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LETTER FROM REV. LORI HARVEY

40 Days of God on the Move

As we order our days, we have the gift of different seasons. Some people love winter and the coziness of fireplaces and hot chocolate. Others enjoy the newness of spring or summer's warmth. Perhaps you prefer the crispness of fall. Each season has its purpose.

The Christian life has a similar orderliness of seasons. Christmas and Easter are fairly familiar yearly celebrations. Some people add the celebration of Pentecost, the celebration of the holy spirit and new church. As we approach Christmas, we call it the season of Advent. As we approach Easter, we call the 40 days (plus Sundays) prior as a season of Lent. Lent is an opportunity for us to engage in spiritual practices, preparing us for new life in Christ.

This year, we are going to experience Lent as a way for God to Move in our lives, our community and our world. During these 40 days, starting Wednesday, February 17, we have prepared a God on the Move box. Inside you will have items to help you along the way. Some events will be in person, a rice meal mission project, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday event, and Easter celebration, including a sunrise service.

Some spiritual events will be online: Wednesday meditation with Rev. Lori, Friday music mediation, Painting Meditation, yoga mediation and a Lenten study. Items in the box include, ashes, a worry knot, watercolor paints, palm cross and a calendar of kindness. We hope you will journey with us during these 40 days and look how God is on the Move.

WORSHIP

Sunday worship is at 9:30 a.m. We are currently able to accommodate 50 people in the sanctuary and we have an overflow room when needed. See the information below:

We ask that you wear masks, physically distance yourselves from one another, and refrain from hugging and shaking hands. We know it is hard, but it is important we stay focused on our goal to "Do No Harm".

We are delighted to have people back in the building. We also plan to continue to live stream our services, so know if you aren't ready to return to the building that will still be available to you.

This upcoming Sunday we will have communion. If you would appreciate having the communion elements delivered to you prior to the service, let us know (566-2147 or mumc@mumc.org) and we will get them to you.





SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to:

- Randy Emerson and family following the death of Sherry.
- Lorena McClain and Melody Maxwell following the death of Jack McClain.
- Chuck Peterson following the death of his mother, Paula Peterson Ocheltree

THANK YOU

Dear Church,

Thank you so much. The carolers and their carols, the big beautiful red flower and the Christmas Bag filled to overflowing filled my heart with joy, my eyes with tears and uplifted my spirit.

Yours in fellowship and love,
Betty Brainerd

THANK YOU

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at Mahomet UMC,

Thank you for your generous donation of the school bags and school supplies to Midwest Mission. Each donation is a blessing God uses to bless you and others.

Thank you for your generous donation of Christian literature, tablecloths, altar cloths and communion cups to the Midwest Mission. Each donation is a blessing God uses to bless you and others.

Your donations will leave Midwest Mission and be a practical example of God's love in the world to the "least of these". "The king will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

Yours in Christ,
Chantel Corrie
Executive Director

Angel Whisper Ministry



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

KLEENEX FOR HELPING HANDS

Since more of us are able to be in the church again, the Helping Hands grocery cart is back in the commons area. If you wish to donate something, please



note the following. It would be appreciated if our members would concentrate on providing Kleenex (facial tissue). This is an item that is not available from the Eastern Illinois Foodbank, and it's something our recipients are happy to receive each month. Thank you!

Karen Wilkinson
Mahomet UMC Helping Hands Representative



JOHN WESLEY'S TWELVE PRINCIPLES



1. Reduce the gap between rich people and poor people
2. Help everyone to have a job
3. Help the poorest, including introducing a living wage
4. Offer the best possible education
5. Help everyone to feel they can make a difference
6. Promote tolerance
7. Promote equal treatment for women
8. Create a society based on values and not on profits and consumerism
9. End all forms of slavery
10. Avoid getting into wars
11. Share the love of God with everyone
12. Care for the environment



4TH THURSDAYS
7:00-8:00PM

CHRISTIAN YOGA

THIS CLASS WILL BE IN THE
COMFORT OF YOUR HOME VIA
ZOOM
JOIN ZOOM MEETING

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JANUARY LEADERSHIP MEETINGS REPORT

January, 14
6-8 pm on Zoom

COMMITTEES ATTENDING:
Staff Parish Relations Committee
Finance
Trustees
Memorial

Rev. Angie Lee, Iroquois River District Superintendent and Rev. Mike Potts, Director of Administrative Services attended.

A discussion of group accomplishments in 2020 and future goals. A review was made on John Wesley's principles and open discussion followed..

Each committee broke out into individual groups then returned to the open group for a wrap up session.

Trustees
Fire suppression system needs upgrading
Custodial services on hold
Room utilization within building
Update lighting-future project

Finance—Rev. Mike Potts was helpful during this committee meeting.

Donations in December balanced the budget
Paid 100% of apportionments
Grants received which went toward live stream equipment and allowed upgrading of internet and lunch program

Staff Parish Relations Committee
Conclusion we should all work towards a common goal.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Angie Lee

Sunday Jan 17
10:30 am-12 noon on Zoom

Meeting opened with prayer.

Things we celebrate:
Praying for people
Singing for shut-ins
Christmas bags
Cookies delivered to homes
Zoom meetings
Live stream worship
MAYC and ATLAS
Rice meals
Virtual VBS
Book club
120 mice to the school

Wesley Principles reviewed and discussed as a group

The group brainstormed for the future.
Need for committees to work together
Work with Bridle Brook
Lenten box
Singing groups
Preschool
Missions with Lana
Rice meals
Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts groups meeting at church
Indoor/outdoor playground
Family oriented mission project
Confirmation class
Prayer Labyrinth available
Random acts of Kindness
Support groups
Nursing Moms room offering privacy as well as being able to hear service
Reopen WOW
Plan Easter
Cooking classes
Interact with residents living in the trailer parks
Outside groups needing our space Trustees
Auto Service Saturday
Retreat

Each committee broke into groups and then returned to discuss.

Education: Kristina Robinson
Confirmation
WOW
Lenten boxes
Bridging the gap-preschool, building uses for children, opening building in summer

Worship: Dan Matthews
Reaching people beyond Sunday am
Meet and engage people in service

Missions: Joy Duitsman
Rice meals
Working with Midwest District
Local areas such as MAYC
Calendar of Kindness during Lent

Discipleship: Terry Roush
Lenten boxes
Confirmation
Resuming Adult SS classes and Lenten study
A class for beginners to church
Possible Men's group

Meeting in Feb for individual groups sometime before Feb 11, 2021

Plan to come together as one big group in March 2021.



LUKE BUSCH AWARD WINNER

Mahomet-Seymour Junior High School has announced the 2nd Quarter Luke Busch Award winners. Luke Busch was a student at Mahomet-Seymour Junior High when he was diagnosed with a terminal illness. The Busch family established the Luke Busch H.E.A.R.T. Award in his memory.

7th Grade – Audra Bell

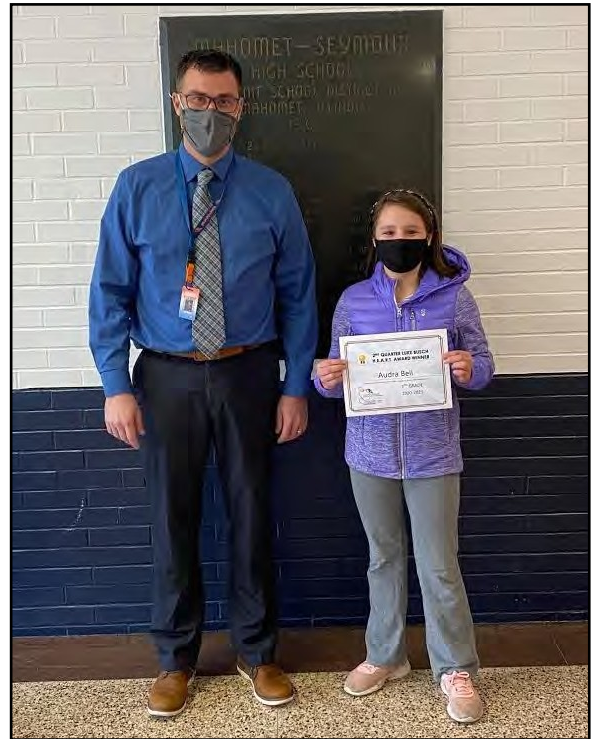
Parents: John and Jody Bell

Nominating teacher: Mrs. Stacey Buzicky

Audra is a wonderful young lady who is a true joy to be around and have in class. She is a hard working, responsible and dedicated student. Audra is kind hearted, caring and thoughtful towards others. She exemplifies the traits of the Luke Busch Heart Award because she is a leader to her peers, helpful to her teachers, accepting of everyone, respectful and always sets a good example.

Audra: What are your ambitions or future dreams?

I want to be a lawyer that specializes in civil and political rights.



Parents: Please share a comment(s) about your student or a favorite quote.

Audra sounds like Luke in so many ways. On the farmette where we lived in northwestern Illinois, she loved riding our horses, naming our cows and calves, playing with her two younger brothers, our dog and cats and roaming the pastures and fields that surrounded our home. She loves musical theater and is active in the Champaign Park District youth theater program and MSJHS Drama Club. She is active in our church and lives out her beliefs. Her Kindergarten teacher in NW IL once described her as being like Snow White: she skipped happily everywhere she went and was a friend to everyone. We have heard stories from teachers through the years of her finishing her own work and then helping others unprompted, befriending new kids or those who seemed left out, and quickly coming to the aid of those needing help or support. We are deeply honored to have Audra recognized in a way that honors Luke's legacy.

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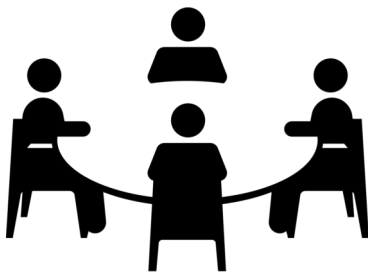
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NEXT UMW MEETING

We invite all women of the church to the next UMW meeting on Thursday, February 4 at 1 pm at the church. Masks and social distancing will be observed. Carolyn Scott will present the program. There will be no refreshments. We look forward to seeing you.



THURSDAY READING CIRCLE

Our next meeting will be February 11, 2021. We will be discussing *Traveling With Pomegranates* by Sue Monk Kidd. Sue Monk Kidd has touched the hearts of millions of readers with her beloved novels and acclaimed nonfiction. Now, in this wise engrossing dual memoir, she and her daughter, Ann chronicle their travels through Greece and France at a time when each was on a quest to redefine herself and rediscover each other.

An absorbing book about spiritual growth and finding ones destiny. *Traveling With Pomegranates* is both a revealing self-portrait by a beloved author and her daughter, and a momentous story that will resonate with women everywhere.

March-*Know My Name: A Memoir* by Chanel Miller

We encourage any readers to come join the discussions. For any questions contact Sheryle Carpenter at davesherylecarp65@yahoo.com