



# The Circuit Rider



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## Sweet Thoughts...

The other day I was reading *Aware Magazine* from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston in Dr. Lallene J. Rector's Presidential Perspective as she was reflecting on the seminary's place in the wake of the 2019 Special General Conference session she shared a statement from a colleague of hers, Dr. Daniel Aleshire:

"Making haste - slowly". Three words that continue to pull at me and challenge me not only as I reflect in my own ministry and life post-General Conference but as I continue to lead with you in ministry and mission here in Mahomet, and everywhere we each are and go.

These three words remind me that as United Methodists we vow at baptism "to renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin"; "to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves"; and not only to "confess Jesus Christ as your Savior ... trust in his grace, and promise to serve him" but to do all this "in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races".

These words and our vows remind me that as people of faith we are called beyond our own selves and not for us, but for the other and their chance to begin a relationship with God in Jesus by the Spirit.

To this I want to remind you again how you've heard me say in worship and at other times that I believe this congregation will continue to be who and whose you are as you reach out to any and all in welcome and inclusion in this family of faith; and that's a good thing.

As we enter into summer there are three things I want to share with you:

*First is the Appreciative Inquiry process that our Church Council has asked our fellow member Dave Byers to lead us through as we search for, recognize, and begin again to focus on the best in this congregation as we plan for success in the coming years.*

I know that you each and all will not only participate in this process but will continue to walk together into the future that Jesus is calling us all through as we grow, and change, in faith each day.

*Next is the upcoming 5th Sunday Camp Meeting All-Church worship and potluck on June 30th. Our Sunday schedule will be different on this day as we have Adult Sunday School at 9:30am, Worship with singing, preaching and new members joining at 10:30am and then the potluck.*

*Then I want to remind you that while we have pressed "Pause" in the building process for the Family Life Center addition, we are about to press "Play" again and move forward as we together in the Mahomet United Methodist Church are "making haste - slowly".*

See you in Ministry & Mission,

Rev. Craig



## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2019!

### High School Graduates

Ryan Roberts  
Megan Burdette  
Ethan Carlson  
Gage Kenner

### College Graduates

Audrey Carlson  
Kate Nelson



## CONGRATULATIONS to those who have June Wedding Anniversaries:

Luke & Amanda Turner  
Maurice & Cindy Bell  
Matt & Kristina Robinson  
John & Marilyn Mohr  
David & Amy Roberts  
Owen & Gina Reeves  
Randy & Nancy Coile  
Nathan & Adrienne Seal  
Dennis & Janet Thompson  
Steve & Janice Odle  
Melvin & Marilyn Bell  
Gary & Joan Kling  
Matt & Lori Friel  
Dave & Judy Phillippe  
Patrick & Kristin McWilliams  
Terry & Kathy Roush  
Rick & Carol Swearingen  
Frank & Diane Dutton



Youth Group

### JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

June 9th & 23rd

July 14th & 28th

August 11th

### Questions??? Contact:

Kristina Robinson at  
krobinson@mumc.org

### June Coffee Fellowship

**Sunday, 6/2**

Set-up—*Seeking a volunteer*  
Clean-up—Warren & Gerry Drake

**Sunday, 6/9**

Set-up—Brian, Wendy & Nathan Stabler  
Clean-up—*Seeking a volunteer*

**Sunday, 6/16**

Set-up—*Seeking a volunteer*  
Clean-up—Tracy Patterson

**Sunday, 6/23**

Set-up—*Seeking a volunteer*  
Clean-up—Kris & Kami Parker

**Sunday, 6/23**

Set-up—*Seeking a volunteer*  
Clean-up—*Seeking a volunteer*

**Your help is greatly appreciated**



## THANK YOU!!

Thank you so much for the prayers, good wishes, lovely cards and food from United Methodist Women. I just appreciate it so much! It's been a very long, hard struggle and preparing the food was just one last thing I had to think about. During a time like this, we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to is...

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you to Pastor Craig for all you did. Arlon is finally at peace.

Judy McGuire

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We want to thank everyone at the Church for all that was done to facilitate arrangements for my mother's memorial service.

Thank you so much.

Best Regards,

David & Jenni Bateman

### Angel Whispers

Angel Whispers is a opportunity to share scripture with your family and friends.

Send a scripture to someone through a phone call, a text or a letter and ask them to pass it on.

Send one of your favorite verses or google a verse with an un copyrighted picture to share with someone. Send one or send several, maybe to a friend at another church who would like to start this opportunity there.

### Spread the word-the word of God!

If you have questions you can call or text Joyce Livesay, 369-1643



Dear Friends and Family at MUMC,

Thank you so much to Pam Parker for the book, "Experiencing Grief" that you sent us. I have begun reading it and will pass on to Dick as well. Joel's death has us walking down a road that you are travelling too. A simple thing like opening a drawer and finding one of his many drawings can cause sudden tears. I am grateful for your prayers and hope reading this book will help us adjust to the sadness we will always live with. Dick said, it will be nice to have a book that we can refer to over and over again since our grief seems so endless. Thanks again for your help.

The planting of the beautiful red buckeye tree in Joel Roberts's memory was a very touching experience. The service included a prayer, a Psalm of the Woodland and a blessing of the tree. A box of candy wrappers with notes from church friends was buried with the tree and other church friends helped shovel dirt to fill in the hole. Scouts from our church troops will help Rob Parker water the tree this summer. Kristina Robinson arranged for a golf cart to take Joel's Grandma to the tree site. Joel's family thank all of you who made this living memorial possible. It promises to be beautiful when it blooms and to be a haven to birds and squirrels and will likely draw deer to eat the buckeyes when they fall.

Dick & Joyce Livesay



## Get Ready!

It's time for the annual church-wide rummage sale!

Donations are now being accepted. We ask that all items be clean and in working order. Electronics and large entertainment centers will NOT be accepted.

All proceeds will go towards Missions. Please visit the Welcome Center to sign-up to volunteer.

Thank you!

**June 6,  
4 pm-7 pm**

**June 7,  
8 am-1 pm**

**June 8,  
8 am-noon**



## ***Mother Daughter Tea Party***

You are cordially invited to  
Weldon United Methodist Church,  
"Mother Daughter Tea Party".

*Tuesday, June 11th, 6:00 pm*  
Weldon UMC  
49 Oak Street, Weldon, IL

*A representative from The Vault will join us to  
discuss this worthwhile teen center!*

Please R.S.V.P. to (217) 736-2549 or  
[weldonumc@wirelessdatanet.net](mailto:weldonumc@wirelessdatanet.net)

Guests will enjoy a variety of finger  
sandwiches, salads, and sweet treats!  
Coffee, tea, and punch will also be served!

## **Wesley Spirit Singers**



Wesley Spirit Singers are people of Mahomet UMC who enjoy singing with folks at our local assisted living communities. We alternate between Bridle Brook and the Glenwood each month and sing old church hymns in a sing-a-long style with the residents.

There is no practice—just show up at the designated times and place. We invite anyone who enjoys singing to join us.

Our next visit is on **Tuesday, June 11 at 1 pm at Bridle Brook**, Mahomet.

For questions, contact: Alice Nelson at 369-6685

# got news?

Committees, classes, and groups:

If you have information about upcoming events, please let us know so we can share with the church.

No later than Friday, June 20



## Helping Hands Work Days

Once a year, Mahomet United Methodist Church provides workers to the Mahomet Helping Hands Center to help with the collection and distribution of food and clothing.

**This year, we are scheduled for the following dates:**

June 8, 9-11:30 am, accept donations of clothing: 2 people needed

June 15, 9-11:30 am, distribution of food: 6-8 people needed

If you are able to participate with MUMC's turn at staffing the Helping Hands Center, please email:

**Karen Wilkinson at [wwilkinson@mchsi.com](mailto:wwilkinson@mchsi.com).**

Thank you!



## Camp Meeting

On the last Sunday of June (6/30), Mahomet UMC will celebrate the Camp Meeting tradition. We want to try to feel the elements which made the meeting something people would travel miles (and often, days) to attend. We will have lots of singing, prayer, praise, and a potluck luncheon to conclude the event. There will be only one service on that Sunday and it will begin at 10:30. The potluck will follow.

The camp meeting tradition began in the light of the religious needs of our pioneer ancestors, especially on the western frontier of the emerging United States, church buildings and services were widely scattered. Circuit Riders were itinerant preachers

who took God's word from place to place. The Camp Meeting began as a way of bringing together larger groups of people and often several itinerant preachers (sometimes of more than one denomination) for longer (often several days-long) meetings where preaching, communion, conversion, baptism, and other activities took place.

Francis Asbury, one of the first two Bishops appointed by John Wesley to bring Methodism to America was staunch supporter of camp meetings. The on-line encyclopedia, Wikipedia, has very interesting article on Camp Meetings. Just search Wikipedia for "Camp Meeting" and you'll find it.

We hope as many as possible can attend this time of remembrance, praise, and worship. Depending on the weather, some of the activities may be outdoors. So you might want to put a folding chair or two and some blankets in your car to bring along. More details will follow.

We will be needing several volunteers to help transform our church into a camp meeting environment for that day. Please contact Gene Larson at 309/826-8667 or [gene.larson@comcast.net](mailto:gene.larson@comcast.net) or the church office.



United  
Methodist  
Women  
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

### UMW June Meeting

We invite the women of the church to join us for our next meeting on Thursday, June 6 at 1 pm in the Sunday School room down the hall and to the right. Then it's the second door to the right. Cindy Karr will have devotions and present the program. LaVonne Morrow is hostess. If you have any questions contact the church office at 217-586-2147 or [mumc@mumc.org](mailto:mumc@mumc.org). For more information about the United Methodist Women go to [www.unitedmethodistwomen.org](http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org). Thank you.

Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service.



-Mother Teresa

### Summer Lunches at Candlewood



Summer lunch begins Monday, June 3rd at Candlewood. Lunch is served Monday thru Friday from 11:15 to 12:15. This year there are 10 churches involved in serving lunches to the residents of Candlewood and surrounding areas.

Mahomet UMC will take the final week, Monday August 5th through Friday, August 9th. All are welcome to help out that week! Please contact Angela in the church office with any questions.

Dear United Methodist Women,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and program participants we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House. Your gift makes it possible for us to continue to serve the children and families in our community.

Over the past few months, several of our AmeriCorps workers have been selected as "Volunteer of the Month" through the Serve Illinois Website. The most current recipient is Jalen Willis. Jalen was nominated for his energy and positive attitude. Jalen provides tutoring and mentoring to several students on a group basis or one on one. Jalen greets every student with a handshake or a high five to put a smile on their faces. Jalen has volunteered at many different sites and participated in a variety of community services events and activities, but volunteering at the Dunbar Elementary School is one he will always remember. When asked why Jalen serves for AmeriCorps he said he loves to help people and AmeriCorps give him a platform to do so.

Thanks for being our partner in ministry and for helping people like Jalen reach out to the students in the East St. Louis community to make it a better place for everyone.

Thank You!

Sincerely,  
Earl McDowell, Jr.  
Board Chairman

Gary L. Gaston  
Interim CEO



My name is Mission Commander Kristina Robinson and I am here to invite all of you to join me at To Mars and Beyond VBS. At To Mars and Beyond we are all Voyagers!

Our robot friend, EP3-20 will be there reporting for duty! Together we will explore where God's power can take us.

At TMAB, we will discover that there is no safer place than where God is. When we are surrounded by God we can have faith, be bold, show kindness, share thankful, and be full of hope.

There will be cool music, exciting science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories.

Online registration is open! We already have 50+ kids and 20+ volunteers registered. Using the link given, you can register a child or volunteer.

Using that same link you will find an online gift registry! Would you consider purchasing some items off our wish list? The online gift registry will close June 10th.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the FAMILY PARTY July 11th at 6PM sign up online <https://signup.com/go/CJZdHPg> or talk with Margaret White. Last year this event was very well attended and just plain fun! Consider joining!

This year (and beyond) we have chosen Healing Hands International as a VBS mission partnership with a goal of raising \$500. You will be hearing more about HHI from Dennis Thompson.

With gratitude,  
Kristina Robinson



**VBS Open House  
Sunday July 7th  
6-7PM**

**July 8-11  
9 am-NOON**

**July 11th  
6 pm-8 pm  
FAMILY PARTY**

**Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Nursery Available  
For children of  
Volunteers**

**Free of Charge to the  
Community**

**Register Today at  
[https://  
tmab.cokesburyvbs.c  
om/Mahomet](https://tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/Mahomet)**

**Glory to God, who is  
able to do far beyond  
all that we could ask  
or imagine by His  
power at work within  
us! Ephesians 3:20**



"I am delighted that our Children/Youth programming effort (Kick-Off scheduled for VBS), will begin to incorporate on-going opportunities for our youngest to learn about, participate in and gain appreciation for social mission activities. Social mission focuses on making such things as health, food, water, housing, etc. available for those in need. The people and families (direct beneficiaries of social mission efforts) may be local, regional, national, international or of global scope. Those who provide and deliver the social mission programs (like those of us at MUMC) can also benefit in other important ways!

The inaugural social mission activity finds MUMC cooperating with Healing Hands International (HHI), a Christian based Non-Governmental Organization (NGO). Our VBS collective goal is to raise \$500 (which will then be MATCHED by an HHI donor). In this manner, MUMC's VBS effort will generate \$1000 and will be invested to sponsor a HHI Feed A Family For Life Training Program near Mombasa, Kenya.

The Kenyan community is in the process of getting a new clean water source as result of other HHI donors who sponsored the drilling of a borehole (well). The community, with our help, can learn about and employ modern technologies (drip-irrigation and raised-bed food production techniques) to help them feed their families and communities on a sustainable basis! I've known HHI's Director of International Agriculture (Carl Burkybile, retired Paxton/Rantoul High School Agriculture Teacher) for many years and attest to the appropriateness of the methods and techniques incorporated in HHI training programs.

I invite you and your family to find a creative way to support this inaugural Children/Youth social mission initiative as the 2019 VBS strives to generate funds in order to sponsor a workshop that will help a targeted Kenyan community to "Feed A Family For Life".

Dennis Thompson



**Carl Burkybile, Director of International Agriculture with Healing Hands International will be speaking at worship on July 14th.**

**He will share more about the organization during our worship services.**



# MAYC

Mahomet Area Youth Club



**We are excited to announce the 25th anniversary of Mahomet Area Youth Club!**

You are invited to join us to celebrate during the MAYC Auction at Schroeder Farms. Come out for an evening of gourmet burgers, local entertainment, and unique items to bid on! This fundraiser directly benefits MAYC's programming throughout the year providing after school scholarships, spring/summer/winter out of school programming, and additional services to Mahomet-Seymour families in need in.

**Join us for an evening that makes a difference by changing the community one child at a time.**

**There is limited seating so register now while tickets are still available! <https://mahometryouth.org/>**

### **Auction Item Highlight**

#### **Treehouse Adventure in Southern Illinois**

Do something different this year! Stay in a luxurious tree house or log cabin near the Shawnee National Forest in the Illinois Ozarks.

**It's an experience you won't soon forget!**





## JUNE, 2019 CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, 6/1

Noon AA

### COMMUNION SUNDAY, 6/2

8:30 am Worship; 9:45 am Discipleship;  
10:45 am Worship with Praise Band;  
12 pm Confirmation Class; 5 pm AA

### MONDAY, 6/3

1 pm Mission Monday;  
7 pm Discipleship Team

### TUESDAY, 6/4

7 pm Staff Parish Relations; 7 pm AA

### WEDNESDAY, 6/5

10 am VBS Prep Open Workshop;  
7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, 6/6

8:30 am Women's Small Group  
at The Hen House Family Restaurant;  
1 pm United Methodist Women;  
4 pm Annual Rummage Sale

### FRIDAY, 6/7

8 am Annual Rummage Sale

### SATURDAY, 6/8

8 am Annual Rummage Sale; Noon AA

### SUNDAY, 6/9

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, 6/10

1 pm Mission Monday

### TUESDAY, 6/11

1 pm Wesley Spirit Singers (Bridle  
Brook); 7 pm AA

### WEDNESDAY, 6/12

7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, 6/13

8:30 am Women's Small Group  
at The Hen House Family Restaurant;  
6 pm Finance Committee;  
7 pm Church Council

### SATURDAY, 6/15

Noon AA

### FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY, 6/16

8:30 am Worship; 9:45 am Discipleship;  
10:45 am Worship with Praise Band;  
5 pm AA

### MONDAY, 6/17

1 pm Mission Monday

### TUESDAY, 6/18

7 pm AA

### WEDNESDAY, 6/19

10 am VBS Prep Open Workshop;  
7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, 6/20

8:30 am Women's Small Group  
at The Hen House Family Restaurant

### SATURDAY, 6/22

Noon AA

### SUNDAY, 6/23

8:30 am Worship; 9:45 am Discipleship;  
10:45 am Worship with Praise Band;  
12 pm Confirmation Class;  
2 pm Glenwood Nursing Home Service;  
5 pm AA; 6 pm Jr/Sr High Youth Group

### MONDAY, 6/24

1 pm Mission Monday

### TUESDAY, 6/25

7 pm AA

### WEDNESDAY, 6/26

10 am VBS Prep Open Workshop;  
7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, 6/27

8:30 am Women's Small Group  
at The Hen House Family Restaurant;  
6:30 pm Nominations Committee

### SATURDAY, 6/29

Noon AA

### SUNDAY, 6/30

9:30 am Adult Sunday School; 10:30 am  
One Worship Service—Camp Meeting  
and then Potluck; 5 pm AA

### Camp Meeting

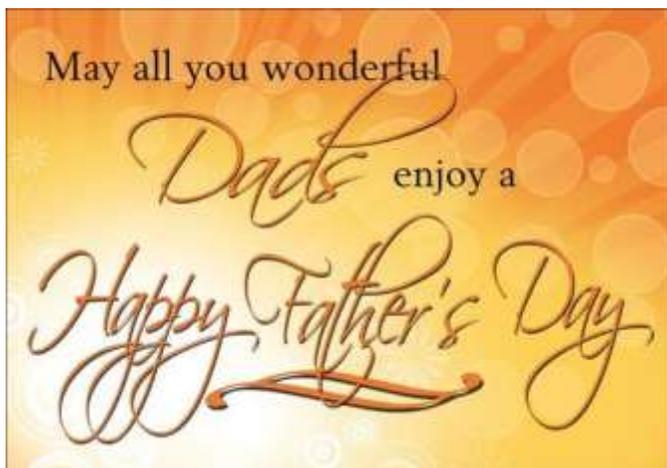
Sunday, July 30

10:30 am One Worship Service

Followed by a potluck

Bring a dish to share

(9:30 am Adult Sunday School)



### Worship Attendance Figures for May, 2019

Date	8:30 am	10:45 am	Total
May 5	105	58	163
May 12	88	33	121
May 19	91	63	154
May 26	88	45	133
<b>May Total</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>571</b>



From the Finance Committee,

March's Unrestricted Giving Income was \$39,745 for our church and expenses were \$35,039 for a net income of \$4,888 for the month.

For the month of April, our Unrestricted Giving Income was \$30,039 and our expenses were \$33,432 for net loss of \$4,888 for the month. Year to date as of April 2019, our Unrestricted Giving income was \$142,130.53 and were expenses are \$134,966.22 leaving a \$7,164.31 net income. The April report is preliminary and will be reviewed by the Finance Committee at our next meeting.

Thank you to the members and friends who have given \$1981 to the special Easter offering. The offering was donated equally to the Mahomet Area Youth Club, Helping Hands and the Good Samaritan Fund.

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

Chairman, Finance Committee

## MUMC to Conduct an Appreciative Inquiry – Call for Volunteers

As part of MUMC's strategic planning process, Church Council has approved conducting an Appreciative Inquiry (AI). AI is an approach to change that focuses on the strengths of organizations as opposed to shortfalls or problems. The main principle of AI is that every organization has many aspects that work very well, things that give it life when it is most alive, effective, successful, (positive core) and connected in healthy ways to its stakeholders. In other words, people succeed most when they look for what's right, instead of what's wrong

Dave Byers, in his role as Senior Associate Director at the U of I has led 16 AI's and has offered to lead one for MUMC. Dave will lead the team and train them on how to conduct an appreciative inquiry. The AI will involve a few meetings over the course of 4-5 months.

Now all we need are volunteers to be members of the AI Team. The more volunteers we have will make the effort/time commitment smaller for each AI Team member and provide the opportunity to involve more MUMC members, which will lead to better outcome for our church. Volunteers from age 12-? Are most welcome! To volunteer to attend a first informational meeting on AI, call Angela Pearl at 586-2147, or contact Dave Byers at [davbyers@illinois.edu](mailto:davbyers@illinois.edu). Once we have enough volunteers, we will contact you to set a date for our first information meeting.

Once the strengths and aspirations are identified by MUMC members through the AI, a strategic plan can be developed to implement actions in order to transform MUMC to fully realize its potential through connecting to the heartbeat of our church and completely living our collective vision.



## **mahomet + united + methodist + church**

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

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### **Office Hours**

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

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Jodi Allen, Substitute Organist

Emily Kuchenbrod, Choir Director

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Carrie Roberts, Nursery Coordinator

Marty Butts, Custodian



### **Hospital & Healthcare Facility Visits**

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

Thank you!



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