

The Circuit Rider

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LETTER FROM REV. LORI HARVEY

Sometimes I get so caught up with the office work that other priorities are pushed aside. I love to have a “to do list” but often there are things that are still on the list at the end of the week and it gets pushed to the next week or the next. I find it helpful to have an accountability group that offers support and reminds me to make sure my priorities are where my time is best spent.

Accountability groups have a common goal. Perhaps one of your accountability groups is your family and the goal is to have positive relationship with each other. A Sunday school class is an accountability group. Girl scouts or boy scouts would be accountability groups with a common goal to do my best, to help other people, to keep physically strong and mentally awake. Sounds like a great “to do list” for all of us.

One of the places that I find energizing is when I have a Bible or book study group at church. A group of people that are accountable to one another to read weekly and be prepared to talk about what they are learning. I would love to invite you to consider being a part of an accountability group. We call it discipleship.

There are options for these discipleship groups. They can be focused on the recent worship service and sermon. This group is called a “Mahomet Meets” group. One of these groups meets via zoom on Monday night. You can form a “Mahomet Meets” group by inviting neighbors or friends to join you outside or through a video chat. The “Mahomet Meets” questions are updated weekly on the church website.

Another accountability group is mission oriented. Our UMW meets in small groups and their focus is to give to children and women’s projects. For example, the Monday sewing group has been busy

sewing masks to give away but also school bags that are sent around the world. The UMW has other groups that are mission oriented. Contact Janet Thompson at 898-5161.

Our mission committee is planning a service trip in the summer of 2021. This is an intergenerational trip and we would love to have you join this group. Contact Steve Carlson at 217-621-2471 for more information. The mission committee will have other local opportunities with details to come in the next few newsletters. This is a great accountability group if you want to put your faith into action.

As an intro to a recent worship service, I invited you to consider joining me in an art and scripture study. I use the book by Juliet Benner, *Contemplative Vision A Guide to Christian Art and Prayer*. This can be an accountability class that meets via zoom or in person at the church. I will have a link on the website to give you an option of how to meet and to indicate your interest in being part of this group. No book is necessary to be a part of this accountability group but your willingness to look at scripture through art and to share your ideas with the group is the shared goal.

PRECAUTIONS FOR COVID-19

During worship, meetings and drop ins at the church the following procedures are in place:

- 1) If attending worship we ask you to register by contacting the office. (No more than 50 people will be allowed in the worship area.)
- 2) Temperatures will be taken.
- 3) Masks and social distancing are required.
- 4) Hand sanitizer is available.



MINISTRY IS HAPPENING AT MAHOMET UMC

Your compassion for those in need is truly appreciated. We saw a need in the community and responded by inviting children and young people to find a safe place to be in the classrooms at our building and using our campus when possible. Thank you for being the hands and feet of God by offering rooms in our building. It is part of our heritage.

Education is a core value of The United Methodist Church that dates back to the earliest days of the Methodist movement in 18th century England. John Wesley believed that education was the key to a fuller, richer life. He championed greater educational accessibility as a way to ensure that leaders would act ethically and responsibly. There are 117 United Methodist related colleges and universities in the U.S.

Currently, our church building is being used by the Atlas school group and a 4th grade family co-op group. Our Boy scout group is meeting outside at the pavilion and we are in discussion with a girl scout group that will be returning to our campus.

Some of our church groups have changed rooms to accommodate these ministries but there is still room for our church groups to continue to meet here when they are ready. Our discipleship room is set up for a small group meeting. The M&Ms group is sewing in the library. Let us know if you are needing to use a room at the church building or need to schedule the use of the pavilion (which now has lights for night time meetings).

Art & The Bible

WITH REV. LORI

Tuesdays

Contact Rev. Lori if you'd like to be part of Art & The Bible at pastor@mumc.org. You can meet virtually or at the church. Just give Rev. Lori your preference.

ATLAS PROGRAM

Mahomet United Methodist Church has partnered with the Mahomet-Seymour School District and ATLAS, Adult Transition, Living, & Advocacy Skills Program. The ATLAS Program is a community-based, functional life skills program within the Mahomet-Seymour Schools for students aged 18-22 with disabilities. They are conducting their program from Mahomet United Methodist Church's building Tuesday thru Friday.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP NEWS

Currently, we are recording a worship service on Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to come watch and hear Rev. Lori reach. Chairs are set up for social distancing and you will need to wear a mask. Or you may come on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. and watch the recorded worship service with those in attendance. Again, please follow the safety instructions. For either of these services, we invite you to call ahead so we know how many will be attending but at the present time, there is still room for drop in worshippers.

Sunday, September 6, Pastor Lori will have communion available for you to receive if you chose to drive through the church parking lot. She will be at the church entrance **starting at 8:30 am**. These are pre-sealed elements that will be blessed before you receive them. Or if you chose to have elements at home, follow along during the worship time and participate in the order of communion with bread and juice at your table worship setting.



Our worship services will follow the book of James during the month of September. You are invited to read the entire book as we only cover select passages during the worship time.



October UMW Meeting

Thursday, October 1

Devotions/Program: Sheryle Carpenter

Hostess: Judy McGuire

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 2ND GRADERS MISSION RECOGNITION PIN RECIPIENT

GUEST SPEAKER

REV DR KEITH ZIMMERMAN

Loving OUR KIDS Every Day...Pandemic or Not

(To learn more about OCOK and how to donate see the information below.)

The *Illinois Great Rivers Annual Conference*, established the *Our Conference, Our Kids* endowment fund to provide a perpetual stream of funding in support of the spiritual care ministries being offered at each of our conference children and family serving agencies.



The stated vision for this initiative is:

Endowing the Spiritual Life Ministries at The Baby Fold, Chaddock, Cunningham Children's Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, and Spero Family Services to ensure the continued inclusion of Christ-centered spiritual care in their healing work.

As of July 31, donations and commitments to the *Our Conference, Our Kids* endowment fund, which is invested with and managed by the *United Methodist Foundation*, total: \$1,431,875.01.

Gifts designated to *Our Conference, Our Kids*, Advance Special #6960, can be made through your local church or by mailing it to: *IGRC Treasurer, Our Conference, Our Kids, Advance Special #6960*, P.O. Box 19207, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9207. Gifts can also be made online through the *Our Conference, Our Kids* website by following this link:

www.embraceocok.org/donate

Thank you for making a difference by helping to share God's love with the at-risk children and families being served by these agencies.



Mahomet United Methodist Church is partnering, in ministry, with the Solid Rock Co-Op under the direction of Kristina Robinson and Reverend Lori. The Co-Op has 11 students and they are enrolled in the Remote Learning Program through the Mahomet-Seymour School District. **They are conducting their learning from Mahomet United Methodist Church's building Monday thru Friday.**





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HOW TO REACH US

If the church office is closed you can reach us by voicemail which will be checked daily and you can always reach us via e-mail at mumc@mumc.org.

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday, 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Thursday, 10:30 am—3:00 pm

Rev. Lori Harvey's cell number is 309-262-6861. Note that this is a 309 area code. You may add Rev. Lori Harvey as a contact.

WEDNESDAYS

4:30 pm Worship—please call office to register

WEBSITE

There is so much to see on our website wwwmumc.org. Take the time to look through all of tabs. You can find the newsletter on the news page. Also, there is a calendar of events tab that is updated regularly.

FACEBOOK

Daily Devotionals, Worship Videos and church updates on our MUMC Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/MahometUMC/>

SUBSCRIBE TO YOUTUBE

Subscribe to our MUMC YouTube channel to see Church Videos including Worship, Devotionals and more. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP5XgdmXybxOKauiqjZ0KMQ>



August 2020 Finance Report

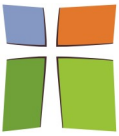
The Finance Committee has been reviewing possible changes to our Annual Stewardship Appeal. A Committee of Shannon Patterson, Dick Livesay and Pastor Lori are looking into a new approach this year. They will be contacting church members asking for assistance to make the 2020 Appeal a success.

July 2020 unrestricted total income was \$21,006 for our church and total expenses were \$24,143 for a negative \$3137 for the month. January through July 2020 unrestricted total income was \$202,209 and total expenses were \$230,438 for a negative \$28,229. This does include the \$53,000 in grants and forgivable loans the church

has received this year. Once the process is completed they will be added to the total income for the year. Last year January through July 2019 unrestricted total income was \$233,918 and total expenses were \$246,813 for a negative of \$12,895.

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



SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to:

- Paula Phillips and family following the death of her mother, Marjorie Brewer on July 19th.
- Eric and Kim Ozier family following the death of Eric's father, Ernest "Abe" Wayne Ozier, on August 24th.

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

Look for our weekly Prayer List sent out in an All-Church e-mail and by US Mail if requested. To submit prayers call (217-586-2147) or email the church at mumc.org, you can also post prayers in the comment section on Facebook during our 9:30 Sunday Worship Service or go to the Prayer tab on our website at mumc.org.

SECOND GRADE BIBLES PRESENTED



The United Methodist Women will present Bibles to the second graders. Do you have a second grader that would like to be included? Contact Kristina at

krobinson@mumc.org. Thank you.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the many sympathy cards, notes of support and donations in memory of Gavin. Daughter Ann, son John and I also appreciated Rev. Lori Harvey leading his graveside memorial service. We hope to have a celebration of Gavin's life in the June—July 2021 timeframe.

With Gratitude,
Lois Meerdink

THANK YOU NOTES FROM MAYC GROUP

Thank you for letting us be at the church we appreciate it! Thank you so much.

Love Paige

Thank you so much for letting us use the church.

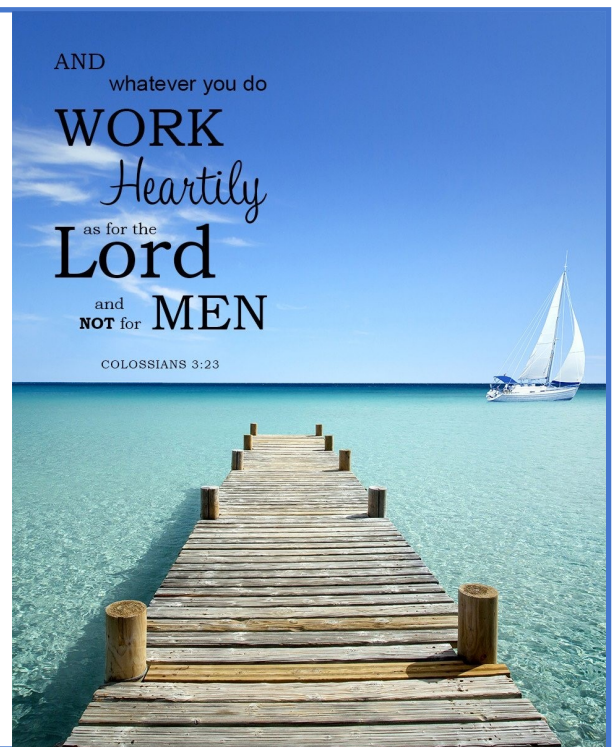
Thank you for letting us use the church because I can see my friends everytime I came.

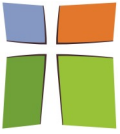
ANGEL WHISPERS MINISTRY

As we approach Labor Day I liked this angel whisper. Maybe enjoying the day and reflecting on our life's work we can begin to put things in perspective.

If you are interested in participating in the outreach mission of **ANGEL WHISPERS**, call Joyce Livesay, 369-1643

These scripture pictures are easy to find on a cell phone or computer. They can be sent to those on our churches prayer list, family and friends.



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DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL BAG PROJECT

Our M & Ms group is making school bags but need donations of supplies to fill them. Now is a great time to purchase school supplies. Your donations would be greatly appreciated! Please leave them in the tote outside the front doors of the church or bring them on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm or Sundays at 9:30 am. The M & Ms group will be taking the bags and supplies to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center the end of September. Thank you.

**Kit Contains:**

- 3 Notebooks -1 subject spiral 8" x 10 1/2"
- 1 Ruler -12" long with metric
- 6 Pencils -unsharpened
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Pencil Eraser -2" or larger
- 1 Box 12 Colored Pencils
- 1 Box 24 Crayons
- 1 Pair of Scissors -student



FIX YOUR FAVORITE LATIN DISH AND JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP & FUN

special guests

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHRISTIANS IN MISSION
DR. AGAMAH WITH IHDN
U.S. SOUTHERN COMMAND
FOOD FOR THE POOR

entertainment

WORSHIP ENTERTAINMENT

questions contact ashley earles

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ASHLEY@MIDWESTMISSION.ORG





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, 9/01

6:30 pm Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, 9/02

6:30 pm Worship Recording

THURSDAY, 9/03

Noon UMW Luncheon with Rev. Lori speaking;
7 pm Staff-Parish Relations Committee

SUNDAY, 9/06 ~ Communion Sunday (Pick Up Elements)

8:30 –9:30 am Drive through parking lot to pick up communion elements; **9:30 am** Worship Viewing; **10:30 am** Nominations; **3 pm** Troop 2947

MONDAY, 9/07—OFFICE CLOSED

1 pm Mission Mondays; **6:30 pm** Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY, 9/08

6:30 pm Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, 9/09

6:30 pm Worship Recording

THURSDAY, 9/10

1:30 pm Women's Book Club; **6 pm** Finance Committee;
7 pm Church Council

SUNDAY, 9/13 ~ United Methodist Women Sunday

9:30 am Worship Viewing with Rev Dr Keith Zimmerman's sermon and emphasis on Our Conference, Our Kids

MONDAY, 9/14

10:30 am Staff Meeting; **1 pm** Mission Mondays;
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY, 9/15

6:30 pm Bell Choir; **6:30 pm** Town & Country Women's Club

WEDNESDAY, 9/16

5:30 pm Outdoor Yoga; **6:30 pm** Worship Recording

THURSDAY, 9/17

6 pm Discipleship Team; **7 pm** Trustees

SUNDAY, 9/20

9:30 am Worship Viewing; **3 pm** Troop 2947

MONDAY, 9/21

10:30 am Staff Meeting; **1 pm** Mission Mondays;
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY, 9/22

6:30 pm Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, 9/23

6:30 pm Worship Recording

SUNDAY, 9/27

9:30 am Worship Viewing

MONDAY, 9/28

10:30 am Staff Meeting; **1 pm** Mission Mondays;
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY, 9/29

6:30 pm Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, 9/30

6:30 pm Worship Recording

Charge Conference

Monday, November 30

5:30 pm

VIA a Zoom Session.

Details will come later.



We are trying to update the church records on each person and household. This will help Rev. Lori Harvey become acquainted with everyone. There is a form at the end of this newsletter. Please fill in the information and get it back to the church as **by September 30**. Thank you.

Mahomet United Methodist Church—Membership Information

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My preferred method of communication is: Email Phone Postal Mail (other)

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Dr. Carlos R. Carrillo Cotto, Organist

Emily Kuchenbrod, Choir Director

Eileen Waters, Parish Nurse ~ enie@mediacombb.net

THURSDAY READING CIRCLE

The Thursday Reading Circle will meet on Thursday, September 10 at 1:30 pm. This year's first book will be: ***Tilly and the Crazy Eights*** by Monique Gray Smith.

Our second book will be discussed on October 8 at 1:30 pm: ***The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*** by Kim Michele Richardson.

We encourage any readers in the church to try these books and come to join the discussion. For any questions contact Sheryle Carpenter at davesherylecarp65@yahoo.com

