution toward the UMW world wide mission efforts)
400.00	Mahomet Helping Hands
200.00	Cunningham Children's Home
150.00	Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House in East St. Louis (a Methodist supported program to assist both children and elderly)
100.00	Midwest Distribution Center
150.00	Ganta United Methodist Hospital in Liberia
250.00	Tray favors for nursing homes and homebound including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Christmas Joy bags at our church* Bridle Brook and Glenwood at Easter for all residents* Champaign County Nursing Home (100 are delivered each time for Valentine's Day, Easter, July 4th, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas)
150.00	UMW Reading Program (all women of the church are invited to join one of the reading groups)

We are grateful to all of the bakers, to all who donated special food and craft items, to all who helped in any way, and to all who were customers or gave donations.

We would welcome all ladies who would like to join us in our mission work and share in our fellowship. Our next meeting will be Thursday February 1st at 1 pm in the church library.



**JANUARY 2018 CALENDAR**

WEDNESDAY, 1/3— NO W.O.W; 6 pm Youth Programming Workshop; 6 pm Adult Study

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

SATURDAY, 1/6—Noon AA

COMMUNION SUNDAY, 1/7—8:30 am Worship; 9:45 am Discipleship for All Ages; 9:45 am Teen Group; 10:45 am Worship with Praise Band; 5 pm AA

MONDAY, 1/8—1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 1/9—6:30 pm Wesley Bells; 7 pm AA; 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 1/10— W.O.W. 5:00 pm Children's Choir; 5:30 pm Dinner; 6:00 pm Children & Adult Programs; 6 pm Adult Study; 7 pm Worship Team Meeting

THURSDAY, 1/11—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, 1/13—Noon AA

SUNDAY, 1/14—8:30 am Worship; 9:45 am Discipleship for All Ages; 9:45 am Teen Group; 10:45 am Worship with Praise Band; 5 pm AA

MONDAY, 1/15—10:00 am Youth Programming Workshop; **Martin Luther King Day;** Office Closed

TUESDAY, 1/16—6:30 pm Wesley Bells; 7 pm AA; 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 1/17— W.O.W. 5:00 pm Children's Choir; 5:30 pm Dinner; 6:00 pm Children & Adult Programs; 6 pm Adult Study

THURSDAY, 1/18—8:30 am Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; 6:30 pm Bible Journaling; 7 pm Trustees Meeting

SATURDAY, 1/20—Noon AA

SUNDAY, 1/21—8:30 am Worship; 9:45 am Discipleship for All Ages; 9:45 am Teen Group; 10:45 am Worship with Praise Band; 5 pm AA

MONDAY, 1/22— 1 pm Mission Monday

TUESDAY, 1/23—6:30 pm Wesley Bells; 7 pm AA; 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 1/24—W.O.W. 5:00 pm Children's Choir; 5:30 pm Dinner; 6:00 pm Children & Adult Programs; 6 pm Adult Study

THURSDAY, 1/25—8:30 am Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; 6:30 pm Bible Journaling

SATURDAY, 1/27—Noon AA

SUNDAY, 1/28—8:30 am Worship; 9:45 am Discipleship for All Ages; 10:45 am Worship with Praise Band; 5 pm AA

MONDAY, 1/29—1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 1/30—6:30 pm Wesley Bells; 7 pm AA; 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 1/31—W.O.W. 5:00 pm Children's Choir; 5:30 pm Dinner; 6:00 pm Children & Adult Programs; 6 pm Adult Study

Worship Attendance Figures for December, 2017

	8:30 am	10:45 am	Total
December 3	151	59	210
December 10	101	69	170
December 17	106	107	213
December 24	131	61	192
December 31	60	45	105

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5 pm	7 pm	11 pm	Total
144	110	95	349

Office Closed

January 15

For Martin Luther King Day





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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

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