



Mahomet United Methodist Church

Our Mission: To lead people to Jesus and help them grow as disciples

Sweet Thoughts,

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Driving to church in the rain I was thinking and praying about the work of blessing that we each are involved with. I was thinking about conversations I've had with some of you about the people you help in this family of faith and in our community here in Mahomet, and so I said a prayer. I was praying for you as I drove through the mist and the rain listening to the weather report and the announcer who said that today was going to be a dreary day and as I prayed, I thought, "well, why".

I thought of the rain that falls and the plants that grow. I thought of the ground that was drinking in this gift and I thought again of your work of blessing in the lives of others. I don't believe that any day can be dreary when you choose to be a blessing in someone else's life whether directly with your hands and presence or indirectly with your gifts and talents. When your positive actions and grace filled words and quiet presence soaks into the spiritual soil around you, life grows and happens here in Mahomet and the world around us.

As I prayed and drove and thought about you I knew that not only is God in this place, more importantly though I see God working through you to change the world as we with our words and choices and invitation lead people to Jesus and help them grow as Christ followers.

Thanks be to God.

You are invited to our Fall Open House



Saturday, November 17th, 3-6pm

7 Hettinger Ct, Monticello, IL

See you in worship,

Rev. Craig

Building Committee Update

Representatives from three design-build firms, all of whom have experience in building church facilities, made presentations to the Building Committee this fall. Zion Church Builders, Inc. from Kalamazoo, Michigan, the same company that built our present facility, was selected and contracted to do Phase 1 design work.

That design work will include drawing floor plans and elevations and production of 3D color renderings for use in our fund-raising campaign that is scheduled to begin this coming early spring.

The next Building Committee meeting will address how to give members of the congregation opportunities for input into the design process.

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pray
give
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Annual Church Conference— DATE CHANGE!

The Annual Church Conference is:
Monday, November 26 from 6:30 pm to 8 pm here at the Mahomet United Methodist Church.



We strongly appreciated your support and assistance during our **New Pictorial Directory Event!!!** Thank you for all of your time, effort, and commitment.

Please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for all you do!! All of our volunteers are truly a blessing to our congregation!!! We could not do this without your help and dedication!

*It was a
HUGE SUCCESS
because of YOU!!!*





CONSECRATION SUNDAY “KEEPING INFORMED”

Dear Members and Friends,

The Mahomet United Methodist Church family responded with a great crowd and exciting response on our Consecration Sunday. Our goal was to have every member and regular worship attendee present. We had seventy-two giving units who completed their Estimate of Giving Card for 2019. Our total giving units in 2018 are 133, which means that we had 54% of our giving units in attendance and they pledged \$233,863. We regret that a number of those who pledged in 2018 were not able to be with us, but we know they will want to participate in the financial support of our church in 2019. Estimate of Giving Cards will be mailed to them the week of October 29. I also want to remind you that the above numbers do not include those members who prefer to not make a Pledge for their giving.

Along with the special message by Rev. Andy Anthony and the Celebration Luncheon there were some other very exciting events that happened on Consecration Sunday. First is that the church had 11 new giving units respond on Sunday. The special giving unit I will not forget is the young son of one of our members who completed an Estimate of Giving for \$1.00 dollar a month for \$12.00 total pledge. He completed the card and signed it ... That's special.

If you were unable to be with us On Consecration Sunday there will be cards in the worship bulletins for the two weeks of October 27 and November 4. You can also receive an Estimate of Giving Card by calling Angela Pearl our Office Administrator at 586-2147 or email apearl@mumc.org. She would be glad to send one to you.

Thank you in advance for your participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Your Consecration Sunday Chairperson,

Dick Livesay





From the Finance Committee,

The Finance Committee wants to thank everyone who attended Consecration Sunday celebration and completed a 2019 Pledge Card. The Sunday celebration was a success with a message from Pastor Anthony, special music from the Middletown String Band and a delicious meal catered by Lucky Moon Pies and More. A big thanks to Dick Livesay who chaired the Consecration Sunday Celebration and committee members Rick Swearingen, Kay Williams and Pastor Craig Sweet. Rick handled all the arrangements for our meal and Kay tabulated the pledge cards during the meal so Pastor Craig could announce the totals while we were all still together.

Pastor Craig organized the worship for this special day. We also want to thank church members that volunteered to help with phone calls, stuffing envelopes, presentations to the Church Congregation each Sunday and helped change our sanctuary into a restaurant.

There is still some work to be completed before we have the final total pledge numbers. As in previous years there are always members who may be out of town or had other commitments on Celebration Sunday. There will be Church pledge cards available at the Information Desk, Church Office or call the office and the staff will be happy to mail a pledge card to your home. It's not too late to send in your pledge cards.

The Finance Committee and Pastor Sweet will soon begin preparing the 2019 budget. As in previous years, the final annual budget is determined by the total of the Pledges and the estimate of Non-Pledge giving. So this process will continue as pledges are received.

September unrestricted total income was \$33,022 for our church and total expenses were \$39,990 for a negative \$6882 for the month. January through September 2018 unrestricted total income was \$274,224 and total expenses were \$323,229 for a negative \$49,005. After we take into account that \$35,550 of the 2018 pledges were paid in 2017 and if we average them monthly for the year, it would essentially be a negative \$22,343 net as of the end of September. The Year-To-Date unrestricted total income compared to the annual budget is about 60% of budget with three of our biggest giving months remaining.

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



Thanksgiving Offering

This year our Mahomet United Methodist Church Thanksgiving offering is being divided between MAYC, Helping Hands, and the Eastern Illinois Food Bank.

As you offer thanks to God on this day set apart, may the peace of gratitude flood your soul as you share some of what you've been blessed to receive this year with those in our community in need of a blessing or two themselves.

Thankfully Yours,
Rev. Craig



THANK YOU

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at Mahomet UMC,
Thank you for your generous donation of school supplies, bags, & a sewing machine to Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Each donation is a blessing God uses to bless you & others. Your partnership allows this work to continue. It is due to your generosity that Midwest Mission can have such a reach for Christ around the world.

Thank you so much for blessing others through the ministry of Midwest Mission!

It was so nice meeting Rev. Craig and the women of your congregation when I was able to speak there. You are all such a blessing to your community & the children around the world who will be receiving these supplies.

Blessings,

Chantel Corrie, Executive Director Midwest Mission

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for supporting Zarah, Team Princess, by the donations of canned food for the Midwest Food Bank. We were able to collect 377 cans of food in our community awareness effort. As always, we keep in mind that the church leads us in our effort to care for our fellow man. God Bless!!

Sincerely,

Ms. Kate Donahue

Coordinator for Team Princess

Dear United Methodist Women,

Thank you for the lovely meal that you provided for Rita's service. God Bless You one and all.

With much love,

The family of Rita Scott

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations go out to:

- Randy & Beth Rodriguez on their wedding anniversary
- Doyle & Carolyn Shoot on their wedding anniversary
- Warren & Gerry Drake on their 50th wedding anniversary
- Matthew & Kimberly Nelson on their wedding anniversary
- Ralph & Anita Specht on their wedding anniversary

Cake Reception

Please join us for cake in celebration of the "Golden Anniversary" of Warren & Gerry Drake.

Sunday, November 18, 2018 from 2-4 pm
at Mahomet United Methodist Church.

Your love and friendship is a treasured gift, we request no other.

Thank you,

Sheryl Drake



All Saints' Sunday
November 4, 2018



On Nov. 4, we celebrate the communion of saints as we remember the dead, both of the church universal and our own congregation.

The names of those members who have died during the past year will be solemnly read and remembered.

We honor their lives and their ongoing legacy as faithful witnesses.

Wesley Spirit Singers

Please join the Wesley Spirit Singers for hymn singing and reminiscing on:

Tuesday, November 13 at 1:00 pm

The Glenwood

1709 S. Division St

Mahomet, IL 61853

For questions, contact:

Alice Nelson at 369-6685



Chicken & Noodle Dinner

Saturday, November 10 from 4:30-7 pm

Savoy United Methodist Church

Corner of W. Old Church & Duncan Roads

*** Carry-out is available***



Helping Hands Christmas Gifts

Choose a gift tag from the Helping Hands Christmas tree on Sunday, November 18 and buy a toy for a Mahomet Area Helping Hands child. The tags will indicate if the toy is for a boy or girl and will give the age. The limit per gift is \$20. DO NOT wrap the toy—just tape the tag to it. If you want to participate and find that the tags have all been taken, you may donate a toy in that price range for a general toy giveaway.



Toys are due back to the church office no later than Sunday, December 2. Thank you for your support of this Annual Christmas gift project for Mahomet Helping Hands. For more information, contact Karen Wilkinson at 217-586-2202 or at wwilkinson@mchsi.com

Veterans Day Tribute

Sunday, November 11 during both services

It's that time again when we prepare to recognize our Veterans, both past and present. If you have photos to share (either prints or digital), please give them, along with details about the photo to Kathy Tock at tockwoman@gmail.com or drop them off in the church office by Wednesday November 7.

Items Needed for Altar

If anyone would like to share any military items for the altar display, please leave them in the church office by November 8, as well, in order to set up the altar by Friday, November 10. Each item helps to make the altar very special. Be sure to identify your item so it can safely be returned.



Bags of Christmas Joy

As the Christmas season approaches, we look forward to sharing Christmas joy with our facility and homebound friends. Prior to Thanksgiving, we will be setting up labeled Christmas bags in front of the Church library to receive small gifts of love from our church family. If you know someone who would appreciate a Bag of Christmas Joy or Christmas cards, please contact the church office with names and contact information as soon as possible.

Suggestions for small gifts include the following items: Christmas cards, notes or letters, pocket tissue packs, small hand lotions, chap sticks, lip balms, stationery, stamps, notepads, pens, non-skid slippers or socks, large print word search or crosswords, handkerchiefs, soft individually wrapped cakes or cookies, non-nut candies like plain M&Ms or snack sized chocolates, hard candies for dry mouth, small candy canes, large print books & magazines, photographs, small crafts like bookmarks or ornaments, scarves, gloves, and travel-size anything.

We will have approximately 30 persons to whom members of the congregation will deliver bags to shortly before Christmas. The gifts are greatly appreciated but the visits make all the difference. Please be a part of this important ministry and share a few moments of your time to brighten someone's day. For questions, please contact Eileen Waters at enie@mediacombb.net or the church office at mumc@mumc.org.



The students & staff of **Lincoln Trail Elementary School** would like to show our appreciation to the veterans and active duty personnel who have made, and are making, sacrifices for our country.

Please join us for the
Lincoln Trail Veterans Day Assembly
Friday, November 9 at 10:15 a.m.

In the Lincoln Trail Gymnasium

The assembly will include music performed by the students as well as recognition of the veterans and active duty personnel in attendance.

Cookies and coffee will be served at 9:15 a.m. in the cafeteria prior to the ceremony.



THE BABY FOLD'S

FESTIVAL of TREES

YOU'RE INVITED!

OPENING DAY BREAKFAST

25th Anniversary Celebration

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM

THE INTERSTATE CENTER

1106 INTERSTATE DR. • BLOOMINGTON, IL

Mini & West Expo Buildings

Kick-off the Holidays with The Baby Fold's Festival of Trees ~ Nov. 16-18, 2018

Please join your fellow community members as we celebrate the grand opening of the **25th Annual Festival of Trees!**

You will enjoy networking, fellowship and breakfast among the trees as you hear updates from The Baby Fold. Be the first see this year's beautiful Festival and bid on your favorite items all to support the mission of The Baby Fold. Tickets are \$30 each.

All event proceeds benefit the programs and services provided by The Baby Fold. Opening Day Breakfast Ticket holders receive unlimited general mission to the Festival of Trees throughout the weekend.

Doors open at 7:00 am for shopping and hot breakfast at your leisure. There will be a short program with important updates from The Baby Fold's CEO, Dianne Schultz, at 8:00 am. Following her remarks, continue to enjoy your private, first-look at this year's special Festival of Trees. Doors open to the general public at 9:00 am.

FEATURED SPECIAL EVENTS

Avanti's Family Night: Friday, Nov. 16—5:30 pm--7:30 pm

Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, Nov. 17—9:00 am-10:30 am

Women's Reading Circle

The Thursday Reading Circle will meet on November 8 at 1:30 pm in the church prayer room. (Meets the 2nd Thursday of every month)

In November we will be reading, *"The Radium Girls"* by Kate Moore.

Moore sheds new light on a dark chapter in American labor history; the **"Radium Girls,"** martyrs to an unholy alliance of commerce and science, live again in her telling. **Radium Girls** is a shocking, heartbreaking story of corporate greed and denial, and the strength of the human spirit in face of it.

Hundreds of girls toil amidst the glowing dust of the radium-dial factories. The glittering chemical covers their bodies from head to toe; they light up the night like industrious fireflies. With such a coveted job, these "shining girls" are the luckiest alive — until they begin to fall mysteriously ill.

But the factories that once offered golden opportunities are now ignoring all claims of the gruesome side effects, and the women's cries of corruption. And as the fatal poison of the radium takes hold, the brave shining girls find themselves embroiled in one of the biggest scandals of America's early 20th century, and in a groundbreaking battle for workers' rights that will echo for centuries to come.

Written with a sparkling voice and breakneck pace, *The Radium Girls* fully illuminates the inspiring young women exposed to the "wonder" substance of radium, and their awe-inspiring strength in the face of almost impossible circumstances. Their courage and tenacity led to life-changing regulations, research into nuclear bombing, and ultimately saved hundreds of thousands of lives.

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.





Cookie Walk & Goodies Sale Coming December 8

What's the Cookie Walk, you ask?

Each year, we request each household of the church to make their favorite Christmas cookies (5-6 dozen) and bring them to the church on Friday, Dec. 7. The UMW will then place them on pretty trays and line them up on tables that are set up in the worship area.

On Saturday morning, people line up to take their turn to select their cookies. There is a charge per box and the proceeds go towards mission projects. There will also be some handmade items, candy, and other goodies to purchase.



From the Parish Nurse

The Church Medication Take Back collection on October 14th of outdated, discontinued, and unwanted drugs filled almost a gallon of pills. This helps save our precious water supply and prevents unauthorized distribution. The medications were deposited at the University of Illinois Police Dept.



If you know others who need to have drugs destroyed properly, residents can drop their medications in the collection boxes in the lobbies at:

- University of Illinois Police Department

1110 W. Springfield Ave., Urbana

Both prescription and over-the-counter medicines, as well as veterinary pharmaceuticals will be accepted. Carle now has a place to dispose of syringes and needles at the Main Carle Hospital circle drive by the gift shop entry or at the Carle South Clinic behind the reception desk. The program will take medications from residential sources only. No personal information remaining on the containers will be used; privacy of any personal information will be strictly maintained. The collected drugs will be incinerated, which is the environmentally-preferred disposal method.

We will do the drug collection again next October. Thank you for all your help making our environment safer and our water cleaner.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PART OF OUR CHRISTMAS DECORATING?

WE ARE ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS THIS YEAR

We will begin decorating the week after Thanksgiving in order to have things ready for the first Sunday of Advent (December 2).

If you would like to help, we have things organized and need people who enjoy decorating for Christmas. We will have a sign up sheet in the Commons Area for various dates, times, and jobs.

We would love your help!

Call Kathy Roush at 586-4621 with questions or email tkdroush@mchsi.com or

Carol Swearingen at 586-3682 or email carol330swearingen@gmail.com

Midwest Mission Distribution Center

Midwest Mission will be partnering with the US Navy Humanitarian Aid Mission aboard the USNS Comfort. They have requested medical equipment including crutches, walkers, canes, orthopedic items, shower stools, commodes, and wheelchairs.

They have some, but not as many as they need. If you have been storing these items and would like to find a home for them, the US Navy and the people of South America would appreciate your donation. Donations are accepted from 8:30 am-4 pm on weekdays or may be left during our non business hours. We appreciate all and any donations!

The mission of the Midwest Mission Distribution Center is to compassionately help God's people in need locally, nationally, and around the world and to offer a center to fulfill the call for service to our neighbors in Christ's name.

Thank you!!!



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE CUNNINGHAM CONNECTION

A fundraising event for Cunningham Children's Home

Thankful for Your Connection



8:30 & 10:45 am Worship Services

Witness the presentation of quilts from our M & M's group
Get an update on the new school building at Cunningham

NOON Come enjoy a **FREE BRUNCH!**

Please bring Monetary Donations (*checks should be made out to Cunningham Children's Home*) **or Gift Cards/Certificates for the Cunningham Children's Home from any of the following stores:**

- Barnes & Noble • Bath and Body Works • Best Buy • Burger King • McDonald's • Arby's • Taco Bell • Wendy's • Meijer
- Jimmy Johns • Casey's • TJ Maxx • Family Dollar • iTunes
- Old Navy • Gordmans • Market Place Mall-Champaign
- Savoy & Champaign Movie Theatres Gift Certificates
- Walmart • Shoe Carnival • Amazon.com • Dollar Tree

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NOVEMBER, 2018 CALENDAR

THURSDAY, 11/1—8:30 am Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **1 pm** UMW Meeting; **7 pm** Staff Parish Relations

FRIDAY, 11/2—7 pm Debt Anonymous

SATURDAY, 11/3 —Noon AA

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, 11/4—8:30 am Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA

MONDAY, 11/5—1 pm Mission Mondays; **7 pm** Discipleship Team

TUESDAY, 11/6—6:30 pm Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 11/7—5 pm Children's Choir; **6 pm** Wow Outreach at The Glenwood; **6 pm** Grief Support; **7 pm** Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 11/8—8:30 am Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **1:30 pm** Thursday Reading Circle

FRIDAY, 11/9—7 pm Debt Anonymous

SATURDAY, 11/10—Noon AA

VETERANS DAY SUNDAY, 11/11—8:30 am Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA; **6 pm** Jr/Sr High Youth Group

MONDAY, 11/12—1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 11/13—1 pm Wesley Spirit Singers (The Glenwood); **6:30 pm** Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7 pm** Finance Committee; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 11/14—5 pm Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner; **6 pm** WOW Children & Adult Programs; **6 pm** Adult Study; **7 pm** Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 11/15—8:30 am Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant; **7 pm** Trustees

FRIDAY, 11/16—7 pm Debt Anonymous

SATURDAY, 11/17—Noon AA

SUNDAY, 11/18—8:30 am Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **2 pm** Warren & Gerry Drake's Cake Reception; **5 pm** AA

MONDAY, 11/19—1 pm Mission Mondays

TUESDAY, 11/20—6:30 pm Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 11/21—NO WOW; 5 pm Children's Choir; **7 pm** Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 11/22—THANKSGIVING
Church Office Closed

FRIDAY, 11/23—Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, 11/24—Noon AA

SUNDAY, 11/25—8:30 am Worship; **9:45 am** Discipleship; **10:45 am** Worship with Praise Band; **5 pm** AA; **6 pm** Jr/Sr High Youth Group

MONDAY, 11/26—1 pm Mission Mondays; **6:30 pm** Annual Church Conference (Mahomet United Methodist Church)

TUESDAY, 11/27—6:30 pm Wesley Bells; **7 pm** AA; **7:30 pm** Chancel Choir

WEDNESDAY, 11/28—5 pm Children's Choir; **5:30 pm** Dinner; **6 pm** WOW Children & Adult Programs; **6 pm** Adult Study; **7 pm** Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 11/29—8:30 am Women's Small Group at Mahomet Family Restaurant

FRIDAY, 11/30—7 pm Debt Anonymous



**Please Remember that
Thursday & Friday,
November 22 & 23 the
Church Office will be
Closed**



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MUMCKIDS November '18

WONDERFUL OUTREACH WEDNESDAYS

5:30-6:00PM MEAL

6:00-7:00PM PROGRAMMING

Weekly fun activities for kids in a safe environment.

Enjoy dinner with family and make new friends

Once a month program parenting class

Childcare available for infants and pre-schoolers in the Nursery after dinner

Programming designed for Kindergarten-5th grade

An activity for Pre-Schoolers will be provided in the nursery.

Adult and Youth Volunteers needed and welcome!

CONTACT INFO

Phone

(217) 586-2147

Email

krobinsonemumc.org

Remind APP

To enroll in MUMCKIDS group

text emahometu to the number

81010



NOVEMBER 7-AT GLENWOOD

- Meet there at 6:00PM
- There will NOT be a meal.
- Parents are encouraged to stay, but a drop off/pick up plan can be arranged upon request.

NOVEMBER 14-PIZZA AND PLAY IT'S NATIONAL PICKLE DAY!

- 5:30 Pizza Dinner
- 6:00-7:00PM GAMES
- These are great evenings to bring guests!

NOVEMBER 28-GLOW NIGHT

- Family Dinner at 5:30PM
- 6:00-7:00PM
- **Kinder-5th grade Activities**
- Everyone wants to have a friend. It can be scary to feel like you're all alone. Jesus wants to be a friend to everyone, and he wants us to show that love to others too, so they won't feel alone.
- **Parenting Class** Meets in the Discipleship Classroom after dinner.

**NO W.O.W.
ON NOVEMBER 21!**

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Office Hours

Mon.-Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

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. Craig Sweet, Pastor ~ csweet@mumc.org

Kathy Tock, Worship Music Director ~ tockwoman@gmail.com

Angela Pearl, Office Administrator ~ apearl@mumc.org

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Dr. Carlos R. Carrillo Cotto, Organist

Jodi Allen, Substitute Organist

Emily Kuchenbrod, Choir Director

Eileen Waters, Parish Nurse ~ enie@mediacombb.net

Carrie Roberts, Nursery Co-Coordinator

Marty Butts, Custodian



Circuit Rider Deadline, November 20th: Committees, classes, and groups: If you have information about upcoming events, please let us know.

Worship Attendance Figures for October, 2018			
Date	8:30 am	10:45 am	Total
Oct. 7	106	68	174
Oct. 14	112	76	188
Consecration Sunday	_____	137	137
Oct. 28	100	67	167
October Total	318	348	666





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