



## SERMON SERIES : DR SEUSS AND YOU

I work on sermon ideas ahead of time with the hope that having things planned ahead, we can be creative in worship. Just recently, I worked on a plan through the end of the year. It may seem strange to consider Advent and Christmas when it is just after Easter. Our spring sermon series ideas were planned last year.

I was excited to find resources for a sermon series that ties in some Dr Seuss books. I will be preaching on bible texts that reference some familiar Seuss books including: *The Cat in the Hat, Oh the Places You will Go, Horton Hatches the Egg, Sneetches and Green Eggs and Ham*. **Please note that these do not include any of the six books that were taken out of publishing.**

In March 2021, Dr. Seuss Enterprises announced it would no longer publish six of Dr. Seuss's books, including "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street" and "If I Ran the Zoo" due to imagery that was determined to be racist and insensitive. "These books portray people in ways that are hurtful and wrong," the company said in a statement. "Ceasing sales of these books is only part of our commitment and our broader plan to ensure Dr. Seuss Enterprises' catalog represents and supports all communities and families."

It is important that we do not continue to use material with racial stereotypes. As people of faith, we are to work to justice and equity. However, I do hope that you enjoy this sermon series. These are books that I enjoyed reading to my children. Theodor Seuss Geisel did not write his books specifically with Christian overtones but theologians see in his books, Christian faith examples.

## 911 FORM

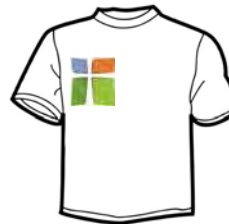
Just an FYI. If power goes out at the church building, our phone system is not able to call 911 for emergencies. In such a case, a personal cell phone will be needed to call for assistance. A power outage is rare however, we want you to have this information because your safety is important.

## DISCIPLESHIP CLASS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

'The Grace of Les Miserables' by Matt Rawle  
6 themes found in Les Miserables;  
grace (Jean Valjean),  
justice (Javert),  
poverty (Fantine),  
revolution (building the barricade),  
love (Marius and Cosette),  
hope (the garden)

Meeting in person,  
discipleship room  
beginning Sunday, May 23, at 10:30 a.m.  
Email Terry if you are interested in joining:  
[TKDRoush@mchsi.com](mailto:TKDRoush@mchsi.com)

## MAHOMET UMC SHIRTS



The Discipleship committee would love to offer an opportunity for us to have matching shirts with our church logo on it. We are hoping to order polo shirts and t-shirts. We plan to have order sheets available in the upcoming Monday email and on our website.

## ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED



If you would like to sponsor a week you can contact the church office at 586-2147 or email the church office at [mumc@mumc.org](mailto:mumc@mumc.org). Open dates:

May 2, 16, 23, 30

Each sponsorship is \$20. Make checks to Mahomet UMC. Indicate "Flowers" in the memo line or let the church office know.



## TIE BLANKET UPDATE

Twelve soft fleece Tie blankets were cut and tied during our Lenten series "God Is On the Move". These blankets will be prayed over on **Sunday May 2** and then distributed to the Crisis Nursery. Please pray that those who receive the blanket received the warmth of God's love and care. May the work of our hands bring God glory.

## GOOD SAMARITAN FUND UPDATE

At Christmas time we reached out to our congregation with an opportunity to request funds from our Good Samaritan Fund to aid in some of the financial hurt that this time has caused. We also offered an opportunity for people to donate to this fund. We were blessed with some generous gifts, so much so that a subgroup of individuals was gathered to make a plan for the best way to spend this money. We were made aware of a need and this team of individuals got to work on a plan. We have used the funds to anonymously catch up 18 families on their water bills. We pray that this one time gift will make a difference for these families. Praise be to God.

The customers will receive a letter that reads:

"Dear Sangamon Valley PWD Customer,

Our Church family has been looking for opportunities to be a part of the healing as we all work together to come out of this challenging time. We worked with Sangamon Valley Water Company to identify some customers that we could come alongside and get caught up on their water bills. Know, this transaction has been completely anonymous. We don't know who you are, but want you to know that you are loved beyond measure. We won't be able to help with water bills all the time, but we hope to always be a source of hope and healing in our community.

Blessings to you, our beloved neighbor!

Mahomet United Methodist Church"

## MOTHER'S DAY AT MAHOMET UMC

All women of our church will be honored on **Sunday, May 9** for Mother's day. Did you know that this day has United Methodist roots? Ann Jarvis and later her daughter Anna, began the movement of a national day to honor women, but mother's specifically.

Harriet Olson, Chief Executive, United Methodist Women: "They were thinking about the work of women and the significant testimony that women could give about the need for peace." Ann Reeves Jarvis organized women's clubs in the 1860s to serve suffering mothers and children.

Harriet Olson: "Women came together with their sisters in their locations to respond to the needs that they could see. For Ann, she was in a coal mining part of what is now West Virginia. And she could see the needs of women and children. And she could see the effect of the economy of her day on the people that she cared for most directly."

Donna Miller, Archivist, Historic St. George's United Methodist Church: "She started mothers clubs. And she talked to them about hydration for fevered babies, about sanitation and nutrition. And then the Civil War came along and they put a field hospital right outside Grafton."

Happy Mother's Day.

### Mission Opportunity

## Rice Meal Kits

**Sunday, May 23**

Sign up for a half hour slot on our website,  
5:30, 6:00 and 6:30 pm.  
600 meal kits in 1 1/2 hours

Each kit includes rice, protein and dried veggies.  
Your organization pays \$1 for every bag  
you want to make.

Each bag feeds six people, which is only  
\$0.16 a meal. The \$1 a bag cost covers  
all ingredients, gloves, hair and beard nets.



## SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to:

- Dave and Karen Huber following the death of their son, Daniel.
- Karen Ladd who lost her mother who was 104.

## CARD SHOWER

Joyce Herriott is turning 90 in June. Let's shower her with birthday cards! Her address is: 465 CR 1900 N, Champaign, IL 61822.

## THANK YOU

Dear Memorial Fund Committee,

Thank you so much for your generous donation towards my Boy Scout Eagle Project of re-doing the picnic tables. I truly could not have done this project without your donation. I hope the tables last for many years to come and that lots of people can use them now that they are in better shape.

Sincerely,  
Quade Bristle

*We invite you to see the newly redone picnic tables. You can have gatherings there - just let the office know so confusion is avoided.*



## SPRING SERMON SERIES

# Dr. Seuss and You

WITH  
REV. LORI

MAY  
16

"OH THE PLACES YOU WILL GO"

MAHOMET UMC  
GRADUATE RECOGNITION

SUBMIT A GRADUATE FOR  
RECOGNITION VIA OUR WEBSITE

DEADLINE MAY 5TH

## CALLING 2021 GRADUATES!

Are you graduating from high school or from a university this year? We'd love to honor you on Sunday, May 16. Go to the church website to fill out a form so we can celebrate your milestone.

### DEADLINE May 5.

We invite you to attend worship at 9:30 am or our new *Something* gathering at 6 pm on Sunday, May 16 so we can recognize you. UMW will present a small gift.



The weather cooperated for a beautiful evening at our first "SOMETHING" event. It was so nice to be together, outside. On Sundays at 6PM this is our new routine. Come and check it out! If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will move inside. Each week will look a little bit different. You can always find the information and RSVP form on our website. If you RSVP it helps us to plan activities that are a good fit for the crowd. This "SOMETHING" will be a casual, kid-friendly, time with others. Our goal is to provide opportunities for play and connection. If you are trying to find a way to incorporate spiritual growth into your routine, this is a great place to start.



### MAHOMET UMC COMES TO MAHOMET UMC AGAIN THIS SUMMER

Mahomet Area Youth Club provides a summer camp experience at Mahomet UMC  
June 7 - August 13 from 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

MAYC staff plans each day with some activities here on our campus and some field trips. Their food is prepared at the clubhouse and brought to the children and youth here. They often eat lunch at the picnic tables or under a tent.

Volunteer opportunities for us: drive lunch from MAYC clubhouse to our church each day, read or listen to a child read to you, teach

a craft like woodworking or knitting.

Volunteering: MAYC and Mahomet UMC are going to work together to recruit and train volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity with children and youth please fill out the form on the website or contact the church office.



Mahomet United Methodist Church



Text @  
Kayak2021  
#81010 to  
enroll in text  
group for more  
information.

Would your student like to join this year's confirmation class? We are looking forward to this unique approach to grow in relationship with God and one another. I am sure you have lots of questions! We are going to have an informational meeting this spring. We don't want you to miss it! Can you add yourself and your child to the Remind application text group? You will receive future communication about this group as the plans unfold. This group is for students entering 7th grade-entering 9th grade. If your student is older and missed the previous confirmation classes and is interested, email [pastor@mumc.org](mailto:pastor@mumc.org)!

### HONORARY FIREFIGHTER NAMED



Something beautiful happened at the church. Andrew, who attends the Atlas program turned 22! Pre-covid Atlas would go to Cornbelt Fire Station often! Andrew grew a strong passion for fire-fighting life. Cornbelt Fire Protection District stopped by his party and made him an honorary

firefighter. He was given a helmet with his name on it. The crowd went wild and our remote learning 4th grade class got to participate too. Having the opportunity to host these students during this crisis school year has been a gift. Something we'll always treasure.

### ISABELLE PURNELL SCHOLARSHIP

This annual scholarship will be awarded to a student selected by the Mahomet United Methodist Church. Recipients may reapply. The Isabel Purnell Scholarship awarded each year is based on the amount of the dividend that the Isabel Purnell Scholarship fund earns in the previous year.

Considerations:

- \* Shall be an active member of the Mahomet United Methodist Church
- \* Financial need
- \* Service/Volunteer activities within the church or school
- \* Must be enrolled and in good standing as a student in an accredited program of higher education or working toward an advanced degree
- \* The field of study is not stipulated, but preference may be given to education in ministry, health fields, social services, or agriculture

This Application Form must be completed and returned **by June 2, 2021**. The Mahomet United Methodist Church Scholarship Committee will select, notify, and award the scholarship based on the information from the Application form's questions which can be found on our website.

Completed forms may be returned by email to [mumc@mumc.org](mailto:mumc@mumc.org) or by mail to: Mahomet United Methodist Church 1302 E. South Mahomet Rd. Mahomet, IL 61853



Family Yoga—Sunday, June 27th  
6:00-6:45 pm



## NEXT UMW MEETING

We invite all women of the church to the next UMW meeting on Thursday, May 6 at 1 pm **at the church**. Rev. Lori Harvey will be talking to our group. Masks and social distancing will be observed. We look forward to seeing you.

## PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVAL

The Festival of Quilts couldn't happen without the participation of quilters and volunteers all across the state of Illinois. Thank you for the hours you spend designing and quilting your masterpiece for the show or auction, your fantastic items for the gift shop, and your delicious goodies for the bake sale. We look forward to seeing and sampling each item you contribute to benefit our kids.

The Festival of Quilts celebrates a special tradition at Cunningham; since 1895, every young person that comes to live at Cunningham is given a hand-made quilt to enjoy and treasure forever. The quilts are lovingly created by United Methodist Women and other members of the quilting community throughout Illinois who care about Cunningham youth.



## SUMMER LUNCH

The 10th year of Summer Lunch begins May 31st at Candlewood. This year MUMC is scheduled to provide lunches on June 28th through July 2nd. As always, we cannot provide a week of lunches without YOUR help. As we did last year, all lunches will be prepared and served out at the Pool House. As of today, the pool will not be open, therefore we will serve take-out style. If you are willing to give a day or two of your time to help prepare and serve lunches, please contact me at 217 3773935 or email me at lmeachum22@gmail.com. I am looking forward to another successful Summer and am so proud of the cooperation of MUMC to this incredible program.

## THURSDAY READING CIRCLE

On Thursday, May 13, the Reading Circle will be discussing *One For the Blackbird*, *One For the Crow* by Olivia Hawker

Wyoming, 1876. For as long as they have lived on the frontier, the Bemis and Webber families have relied on each other. With no other settlers for miles, it is a matter of survival. But when Ernest Bemis finds his wife, Cora, in a compromising situation with their neighbor, he doesn't think of survival. In one impulsive moment, a man is dead, Ernest is off to prison, and the women left behind are divided by rage and remorse.

Losing her husband to Cora's indiscretion is another hardship for stoic Nettie Mae. But as a brutal Wyoming winter bears down, Cora and Nettie Mae have no choice but to come together as one family - to share the duties of working the land and raising their children. There's Nettie Mae's son, Clyde - no longer a boy, but not yet a man - who must navigate the road to adulthood without a father to guide him, and Cora's daughter, Beulah, who is as wild and untamable as her prairie home.

Bound by the uncommon threads in their lives and the challenges that lie ahead, Cora and Nettie Mae begin to forge an unexpected sisterhood. But when a love blossoms between Clyde and Beulah, bonds are once again tested, and these two resilient women must finally decide whether they can learn to trust each other - or else risk losing everything they hold dear.



**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Dear Friends,

Pledged giving for the month of March was approximately \$22,500 and non-pledged giving was approximately \$5,000 making total giving about \$27,500. Total operating expenses were approximately \$26,500 making income for the month \$1,000. For the first quarter of 2021 pledged giving was \$73,000 and non-pledged giving about \$22,000 making total income about \$95,000 versus expenses of about \$78,000 through March 31.

At the April meeting, the Finance Committee recommended a budget of \$18,000 for the Purnell Scholarship program for 2021. This represents approximately 95% of dividend and interest income earned by Purnell Scholarship investments during 2020. Isabelle Purnell had a lifelong commitment to education. Her generous gift continues to fund educational opportunities for children in our community. There is a link on the MUMC website which outlines the application process. Applications for the 2021 scholarships are due by June 2, 2021.

The Finance Committee thanks the congregation for their generous support of our church's mission. We are off to a great start in 2021. It is so positive to have in person church again. Hosanna in the highest!

Financial reports are always available upon request.

Doug Beckmann  
Chair, Finance Committee

***GTJ/TNG MADE EASY***

Did you know we offer electronic giving? You can contribute anywhere, anytime right from your computer, smartphone or tablet.

To give online at mumc.org: Download our free mobile App by searching for "GivePlus" in the App Store or Google Play

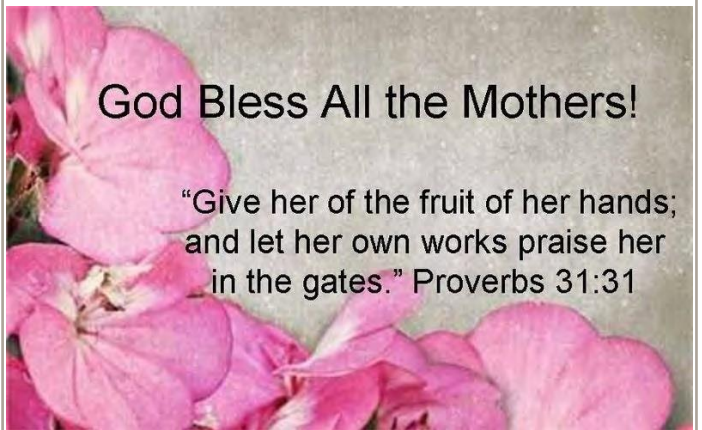
To learn more about our eGiving options, visit our church website or contact the church office.

**CALL FOR TECH CREW  
VOLUNTEERS  
AT OUR 9:30 SERVICE**

*Angel Whisper Ministry*

**God Bless All the Mothers!**

“Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.” Proverbs 31:31



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.

If you are interested in participating in the outreach mission of **ANGEL WHISPERS**, call Joyce Livesay, 217-369-1643.



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**LOOKING FOR READERS FOR AN UPCOMING SERIES-- CONTACT US TO VOLUNTEER TODAY**

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READER: ???

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**MAY 23**  
HORTON HATCHES THE EGG  
READER: ???

**MAY 30**  
SNEECHES  
READER: ???

**JUNE 6**  
GREEN EGGS AND HAM  
READER: ???