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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,

This year Easter is April 1, a day we usually designate as "April Fools' Day". What should we make of that? Is Easter foolishness? The Common Lectionary assigns this passage for March 4, 2018; "For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of the age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?"

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

I have long considered wisdom something to be acquired and hoped to be considered wise. Not for status, but for the sake of living well. The thinking is that wise people make fewer mistakes and suffer less grief and stress.

In the Old Testament book of Proverbs, the reader is encouraged to be attentive to wisdom and pursue understanding. The foolish are mocked, "a babbling fool will come to ruin." Proverbs 10:8 and "The wise will inherit honor, but the stubborn fools, disgrace." Proverbs 3:35

So which is it, the wisdom of Proverbs or the foolishness of 1 Corinthians? We receive a clue in Proverbs 9: 10, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight."

It is a humble and practical wisdom that Proverbs advocates. In 1 Corinthians, Paul is challenging the arrogant "wise" who would posture themselves as superior. A wisdom that is not humble and practical is not really wise. Most of us have been exposed to the "wiser and smarter than you" people that serve a need to be superior. Some come to elevate wisdom, the intellect, or even their mind to a god. Truthfully, who is better off, a simple person of

whole hearted faith or a person of noted intellect who wrestles mightily with unreconciled doubt? What a curse to let the mind get in the way of the heart's desire to believe.

Paul challenges the wisdom of the day. God's ways will always be beyond us. There will always be some mystery around God and in our reaching for faith. No argument or logic absolutely proves or disproves the existence of God. In the end we look at all the evidence of a creating God, a loving God, a redeeming God of the Resurrection, and we take a leap of faith. We let ourselves follow our instincts and believe. It is not wisdom. It is not foolishness. It is not understanding. It is love. Love God who loves you.

Celebrate Easter at MUMC



Sunday, April 1
Easter Services will be held at
7:00, 8:30, & 10:45 am



Dear Mahomet UMC members,

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Bishop Beard has appointed a new pastor for Mahomet United Methodist Church. On Sunday, February 11, Staff Parish Relations Committee met and approved the appointment of Rev. Craig Sweet. Please join us in welcoming Rev. Sweet and his wife, Kathy to MUMC.

Rev. Sweet has over 30 years' experience in the ministry and will be coming from the Sherman United Methodist Church in Sherman IL. His appointment with MUMC will begin July 1, 2018.. Rev. Sweet began his education in Idaho, Arizona, and California where he met his wife, Kathy. They came to Central Illinois to be in ministry and life together. He was educated in the United Methodist Church and continues to find strength in his daily life and understanding for living in the working of God's grace.

On a personal note, Rev. Sweet has been married to Rev. Kathy Bueker Sweet for 35 years. She is the new pastor at the Monticello Untied Methodist Church. A few fun facts about Rev. Sweet are his hobbies and interests: golf, woodcarving, reading, and traveling. He is a volunteer at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Their family includes their son Zack, his wife Myla, and our grandchildren, Zoey, Isabel, and Isaiah who live in Beaverton, Oregon and their daughter Mara lives in Springfield, Illinois.

With confidence, the SPRC members know each of you will enjoy meeting and becoming acquainted with Rev. Sweet and his wife Kathy when they join our Mahomet UMC family in July.

If you would like to send a greeting note welcoming Rev. Sweet, he can be reached at craig.sweet@yahoo.com, or 208 Middleburg Drive, Sherman, IL 62684-2338. More information on Pastor Sweet's arrival will be sent later.

Thank you,

Dave Byers, SPRC Chair
C/O MUMC SPRC





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 to our wonderful cooks and all of those who assisted in providing a fabulous Valentine's Dinner once again this year.

With your generous donations, we raised over \$800 for the Cunningham Children's Home. You are amazing! A special thank you to Carlos for the wonderful dinner music.



CONGRATULATIONS

- * Jeff & Lisa Davis on their anniversary
- * Steve & Hope Carlson on their anniversary
- * Donald & Lorretta McDaniel on their anniversary
- * Dan & Norma Tharp on their anniversary
- * James & Janet Roberts on their anniversary
- * Dennis & Linda Uebele on their anniversary
- * Randy & Sherry Emerson on their anniversary
- * Bill & Lynn Bobzin on the birth of their new great-grandson, Ashton Lee Bobzin, son of Danielle Bobzin. He was born on Feb 7, 2018.
- * John & Jody Murphy on the birth of their new grandson, Luke John Dominguez, son of Stephen & Allison Dominguez. He was born on Feb 6, 2018.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the following families:

- Scott & Alice Nelson and family following the death of Scott's father, Joseph "Herb" Nelson on Feb 6, 2018. (*Scott & Alice Nelson, 1600 Spring Creek, Mahomet, IL 61853*)
- Paula Phillips and family following the death of her husband, Gene Phillips on Jan. 30, 2018. (*Paula Phillips, 1104 S. Garden Ct., Mahomet, IL 61853*)
- Gary & Rae Dalton and family following the death of Gary's brother, Darrell Dalton on Jan. 28, 2018. (*Gary & Rae Dalton, 30590 E 750 N Rd, Leroy, IL 61752*)



Upcoming Events

March 1, 1 pm
Special Mission Recognition Pin Vote

April 5, 1 pm
UMW General Meeting

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

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*

UMW Meeting

Thursday, March 1 at 1 pm

Dennis Thompson will be presenting the program;
"Agricultural Development As Social Ministry". All United
Methodist Women are invited to attend. We will be
voting for the Special Mission Recognition Pin recipient.

Lay Servant Seminar

This spring the district lay servant committee is offering
a Basic class and two Advanced classes for all church
leaders and lay servants. These classes are not limited
to persons wanting to be a lay servant, but are open to
anyone.

Advanced registration is required and can be done on-
line by going to the lay servant ministry page or the im-
portant upcoming events page of the district website.
<https://www.igrc.org/iroquoisriver>. Please contact the
church office with questions.

Women's Reading Circle

The Thursday Reading Circle will meet **March 8th at 1:30 pm**
in the church prayer room. We will be discussing the novel,
Kind Of Kin by Rilla Askew.

This is a novel that tackles hot-button subjects:
immigration, religion, civil rights, small-town politics, and the
everyday struggles of working families—Rilla Askew vividly
weaves together an authentic and compelling narrative with
grace and humor.

If you love reading and discussing what you read with oth-
ers, please join us on the second Thursday afternoon of each
month. Contact Sheryle Carpenter at
davesheryle65@yahoo.com for more information.



Wesley Spirit Singers

Please join us for some informal singing
and reminiscing!

Tuesday, March 13 at 1 pm

The Glenwood
1709 S. Division St., Mahomet

****Please note the change in location****

The Wesley Spirits Singers will sing at Bridle Brook on Tues-
day, April 10 at 1 pm and alternate between the two loca-
tions on the second Tuesday of each month.

For questions, contact:

Alice Nelson at 369-6685 or alioop55@mchsi.com
Cindy Bell at 586-2876 or grannybell@mchsi.com



Looking Ahead

3/5—Discipleship Team

3/8—Church Council; Trustees Meeting

3/13—Wesley Spirit Singers; Finance Committee

3/15—Staff Parish Relations



March Worship Services

March 4 is the Third Sunday of Lent and Holy Communion. The scriptures are Exodus 20: 1-17 and John 2: 13-22 . The sermon title is "What Offends God".

March 11 is the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Our guest speaker is Rev. Lori Bultemeier who is Director of Church and Community Relations at The Baby Fold, our children's home in Normal, IL. Her sermon is titled "Squeeze Me". The scriptures are Psalm 22: 24 and Romans 8: 14-19.

March 18 is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The scripture is John 12:20-33. The sermon title is "What Would You Give for What You Want?"

Palm Sunday, March 25, 8:30 and 10:45 am

Commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The Gospel Reading is Mark 11; 1-11. The sermon title is "A Time to Shout"

Maundy Thursday, March 29, 7 pm

Recounts Jesus' Passover meal with His disciples, The Last Supper. The title "Maundy Thursday" comes from John 13:34, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another." Holy Communion will be served.

Good Friday, March 30, 7 pm

Honors the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ in a somber tone. The heart of this service is the Tenebrae Service from the *United Methodist Book of Worship*.

Easter Morning, April 1, 7, 8:30, and 10:45 am

The Scripture Reading for this holiest of days is John 20: 1-18.

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.



MUMC Easter Egg Hunt
Easter morning, 9:45 am
Bags provided



From the Finance Committee

For the month of January 2018, our Unrestricted Giving income was \$39,157 and our expenses were \$34,049. Our income was 5% above our planned budget and expenses 4% below budget. We currently have a positive balance and all bills are paid.

We ended the year with a surplus and no indebtedness. Thank you to the members and friends who have given life and health to our church with their faithfulness.

We are a transparent not-for-profit and, as always, our financial reports are available for the asking.

Sincerely,

Scott Yeazel

Chair, Finance Committee



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SCIENCE SERIES

Feb 28
Mar 7, 14, 28
April 4, 11

Ages Kindergarten-5th grade
Childcare available 0-5 years

5:30PM Dinner
6:00-7:00PM Hands on Faith

Pre-Registration Appreciated
Using the MUMC REMIND APP
or email krobinson@mumc.org



Thank you so much for your willingness to track down supplies for our upcoming Science Unit. We are very excited to put them to good use. If you find yourself with availability to volunteer for the Science Unit or want to attend to see what we're up to, please get in touch! Parents, if you have not registered your child for the 6 week unit, please do so!

We need volunteers to perform skits during the program and assist with audio/visual equipment. We need volunteers to help serve dinner and clean up afterward.

What a privilege it is to be able to offer a BIBLE BASED Science Program for kids in our community. With your involvement we could make this a very memorable six weeks!

MUMC Talent Show!

The Talent Show was amazing! Thank you to everyone who attended. It was a wonderful evening full of talented individuals and supportive families. Thank you to our volunteers who helped in the planning and the night of activities. We look forward to another successful Talent Show next year!



**MARCH, 2018 CALENDAR**

THURSDAY, 3/1—8:30 am Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **1 pm** UMW; **6:30 pm** Bible Journaling

SATURDAY, 3/3—Noon AA

COMMUNION SUNDAY, 3/4—8:30 am Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship Hour for All & Teen Group; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA

MONDAY, 3/5—1 pm Mission Mondays

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

WEDNESDAY, 3/7—5 pm Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner; **6 pm** WOW Children & Adult Programs; **6 pm** Adult Study

THURSDAY 3/8—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; **7 pm** Trustees

SATURDAY, 3/10—Noon AA;

SUNDAY, 3/11—8:30 am Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship Hour for all & Teen Group; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA

MONDAY, 3/12—1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 3/13—1 pm Wesley Spirit Singers; **6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7 pm** Finance Committee; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 3/14—5 pm Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner; **6 pm** WOW Children & Adult Programs; **6 pm** Adult Study

THURSDAY, 3/15—8:30 am Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **6:30 pm** Bible Journaling; **7 pm** Staff Parish Relations

SATURDAY, 3/17—Noon AA

SUNDAY, 3/18—8:30 am Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship Hour for all & Teen Group; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA

MONDAY, 3/19—Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 3/20—6:30 pm Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 3/21—NO W.O.W.

THURSDAY, 3/22—8:30 am Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **6:30 pm** Bible Journaling

SATURDAY, 3/24—Noon AA

PALM SUNDAY, 3/25—8:30 am Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship Hour for all & Teen Group; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA

MONDAY, 3/26—1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 3/27—6:30 pm Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 3/28—5 pm Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner; **6 pm** WOW Children & Adult Programs; **6 pm** Adult Study

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 3/29—8:30 am Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **7 pm** Maundy Thursday Worship Service

GOOD FRIDAY, 3/30—Office Closed; **7 pm** Worship

SATURDAY, 3/31—Noon AA

EASTER SUNDAY, 4/1—7 am & 8:30 am Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship for all & Teen Group; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA

**Circuit Rider Deadline, March 20th**

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

Worship Attendance Figures for February, 2018			
	8:30 am	10:45 am	Total
February 4	86	52	138
February 11	61	60	121
February 18	88	68	156
February 25	103	92	195
February Total	338	272	610
Ash Wed.	—	—	31

"Eggs"cellent Easter Recipes



Easter Egg Fruit Pizza

A festive Easter egg sugar cookie fruit "pizza" with strawberry cream cheese frosting. You can make it super simple with a sugar cookie mix or make it from scratch.

Ingredients

1 pouch (1lb 1.5oz) sugar cookie mix (or your favorite "from scratch" recipe)

½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened

1 egg

4 oz (1/2 brick) cream cheese, softened

1 Tablespoon powdered sugar

¼ teaspoon vanilla

½ cup strawberries, chopped

approx. 3 cups fruit cut into pieces (I used strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, kiwi, grapes, and blackberries)

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees and grease a 13" pizza pan and set aside.

In a medium bowl, add the cookie mix, melted butter, and egg and mix with a spoon until a soft dough forms.

Press the dough evenly onto the pan.

Bake for 10-15 minutes or until golden brown. Let it cool completely, about 45 minutes. Cut into an egg shape (I just used a butter knife).

In a food processor or blender, add the softened cream cheese, ½ cup chopped strawberries, powdered sugar, and vanilla and pulse until fully combined and smooth.

Spread the cream cheese mixture onto the cooled cookie.

Decorate with the cut up fruit.

Slice with a pizza cutter & serve.

Traditional Hot Cross Buns Recipe

INGREDIENTS

- 2 packages (1/4 ounce each) active dry yeast
- 2 cups warm whole milk (110° to 115°)
- 2 large eggs
- 1/3 cup butter, softened
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 6 to 7 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup dried currants& 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 large egg yolk
- 2 tablespoons water
- **ICING:**
- 1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar & 4 to 6 teaspoons whole milk

1. In a small bowl, dissolve yeast in warm milk. In a large bowl, combine eggs, butter, sugar, salt, spices, yeast mixture and 3 cups flour; beat on medium speed until smooth. Stir in currants, raisins and enough remaining flour to form a soft dough (dough will be sticky).
2. Turn onto a floured surface; knead until dough is smooth and elastic, about 6-8 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease the top. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour.
3. Punch down dough. Turn onto a lightly floured surface; divide and shape into 30 balls. Place 2 in. apart on greased baking sheets. Cover with kitchen towels; let rise in a warm place until doubled, 30-45 minutes. Preheat oven to 375°.
4. Using a sharp knife, cut a cross on top of each bun. In a small bowl, whisk egg yolk and water; brush over tops. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from pans to wire racks to cool slightly.

For icing, in a small bowl, mix confectioners' sugar and enough milk to reach desired consistency. Pipe a cross on top of each bun. .



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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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Eileen Waters, Parish Nurse ~ enie@mediacombb.net

Carrie Roberts, Nursery Co-Coordinator

Marty Butts, Custodian

spring *forward*



Don't forget to set
your clocks ahead
Sunday, March 11

One Great Hour of Sharing

On **Sunday, March 11**, we are participating in a special offering for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Donations UMCOR receives through this offering go toward administrative costs. This makes it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions to the projects donors specify, instead of administrative or fundraising costs. UMCOR keeps operating costs under 10% of their total budget.

Special envelopes will be provided to help us support this important program.