



The Circuit Rider

TRUSTEES UPDATE OCTOBER 31, 2021

Matco Fire Protection Inc., has installed a nitrogen generation system that replaces the oxygen in our fire protection pipes. I indicated in a previous update that our fire suppression pipes are empty of water unless actually triggered to put out a fire. The oxygen in those empty pipes causes corrosion, leading to leaks and potential accidental triggering of our fire suppression system. The new equipment separates and concentrates the nitrogen that naturally comprises most of the air we breathe and injects it into the pipes. When the nitrogen is concentrated to near 100%, it stops oxygen-based corrosion, greatly extending the life of pipes. The equipment has been installed and is currently being tested for performance. Matco will also be opening-up and camera-inspecting our existing large-diameter pipes to determine the need for replacement. With this testing we hope to only replace piping that really needs it. Lance Noone serves as our in-house expert on our fire protection system and is working closely with Matco.

There have been a number of recent problems in our heating and cooling systems that have needed repair. The trustees have contracted with P&P Heating and Cooling for preventative checks on all HVAC equipment fall and spring.

Our kitchen stove recently required a valve repair and trustees are working on evaluation of a replacement microphone for Rev. Lori.

Gary Kling

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Friends,

Pledged giving for the month of September was approximately \$15,000 and non-pledged giving was approximately \$4,000 making total giving about \$19,000. Total operating expenses were approximately \$33,000 generating a net loss for the month of \$14,000. For the first 9 months of 2021 pledged giving was \$229,000 and non-pledged giving about \$49,000 making total unrestricted income about \$278,000 versus expenses of about \$267,000 through September 30.

The pledge process to develop an estimate of giving for our church for 2022 is nearly complete. The theme for the campaign is "*Together We Share*" and you should have received a letter with the details from Dick Livesay, the Campaign Chair. It is our hope that through Service, Prayers, Gifts, Presence and Witnessing our congregation will continue its generous support of our church and its mission. Please turn in your pledge cards if you have not done so already. Thank you for supporting our church ministries!

Financial reports are always available upon request.

Doug Beckmann
Chair, Finance Committee

WELCOME OUR NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Michelle Petty accepted the position and is ready to start. She joined our staff on November 1.

Her office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm.

Her skills include computer competence and organizational ability. Michelle is friendly, works well with others and able to problem solve.

Her email is office@mumc.org



NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

We will remember our Veterans (and current service people) on **November 14, 9:30 am**. We want to thank all for their service to our country and our freedoms.

Amy Smith and a couple of her friends will present a beautiful background song called "Shalom" (Peace) by Dan Forrest.

VETERAN'S DAY COLLECTION

As we wrap up 2021, we are hoping to offer many opportunities for our church family to "Do Good". On these days leading up to Veterans Day we are collecting items for the VA Illiana Health Care System in Danville, IL. There is an extensive list of items they are searching for but those of most immediate need are: Body Wash, Shampoo, Deodorant, Lotions, non alcohol mouthwash, tooth paste and tooth brushes. Kindly drop off items at the church on or before November 11th and we will get them to the VA.

MAHOMET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



A project in memory of Joel Roberts

Youth Leadership Club and 5G will walk for #AllBulldogs in a walk-a-thon on Sunday, November 7th from 2-4 p.m. in the Mahomet-Seymour High School Field House. We invite you to sponsor us through pledges, a flat donation, and by attending our event to walk along side us for #AllBulldogs.

Funds raised will fulfill a wish for 30 families in need in our bulldog community. Below you will find specific wishes from our bulldog families. Feel free to specify where you'd like for your money to be spent or provide a general donation for the project. We are excited to spread kindness this holiday season!

Thank you in advance for your partnership and for teaming up to teach us the power of giving.

Your donations will help pay for:

- Twin mattress for young child
- Heating bill
- Sangamon Valley water bill
- Two front tires for a vehicle
- New window for a vehicle
- Bunk beds for two children
- Groceries for holiday meal
- Medical supplies for child with special needs
- Rent
- Water pump for vehicle
- Christmas dinner
- Family trip to trampoline park
- XL dog kennel

WEBSITE

There is so much to see on our website wwwmumc.org. Take the time to look through all of the tabs. You can find the newsletter on the news page. Also, there is a calendar of events tab that is updated regularly.

FACEBOOK

Worship Videos and church updates on our MUMC Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/MahometUMC/>

SUBSCRIBE TO YOUTUBE

Subscribe to our MUMC YouTube channel to see Church Videos including Worship, Devotionals and more. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP5XgdmXybxOKauiqjZ0KMQ>





UMW NOVEMBER MEETING

The next UMW meeting will be held on Thursday, November 4 at 1 pm. Karen Wilkinson will present the program "World Thank Offering" and Gerry White is the hostess. We invite all women of the church to attend. Masks will be worn.

CUNNINGHAM CONNECTION UPDATE

Cunningham Connection was celebrated Sunday, October 17 during worship. Chaplain Rev Gaye Crede King shared some updates from Cunningham. The three quilts to be given to residents were blessed during worship.

Apple donuts, coffee and apple cider were served after worship. We collected over \$1,000 plus several gift cards. UMW would like to thank everyone who donated money or gift cards.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP

NOVEMBER - Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano
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. Half-way 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.

YOUR DONATIONS NEEDED



UMW will be hosting a bazaar and bake sale on **December 4 and 5**. Would you be willing to bake some cookies, candies or other goodies for the bake sale? Do you like to make handmade items that you'd be willing to donate. We just ask that baked goods be wrapped and labeled. Cookies could be put on paper plates and then wrapped or placed in large baggies. Bring items to the church on **Friday, December 3 from 9 am to noon and Saturday by 9 am**.



Bazaar, Bake Sale & Nativity Walk

Saturday, December 4, 9 am - Noon

Sunday, December 5, 9-11 am & 6 pm

- Handmade items
- Homebaked Prepackaged Cookies
- Homemade Candies & Goodies



NATIVITY WALK - Enjoy an array of displayed Nativity sets



ALL SAINTS SERVICE NOVEMBER 7

We will read the names of the saints from our congregation and invite the congregation to lift up loved ones that have passed away in 2021. We will also dedicate our memorial items that have been purchased this year.

Thelma Primmer

Sherry Emerson

Jack McClain

Paula Peterson Ocheltree

Patricia O'Neal

Marcia Rosenberg

Daniel Huber

John Hesketh

Tom Bennett

Harold Schroeder

CONGRATULATIONS

The rose on the Altar on Sunday, October 17 was in honor of Hadley Mae Hazelwood, born on October 6, 2021. Hadley is the daughter of Austin Hazelwood and Kenzie Loy. Grand-parents are Joy and Greg Duitsman.

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

Look for our weekly Prayer List sent out in an All-Church e-mail and by US Mail if requested. To submit prayers, call (217-586-2147) or email the church at mumc.org, you can also post prayers in the comment section on Facebook during our 9:30 Sunday Worship Service or go to the Prayer tab on our website at mumc.org.



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.



PLEASE CONSIDER COLLECTING YOUR PLASTIC CAPS AND LIDS!

Thank you for your interest in the Caps and Lids recycling project! Kim Schaab-Ozier and I have taken over the coordination of the project for the Mahomet Town and Country Women's Club. I personally believe that recycling is one way that we can provide environmental stewardship and help the earth, and this project is actually a fun way to obtain picnic tables and benches for our community.

This year, I have a commitment from the teacher who coordinates the Atlas program at the high school to again incorporate the recycling project into her curriculum, with her students sorting the collected plastics. The sorted plastics are then transferred to MAYC, where they are weighed. When we have acquired the required number of pounds of plastics, an appointment is made at Green Tree Plastics, the sponsors of the ABC Promise Partnership, and the roughly 200 pounds of caps and lids are transported to southern Indiana (along with a check, of course), and we bring a bench (or other pre-ordered item) back with us.

The Women's Club plans to collect another 35 pounds of caps and lids for a bench meant for Middletown Prairie Elementary School in memory of Chris Russell, a past president of our Club. After that, we tentatively plan to collect caps and lids for the Mahomet Chamber of Commerce. They will provide the money to pay for the benches, while Atlas, MAYC, Greener Goods, MTCWC, and the Interact Club will provide the organizational structure and the human power!

Please consider collecting your plastic caps and lids! See the list below of acceptable and non-acceptable items for this project. You can bring your clean recyclables here to the church and deposit them into the lidded basket located in the foyer. They will be collected and delivered to the kids in the Atlas program. This project is changing and evolving as time goes on. Thank you for your help!

Joan Kling

ACCEPTABLE CAPS

Medicine Bottle caps/info packet removed
Milk Jug, Creamer Caps
Detergent caps
Hair spray caps
Toothpaste caps
Deodorant caps
Apple sauce pouch caps
Drink bottle caps - soda, water, juice, sports drink
Flip-top caps (ketchup)
Spout-caps (Mustard)
Spray Paint caps
Ointment Tube caps
Baby Food caps
Shampoo/Conditioner caps



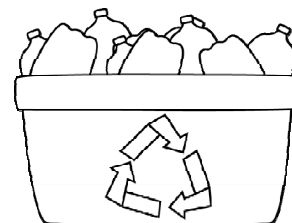
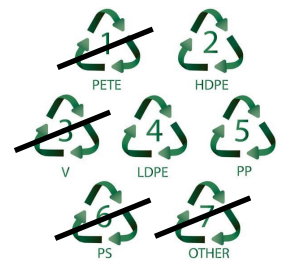
ACCEPTABLE LIDS

Cottage Cheese lids
Yogurt lids
Cool Whip Container lids
Pringle can lids
Mayonnaise jar lids
Peanut Butter lids
Coffee can lids
Butter lids
Ice Cream bucket lids (under 8" in diameter)
Cream Cheese container lids
Spice lids



NEVER ACCEPTABLE!!

No Metal
Drink bottles
Prescription bottles
Plastic Ziplock type bags
Trigger Sprayers
All fast food drink lids
Plastic that is not a cap or lid,
plastic pieces and parts
Human or Animal Medical Supplies
METAL - .ANY
TRASH...ANY
PAPER - .ANY
ALL food containers
Cardboard liners
Soap pumps
Lotion pumps
Grocery bags
Caps or lids with (1) (3) (6) or (7) recycle number
K-Cups and straws





NOVEMBER CALENDAR

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 1 pm M&Ms
- 7 pm Discipleship Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 9 am Prayer Room
- 6:30 pm Handbells
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 1 pm United Methodist Women

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:30 am Christian Education

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 1 pm M&Ms

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 9 am Prayer Revolution
- 6:30 pm Handbells
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 1:30 pm UMW Reading Group
- 6 pm Finance Committee
- 7 pm Church Council

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 2 pm Charge Conference

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - VETERAN RECOGNITION

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:30 am Youth Group Wayto Live Lesson
- 6 pm *Something*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 1 pm M&Ms
- 6 pm Christian Yoga

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 8:30 am Mom's Group at the Open Room
- 6:30 pm Handbells
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 7 pm Trustees

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21 - GIVE THANKS

- 9:30 am Worship
- 10:30 am Youth Group Way to Live Service

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- 1 pm M&Ms

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 6:30 pm Handbells
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- Happy Thanksgiving

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:30 am Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- 1 pm M&Ms

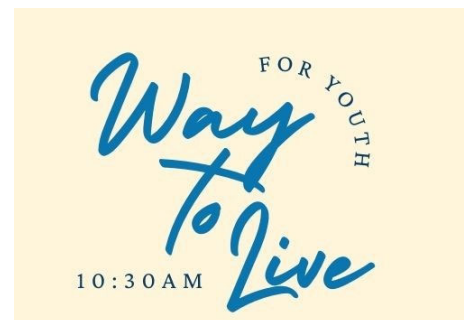
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 9 am Prayer Room
- 6:30 pm Handbells
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**CHARGE CONFERENCE - ALL CHURCH MEMBERS
INVITED TO ATTEND**

SATURDAY, NOV 13

2 pm Mahomet UMC



WAY TO LIVE LESSON NOVEMBER 14 - 10:30 AM

- Food is more than body fuel. It is a gift from God that connects us to the earth and to the needs of others. At the table we share food and our lives. We thank God, meet Jesus and become companions for life. Join us for a lesson on Food. Open to all Jr and Sr High youth.

WAY TO LIVE SERVICE NOVEMBER 21 - 10:30 AM

- Youth will assist getting Advent decorations out for church and set up



Thank You

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Mahomet UMC,

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

It is due to your generosity and partnership with Midwest Mission that we can touch so many lives for Christ around the world and around the corner. Thank you so

much for blessing others through the ministry of Midwest Mission!

Yours in Christ,
Chantel Corrie
Executive Director

PS Please keep Midwest Mission in your prayers as we are praying for you. We pray over each organization and donor before the letter leaves.



Joan Kling is creating some thoughtful and beautiful bulletin boards. Thank you, Joan!



NATIVITY WALK



We would love to share a variety of Nativities for people to enjoy as they shop on **December 4**. Would you be willing to bring your Nativity set(s) in for display? Call the church office to let us know that you would like to participate. Set up will be open on **Friday, December 3 from 9 am to noon and Saturday morning 8 to 9 am.**

MUSIC CONCERTS IN DECEMBER

During the first three Sundays of December, we will have music concerts at church. This would be a great opportunity to invite a friend to prepare for the holidays. If you need a ride, call the church office.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES ON FRIDAY DEC 24

- ▷ Noon, meal and music
- ▷ 5 pm outside child friendly with firepits
- ▷ 8 pm inside with Carols and communion



ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

We are preparing our **Advent Devotionals**, the deadline to submit your entry is **November 7th**. A devotional includes scripture, story and a prayer. If you are interested in participating Contact Terry Roush (terry.roush.cl1k@statefarm.com).



HELPING HANDS

Please bring Kleenex for the Helping Hands pantry.

Helping Hands is again asking local churches to provide \$20.00 gift cards for **Christmas** for the children of recipients. **On November 21st**, there will be the opportunity to sign up for one of these gift cards. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Group Poinsettias of 6 ½ inch pots with foil and bows can be ordered. These poinsettias will decorate the Great Hall and Commons Area during the Christmas season. Please fill out the form below in honor and/or in memory of your loved one and note "Poinsettias" in the memo of your check. Following the last Christmas Eve service, you may take them home. **The deadline to order is Sunday, December 5.**

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ poinsettias at \$12.50 ea.

Given by _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS



We will once again be filling Christmas Gift Bags for some of our church members. We want to let them know their church family has not forgotten them. These gift bags will be available in December.

A list of names will come at a later date too. *Suggested items to contribute are small items like hand lotion, chap stick, note pads, small packages of Kleenex (etc). Small food items must be store purchased and individually wrapped.* Christmas cards are a real joy with notes of what is happening to you and your family - ...maybe include a picture and add a prayer.

For questions contact Eileen Waters at email: enie@mediacombb.net



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SOMETHING...November 21, 6 pm Cunningham asked us to write Christmas cards in Spanish to be given to the children in the Caminos program so we will be writing cards. Also, we are preparing gift packages for our college students.

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. Please RSVP through the church website as it helps in the planning of each event.