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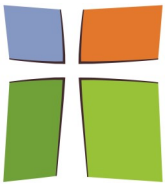
Mahomet United Methodist Church will offer a GriefShare group

Saturday, February 5, 9:30 am (13 weeks)

Leader: Laurel Matthews

Cost: \$15 for the GriefShare workbook, scholarships available

It hurts to lose someone. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable GriefShare resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life.



February 2022

- **February 12, 12:30 pm — Valentine Tea**

Way to Live youth serving our senior members of the church, Tea, finger sandwiches and dessert. They will also be helping with the bingo and music for this event.

- **February 27, 10:30 am — Way to Live lesson on Play**

Play is part of God's good creation and is important to a balanced, happy life. Play is the reset button God gives us to get a fresh take on a situation and to renew our lives.

March 2022

- **MISSION POSSIBLE 2022: Saturday, March 5th, 10 am to 3 pm**

We will be meeting at our church to carpool at 9:20 am.

Our Way to Live youth are invited to join us for an inspiring day that includes a first-hand look into our mission and the exemplary programs offered at Cunningham.

At Mission Day, youth learn:

- * what happens daily to help the vulnerable and hurting youth that we serve;
- * the importance of faith for healing;
- * the involvement of United Methodists in our mission; and
- * how to put their prayers, presence, gifts, and service into action.

- **March 27, 10:30 am — Way to Live Lesson on Welcoming**

Welcoming is about creating space in our lives for other people, and especially for "strangers." This means knowing how to be a grateful guest as well a gracious host. Communities honor Jesus- who was often homeless himself- as they make people feel "at home" and offer them a place at the table.



Children's Church

Each week during the 10:30 am service, we hope your kids will start worship with you and after the Children's message with Pastor Lori, they will be dismissed with a teacher to enjoy an age appropriate Bible lesson.

Volunteers Needed!

Looking for ways to help? Why not pick a Sunday in February or March to help with Children's Church? After the Children's sermon given by Pastor Lori, the children will leave with Ms Maddie and the volunteer to go continue a lesson, craft project or game on their own while the parents stay in the church service. Sign up outside office on the little table.



The Praise Band has returned!
You can hear them each Sunday at
10:30 am.

Are there any songs you would like to hear?
We are always open to suggestions — and
new members!

Contact Kathy Tock at tockwoman@gmail.com





Mahomet United Methodist Women

There is no UMW Meeting in February but we will resume on March 3. Program - Pam Parker; Hostess - Gerry Drake

We invite you to share in our fellowship, become involved in our mission and service projects, and join with us as we support one another in our Christian faith journeys. All women are welcome to any of our meetings and events.

THURSDAY READING CIRCLE

FEBRUARY: *I Thought You Said This Would Work* by Ann Garrin
A road trip can drive anyone over the edge -- especially two former best friends -- in bestselling author Ann Garvin's funny and poignant novel about broken bonds, messy histories, and the power of forgiveness.

Widowed Samantha Arias hasn't spoken to Holly Dunfer in forever. It's for the best. Samantha prefers to avoid conflict. The blisteringly honest Holly craves it. What they still have in common puts them both back on speed dial: a mutual love for Katie, their best friend of twenty-five years, now hospitalized with cancer and needing one little errand from her old college roomies.

Samantha and Holly are following every new turn -- toward second chances, unexpected romance, and self-discovery -- and finally blowing the dust off the secret that broke their friendship. On the open road, they'll try to put it back together -- for themselves and for the love of Katie.

MARCH: *Nomadland* by Jessica Bruder
From the beet fields of North Dakota to the National Forest campgrounds of California to Amazon's Camper Force Program in Texas, employers have discovered a new low-cost labor pool, made up largely of transient older Americans. Finding that social security comes up short, often underwater on mortgages, these invisible casualties of the Great Recession have taken to the road by the tens of thousands in late-model RVs, travel trailers, and vans, forming a growing community of nomads.

On frequently traveled routes between seasonal jobs, Jessica Bruder meets people from all walks of life: a former professor, a McDonald's president, a minister, a college administrator, and a motorcycle cop, among many others -- including her irrepressible protagonist, a onetime cocktail waitress, Home Depot clerk and general contractor named Linda May.

APRIL: *Joshua* by Joseph Girzone
When Joshua moves to a small cabin on the edge of town, the local people are mystified by his presence. A quiet and simple man, Joshua appears to seek nothing for himself. He supports

himself by working as a carpenter. He charges very little for his services, yet his craftsmanship is exquisite. The statue of Moses that he carves for the local synagogue prompts amazement as well as consternation.

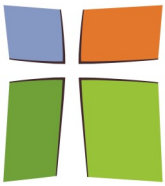
What are the townsfolk to make of the enigmatic stranger? Some people report having seen him carry a huge cherry log on his shoulders effortlessly. Still others talk about the child in a poor part of town who was dreadfully ill but, after Joshua's visit, recovered completely.

Despite his benevolence and selfless work in the community, some remain suspicious. Finally, in an effort to address the community's doubts, Joshua is confronted by the local church leaders.

MAY: *Once Upon a Town* by Bob Greene
In search of "the best America there ever was," bestselling author and award-winning journalist Bob Greene finds it in a small Nebraska town few people pass through today -- a town where Greene discovers the echoes of the most touching love story imaginable: a love story between a country and its sons. During World War II, American soldiers from every city and walk of life rolled through North Platte, Nebraska, on troop trains en route to their ultimate destinations in Europe and the Pacific. The tiny town, wanting to offer the servicemen warmth and support transformed its modest railroad depot into the North Platte Canteen.

Every day of the year, every day of the war, the Canteen -- staffed and funded entirely by local volunteers -- was open from five am until the last troop train of the day pulled away after midnight. Astonishingly, the remote plains community of only 12,000 people provided welcoming words, friendship, and baskets of food and treats to more than six million GIs by the time the war ended.

In this poignant and heartwarming eyewitness history, based on interviews with North Platte residents and the soldiers who once passed through Bob Greene tells a classic, lost-in-the-mists-of-time American story of a grateful country honoring its brave and dedicated sons.



Update From Trustees:

In the January meeting of the trustees, the following officers were elected:

- Chair – Gary Kling
- Vice-chair – Scott Yeazel
- Secretary – Amy Roberts

The recent cold spell led to the breakage of a fire suppression pipe in the attic above the hallway between the prayer room and library, triggering the release of water into our hallway ceiling; thus resulting in calls to Cornbelt Fire, Matco Fire Protection, Inc., and ServPro to mitigate the water damage. Repairs are still needed that include: replacement of some insulation; drywall repair; and replacement of some ceiling tiles. The new nitrogen generator system installed last fall continues to go through a shakedown period as it gradually replaces oxygen inside of our dry system pipes in the attic. Recent repairs in other areas of the church include replacement of a limited number of shingles from wind damage; repair of kitchen range exhaust fan; repair of several furnaces; and replacement of kitchen freezer compressor.

Finance Committee Report

Dear Friends,

Pledged giving for the month of December was approximately \$28,000 and non-pledged giving was approximately \$7,000 making total unrestricted giving about \$35,000. Total operating expenses were approximately \$37,000 generating a net operating loss for the month of \$2,000. For the 2021 year, pledged giving was \$298,000 and non-pledged giving about \$72,000 making total unrestricted income about \$370,000 versus expenses of about \$392,000 for the year. MUMC realized \$47,000 in PPP loan forgiveness in January of 2021 so the net operating income for the year was about \$25,000. Expenses for the year were higher than expected due to expenses related to the church building fire suppression system (\$30,000) and heating/cooling equipment (\$10,000). Overall church building maintenance expenses totaled \$55,615.39 versus a budget of \$20,000 for 2021. All other major expense categories came in under budget. The Christmas Offering was \$2,830 and will be disbursed to local and conference charities. There was also a \$38,000 gift to the memorial fund for scholarships. Overall, 2021 was a positive financial year for the church despite a very difficult environment.

An additional pledge was received in December so the final pledge total for 2022 is \$286,616.

Thank you for supporting our church ministries!

Financial reports are always available upon request.

Doug Beckmann

Chair, Finance Committee

got news?

Have an announcement or news that you want to share with everyone, please submit via office@mumc.org or call 217-586-2147.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

" Shawls...made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..." Written in 1998 by: Janet Bristow.

Each shawl begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient and continues throughout the creation of the shawl. These shawls are meant to be given away unconditionally. Shawls can be given as a comfort after a loss, during bereavement, during an illness and recovery, a difficult pregnancy or any situation where one needs comfort and support. There are endless possibilities. The shawls are not only for our congregation but anyone you know that would benefit from its comfort and love. We also have smaller ones that would be great for a child.

The shawls are located in the atrium by the church pews. Please feel free to take one and sign our book on the table.

The Mission Monday Team



Prayers Needed for Families



Please keep these families and friends in your prayers as they deal with the death of their loved ones.

- Ron Bates, passed on Jan 24th
- Reva Cox, passed on Jan 24th

Remember the joys and laughter they have brought to others. Rejoice in the wonderful lives they lived and all the people's lives they touched.



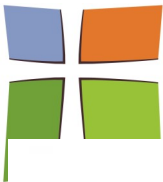
If you have any prayer requests, please make the office aware so that they can be added to the prayer lists. If stated, only circumstances will be included and names will be kept private.

Requests can be submitted via office@mumc.org or by calling the office at 217-586-2147.



Hospital & Healthcare Facility Visits

If you, or a member of your family will be in the hospital or other healthcare facility, please let Pastor Lori or the office know so that she may visit them. Please provide the name that they were admitted under.



THANK YOU

Hi Michelle, I've been meaning to send you and the Pastor a note of thanks for the Christmas gift bag that my father in law received. It was wonderful what everyone contributed.

God bless

Lin Hambleton



Dear Church Family,
Thank you
for the bag
of goodies I
received for
Christmas.

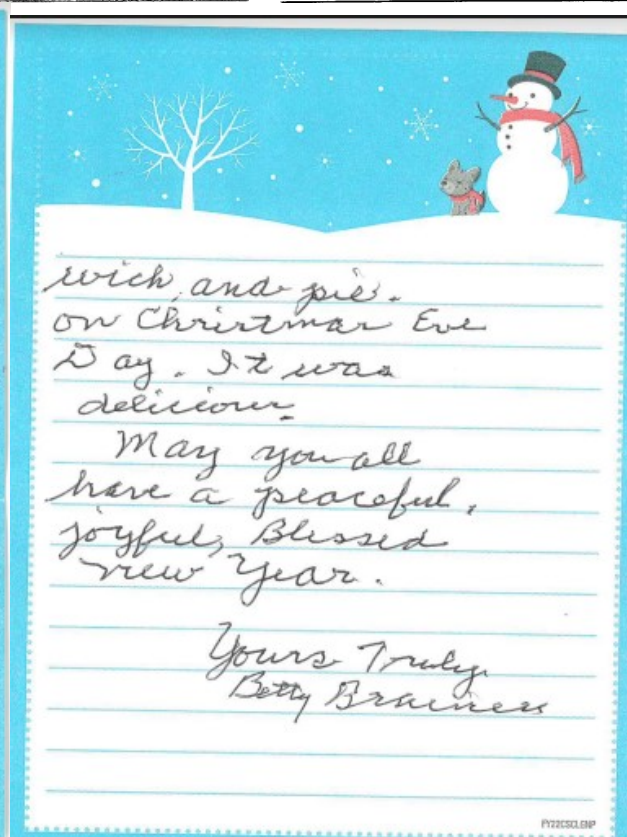
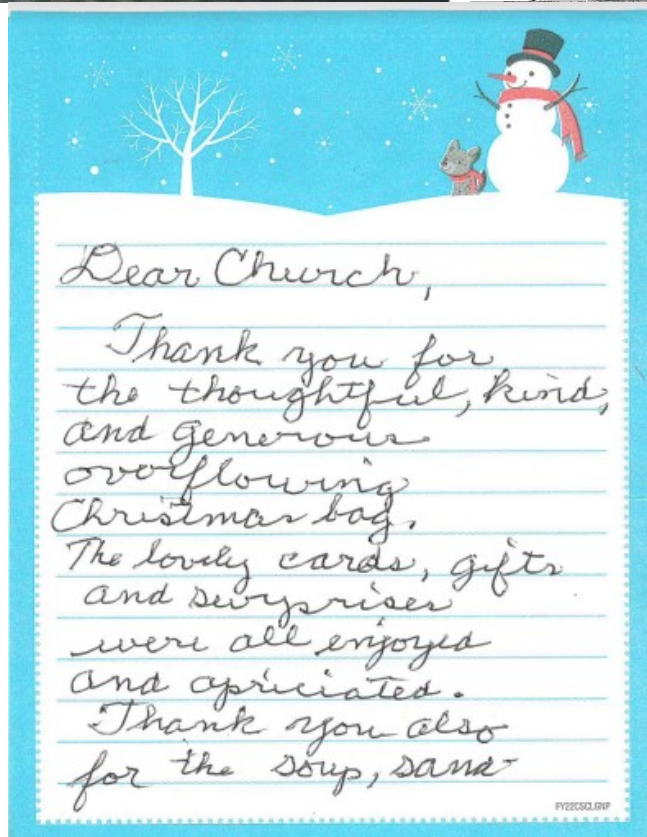
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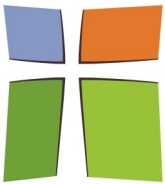
out of the
bag.

It was filled
with a variety
of items.

I enjoyed and
appreciated each
gift.

Blessings
Norma Tharpst





past year also!

Marilyn Mohr

I want to say
"many thanks" for
all the gifts,
flowers, and cards
and calls during
the Holidays just
passed. I thank
each one ~~also~~ of
you who remembered
me and took
time to help
me through this

December 30, 2021
Dear MUMC Friends,
Many thanks for the many cards and
treats from you all. It was so special
to be remembered by so many at Christmas-
time. The cards have been cherished
and the treats are being spread out through
the season.

Blessings to you all,
Ron Bates and Susan

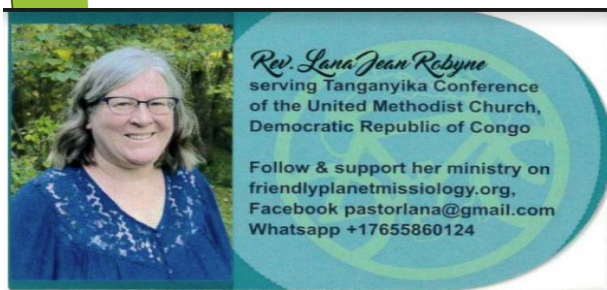


Wahomet United Methodist
Church members.

Thank you for the bag
of cards and goodies. It gave
me hours of enjoyment and
I am sure it took many hands
to make it possible.

Guarita Groves

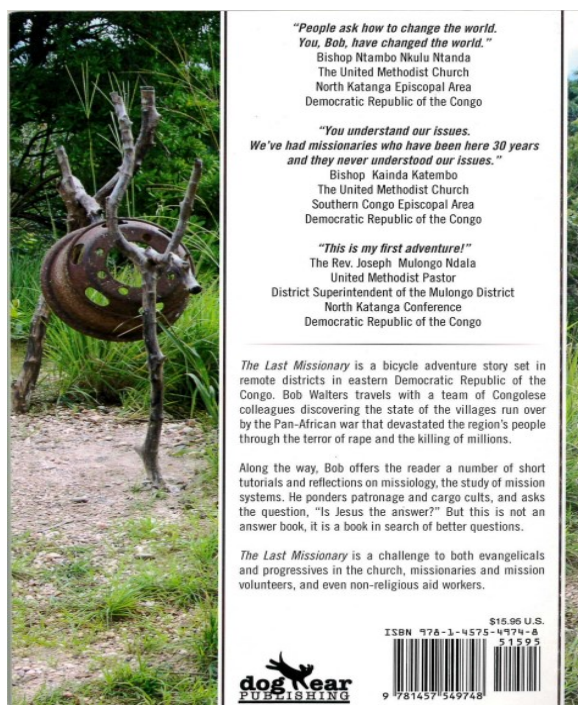
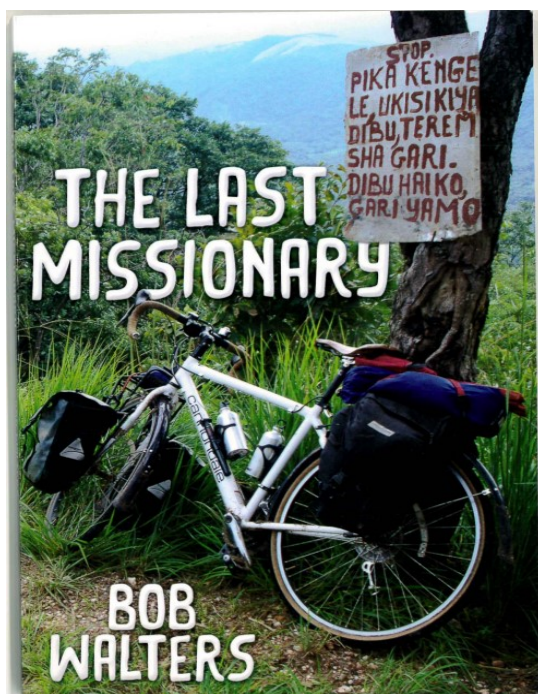
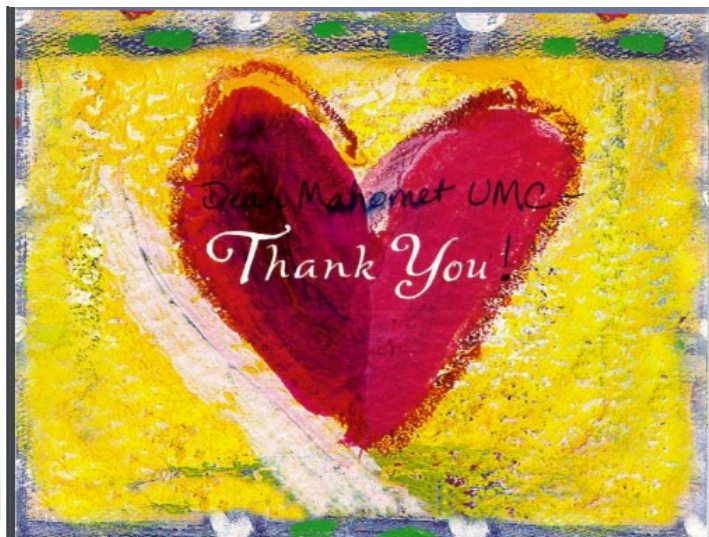
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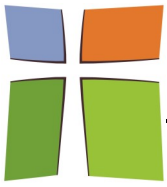


Rev Lana Jean Robyne came to speak with the congregation last summer about her missionary work in East Central Africa. In her talk, she mentioned a book by the founder of the missionary organization she is working with. She has gifted the church this book, which is shown below along with a thank you note. The book can be found in the MUMC church library and can be checked out at any time.

Dear Mahomet UMC-

Thanks for supporting my ministry in 2021, and especially for prayers. I appreciate you having me come preach last summer. I'm gifting you a copy of the book I mentioned by the founder of FPM (my mission). I wanted to come worship with you while home for Christmas, but COVID³ made me rethink! See you next summer Lana





WINNERS

A NatureScape contest was conducted for ideas of what could be done with our huge tree that was cut down out front. The contest was held with the Ag Class at the Mahomet-Seymour High School.



Front Row: Asst. Principal Patrick Bailey, Amaya Francom, Penny Sheridan, Lillie Hilliard and Maddie Clark
Back Row: Margaret White, Stacy Schroeder and Gary Kling



Left to right: Amaya Francom, Penny Sheridan, Lillie Hilliard and Maddie Clark

Prizes were presented during Ms. Jennifer Wherley's class at the Mahomet Seymour High School. First Place went to Maddie Clark; with Honorable Mentions going to Amaya Francom, Penny Sheridan and Lillie Hilliard. Certificates were presented to the students by Gary Kling at the STEAM Agriculture Awards Ceremony at the MSHS Auditorium on the evening of January 12.



FEBRUARY, 2022 CALENDAR

♥ Happy Valentine's! ♥

Tuesday, Feb 1

- 6:30 pm Bell Practice
- 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, Feb 2

- 6:00 pm Staff Parish Relations

Thursday, Feb 3

- 5:45 pm Scout Troop #2957

Friday, Feb 4

- 10:00 am "Daniel" Bible Study

Saturday, Feb 5

- 9:30 am GriefShare
- 12:00 noon Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, Feb 6

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 11:30 am Education Team Meeting
- 3:00 pm Scout Troop #2947

Monday, Feb 7

- 1:00 pm M & M UMW Group
- 7:00 pm Discipleship Ministry
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop #25

Tuesday, Feb 8

- 6:30 pm Bell Practice
- 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, Feb 10

- 1:30 pm Thursday Reading Circle
- 6:00 pm Finance
- 7:00 pm Church Council

Friday, Feb 11

- 10:00 am "Daniel" Bible Study

Saturday, Feb 12

- 9:30 am GriefShare
- 12:00 noon Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
- 12:30 pm Way to Live Project—Valentine Tea
- 1:30 pm Senior Valentine Tea

Sunday, Feb 13

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 2:00 pm BridleBrook Chapel Service

Monday, Feb 14

- 1:00 pm M & M UMW Group
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop #25

Tuesday, Feb 15

- 6:30 pm Bell Practice
- 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, Feb 16

- 1:30 pm Home, Community, Education

Thursday, Feb 17

- 1:30 pm Bloodmobile at Busey Bank (until 5:00 pm)
- 5:45 pm Scout Troop #2957
- 7:00 pm Trustees

Friday, Feb 18

- 10:00 am "Daniel" Bible Study

Saturday, Feb 19

- 9:30 am GriefShare
- 12:00 noon Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, Feb 20

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 11:30 am Missions Team
- 3:00 pm Scout Troop #2947

Monday, Feb 21

*** OFFICE CLOSED — PRESIDENTS DAY ***

- 1:00 pm M & M UMW Group
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop #25

Tuesday, Feb 22

- 6:30 pm Bell Practice
- 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday, Feb 25

- 10:00 am "Daniel" Bible Study

Saturday, Feb 26

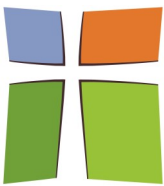
- 9:30 am GriefShare
- 12:00 noon Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, Feb 27

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 10:30 am Way to Live Youth Lesson

Monday, Feb 28

- 1:00 pm M & M UMW Group
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop #25



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Subscribe to our MUMC YouTube channel to see Church Videos, including worship, devotionals and more.

www.youtube.com and
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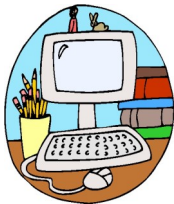


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WEBSITE

There is so much to see on our website

www.mumc.org.

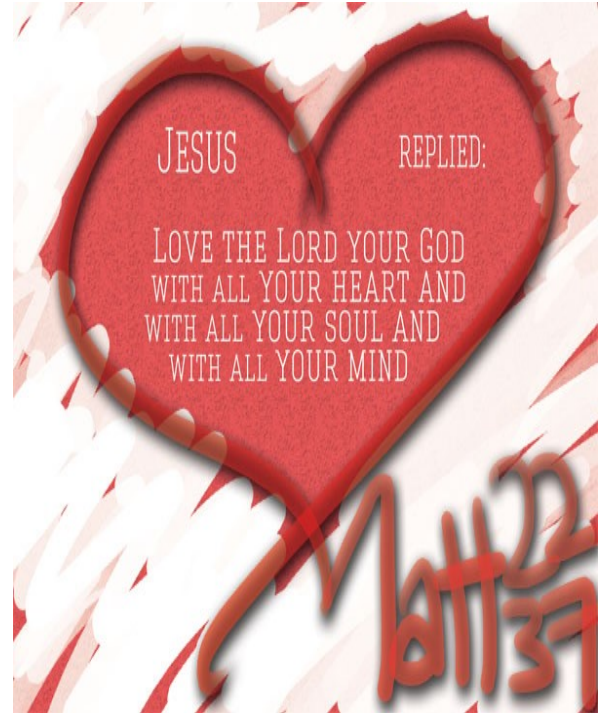
You will find the newsletter on the news page. Also, there is a calendar of events tab that is updated *regularly*.

Committees, classes, and groups:



Do you have information that you would like to share with the church?

Please contact the church office no later than February 20, 2022.



Scripture pictures are easy to find on the 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 outreach mission of **ANGEL WHISPERS**, call Joyce Livesay at 217-369-1643.



Please be sure to check the church office if you are missing any items such as earrings, clothing, small children's toys, etc. and we would be happy to return your lost goods!



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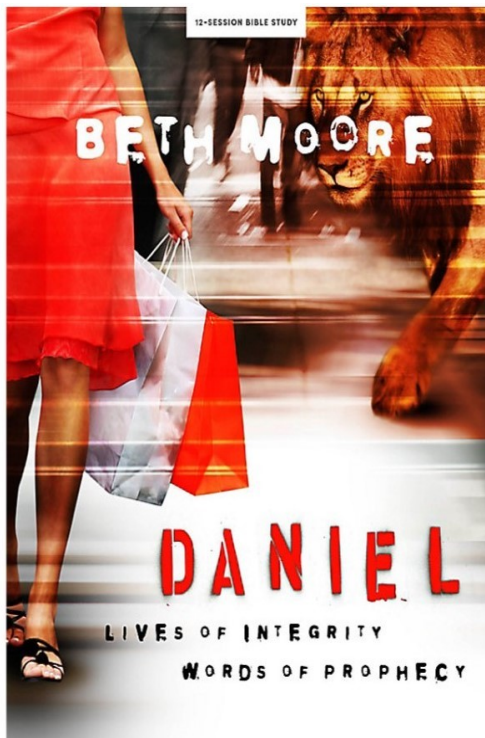
Mon.-Friday, 8:30 am– 2:30pm

Sunday Schedule

9:00 am Traditional Worship
 10:30 am Contemporary Worship

Church Staff

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 Kathy Tock, Worship Music Director ~ tockwoman@gmail.com
 Michelle Petty, Office Administrator ~ office@mumc.org
 Dr. Carlos R. Carrillo Cotto, Organist
 Maddie Mawson, Nursery Coordinator—nursery@mumc.org



Women's Bible Study

Join us in a faith-building study of prophecy and learn how to live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society.

The prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and to confront temptations and threats. Today, believers in Jesus Christ face many of the same trials.

The first portion, from Daniel chapters 1-6, deals with Daniel's life as he faced the kind of pressures and temptations Christians encounter today. Daniel models how to develop enduring integrity in an enticing world.

The second portion, chapters 7-12, explores thrilling prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Jesus Christ.

This is a 12 week study.

Will begin Friday, February 4th @ 10:00am-12:00noon.

Register now in the office by emailing office@mumc.org,

calling 217-586-2147

or signing up outside the office door.