

The Circuit Rider

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Happy
Easter

Palm Sunday, April 10th

- Worship @ 9am & 10:30am

Maundy Thursday, April 14th

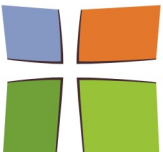
- Worship @ 7pm

Good Friday, April 15th

- Church open 9am - 12pm; 4pm - 7pm for individual prayer

Easter Sunday, April 17th

- Worship @ 9am (bring your own chairs); Easter egg hunt afterwards



United Women in Faith (UWV) May Brunch

*All Women of the Church are Invited
and encouraged to bring family members
or friends for a morning of fellowship.*

Thursday, May 5, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

- ♦ *Hash Brown/Ham & Veggie Egg Casseroles*
- ♦ *Strawberry-Pretzel Salad*
- ♦ *Veggie Pizza*
- ♦ *Assorted Coffee Cakes*

Featured Speaker

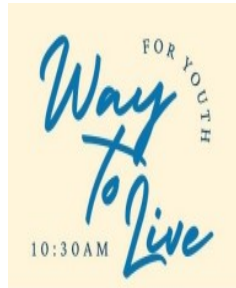
*Mary Remole from Hooves of Hope,
Mary & Stan Remole Mission Work
provides hope and healing to children
and families through the partnering of horses.*

*Please sign up by April 28th
Call 217-586-2147, Email mumc@mumc.org,
or Sign Up online at mumc.org. There is no charge.*



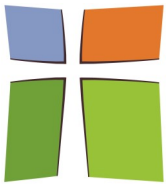


March Missions at Salt & Light



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.



April 2022

April 10, 10:30 am —

Way to Live Lesson on Music

We all are surrounded by music. How does our music we listen to deepen our relationships with God. Christian practices can help us figure out the difference between good music and bad music and help us say "no" to the music we don't need.

April 17, 9:45 am to 11:00 am —

Way to Live Project

After the first service, the youth group and ANY one else that wants to join them, will be helping with our annual Easter Egg Hunt. They will be in charge of hiding the eggs and manning the table of prizes; along with helping the kids do the search.



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 April or May 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





United Women in Faith

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<https://uwfaith.org/>

Thank You Notes

Cunningham Children's Home:

Thank you so much to our Mahomet UMW friends for your incredibly impactful gift to support our kids! They have really enjoyed following and watching the Winter Olympics. They had a competition of their own with several games based on the winter sports (but that they could have take place indoors). Competition got pretty fierce because the winning team got a pizza party! Grateful to have your support and love providing for our kids, to they can focus on making Olympic memories!

Brooke Buzard
Associate Director of Advancement

Midwest Mission Distribution Center:

Thank you for letting the Lord use you to bring hope to people around the world and around the corner.

Midwest Mission is grateful you have shown God's love by sharing the blessings He has given you. It is amazing to watch God multiply your gifts through this ministry.

Watching God work,
Chantel Corrie
Executive Director

Next meeting Thursday, April 7, 1 pm

Program - Carolyn Scott; Hostess - Carmileta Clark

THURSDAY READING CIRCLE



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.

During this Lenten Season
we invite you to purchase items for a

Personal Dignity Kit

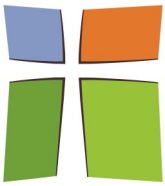


Please bring items Palm or Easter Sunday

You can also bring them during the week and place them in the tote that will be made available

- 1 New Hand Towel (No Kitchen Towels)
- 1 New Washcloth (No Dishcloths)
- 1 Adult Toothbrush (Packaged/No Multipacks)
- 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 12.5 - 19 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - Stick, Roll On, Pump

Monetary donations for purchase of razors and toothpaste are also appreciated. Checks should be made out to the "Midwest Mission Distribution Center".



Trustees Committee Update

The fire suppression system with the nitrogen generator seems to be reaching a stable stage without the need for frequent service calls. The last of the water damage from the frozen pipe this past winter is in the final stages of repair by BluSky/Menold, with completion of drywall repair, painting, insulation and ceiling tile replacement expected to be completed by the end of the week. The Trustees with financial support from the Memorial Committee is replacing a 150-year church anniversary plaque by the swamp white oak tree planted east of the belltower outside of the turnaround. Memorial funds are also being used to replace one of our old drinking fountains with a water bottle filler/drinking fountain. Trustees are also looking at ways to repair/replace some of our non-functioning spotlights near the front of the sanctuary. Replacement lamps are becoming difficult to find for at least one type of our fixtures. Because some of these commercial spotlights are very expensive, we are looking for ways to repair existing fixtures or cut costs of new fixtures. Stacy Schroeder has taken leadership for the Naturescape playground improvement project, with design work in the early stages. It is anticipated that there will be numerous Eagle Scout project opportunities to help accomplish the renovation. The Trustees have begun the process of examining the possibility of our church purchasing a parsonage. The current townhouse being rented for Reverend Lori does not meet United Methodist and District requirements for accessibility, meeting spaces or parking. Because appropriate houses are in scarce supply the Trustees are consulting with local builders to examine costs for new construction using some of their existing designs. Before any property can be purchased, we will have to have a charge conference or church conference to get the approval of the congregation.

Finance Committee Report

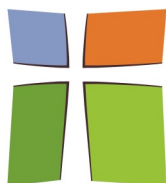
Dear Friends,

Pledged giving for the month of February was approximately \$43,000 and non-pledged giving was approximately \$4,000 making total unrestricted giving about \$47,000. About \$12,500 in employer tax credits were also received during the month making total operating revenue \$58,000. Total operating expenses were approximately \$32,000 generating a net operating income for the month of \$26,000. In addition, two \$10,000 designated gifts were received. One for building repairs and the other for landscaping. Year to date operating income was about \$83,000 versus expenses of \$60,000. Thanks to the generosity of our church congregation, we are off to a great start in 2022.

Thank you for supporting our church ministries!

Financial reports are always available upon request.

Doug Beckmann
Chair, Finance Committee



- ♥ Volunteers are the heart of the church and help it run smoothly. It is more fun when working as a group or with your kids. As opportunities arise, they will be posted in the weekly email; so please let the office know if and when you can help out.
- ♥ The applications for the "Bob/Marilyn Sinclair Teacher's" Scholarship and "Isabelle Purnell" scholarships are due into the office, no later than June 1, 2022.
- ♥ GriefShare group will be ending Saturday, April 16 but will be starting up again this fall. Time and days to be determined.
- ♥ Something On Sunday will be returning on June 5th. Be on the look out for the events that will be planned for SOS.
- ♥ Vacation Bible School will be taking place on Sundays in July, except July 3rd. More information will be coming

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.

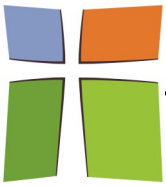
The Mission Monday Team



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.

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



APRIL, 2022 CALENDAR

Friday, Apr 1

- 10:00 am "Daniel" Bible Study

Saturday, Apr 2

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

Sunday, Apr 3

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Reckless Love Lenten Study
- 10:30 am Contemporary Worship Service
- 3:00 pm Scout Troop #2947

Monday, Apr 4

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

Tuesday, Apr 5

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

Thursday, Apr 7

- 1:00 pm UWFaith Mtg
- 5:45 pm Scout Troop #2957

Friday, Apr 8

- 10:00 am "Daniel" Bible Study

Saturday, Apr 9

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

Sunday, Apr 10 — Palm Sunday

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

Monday, Apr 11

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

Tuesday, Apr 12

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

Thursday, Apr 14—Maundy Thursday

- 1:30 pm Thursday Reading Circle
- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, Apr 15 — Good Friday

- 9:00 am Prayer Labyrinth (break starts at noon)
- 10:00 am "Daniel" Bible Study
- 4:00 pm Prayer Labyrinth (ends at 7:00 pm)

Saturday, Apr 16

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

Sunday, Apr 17 — Easter

- 9:00 am Easter Service Outside
- 9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, Apr 18

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

Tuesday, Apr 19

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

Wednesday, Apr 20

- 1:30 pm Home, Community, Education

Thursday, Apr 21

- 5:45 pm Scout Troop #2957

Friday, Apr 22

- 10:00 am "Daniel" Bible Study

Saturday, Apr 23

- 12:00 noon Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, Apr 24

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

Monday, Apr 25

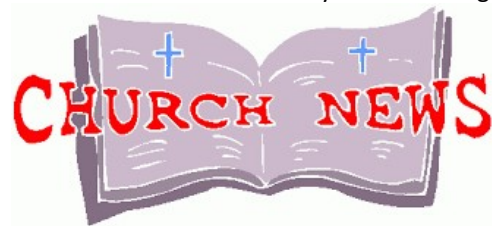
- 1:00 pm M & M UWFatih Group
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop #25

Tuesday, Apr 26

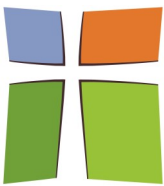
- 6:30 pm Bell Practice
- 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Saturday, Apr 30

- 8:30 am Woman's Worship Simulcast by Lifeway
- 12:00 noon Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting



Michelle Petty has accepted the position of Director of Ministry. She has an open door policy for everyone. Some of her biggest aspirations are to make sure everyone is aware that the church is here, open and ready for all to join in; help grow the volunteer group, as she believes churches succeed not by their numbers alone but by the members that actively participate; and lastly to help grow the children's and youths' group / activities.



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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*.



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.



This month, I have hidden an Easter Egg somewhere in the pages of this newsletter. If you find it, please email MUMC@mumc.org the page AND location (article) of the Easter Egg. All members who respond will be entered into a drawing for a small FILLED gift bag. Drawing will take place on April 20th and the winner will be notified. Good luck everyone!



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!



Mahomet United Methodist Church

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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

Rev. Lori Harvey, Pastor ~ pastor@mumc.org
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



Easter is on April 17th 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.