

The Circuit Rider

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MUSIC

- 1) Would you like to gather at the church on Sunday, July 11 and 25th at 10:30 am to carpool to some of our homebound folks to sing? We would love to have anyone who likes to spread joy to join us. We will drive to two different member's residence each week. Kathy Tock and Eileen Waters are in charge of this wonderful ministry.
- 2) Amy Smith will be bringing music to our worship time on **July 18th**. Amy was a student at the U of I when Pastor Lori was serving at Wesley UMC in Urbana. Amy is a gifted choir director and vocalist. We look forward to having her share her gift with us.

REV. LANA ROBYNE GUEST PREACHER



Rev. Lana Robyne, Missionary for Tanganyika Conference of the UMC, Missiologist for Friendly Planet Missiology United Methodist Elder, will be preaching on July 25th. Lana was a U of I student when Pastor Lori was serving at Wesley UMC in Urbana.

Lana's parents reside in Mahomet. We look forward to hearing about her mission work in Africa.

UPDATE FROM TRUSTEES JUNE 23, 2021

The Trustees met in 2 special sessions, June 8 and June 22 to discuss the fire suppression system in our building. Over the past 2 months, the trustees been talking with contractors and designers of fire suppression systems. On June 22, the trustees met with Cecil Bilbo, the original designer of our system to discuss needed repairs. Mr. Bilbo and the various contractors we have been talking with indicate that the typical lifespan of a dry (pipes are filled with air until a sprinkler head triggers) fire suppression system such as ours, is between 15 and 20 years. Ours in now about 21 years of age. Over the past several years we have had several leaks develop in the main fire suppression system pipes, causing us to replace pipe sections piecemeal. The most recent was last July in which a pipe failure in the ceiling above our kitchen flooded, causing damage to that part of church. We also know that we currently have at least one very small leak in an unknown location. Given these facts, the trustees approved a motion to determine if we can get the pipes internally inspected for a cost not to exceed \$2000. In addition, the trustees authorized the purchase and installation of a nitrogen generator for our system for a cost of approximately \$18,000. The nitrogen generator replaces the air in the pipes with nitrogen gas, almost completely stopping further corrosion. Nitrogen generators are a fairly new technology that wasn't available when our system was installed. According to industry experts, the use of a nitrogen generator will increase the lifespan of pipes in a dry system by a factor of 5. The nitrogen gas is non-toxic (the air we breathe is 85% nitrogen) and quite safe for systems such as ours. The installation of a nitrogen generator is expected to buy us some time as we investigate what needs replacement and what doesn't. The recommendation of various experts is to replace all of the main 3 and 4-inch lines and install a nitrogen generator to give us approximately 75 years of service. We are hoping the inspection will find that some of our pipes are in acceptable condition and we would then only have to replace the corroded ones. It is still possible that we will have to replace all of our main pipes. That will be a costly and messy process that could cost in the vicinity of \$120,000.



THURSDAY READING GROUP

This group will resume in September. Watch for the books this group will be reading in the future.

UMW LUNCHEON



All women of the church are invited to a luncheon on Thursday, September 2 at Noon. More information will be shared later. So mark your calendars. Reservations will be due August 23.

THANK YOU

Pastor Lori, Kristina, Carol Bunting and Memorial and Scholarship Committee,

WOW! We are overwhelmed by the very generous Isabelle Purnell Scholarship for both Paige and Kate. This will help immensely with their college tuition. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is truly appreciated! MUMC has been such a blessing in our lives for worship, guidance, friendship and faith. Please know that you have forever made a difference in our lives!

With love and gratitude! Paige, Kate, Kelly and Jeff Cramer

Good afternoon,

This morning I received notification in the mail of the generous gift offered to me via the Isabelle Purnell scholarship. Please allow me to express my sincere thanks to the committee, to Rev. Lori, and to MUMC. This incredible gift will make a significant difference in my financial situation as I make my way through my doctoral studies. I am lucky to be a part of such a supportive church community!

Sincerely, avid R.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Starting June 11th, Pastors once again were able to visit people at Carle Hospital. This is the first time since Covid restrictions were put in place. If you or a loved one is hospitalized and you would appreciate a visit from Rev. Lori please call the church office. If it is after hours, please leave a voicemail.

MAYC

Thank you church for working alongside MAYC this summer to enrich the lives of the families that participate. Below is a statement by one of the parents of a MAYC participant.

I just want to give a shout out to MAYC! My daughter is loving book club and learning to crochet, my son gave me a step by step how to change a car tire. Life lessons are worth so much. Thank you for providing such a great learning experience.

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.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED

If you would like to sponsor a week you can contact the church office at 58 -2147 or email the church office at mumc@mumc.org. Open dates:



July 4, 11, 25 August 8, 15, 29

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



The Mahomet United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for another year of support of Mahomet Helping Hands. We appreciate the volunteers* who worked hard to make the June giveaway go smoothly. Your monetary gifts and other donations are equally important to us as we serve our less fortunate neighbors.

We are grateful for the compassion and thoughtfulness of your members!

Sincerely, Mahomet Helping Hands

*Pastor Lori and avid
Jeff and Christine Bunting
Terry odd
Terry Rousch
Janet Thompson
Bill and Karen Wilkinson (Board Members)

Workers every month: Kari Couch; Eileen Waters (Board Member)



Angel Whisper Ministry



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, 217-3 9-1 43.

I want to send the warmest thank yous out for all the lovely cards, prayers, and transportation runs to everyone who has helped me keep my head above water these past couple of months. As with most things I do, things never run smoothly. The knee replacement is coming along well, but the breast cancer has been a series of hurry up and wait, with a couple of side issues just to keep life interesting. Blessings on my husband for being so patient with with me.

Cindy Bell

ear Church Friends,

Thank you for hosting the reception for people who are 90 years of age or older.

The tables were beautifully decorated and the cakes were delicious.

I appreciate all the planning and work done for all the older people.

God's blessings, Norma Tharp







SUMMER 2021

Sunday, July 18 at 10:30 am Lake of the Woods

Sunday, July 25 at 1 pm Riverbend









Registration covers the entire family! Registration encouraged by July 1st!

For ages 4 years old to entering 5th grade Youth helpers age entering 6th grade through 18 years Adult helpers of all ages!

Vacation Bible School is in person this year! Hooray! We are working to provide an experience for your whole family. We ask for adults to volunteer at least one of the weeks to help create a meaningful experience. We plan to do opening and closing sessions as a whole family group. In between the kids will pass through several stations (outdoors weather cooperating) and while the kids are having fun there will be an adult time with discussion that ties in with what the kids are learning. Something for everyone!

Sunday July 11th -7:30PM at MUMC (wear RE)

Sunday July 18th -7:30PM at MUMC (wear WHITE) --ICE A Y'S

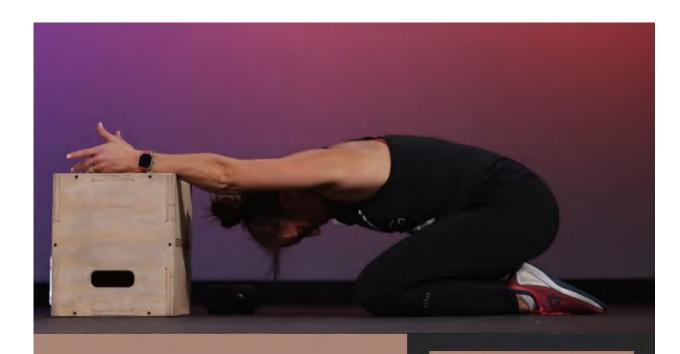
Sunday July 25th -7:30PM at MUMC (wear BLUE)

Sunday August 1st -8PM Swim Party at Farmer City Pool

HOW TO ENROLL IN REMIND APP TEXT GROUP: Caretakers of Participants please join the remind app text alert group for titled "MUMCVBS2021" by texting @7d9ad7 to the number 81010.

Here is the link to sign up! Link can be found on our website too! https://forms.gle/evQik bZW887zN9t7





NEW FITNESS CLASS

REVELATION WELLNESS

FRIDAYS 6:30-7:15AM

Beginning June 4th
at the
Mahomet United Methodist Church
1302 E. South Mahomet Road

Instructor: Katheryne Rehberg

The class will be offered at no cost.

Bring a mat and hand weights.

We are excited to announce a new fitness class for our community! Join us for Revelation Wellness Temple Training. 1 Corinthians 6:19 tells us our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit who is in us whom we have received from God. Katheryne Rehberg, a new Revelation Wellness instructor, will lead us as we honor God by moving our bodies. Our time together will include devotion, warm-up, strength training, cardio and a cool-down with stretching.



FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Friends,

Pledged giving for the month of May was approximately \$45,000 and non-pledged giving was approximately \$2,500 making total giving about \$47,500. Total operating expenses were approximately \$3,500 making net income for the month about \$11,000. The expenses for May included about \$10,000 for furnace/AC repairs and a LE lighting project. For the first 5 months of 2021 pledged giving was \$1 2,000 and non-pledged giving about \$31,000 making total operating income about \$193,000 versus expenses of about \$143,000 through April 30.

The Finance Committee thanks the congregation for their generous support of our church's mission. Hosanna in the highest!

Financial reports are always available upon request.

Doug Beckmann Chair, Finance Committee

JULY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 1

11 am Lunches at Candlewood

7 pm Staff-Parish Relations Committee

FRIDAY, JULY 2

11 am Lunches at Candlewood

:30 am Revelation Wellness

SUNDAY, JULY 4

9:30 am Worship

MONDAY, JULY 5

1 pm M&Ms

7 pm iscipleship Team

THURSDAY, JULY 8

pm Finance Committee

7 pm Church Council

FRIDAY, JULY 9

:30 am Revelation Wellness

SUNDAY, JULY 11

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Mahomet UMC Joyful Singers

:00 pm Something -

MONDAY, JULY 12

1 pm M&Ms

THURSDAY, JULY 15

7 pm Trustees

FRIDAY, JULY 16

:30 am Revelation Wellness

SUNDAY, JULY 18

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Confirmation Lake of the Woods

:00 pm Something...

MONDAY, JULY 19

1 pm M&Ms

FRIDAY, JULY 23

:30 am Revelation Wellness

SUNDAY, JULY 25

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Mahomet UMC Joyful Singers

:00 pm Something -

MONDAY, JULY 26

1 pm M&Ms

FRIDAY, JULY 30

:30 am Revalation Wellness

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Come to church on Sundays at pm for "SOMETHING". No "Something" July 4.

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" is a casual, kid-friendly, time with others. We 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.