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LETTER FROM REV. LORI HARVEY

OUR GOALS

- 1) To live our mission of leading people to Jesus and help them grow as disciples
- 2) To create spaces of diversity and unity through table discussions, study and workshops
- 3) To be flexible and creative in worship, fellowship and caring ministry

This past year, we have started on a journey that calls us to reassess how we relate to other people. Family gatherings have often occurred online from video calls to check up on one another, to celebrating birthdays and holidays by gathering in front of a screen. Some firsts for me included a baby shower, a graveside service and wedding on zoom. Our communion services and even weekly worship have been viewed from our homes more often than in the church building.

Even though it doesn't feel the same, our church is reaching people for Jesus. We are poised to take the next step of engaging these people who attend online to grow in discipleship. Our ministry is vital. In some ways, it is scary. It reminds me of Moses sending men to explore the land of Canaan and they come back fearful expect for Caleb and Joshua. We can find ways to be creative in ministry, to move forward in new ways as we seek to share God's heart with our community and world.

As one body with many members, we need to celebrate our diversity, to see the worth of every person and to seek forgiveness from those we have harmed. The Wesley three simple rules: Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God. As we live these rules, we have to acknowledge times when we have harmed someone or a group of people. Through confession and reparation, we can do good and stay in love with God.

Thank you for your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness.

Blessings,
Rev. Lori

CHURCH CONFERENCE DECISION

At the November 30 church conference, our church approved the exchange of land to the Village of Mahomet in exchange for release from subdivision requirements from the original purchase of the land that we own. The exchange includes permit of the natural prairie grasses, and the lighted baseball field. The village will complete a bike path on the right of way along South Mahomet Road. The Village of Mahomet plans to extend south Mahomet road across the railroad tracks in order to connect with the school buildings east of town.

JANUARY TRAINING

January 14, 2021

6-8 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 951 9825 5291

Passcode: 2020

For all people on SPRC, Finance, Trustees, and Memorial

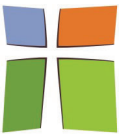
January 17, 2021

10:30 a.m. - noon

Zoom Meeting ID: 928 3663 7954

Passcode: 2021

For all people on Education, Missions, Worship, and Discipleship



SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Thelma Primmer who died December 23.

THANK YOU

Dear Church family, Thanks to everyone who filled a Christmas bag with such a variety of useful items, tasty goodies and cards. I spent many joyous hours opening up everything. Thank you for remembering me. I pray that 2021 will be a better year for all of you.

God bless all of you dear church friends.
Norma Tharp

Dear Mahomet UMC, Thank you for making Christmas merry and bright for the children and families of The Baby Fold with your gift card. Because you gave from your heart, our community will be stronger in 2021.

May your holidays be holy days,
Rev. Lori Bultemeier, Christian Life Coordinator

This past Monday I had just arrived home from a hospital stay & the door bell rang. It was Eileen Waters bringing us the flower & gift bag from the folks at church. Lily & Jamey we're here & it was like Christmas came early. The gift bag was filled with thoughtful and useful items. We want to say THANK YOU to everyone that participated in our Christmas bag. It was all much appreciated & loved! Please keep going with continued prayers, my health isn't too good right now. Randy is better thank the Lord.

God bless everyone. I miss you all.
Randy & Sherry Emerson

To our church friends, We thank you so much for the sack of gifts and the many cards. Very interesting!

Love and prayers,
Harold and Bev

THANK YOU

Thank you for the Christmas cards and remembering me.

Lori Christianson

We enjoyed having carolers come by! You're welcome anytime. Thank you and Merry Christmas from Sue and John Hesketh

Thank you for the generous gift! God bless you as together we work to show His love as the hands, feet and heart of Christ.

In His Service,
Chantel Corrie
Executive Director
Midwest Mission Distribution Center

Thank you, MUMC, Pastor Lori and all who helped make Christmas so special. I took the nice decorated bag of cards and items for shut-ins up to Paxton for Ron and I'm sure he really appreciated being remembered by the church. I know it meant alot to me. I also appreciated the special bag of helpful and fun "goodies" provided to the seniors at the noon drive through, as well as the communion. It was special to see "the growing place" illustration of the grape vine on the cross that my daughter, Connie Balek, drew some time ago. The poinsettia is still beautiful and I have wonderful memories of on-line services and the people of MUMC caring.

Thank you so much.
Susan Bates

I want to thank all the ladies that came to my home with flowers, a goodie bag and sang. That was so thoughtful. Merry Christmas to all.

Helen Brown



2021 Officers & Committees

CHURCH COUNCIL (Meetings: Second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm)

Office	Name	Class
Chair	Margaret White	
Vice-Chair	Terri Hunt	
Secretary	Connie Hinkle	
Lay Leader	Rob Parker	2014
	Cindy Dodd	
Finance Chair	Doug Beckmann	
SPRC Chair	Nancy Strunk	
Trustee Chair		
Treasurer	Gary Winans	
Lay Member AC	Cindy Dodd	2023
LMAC (Alternate)	Matt Robinson	
UMW President	Janet Thompson	
Memorial Chair	Carol Bunting	
Discipleship Team Chair	Terry Roush	2018
Education Co-Chairs	Kris Parker	2023
Mission Chair	Steve Carlson	2019
Worship Chair	Dan Matthews	2023
Visitation Team Coord.	Eileen Waters	
Church Historian	Greg Pasley	
Youth	Kami Parker/ Keaton Roberts	
2021 At-Large	Alice Dollahon	
2022 At-Large	Fred Bunting	
2023 At-Large		
Ex-Officio (serves w/out vote)	Rev. Lori Harvey - Pastor Kathy Tock - Director of Music Kristina Robinson - Director of Inclusion	

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS (Meetings: On call during summer/fall of each year)

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Roberta McElmurry	Gerry White	Kristyn Kempher
Donna Hixson	Carol Swearingen	Terry Dodd
Ex-Officio	Rev. Lori Harvey..... Pastor & Chair	
	Margaret White Chair, Church Council Chair (2020)	
	Rob Parker..... Lay Leader (2014)	
	Cindy Dodd Lay Members of Annual Conference	

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm)

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Lance Noone	Wiley Scott	Gary Kling
Brian Stabler	Joyce Herriott	Scott Yeazel
Melody Maxwell	Darrell Uebelhoer	Bernie Hinkle

(Note: Trustees elect their own officers at first meeting in January. Officers serve for term of one year.)

Chair	Ex-Officio: Rev Lori Harvey - Pastor
Vice Chair	(voice, no vote) Rob Parker - Lay Leader
Secretary	
Rep to Finance	



STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (Meetings: First Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm)

Class of 2021

Lin Hambleton
Reba Karr

Class of 2022

Laurel Mathews
Jeff Bunting
Nancy Strunk (chair)

Class of 2023

Lois Meerdink
Brian Chester

Chair.....Nancy Strunk
Secretary
Lay Member of Annual Conference
Ex-Officio Rev. Lori Harvey, Pastor
Rob Parker, Lay Leader
Cindy Dodd

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Meetings: Second Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm)

Class of 2021

Tyler Tanaka (sec)
David Roberts

Class of 2022

Alice Miller
Shannon Patterson

Class of 2023

Doug Beckmann (chair)
Dick Livesay

Ex-Officio Rev. Lori Harvey.. Pastor
Rob Parker..... Lay Leader (2014)
Margaret White..... Church Council Chair
Terry Hunt Church Council Vice-Chair
..... Rep. from Trustees
Gary Winans..... Treasurer
Kay Williams & Scott Yeazel .. Financial Secretaries
Cindy Dodd Lay Members of Annual Conference
Margaret White/Kris Parker Education Co-Chair
Nancy Strunk Staff-Parish Chair
Carol Bunting Memorial Chair
Steve Carlson..... Missions Chair
Dan Matthews Worship Chair

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY TEAM (Meetings: On call as needed)

Terry Roush*, Janet Thompson, John Bell, Gerry Drake, Susan Adamson
Chair.....Terry Roush
Ex-Officio Rev Lori Harvey - Pastor
Kristina Robinson - Director of Inclusion

MEMORIAL AND SMALL GIFTS/SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (Meetings: On call as needed)

Class of 2021

Carol Bunting*
Judy Ash

Class of 2022

Maggie Beckman
Lisa Peithman

Class of 2023

Gerry White
Carolyn Scott

Chair.....Carol Bunting
Secretary
Ex-OfficioRev. Lori Harvey - Pastor
Margaret White.....Church Council Chair (2020)
Terri HuntChurch Council Vice-Chair (2020)
Rob ParkerLay Leader (2014)
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