



The Circuit Rider



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Sweet Thoughts...

Last week Kathy and I were having one of those married couple kind of conversations about our finances and our future. As we talked, she shared that she noticed in one of our accounts that the beneficiary information wasn't quite right. They had the phone number right and the address almost right, except that instead of OR for Oregon the state was listed as OK, which we all know is Oklahoma and that is quite a ways from Oregon.

So, after some phone calls that was fixed but it meant that we needed to follow up on all the other beneficiary information in our other financial and retirement instruments. I recently attended a stewardship seminar led by Rev. Ed Weston from the Preacher's Aid and Benefit Fund and he said that all of us need to take time each January to check on the beneficiary information in our financial and retirement instruments.

Well, it is July and not January, but no time like the present to make sure, so I encourage each of you to investigate the beneficiary information on your checkbooks, savings accounts, cd's, 401k's, retirement accounts and the various insurance policies you have. Are the people and institutions you've named still the ones you want? Is the contact information correct for each one?

Take the time now to investigate and update. And as long as I've got your ears (ok, eyes), I want to say something to those of you who are being faced with a Required Minimum Distribution from your retirement account (as either a family member or as the one responsible).

Did you know that you can instruct your financial institution to forward your Required Minimum Distribution to the Church and you will not be taxed on that gift? No, really, just talk to your financial institution about it. All of that said, what's most important in our walk with Jesus is how faithful we are in sharing our financial resources. Giving is an indicator of what's important to us, an indication of our daily faith walk with Jesus.

See you in Church,

Pastor Craig





THANK YOU!!!!

Dear Mahomet United Methodist Church,
Salt & Light is so grateful for the opportunity to serve your organization by picking up items left after your garage sale. Your donations help stock our thrift store sales floor and recycling program efforts. Partners like you make it possible for us to continue serving this community, offering programs and opportunities for those in need.

Sincerely,

Mike Jenkins, Director of Retail Operations

Dear Mahomet United Methodist Church,
Mahomet Helping hands is very grateful for your support of our community food pantry! Thank you for providing workers for our June donation and giveaway. We are very appreciative as well of the monetary donations you make throughout the year. Working together, we can continue to help those in need.

Sincerely,

Mahomet Helping Hands

To Our Friends at Mahomet United Methodist Church,

We are amazed with your generosity! On behalf of our staff and board of directors at the Mahomet Area Youth Club, we would like to thank you for your compassionate gift. Your support is helping improve attendance, grades, behaviors, and the trajectory of youth in Mahomet. We always feel blessed that we are in a community that is willing to invest in youth and ensure that they have been given the best opportunity to succeed. Your donation plays a key role in making this happen!!!

Sincerely,

Sara Balgoyen, Executive Director

Mahomet Area Youth Club

To Our Friends at Mahomet United Methodist Church,

Thank you so very much for your generous donation of 1 couch, 4 chairs, 1 table, and 2 display boxes to the Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County Re-Store. Your support will help families in Champaign County build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. Your commitment to giving has helped to bring about profound changes, and we thank you for supporting the creation of affordable housing here in Champaign County. We are honored that you chose to donate so generously to help families gain a firm foundation. May your homes be filled with the happiness that giving brings!

Best Regards,

Chad Hoffman, Executive Director

Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County

Dear Mahomet United Methodist Church Friends & Family,

Thank you so much for your kind words, prayers and sympathy following the death of my mother. She was a very special lady and will truly be missed.

Kathy Tock

Isabelle Purnell Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the following recipients of the Isabelle Purnell Scholarships:

- ◆ Kameryn Brotherton
- ◆ Ethan Carlson
- ◆ Seth Emerson
- ◆ Justin Roberts
- ◆ David Roush
- ◆ Sydney Young



*“Education
is the most
powerful weapon
which you can use to
change the world.”*



youth group

SCHEDULE

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

July 14th & 28th

August 11th

Questions??? Contact:
Kristina Robinson at
krobinson@mumc.org

Wesley Spirit Singers

Wesley Spirit Singers are people of Mahomet United Methodist Church 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.

We invite anyone who enjoys singing to join us.

Our next visit is on **Tuesday, July 9 at 1 pm at the Glenwood, Mahomet.**

For questions, contact: Alice Nelson at 369-6685



Mission Monday's are collecting school supplies! 100 bags have been made and they will be delivered to Midwest Mission Distribution Center in September. If you can help, please take all items to Angela in the church office no later than August 20.

Student School Bags

Kit Contains:

- 3 spiral, 1 subject notebooks (8" x 10 1/2")
- 3 pens (blue or black)
- 3 unsharpened pencils
- 3 glue sticks
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 pencil eraser—2" or larger
- 1 ruler 12" long with metric
- 1 protractor 6" long with metric
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 pair of round tip scissors (no plastic scissors)



Angel Whispers

Angel Whispers is a new project within Mahomet United Methodist Church. It's a chance to share scripture with people you know and to have it passed on, and on.

With our congregation as a starting point, we are encouraging people to reach out to friends and family of all ages, but especially older people who don't have a chance to socialize very often, those with confining illnesses, and young people such as our confirmation class and Sunday school classes.

Some people prefer writing out scripture in a card or letter, but it's also easy to use google, email and even text scripture along with a picture or any image you may choose.

If you would like more information, please call Joyce Livesay, 369-1643

What a wonderful opportunity to spread the Word of God!!!

July Wedding Anniversaries:

- Rick & Lin Hambleton
- Bill & Karen Wilkinson
- Tom & Patricia Murdoch
- Wayne & Judy Seifert
- Terry & Kristine Ruprecht
- Joe & Pam Bowsher
- Gary & Rae Dalton
- Gary & Annalee Jellen
- Tony & Georgine Early
- Jim & Ruth Jesso
- Greg & Joy Duitsman
- Kevan & Laura Parrett
- Tyler Tanaka & Jay Simpson

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 admitted under.

Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations go out to:

- ◇ Shanon & Tracy Patterson who were welcomed into membership at Mahomet United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 30
- ◇ Laura Whitworth who was welcomed into membership at Mahomet United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 30.
- ◇ Leon & Judy Ash and Carolee Perring on the birth of their new grandson, Kole John Ash who was born on June 11. Proud parents are Brad & Lindsey Ash.



IN SYMPATHY

Dennis & Janet Thompson and family following the death of Janet's father, Thomas Boyer, on June 22, 2019. (Dennis & Janet Thompson, 1010 N Garden Ct, Mahomet, IL 61853)

My name is Mission Commander Kristina Robinson and I am here to let you know that our VBS registration has reached capacity! We have started a waited list. Congratulations to you for the reputation you have built in this community. While we want to take ALL the kids, we want to be sure we are providing quality programming in a safe environment. 120 it is, plus MANY youth and adult volunteers!

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

At To Mars And Beyond, 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.

This year (and beyond) we have chosen Healing Hands International as a VBS mission partnership with a goal of raising \$500. On Sunday July 14th Carl Burkybile, Director of International Agriculture with HHI will be speaking at worship. He will also attend the adult Sunday School class to answer questions and share more about the organization.

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!

We are in need of a few things still if you would like to pick some things up—

1- granola bars (many) 2-broad line (not thin) Crayola markers (many) It is okay if they are used as long as they work! 3-bunch o balloons instant water balloons (many)

With gratitude,
Kristina Robinsc



**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 5th 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**



JULY, 2019 CALENDAR

MONDAY, 7/1

1 pm Mission Monday;
7 pm Discipleship Team

TUESDAY, 7/2

7 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, 7/3

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

JULY 4TH HOLIDAY, 7/4

Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, 7/6

Noon AA

COMMUNION SUNDAY, 7/7

8:30 am Worship; 9:45 am Discipleship;
10:45 am Worship with Praise Band;
5 pm AA; 6 pm Vacation Bible School
Open House

MONDAY, 7/8

9 am -12 pm Vacation Bible School;
1 pm Mission Monday

TUESDAY, 7/9

9 am -12 pm Vacation Bible School;
1 pm Wesley Spirit Singers (Glenwood);
7 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, 7/10

9 am -12 pm Vacation Bible School;
7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 7/11

8:30 am Women's Small Group
at The Hen House Family Restaurant;
9 am -12 pm Vacation Bible School;
6 pm Finance Committee;
7 pm Church Council

SATURDAY, 7/13

Noon AA

SUNDAY, 7/14

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, 7/15

1 pm Mission Monday

TUESDAY, 7/16

7 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, 7/17

7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 7/18

8:30 am Women's Small Group
at The Hen House Family Restaurant;
7 pm Trustees

SATURDAY, 7/20

Noon AA

SUNDAY, 7/21

8:30 am Worship; 9:45 am Discipleship;
9:45 am Nominations Committee;

10:45 am Worship with Praise Band; 5
pm AA

MONDAY, 7/22

1 pm Mission Monday

TUESDAY, 7/23

7 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, 7/24

7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, 7/25

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

SATURDAY, 7/27

Noon AA

SUNDAY, 7/28

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

MONDAY, 7/29

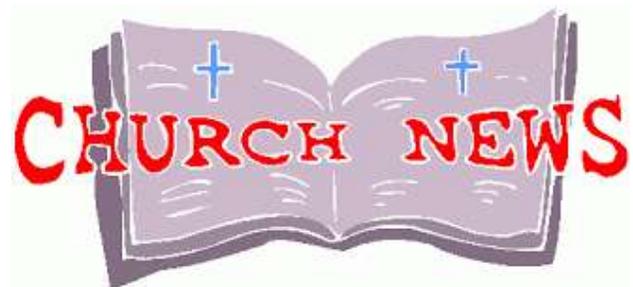
1 pm Mission Monday

TUESDAY, 7/30

7 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, 7/31

7 pm Praise Band Rehearsal



Committees, classes, and groups:
If you have information about upcoming
events, please contact Angela in the
church office so we can share with the
church.



July 2019 Finance Report

The Finance Committee meeting was held June 13 just before the Church Council Meeting with Tyler Tanaka, Scott Yeazel, Rev. Craig Sweet, Kay Williams, & Jeff Bunting attending.

January through end of May 2019 unrestricted total income was \$167,576. Last year same period unrestricted income was \$164,555. The Financial Secretary's report on giving 10% of the pledges are at 75% or above of their annual pledge, 13% of the pledges are between 75% and 50% of their annual pledge, 36% of the pledges are between 50% and 40% of their annual pledge, and 40% of the pledges are under 40% of their annual pledge.

We thrive as a church because of our congregation's generosity and faithfulness. As always, we are a transparent organization. The reports are always available on request. You can email syeaz73@gmail.com or call me at 586-3072 for more details information.

Sincerely,

Scott Yeazel, Chair, Finance Committee

Candlewood Summer Lunch Program

Summer lunch is well under way at Candlewood. Mahomet United Methodist Church is scheduled to take the week August 5th—9th.

We will provide lunches each day from 11:15 till 12:15. If you are interested in helping that week, we need people to provide dessert, people to help cook (usually around 10 am in the morning each day), and people to help serve and clean up.

If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, please contact Linda Meachum at 377-3935 or at: tlmeachum22@gmail.com with any questions.



Dear United Methodist Women,

"...when you have done it for one the least of these brothers and sister of mine, you have done it for me." — Jesus (Matthew 25:40 CEB)

THANK YOU!!!!

The dear people you just helped with your gift may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be—

Thank You.

Through your financial support you are serving within a vital web of interactive relationships, partnering to engage globally in direct ministry to people in need.

Together, may we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace,

Thomas G. Kemper, General Secretary

Roland Fernandes, COO and General Treasurer

Global Ministries





FEEDING FAMILIES FOR LIFE



Today there are 815 million people globally that do not have enough to eat.



Water scarcity and poor water quality contribute to food insecurity for poor families across the world. 1.8 billion people get their drinking water from a contaminated source.



Three-quarters of the 1.1 billion people who live on less than \$1 a day live in rural areas and depend on agriculture for a living.

Your donation of \$25 provides a family with the training and tools needed to feed themselves for a lifetime.

Healing Hands International

The congregation is being challenged to exceed or match the donations of the children at Vacation Bible School.

Come to worship on Sunday, July 14 and hear more as Mahomet United Methodist Church feeds families for life.

Carl Burkybile, Director of Agriculture with Helping Hands International, will be in worship on Sunday, July 14 as we reach beyond ourselves.

‘God’s Healing. Your Hands.’

...fighting hunger

Appreciative Inquiry Team

The Appreciative Inquiry Team needs you! With your involvement on the inquiry team, it will shape the future of Mahomet United Methodist Church and provide valuable insight and discussion.

Please pray and give it some consideration to be a part of the team. Please contact Angela as soon as possible!



Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday August 11th during worship, we will have a “Blessing of the Backpacks”! We encourage students and educators to bring their backpacks or planners to worship for a blessing for the upcoming academic year.

Leading up to this service we will be collecting new and gently used backpacks for kids in our community in the event we are made aware of a need.



Please be sure to check the church office if you are missing any items such as earrings, clothing, small children’s toys, etc. and we would be happy to return your lost goods!





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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

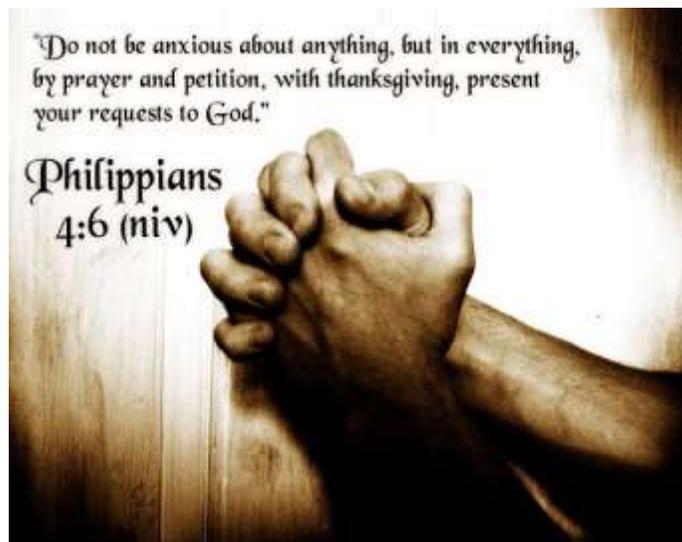
8:30 am Traditional Worship
10:45 am Contemporary Worship

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

Rev. Craig Sweet, Pastor ~ csweet@mumc.org
Kathy Tock, Worship Music Director ~ tockwoman@gmail.com
Angela Pearl, Office Administrator ~ apearl@mumc.org
Kristina Robinson, Children's Ministry ~ krobinson@mumc.org
Dr. Carlos R. Carrillo Cotto, Organist
Jodi Allen, Substitute Organist
Emily Kuchenbrod, Choir Director
Eileen Waters, Parish Nurse ~ enie@mediacombb.net
Carrie Roberts, Nursery Coordinator
Marty Butts, Custodian



Worship Attendance Figures for June, 2019			
Date	8:30 am	10:45 am	Total
June 2	76	52	128
June 9	77	35	112
June 16	78	38	116
June 23	85	54	139
June 30	—	10:30 am 82	82
June Total	316	261	577

PRAYER LIST

If you or someone you know is hospitalized for illness or going to be in the hospital for tests or surgery, please notify Angela in the church office so that Rev. Sweet may provide pastoral care.

Prayer requests must be updated after two weeks.

Please contact Angela in the church office (586-2147) or apearl@mumc.org, fill out a prayer form or contact Judy Ash (217-417-6611) by email at jash@prairieinet.net if you wish your prayer request to be updated.

Thank you.



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