



LETTER FROM REV. LORI HARVEY

THANKSGIVING 2020

Everything is different this year. That statement may just bring stress. However, maybe it could bring creativity. This is the year that we need to be writing books to future generations. This is the year that we need to learn something new, something beyond technology. This is the year that many are spending more time with immediate family but also when we probably will not be having large family gatherings for thanksgiving meals.

If we could just predict when the current world situation would be over, we would feel at least some sense of gratitude. Consider these predictions:

THANKSGIVING WEATHER FOLKLORE

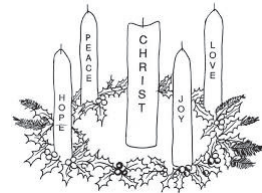
- Turkeys perched on trees and refusing to descend indicates snow.
- If the first snow sticks to the trees, it foretells a bountiful harvest in the coming year.
- If sheep feed facing downhill, watch for a snowstorm.
- Thunder in November indicates a fertile year to come.
- When the winter is early, it will not be late.

Since it is November, we think about how thankful we are. Thankful that even though I am not with my family this Thanksgiving, my family is still connecting through phone calls and video chats. Thankful for my church who smiles at me even with their masks on. I can see it in the eyes. Thank you for your gift of appreciation, the flowers and gift card was a blessing to me. Thankful for God's love that sustains me every day.

Let's try listing one way that we are thankful each day during the month of November.

Thank you for your spirit of gratitude.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ADVENT READER?



During advent we would love to include people who would read the liturgy for the lighting of the advent wreath. This can be done in person during the service or it can be recorded ahead of time. If you would like to be an Advent reader, please contact Rev. Lori. The liturgy will be emailed to you.

CHARGE CONFERENCE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30 AT 5:30 PM

Charge Conference is a review of the church ministries for the past year and a vision of the ministry that is possible in the next year. During the charge conference, we approve of the church leadership through nominations report. We approve the finance's work on the 2021 budget and the pastor's salary is approved as recommended by the Staff parish committee. You may join this meeting on zoom meeting number 217 369 1234 or by phone call 312-626-6799 then put in the meeting number. The District Superintendent leads this meeting and the theme is Love Your God.



NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER SERMON SERIES SOUL FOOD

We have asked members of the congregation to submit a video devotional that shows them cooking in their kitchen. These videos are on our Facebook and YouTube sites. Hope you enjoy them. If you would like to contribute a video, please let the office know.

BAPTISMS NOVEMBER 1

Rhett Ash, Scarlet Ash, Rowan Stavonic, Kole John Ash and Ryker Ash will be baptized on November 1 at 7 pm. The Ash family will gather at the church to celebrate this special occasion. Please lift prayers of joy for these children as they grow in love with Christ and biblical teachings.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1

On Sunday, November 1 we will remember those persons who have died in the past year. We read the name, ring a bell and light a candle. These we called saints are ones who have passed on the faith and continue to live in our hearts. A list is included in this newsletter.

We also dedicate any items that have been purchased using memorial money. This year we are grateful for the funds that were used to purchase the television screens that are in our sanctuary. The screens are used to provide guidance to our time of worship. Thank you for your gifts.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8 MORE THAN ENOUGH TO SHARE

Worship at 9:30 a.m.

In person up to 50 people

Online unlimited number: Facebook live or YouTube

RICE MEAL MISSION PROJECT

You are invited to participate in a mission project that is right here at our church campus on November 8. Come help before worship or be part of the after worship crew.

Rice meal kits will be assembled under the tents near the shed. Our minimum is 600 kits with each kit feeding six people. That is 3,600 people that we have the potential to serve. All meals go to non-profit organizations internationally or for use in disaster relief. Midwest Mission Distribution Center will communicate with us where our rice meals have been distributed.

This project is for ALL ages. We can set up multiple assembly lines so bring your whole family. Invite your friends. We will do this project outside so dress warmly and wear a smile.

STEWARDSHIP CONCLUSION

Bring your pledge card on Sunday, November 8 and leave in our *More than Enough* basket or mail it in by November 8. Thank you for helping us continue our ministries here at Mahomet UMC. Thank you for your faithfulness towards bringing the light of Christ to our world.

CINNAMON ROLL

Every person that comes on this Sunday will receive a cinnamon roll. You may purchase more cinnamon rolls to take home with you. The donations will cover the cost of the rice meals and mission projects of our church.

VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11



We want to say thank you to our Veterans, for all who served or are still in the armed service. Your leadership and commitment are appreciated. A special thank you video will be uploaded to our YouTube site with pictures and music. We hope you will take time to view this special presentation.



DECEMBER

ADVENT

Deck the Hall Sermon series for Advent begins November 29. We would like to publish an advent devotional with your contributions. The Advent devotionals may be accessed online or you may request a hard copy. These short devotionals bring a personal touch to our preparation for Christmas. Please consider submitting a devotional to be included. Send it in an email to Terry Roush tkdroush@mchsi.com by **November 15**.

ADVENT STUDY

We will have a Zoom Bible study for four weeks on Mondays at 7:15 pm. Please sign up by emailing pastor@mumc.org. We will follow the sermon series of *Deck the Halls* and study the scripture used for that week. Let's begin on Monday, November 30. Since we use Zoom, it is available to you wherever you receive the internet. Anyone can join so invite a friend or family member.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

It seems a little early but we would like to keep you aware that Christmas is coming. Our usual Christmas donations will be adapted to meet COVID care.

HELPING HANDS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

MUMC's support of this annual Christmas gift project for Mahomet Helping Hands children is greatly appreciated.



Choose a gift tag from the small Christmas tree in the church entry on **Sunday, November 22**, and buy a GIFT CARD for a Mahomet Helping Hands child or teenager. Due to Covid-19, toys cannot be distributed as they have been in prior years when children and their parents were allowed to enter the First Baptist Church basement and take turns selecting gifts of their choice. This year, gift cards will be given out at the same time as the December food give-away at the Helping Hands Center.

Helping Hands is asking for GIFT CARDS ONLY with a value up to \$20. (Target, Wal-Mart, McDonald's, etc.) Gift cards are due back at the church no later than **Sunday, December 6**. For more information, contact Karen Wilkinson at 621-5094 or wilkinsonwk@gmail.com. Thank you very much.

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CUNNINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOME

AND

THE BABY FOLD



These are two of our conference agencies that provide care for children in our state foster care. They collect restaurant gift cards to give as a special reward for a job well done. You may donate pizza gift cards or other fast food cards and these will be shared with these two agencies.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Group Poinsettias of 6 ½ inch pots with foil and bows can be ordered. These poinsettias will decorate the Great Hall and Commons Area during the Christmas season. Please fill out the form below in honor and/or in memory of your loved one and note "Poinsettias" in the memo of your check. Following the last Christmas Eve service, you may take them home. **The deadline to order is Sunday, December 6.**

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ poinsettias at \$12.50 ea.

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____



SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to:

- The family of Wayne Frankie, former Troop 25 Scoutmaster.
- Carol and Rick Swearingen and family following the death of Carol's father.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have purchased face masks. We have collected \$1,100 at this time. Half of the money will be sent to Cunningham. The remaining will go into the UMW funds. If you still need masks, we have more for sale. You may contact the church office or come to the church any Monday from 1-3 when M&Ms meet. On Sunday morning after worship, you may also ask one of our team members about purchasing a mask.

BULLDOG ZOOM CHALLENGE



How many Mahomet-Seymour Bulldogs and community members can make a dessert together? On Saturday, November 14 at 2 pm will you join me on Zoom from your kitchen at home? Together we will make a recipe every Bulldog must

know. You guessed it...Puppy Chow!

Ingredients

9 cups crispy rice cereal squares
1/2 cup peanut butter
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 1/2 cups confectioners sugar

We will use the Zoom recording as part of our Sunday worship series on *Food for the Soul*. Food really does have a special way of bringing us together even in 2020.

All Saints Sunday Mahomet Methodist Church November 1, 2020



We remember:

David "Dave" Earl Carpenter

Born: October 24, 1943

Death: November 24, 2019

Edward Allen Lotz

Born: February 3, 1933

Death: January 1, 2020

Dennis B. Ash

Born: October 16, 1959

Death: January 10, 2020

John Donald Mohr

Born: December 14, 1930

Death: January 31, 2020

Norma Jean Lotz

Born: June 21, 1935

Death: February 1, 2020

Lucas Daniel Matthews

Born: June 19, 1993

Death: February 16, 2020

Jeffrey E. Slade

Born: August 4, 1959

Death: February 20, 2020

Calvin Daniel "Dannie" Tharp

Born: July 21, 1927

Death: April 12, 2020

Gavin Lee Meerdink

Born: June 7, 1945

Death: July 4, 2020