

The Circuit Rider

REV LORI'S NOTES FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

Along with you, I thought things would be back to "normal" but with the increase in variants, we are back to wearing masks at church. I stand far enough away that they allow me to take my mask off for preaching. If you are not comfortable or are one of the many people that are immune compromise, we still invite you to worship with us online. Our worship services are on Facebook and YouTube and can be accessed through our website; mumc.org. We would love to know that you are worshiping with us, so message us with a Hello church or sign in on our website home page.

Prayer Revolution is a book study that is happening in over 12 churches in the Mahomet area. These books are free and can be picked up at the Open Room on Main street or there are a few copies on the table in the atrium at the church. Read the book then join a small group to reflect on what you are reading and pray together for one another, our churches and our community. This is a great study to help us grow deeper in our prayer life. Sign up for a small group through Open Room.

Thank you to all who volunteered at the Music festival and for the big heart with prayer requests on it. If you haven't already, take a moment to pray for someone on the big heart. Please note that we now have a prayer corner in the atrium with prayer shawls and squares, weekly prayer lists and monthly upper room devotional books. Please use this area to sit in prayer and share items with people you may know that are needing a spiritual lift.

I will be available on the first Sunday of the month in the Wesley room for prayer, scripture sharing and conversation. Please feel free to stop by or call me if you want to visit at another time. If you are looking to join the church, we invite you to stop by on October 3rd. I would love to welcome you into our congregation and assist you in finding ways to connect with a small group. Also, please note that there is a page on our website to submit your prayer request or you may call or email the church office.

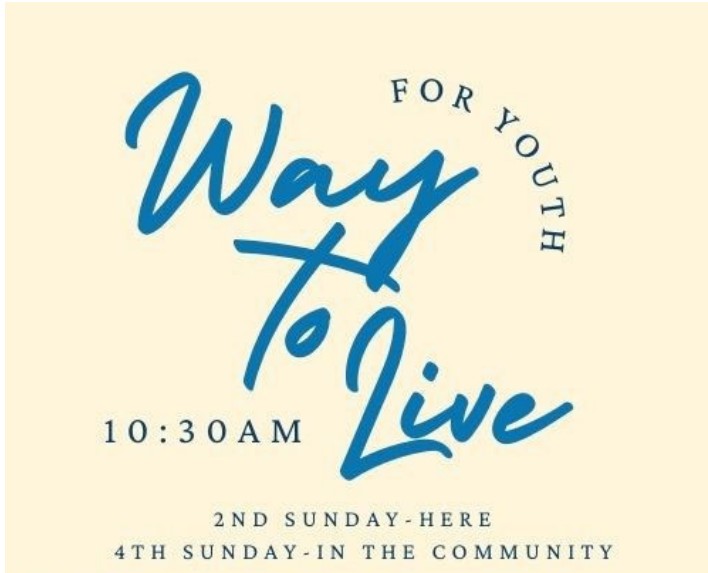
On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, our Jr and Sr High youth will be meeting. One of these times will be in learning about the Way to Live as a person of faith and the other time will be practicing the way to live through a service project. September 26th is our first service project with the plan to provide the congregation and community a free tire pressure reading and filling the tires as needed. Along with this, we plan to have people available to take blood pressure reading. This should be fun, since the pressure reading is after the sermon. Other projects: October- raking leaves, November- decorating the church, December- bell ringing.

Together We Share: Our finance committee has designated October to be our annual stewardship campaign. Our theme is Together We Share. We are able to engage in vital ministry by sharing our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. As a congregation, we are stronger in our faithfulness when we share our needs and blessings. We hope that you will prayerfully consider how you can give to the church financially but also with your time. Look for a letter in your mailbox with a pledge card to be filled out and returned on October 24. In addition, consider how you will be involved in leading people to Jesus and helping us to grow as disciples.

October is Clergy Appreciation Month



Different ways to show Rev Lori you appreciate her and her ministry here at Mahomet UMC: Send her a card of appreciation; acknowledge her spiritual gifts face to face; send her flowers or a plant; gift cards (Restaurants, Department Store, Books etc.); or whatever idea you might come up with!



**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
9:30 AM WORSHIP**

After worship we invite you to join us for a reception for our confirmation class. We will have light refreshments in celebration. We encourage you to bring a card of congratulations for each Confirmand (names listed below). We are delighted to be a part of their on-going commitment to their faith journey.

Audra Bell
Izaiah Brotherton
Vance Clark
Kenna Collins

Alexandar Donahue
Ethan Kempher
Lawson Parker
Callie Tuner

A poster for a "Mom's Group". The title "Mom's Group" is written in a large, pink, cursive font. Above it, "Sign up Munc.org" is written in a yellow, sans-serif font. Below the title, "Tuesday's 9AM" is written in a pink, sans-serif font, followed by "Session runs 9/28-11/16" and "Childcare upon request" in a smaller, pink, sans-serif font. The poster features a sunburst design with yellow lines radiating from the center, and several small yellow stars.

Rev. Lori would love to host you for a time of fellowship and study. The group will work through the book "Prayer Revolution" by John Smed. If this particular time doesn't work for you, but you are interested in this study you should reach out to those at the Open Room in Mahomet. Many other groups around town from many different churches will be offering a similar study. Our group in particular is geared toward Moms.



CUNNINGHAM CONNECTION

TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE
A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

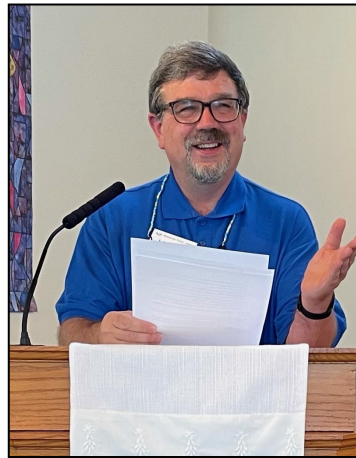
Chaplain Gaye Crede will share information about Cunningham Children's Home during and after the 9:30 am worship. Light refreshments will be served immediately following worship with a question and answer time.

You can make donations to Cunningham one of two ways.

Monetary gifts: Make checks out to Cunningham Children's Home. Please send them to the church or drop them off on Sunday, October 17.

These are the most requested gift cards: Amazon.com (Gift cards ship free!); Bath & Body Works; Dick's Sporting Goods; Hobby Lobby; Michael's; Target; Wal-Mart

UMW LUNCHEON



We had 38 people who attended our UMW luncheon on September 2. The food was delicious and our speaker, John Howard, presented a very informative program about the Mahomet Library serving our community. The fellowship was wonderful too. Gerry Drake was presented our mission pin award.

UMW SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 9:30 AM

Mission Pin Recipient
Second Grade Bibles recognition

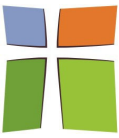
SCHOOL BAG PROJECT

Our M & Ms group is making school bags but need donations of supplies to fill them. Now is a great time to purchase school supplies. Below is the list of needed items. Your donations would be greatly appreciated! Thank you.

Kit Contains:

- 3 Notebooks -1 subject spiral 8" x 10 1/2"
- 1 Ruler -12" long with metric
- 6 Pencils -unsharpened
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Pencil Eraser -2" or larger
- 1 Box 12 Colored Pencils
- 1 Box 24 Crayons
- 1 Pair of Scissors - student





BOOKS FOR SEPTEMBER THROUGH JANUARY

SEPTEMBER: *The Family Nobody Wanted* by Helen Doss (267 pages)

This long awaited New Edition of Helen Doss's beloved memoir, originally published in 1954, is the remarkable and inspiring true story of a couple who adopted twelve children, ten of them considered "unadoptable" because of mixed racial parentage. Doss's charming, touching, and at times hilarious chronicle tells how each of the children representing White, Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Korean, Mexican, and Native American backgrounds, came to her and her husband, Carl, a Methodist minister.

The Family Nobody Wanted, which inspired two films, opened doors for other adoptive families and was a popular favorite among parents, young adults, and children for more than thirty years. Now this new addition will introduce the classic to a new generation of readers.

OCTOBER: *A Road Called Down on Both Sides* by Caroline Kurtz (238 pages)

Caroline Kurtz grew up in the remote mountains of Maji, Ethiopia in the 1950s. Inside her mud adobe home with her missionary parents and three sisters, she enjoyed American family life. Outside, her world was shaped by drums and the joy cry; Jeep and mule treks into the countryside; ostriches on the air strip; and the crackle of several Ethiopian languages she barely understood but longed to learn.

Carolyn felt she'd been exiled to a foreign country when she went to Illinois for college. She returned to Ethiopia as soon as possible. Life under a Communist dictatorship meant constant outages – water, electricity, sugar, even toilet paper. But she was willing to do anything, no matter how hard, to live in Ethiopia again. Yet the chaos only increased down from the north.

Caroline can speak and read Amharic, and spearheads development in Ethiopia's Maji District, introducing apples, solar energy, and women's cottage industries.

NOVEMBER: *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano (341 pages)

One summer morning, twelve-year-old Edward, his beloved older brother, his parents, and 183 passengers board a flight in Newark headed for Los Angeles. Halfway across the country the plane crashes. Edward is the only survivor. His story captures the attention of the nation, but he struggles to find a place in the world without his family. He continues to feel that a part of himself has been left in the sky, forever tied to the plane and all of his fellow passengers. After he makes an unexpected discovery, he begins to understand all the ways his aunt and uncle, teachers, neighbors, and one very special friend have stepped in to care for him. Edward comes to see the transformation power of kindness and realizes that even a broken heart is capable of great love.

JANUARY: *The Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah (564 pages)

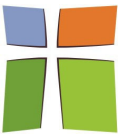
With courage, grace, and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristen Hannah captures the epic panorama of World War II and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. *The Nightingale* tells the stories of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion, and circumstances, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied France – a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of women. It is a novel for everyone, a novel for a lifetime.

CHRISTIAN
YOGA

FALL SERIES

AT 6PM
SEPT. 16
OCT. 28
NOV. 15

INSTRUCTOR-VALERIE WRIGHT
THIS CLASS WILL BE OUTDOORS AT THE CHURCH
WILL MOVE INDOORS IF THE WEATHER IS NOT FAVORABLE
OFFERED TO THE COMMUNITY AT NO COST



FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Friends,

Pledged giving for the month of July was approximately \$18,000 and non-pledged giving was approximately \$5,000 making total giving about \$23,000. Total operating expenses were approximately \$29,000 generating a net loss for the month of \$6,000. For the first 7 months of 2021 pledged giving was \$199,000 and non-pledged giving about \$40,000 making total income about \$239,000 versus expenses of about \$201,000 through July 31.

The Finance Committee thanks the congregation for their generous support. Thank you for supporting our church ministries!

Financial reports are always available upon request.

Doug Beckmann
Chair, Finance Committee

MOM'S PANTRY

We offer free food items; free school supplies; free personal care items; free clothing; free outdoor wear. We are open during school hours Monday - Friday and Sundays 5:30 - 7 pm, or by appointment. Any student of Mahomet Seymour schools is eligible. The pantry is located in the brick building behind MSHS. For more information or questions contact me: Cindy Brumfield, cbrumfield@ms.k12.il.us, school 217-586-7672, my cell 217-493-0522, or Mom's Pantry (Facebook page)



Thank you to Connie Hinkle who created the **ANGEL WHISPERS** logo. 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.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to:

- Kristyn Kempher and family following the death of her father.
- Doug and Maggie Beckmann following the death of their brother in law.
- Terry Dodd and family following the death of his sister.

THANK YOU

Dear Mahomet UMC,

Thanks so much for inviting me to preach and worship with you. It was so nice to meet all of you! Thanks for keeping my mission and the Tanganyika Conference in DRC/Congo in your prayers. Your church and missions are in my prayers too! Stay safe and healthy.

Pastor Lana

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. Open dates:

September 26; October 3, 24;
November 7, 14, 21, 28; December 5

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



HOW TO GIVE USING VANCO MOBILE

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Vanco Valley Community Church

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Done

1. Search for Our Church

Enter our church's name or use the invite code and click **Search**. Then, select our church.

Give to Vanco Valley Community Church

\$0

Sunday Offering

Vanco Valley Community Church offers members and visitors an easy and convenient way to support us.

Frequency

Payment options

Enter payment method

Cover processing fees

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2. Select Your Fund and Amount

Select your fund and donation frequency, then select your payment method.

Enter payment method

Credit or Debit Card

Card number

Expiration date

ZIP code

Save this payment method

Payment method

Credit or Debit Card

Bank Account

3. Enter Payment Method

Select a payment method and enter your credit card, debit card or bank account information. You can save this payment method for future donations.

Give to Vanco Valley Community Church

\$100.00

Food Shelf Donations

Our food shelf is one of the many resources Vanco Valley Community Church offers to serve our community. One way you can support these efforts is by contributing financially.

Every week

Starting June 13, 2021

Payment options

mastercard **** 024

Cover processing fees (2.75%)

Give \$102.75

Done

4. Choose to Cover Processing Fees

You can choose to cover the donation processing fees by adding a small amount on top of your gift. Click the button to opt in.

Complete your gift

Summary

Food Shelf Donations

Start Date: 06/13/2021

Every week

\$102.75

Payment method

Mastercard ending in 4650

Submit

Cancel

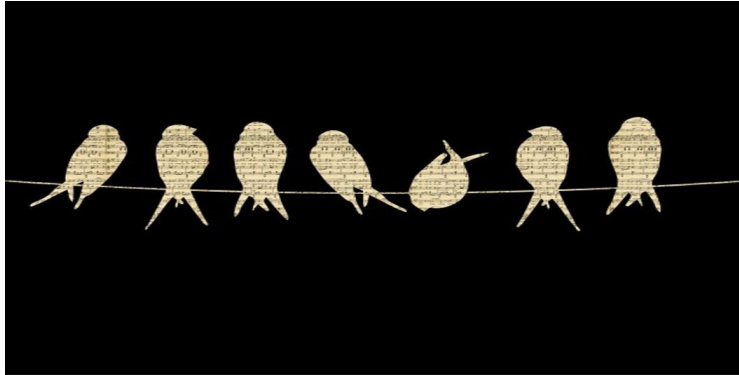
5. Complete Your Donation

Review and complete your gift by clicking **Submit**.

VANCO
FAITH



NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Come one, come all!!!! Chancel choir is began on Tuesday night, August 31 at 7:30! Our group has a wonderful time singing God's praises as well as making lasting friendships! Everyone is welcome—bring a friend! We sing a wide variety of music.



Bell Choir will begin at 6:30 on Tuesday, August 31. We have several openings we would love to fill. However, one needs to be able to read music and count rhythms. Contact Kathy Tock at

Praise Band!!! We are looking for guitar players, drummers, and vocalists. All members except drummers must be able to read music or choral charts. We will play once a month during the 9:30 service and rehearse the Wednesday night before the date of performance at 7 pm. Contact Kathy Tock at tockwoman@gmail.com for further information.



THIRD COAST PERCUSSION IS WITH CARLOS CARRILLO



We are honored to have received a Classical Commissioning grant from Chamber Music America! We're looking forward to working with composer Carlos Carrillo on a new piece for percussion quartet. Thank you for the support, CMA!



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7 pm Mahomet UMC Visioning

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

NOON UMW Luncheon

7 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:30 am Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

6:30 pm Handbells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

8 pm Worship Team

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

1:30 PM UMW Reading Group

7 pm Church Council

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 - UMW SUNDAY

9:30 am Worship

2 pm Bridlebrook

4 pm Kayaking Confirmation at Kris &
Rob Parkers

6:00 pm Something...

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

1 pm M&Ms

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

6:30 pm Handbells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

6 pm Christian Yoga

6 pm Finance Committee

7 pm Trustees

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - CONFIRMATION

9:30 am Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

1 pm M&Ms

7 pm Community Prayer & Worship

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:30 pm Handbells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Youth Group

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

1 pm M&Ms

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9 am Prayer Resolution Mom's Group

6:30 pm Handbells

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7 pm Christian Yoga

SPECIAL SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

UMW Sunday

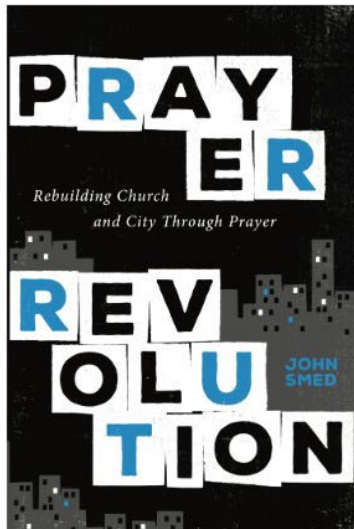
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Confirmation Sunday

CHARGE CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, NOV 13

2 pm Mahomet UMC



“I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent me.”

John 17:20-21

COMMUNITY PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Wednesday, Sept 15, 7:00 pm,
Mahomet Christian Church
and

Monday, Sept 20, 7:00 pm,
Mahomet United Methodist Church

*Both nights will include a live video interview with author, John Smed

All Nations Baptist Church
Community Evangelical Free Church of Mahomet
First Baptist Church of Mahomet
Grace Church of Mahomet
Grafted Fellowship
Lake of the Woods Church
Life Community Church
Lutheran Church of Mahomet
Mahomet Christian Church
Mahomet United Methodist Church
New Beginnings Lutheran Church
Point of Change Church
Sangamon Valley Christian Center

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Come to church on Sundays at 6 pm for "SOMETHING". **September 12, October 17, November 14**

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.