



# The Circuit Rider

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## Lent is Here! 40 Days of Renewal

What can I do during this time of  
the year?

- Join the Lenten Bible Study – Reckless Love
- Pick up a Lenten Calendar (see next page for a copy or the website)
- Attend Ash Wednesday Service – March 2nd @7:00 pm
- Easter, April 17th @ 9:00 am -- outside

Contact the office for more information.

### Email

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217-586-2147

### Website

www.mumc.org

# Lenten 2022 Calendar

Follow this Lenten calendar day to day taking part in the "Random Acts of Kindness" as well as putting aside items to be donated to the Food Pantry, brought in on Palm Sunday or before and placed in the shopping carts. Get the whole family involved and have fun with this!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<b>Mar 6</b> Give a compliment to <u>5</u> <b>different</b> people	<b>Mar 7</b> A tube of toothpaste if you saw your dentist last year	<b>Mar 8</b> Send someone a nice note in the mail	<b>Mar 9</b> A box of Kleenex if you had a cold last year.	<b>Mar 10</b> Disconnect from tech items today – cell phones, computers, tablets, etc	<b>Mar 11</b> A bag of rice if you said your prayers yesterday	<b>Mar 12</b> Be kind to a stranger
<b>Mar 13</b> A package of paper towels if you spilled something last week	<b>Mar 14</b> <u>SMILE</u> at everyone you see today	<b>Mar 15</b> A can of veggies for each computer you have in the house	<b>Mar 16</b> Write a gratitude list of 20 things	<b>Mar 17</b> A bag of beans if you shoveled snow or cleaned off your car <b>THIS</b> year	<b>Mar 18</b> Leave an extra tip	<b>Mar 19</b> A can of meat if you played or watched sports last year
<b>Mar 20</b> Share with another person	<b>Mar 21</b> A jar of peanut butter for each fireplace you have in the home	<b>Mar 22</b> Walk someone else's, or even your own, dog	<b>Mar 23</b> A can of pasta if you stream Hulu or Netflix	<b>Mar 24</b> Tell someone the reason you like them	<b>Mar 25</b> A can of fruit for <u>each</u> family member that has more than 2 pairs of shoes	<b>Mar 26</b> Hold the door open for someone you don't know
<b>Mar 27</b> A jar of baby food for <u>each</u> pet you have	<b>Mar 28</b> Make a list of 10 things you are thankful for	<b>Mar 29</b> A box of hot chocolate if you have air conditioning in your home	<b>Mar 30</b> Help make dinner	<b>Mar 31</b> A bag of flour or sugar if you have fresh fruit in your home	<b>Apr 1</b> Make someone laugh today	<b>Apr 2</b> A box of Mac & Cheese for <u>each</u> unmade bed in the house
<b>Apr 3</b> Write positive messages on the sidewalk with chalk	<b>Apr 4</b> A bag of pasta for each cell phone in your house	<b>Apr 5</b> Write a thank you note	<b>Apr 6</b> A package of cereal if you take vitamins	<b>Apr 7</b> Tell your family, who doesn't live with you, how much you love them	<b>Apr 8</b> A box of crackers if you had homemade soup last month	<b>Apr 9</b> Learn something new about someone you least know in your class or workplace.
<b>Apr 10 – Palm Sunday</b> A bottle of juice for each TV in your home						





## March 2022

- **March 13, 10:30 am — Way to Live Lesson on Stuff**

We should deal with stuff (material possessions) in ways that deepen our relationships with God, other people, and the whole created world. Christian practices can help us figure out the difference between good stuff and bad stuff and help us let go of stuff we don't need.

- **March 20, 11:15 am to 2:00 pm — Way to Live Project**

After the first service the youth group and ANY one else that wants to join them, will have a short lunch at the church then carpool to Salt & Light in Urbana. There they will learn about what volunteers mean to their organization and what that organization means to the community. After which, they will do some volunteer work for the organization.

## 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 March or April 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.

**CONGRATS TO OUR VERY OWN CARLOS CARILLO  
FOR THIS AMAZING ACCOMPLISHMENT!**



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](mailto:tockwoman@gmail.com)





## MAHOMET UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW next meeting Thursday, March 3, 1 pm  
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



### **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.

## THANK YOU FROM CUNNINGHAM CHILDREN'S HOME

Hope. It's the light in all of us that cannot be extinguished. Because of you, hope is alive and well at Cunningham. Thank you.

Thank you very much to our Mahomet UMW friends for this incredible gift for the Guardian Parent Program! Our kids really enjoyed the big winter storm as there are a couple hills on our campus that are perfect for sledding. And of course, they were excited for Snow Days from school. Our staff kept them busy though with fun activities like a cooking class where they each got to make their own little pizza. Grateful for your love and prayers, as always, because all that support means our kids are provided for and can focus on just being kids!

Brooke A. Buzard,  
Associate Director of Advancement



Dear Sherylbe, (and ~~my~~ <sup>my</sup> mom)  
Thanks so much for  
heading up the wonderful  
coffee and cookies reception  
for Ron's visitation and  
service. It was such a  
welcoming part of a  
cold snowy day.  
A donation to the UMW  
is enclosed in expression  
of our appreciation.  
I also am grateful for  
the card from the UMW.  
I love my church family!  
Susan

To thank you for your  
kindness  
and sympathy  
at a time  
when it was  
deeply appreciated  
Susan and the  
Bates Family

## Finance Committee Report

Dear Friends,

Pledged giving for the month of January was approximately \$24,000 and non-pledged giving was approximately \$1,000 making total unrestricted giving about \$25,000. Total operating expenses were approximately \$28,000 generating a net operating loss for the month of \$3,000. The memorial fund received a second gift of \$38,000 to fund a scholarship program.

Thank you for supporting our church ministries!

Financial reports are always available upon request.

Doug Beckmann

Chair, Finance Committee



**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.





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## **Bob/Marilyn Sinclair Scholarship for Future Teachers**

The Bob/Marilyn Sinclair Scholarship fund was established in 2022 in memory of Marilyn Sinclair. Bob and Marilyn Sinclair were lifelong educators. They wanted to encourage students who have chosen to become passionate teachers and mentors to our younger students. They were both active in the Mahomet United Methodist church using their love to help others.

The scholarship was created to help students with financial costs of gaining training to become classroom teachers.

This annual scholarship will become effective for the school year 2022-2023 and continue for as many years as the funds are adequate. This scholarship will be awarded to one student each year that is selected by the Mahomet United Methodist Church. Recipients must reapply each year with application and transcripts. A student may receive the scholarship a maximum of two years. The amount of the Bob/Marilyn Sinclair Scholarship awarded is \$4,000 (\$2,000 at the beginning of each semester).

Considerations:

- \* Must be enrolled in a teacher certification program in the state of Illinois during their junior and senior college years;
- \* Must have successfully completed their sophomore or junior year toward a teaching degree;
- \* Must maintain at least a 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) cumulative grade point to continue receiving the scholarship during their senior year;
- \* Must submit a new application along with transcripts of grades from the previous year (if all guidelines are still met, the scholarship will automatically be awarded for the senior year); and

In the event of multiple applicants, the decision will go to the applicant with:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – The highest GPA during their freshman/sophomore college courses;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Member of Mahomet United Methodist Church;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – a graduate of Mahomet-Seymour High School; and
- 4<sup>th</sup> – a college senior over a college junior.

Application forms must be completed and returned by **June 1, 2022**. The Mahomet United Methodist Church Memorial & Scholarship Committee will select, notify, and award the scholarship based on the information from the questions on the application form.

Completed applications should be returned by email to [mumc@mumc.org](mailto:mumc@mumc.org) or by mail to:

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## **Bob/Marilyn Sinclair Scholarship for Future Teachers**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer questions on an additional sheet of paper if necessary.**

1. Are you an **active** member of the Mahomet United Methodist Church? Or any other UMC or Wesley Foundation? Describe Service or activities within the church in which you are presently involved or formerly participated.
2. Name and address of the college you are enrolled in.
3. What grade level or subject area do you desire to teach? Why, or what sparked your desire to become a school teacher?
4. Describe any school activities or awards:



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## Isabelle Purnell Scholarship

The Isabelle Purnell Scholarship fund was established in 2009 in memory of Isabelle Purnell. She was a descendant of the Herriott and Rayburn families from her mother's side, and the Scott and Purnell families from her father's side. After farming in Michigan for a few years, her family returned to Mahomet. Their farm was east of Mahomet on Route 150 where the current McDonald's restaurant is located. Isabelle had many hobbies and interests, but one in particular, was gathering facts and writing a book on the history of Mahomet in 2000. Writing a 461-page book, *An Unofficial History of Mahomet*, at the age of 88 was quite an accomplishment. She also wrote the history of our church, *Mahomet Methodist Centennial 1955*. After retiring from teaching at the University of Illinois, she spent an extended time in Chile teaching at a mission. The scholarship was created to continue Isabelle's commitment to education.

This annual scholarship will be awarded to a student selected by the Mahomet United Methodist Church. Recipients may reapply. The amount of 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 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; and/or
- \* The field of study is not stipulated, but preference may be given to education in ministry, health fields, social services, or agriculture.

Application Forms must be completed and returned by **June 1, 2022**. The Mahomet United Methodist Church Scholarship Committee will select, notify, and award the scholarship based on the information from the questions on the application form.

Completed applications may be returned by email to [mumc@mumc.org](mailto:mumc@mumc.org) or by mail to:

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## Isabelle Purnell Scholarship

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer questions on an additional sheet of paper if necessary.**

1. Are you an **active** member of the Mahomet United Methodist Church?
2. What is your educational background?
3. What school do you plan to attend in the fall? What is your field of study or career goals?
4. How are you helping to finance your education? (List any that apply: scholarship, loans, parent help, work, etc.) List any additional information related to your financial situation that may be pertinent.
5. Are there now, or will there be in the fall, other members of your immediate family who will be enrolled in higher education?
6. Describe any employment experience:



## **Missions Committee Report**

Here are the focused missions for each month of 2022

- **March** — Lenten Calendar of Giving
- **April** — MAYC — items to help with camp
- **May** — Rice Meals
- **June** — Missions Trip - possible Native American Church in East Peoria
- **July** — Summer Lunches / VBS Meals
- **August** — School Supplies
- **September** — Rice Meals
- **October** — Cunningham Children's Home
- **November** — College Student Care Packages
- **December** — Giving Tree / Helping Hands

# February Senior's Valentine's Tea



got news?

Have an announcement or news that you want to share with everyone, please submit via [office@mumc.org](mailto: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



## Births this past Month

- ♦ Jack White to parents, Andrew & Alyssa White
- ♦ Bennett, Turner to parents , Matt & Samantha Turner, and grandparents, Dog & Stacey Schroeder



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](mailto: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.





## MARCH, 2022 CALENDAR

### **Tuesday, Mar 1 — Mardi Gras**

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

### **Wednesday, Mar 2 — Ash Wednesday**

- 6:00 pm Staff Parish Relations
- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

### **Thursday, Mar 3**

- 1:00 pm UMW Mtg
- 5:45 pm Scout Troop #2957
- 6:30 pm Leadership Team via ZOOM

### **Friday, Mar 4**

- 10:00 am "Daniel" Bible Study

### **Saturday, Mar 5**

- 9:30 am GriefShare
- 12:00 noon Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
- 2:00 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honors for Sam Bowers

### **Sunday, Mar 6**

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Reckless Love Lenten Study
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 11:30 am Education Team Meeting
- 3:00 pm Scout Troop #2947
- 8:00 pm Worship team via ZOOM

### **Monday, Mar 7**

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

### **Tuesday, Mar 8**

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

### **Thursday, Mar 10**

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

### **Friday, Mar 11**

- 10:00 am "Daniel" Bible Study

### **Saturday, Mar 12**

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

### **Sunday, Mar 13 — Day Light Savings (spring ahead 1hr)**

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Reckless Love Lenten Study
- 10:30 am Way to Live Lesson — Stuff
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 2:00 pm BridleBrook Chapel Service

### **Monday, Mar 14**

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

### **Tuesday, Mar 15**

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

### **Wednesday, Mar 16**

- 1:30 pm Home, Community, Education

### **Thursday, Mar 17 — St. Patrick's Day**

- 5:45 pm Scout Troop #2957
- 7:00 pm Trustees

### **Friday, Mar 18**

- 10:00 am "Daniel" Bible Study

### **Saturday, Mar 19**

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

### **Sunday, Mar 20 — Spring Begins**

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Reckless Love Lenten Study
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 11:15 am Way to Live Service Project @ Salt & Light
- 11:15 am Missions Team @ Salt & Light
- 3:00 pm Scout Troop #2947

### **Monday, Mar 21**

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

### **Tuesday, Mar 22**

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

### **Thursday, Mar 24**

- 7:00 pm Trustees

### **Friday, Mar 25**

- 10:00 am "Daniel" Bible Study

### **Saturday, Mar 26**

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

### **Sunday, Mar 27**

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Reckless Love Lenten Study
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

### **Monday, Mar 28**

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

### **Tuesday, Mar 29**

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



### **Subscribe to YouTube**

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

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and  
[look for Mahomet UMC.](#)



### **FACEBOOK**

You can find Worship Videos and church updates on our MUMC Facebook page.

[www.facebook.com/MahometUMC/](http://www.facebook.com/MahometUMC/)



### **WEBSITE**

There is so much to see on our website

[www.mumc.org](http://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:**



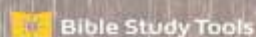
Do you have information that you would like to share with the church?

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



Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7**



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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**Office Hours**

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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Easter is on April 17<sup>th</sup> this year. As is our custom, we would like to grace our church with God’s beauty by decorating with Lilies. The cost per flower is \$12.50 and you may order as many as you like. Please choose the amount of each and write your check for the total with Easter flowers in the memo area of your check. Dedications can be made by filling in the info below.

**Deadline for all orders is Thursday, March 31.**

I would like to order\_\_ Lilies

Given by\_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers can be picked up after 2ndservice on Easter Sunday.