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



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Our Sunday Schedule
Worship @ 8:30am &
10:45am
9:30am Coffee Fellowship
9:45am Sunday School
Youth Group is every
other week @ 6pm

*Our Wonderful Outreach
Wednesday Schedule:*
After School until 5:30pm
5:00pm WOW Dinner
once a month
6pm Adult
Bible Study

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Our Mahomet United Methodist Church Council has decided to share in the *Our Three Gifts: A Program of Faithfulness* stewardship campaign this fall. We are bringing our church family through a season of stewardship focusing on the model of the Magi's gifts to the Christ Child. *Our Three Gifts* has three distinct but related themes: Gold, Myrrh and Frankincense. Gold, representing wealth, relates to the financial portion of our annual stewardship campaign. Myrrh, an important ingredient of sacred anointing oil, communicates our need to reach out in ministry and mission to those in need around us. Frankincense, an incense burned before the Holy of Holies in Jerusalem's temple, provides the spiritual emphasis for the campaign, as our prayers this Advent rise to God.

Each of the themes will culminate in a special Weekend. On *Myrrh Sunday, November 10*, our gathered congregation will dedicate the gifts of food that we have been accumulating over the previous weeks for area families in need on Thanksgiving. On *Gold Sunday, November 17*, there will be a traditional pledge card campaign with a catered lunch. On *Frankincense Sunday, November 24*, you will receive an Advent Devotional booklet, written and produced by our Mahomet United Methodist Church family to help us each prepare our lives during this Advent for Christ's coming at Christmas and we will be sharing who Jesus is for each of us.

As we share in the *Our Three Gifts* stewardship campaign this fall we will be reaching out with our Myrrh offering of the gift of Thanksgiving dinners for those in need in our community. Please use the enclosed list as you prepare yourself and your family for the giving of Thanksgiving this year.


On Myrrh Sunday November 10 in worship we will dedicate at the altar the gifts you bring to make a traditional Thanksgiving dinner possible for 80 families in our area. Please use the included Myrrh Gifts list to bring and lay your Thanksgiving gift at the altar each week.

We encourage you to take the time to actively participate in this program of stewardship, growth and giving with our Mahomet United Methodist Church family.

Come and Share,


Jeff Bunting
Chair, Church Council


Steve Carlson
Missions Team


Rev. Craig Sweet
Directing Pastor

Our Myrrh Gifts

As we share in the *Our Three Gifts* stewardship campaign this fall we will be reaching out with our Myrrh offering of the gift of Thanksgiving dinners for others in our community, our goal is to collect enough food for 80 families to have Thanksgiving Dinner. Please use the following list as you prepare yourself and your family for the giving of Thanksgiving this year.

1. **The week before September 29** please read Mark 12:41-44 and Isaiah 58:10-11 in your devotions and consider this thought: "Don't wait for someone else to begin to change things. Start changing things yourself." - *Norman Vincent Peale*. Then on September 29 please bring a **can or more of fruit and vegetables** to the altar.
2. **The week before October 6** please read Luke 11:5-13 in your devotions and consider this thought: "The best way to fill an emptiness is to give. Get up, get dressed, get out and give what you wish you were getting, to someone else." - *Phillip McGraw*. Then on October 6 please bring a **can or more of soup** to the altar.
3. **The week before October 13** please read Matthew 5:1-12 in your devotions and consider this thought: "Live well, Laugh often. Love much." Then on October 13 please bring **at least 3 boxes of Jell-O** to the altar.
4. **The week before October 20** please read Malachi 3:8-12 in your devotions and consider this thought: "The person who loves the Creator perfectly is the one who manifests a pure love for their neighbor." - *The Venerable Bede*. Then on October 20 please bring a **box of Stove Top Stuffing** to the altar.
5. **The week before October 27** please read 2 Corinthians 8:8-15 in your devotions and consider this thought: "God has given us two hands-one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing." - *Billy Graham*. Then on October 27 please bring a **can or more of Yams, Baked Beans and 3lbs of Potatoes** to the altar.
6. **The week before November 3** please read Luke 6:37-38 in your devotions and consider this thought: "Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left." - *Bishop Fulton Sheen*. Then on November 3 please bring **something to drink (Coffee, Tea, Kool-Aid or Lemonade)** to the altar.
7. **The week before November 10** please read Acts 20:35 in your devotions and consider this thought: "Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage." - *St. Francis*. Then on November 10 please bring a **frozen Turkey, or a canned Ham** (or money to purchase it in bulk) to the altar.

On November 10 in worship we will dedicate at the altar these gifts you bring to make a traditional Thanksgiving dinner possible for a family in need. Our Goal is to provide 80 families in our area with a dinner this Thanksgiving.

Each week you could also go to the Leadership Resources, Stewardship page on www.umcdiscipleship.org and read one of the articles on Generous Living.