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LETTER FROM REV. LORI HARVEY

I am not really sure how Jesus was able to do ministry without a cell phone and computer. Wait, if we look at Jesus ministry as our example, we are to be out in the world, talking with people, helping them to understand God's grace, offering healing and accepting people from all backgrounds. As we do ministry at Mahomet UMC, we are not sitting by the phone all the time. You are important and we want to be able to give you our attention. However, there are times the office will be unattended by an actual human. We do check our messages and emails. We do want to have an opportunity to talk about upcoming events and ministry ideas.

There are several ways of communication. Some of these practices were put into place with previous pastors and others because of health concerns during this unsettling time. On Monday, we try to send an email with news and links for signing up. These events are often on our website and Facebook page also. For those who do not care to use social media, we mail out the news but this is difficult since the news is full of links. In this case, please call the church office and leave a message that you would like to sign up for a particular event or for weekly worship. If you want someone to call back, please say that at the end of your message with the best phone number to reach you.

Monthly, we are producing a newsletter. This communication celebrates past events and upcoming events. We are so thankful for Cindy Dodd who volunteers to help create the newsletter and get it out in a timely manner. You can send her news items to cindy.dodd@gmail.com.

I would love to visit people but maybe need an invitation since we are using social distancing. It

has been wonderful for me to have the opportunity to deliver cookies and to be part of the singing group that goes out every other Sunday. I zoom meet with my parents and I have a zoom meeting with colleagues. Perhaps you would like for me to zoom meet with you. And don't forget that during the month of October, I have a Tuesday zoom Bible and art zoom class. Let me know that you want to be a part of the class and I will send you the link.

Jesus said, Go out into all the world sharing Jesus. This is what your ministry staff is doing at Mahomet UMC. May God bless our ministry, our church and the people we meet each day.

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) Hand sanitizer upon entering
- 4) Masks and social distancing are required.

Charge Conference

Monday, November 30

5:30 pm

VIA a Zoom Session.

Details will come later.



INTERNET UPDATE

Trustees were able to upgrade our internet service through a grant that was gifted to us by our annual conference for school coop ministry support. Trustees and church council have approved for groups of students to be in classrooms during the day. Because of this ministry, our church is able to share from the blessings of God. A 4th grade coop meets here 5 days a week with parents taking turns proctoring the classroom. A teacher meets with these 4th graders via zoom and gives them instruction and classwork.

The high school ATLAS program meets here 4 days a week. This group is learning life lessons along with classroom learning. They are able to help us with small tasks like sorting and counting the school bag donations for UMW. They have a daily cleaning routine that aids in keeping our building sanitized. Send both of these groups a note of encouragement this month as part of your stewardship pledge, to do no harm, do good and love God and neighbor.

Because of the upgraded internet, we have one more room designated for Jr High and High school students from our congregation. This is a quiet room for up to four students at a time to use our internet for classroom instruction and homework, especially if a family's internet is not reliable. Call the church office to let us know you need to reserve a space in this room.

The upgraded internet also allows us to stream our Sunday morning worship service. People will be able to worship with us live on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. We welcome people to join us at the church or in their homes. In order to continue this ministry or reaching people for Jesus, we need 3 volunteers each week to run the computers and camera. If you can volunteer, please sign up on the website signup.com.

The upgraded system will also mean our phones will be upgraded. This will happen in the next few weeks. Messages are checked every day. If you need to reach Rev. Lori, you may send a text to my cell number, 309-262-6861. Email is pastor@mumc.org. If you need to send a message to Kristina, her email is krobinson@mumc.org. She is often in the building working with children, parents and families.

STEWARDSHIP MONTH

Sermon series focus is about living with a sense of abundance, not scarcity. We may have grown up to think that we need to hoard things, that more is better, and that we will never have enough. In God's economy, there is more than enough for everyone and our lives are enriched by living generously and assured of God's abundance.

October 4

More than Enough Love Mark 12:28-34
World communion Sunday: If you are worshipping from home, you may pick up your elements for communion from 8:30- 9:00 a.m. on Sunday or Friday, October 2 from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

October 11

More than Enough to Give Mark 12:38-44

October 18

More than Enough to Know Mark 13:1-8
Fall Family Event sponsored by Education committee

October 25

More than Enough to Live John 18:33-37
Cunningham Connection and presentation of quilts to Cunningham Children's Home

Quarterly statements are in the mail along with a stewardship card. Mail it back to the office by November 8th or bring to worship on November 8th. Through your generosity, we are able to reach people for Jesus Christ.

November 1

All Saints Sunday remembering those who have died in this past year.

Upcoming Series: Soul Food

We will be collecting fast food gift cards for Cunningham children's home and The Baby fold to give to their classrooms for a special treat during the month of December.



SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to:

- The family of Merle Hendren, father and father-in-law of Donna and Mike Greene and granddaughter and grandfather-in-law of Jennifer and Jason Vallowe.
- The family of Vern Hageman, father and father in law to Karen and Dave Huber.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Leonardo Andrew Coffin who was baptized September 5, 2020. Parents are Kate Donahue and Andrew Coffin and grandparents are Greg and Barb Pasley.

THANK YOU

To my Dear Friends at Mahomet United Methodist Church,

There are not enough words to describe the warm feelings you left in my heart following the wonderful "Front Yard" musical this morning.

I want to say a "heart felt" thank you to each of you.

Your actions speak loudly of your warm feelings from each of you toward your fellow member.

Sincerely, Betty Clapper

Dear Wesley Singers,

Thank you so much for your hymns and fellowship last Sunday. You uplifted my spirits and gave me joy. It was wonderful seeing so many friendly faces and hearing your voices.

Welcome Reverend Lori Havey. It was nice to meet you. I hope your stay with MUMC is interesting, productive and enjoyable.

Yours Truly,
Betty Brainerd

THANK YOU

We want to thank the friends from church who came to sing hymns to us. It was wonderful to be remembered in such a way.

Dick and Joyce Livesay

Thank you for the group that came to sing at our house this last Sunday. It was so nice to hear and see you all.

Bev and Harold Schroeder

Rev. Harvey and Congregation,

Thank you for hosting one of our town hall meetings for our community. It was a gorgeous night to spend outside engaging in conversation. I would also like to say thank you for your organization and efforts with the small group of remote students that are meeting in your building. The parents have been amazing to work with. Your collaboration and communication has been wonderful.

In appreciation,
Megan Hunter
Lincoln Trail Principal

Mahomet United Methodist Women,

Thank you for your gift to the Our Conference, Our Kids endowment in my honor! I am humbled by your thoughtful gesture toward me, and so appreciative for your generosity toward "Our Kids".

It was an honor to be asked to share the message about OCOK on your UMW Sunday.

Continued blessings,
Keith Zimmerman