

# The Circuit Rider

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Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and establish the work of our hands upon us;  
yes, establish the work of our hands!  
Psalm 90:17 ESV

Pledge cards being mailed need to be returned no  
later than October 30th.

From Lewis Center for Church Leadership

Effective stewardship ministry is never about the church's need to receive money. It is always about the giver's need to give. God wants each of us to experience the joy of generosity. Created in the image of our generous God, we are made to reflect God's generosity. And God calls us to become partners in God's work in the world through our gifts. As we grow in generosity, we grow in godliness and discipleship.

## PLEDGING HELPS US EMBRACE THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE OF GIVING.

Like prayer, scripture reading, fasting, and dedication to service, the practice of giving regularly and intentionally helps us grow in faith and mature spiritually. It serves as a continual reminder of God's claim on our lives. It requires us to put our own needs and wants into proper perspective, to set aside our own interests for the sake of God and others. Generosity is a tool God uses to shape our hearts. And through the spiritual discipline of giving, our hearts become one with God's heart and our faith grows. Pledging helps us embrace the spiritual discipline of regular, faithful giving.

## PLEDGING HELPS US GROW IN GENEROSITY.

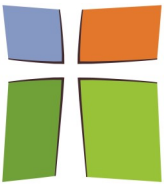
In their major study of the giving habits of American Christians, sociologists Christian Smith and Michael Emerson found that in every denomination studied those who filled out pledge cards contributed significantly more money than those who did not. Their evidence led them to conclude that the process of annual planning, deciding, and pledging as a structured means of regular, deliberate, and consistent financial giving itself influences giving to higher levels. Pledging helps us grow in generosity.

## A PLEDGE IS A PROMISE BETWEEN US AND GOD.

Some people are afraid of making pledges because they fear being unable to fulfill them. But it's important to remember that neither a pledge nor an estimate of giving is a legally binding contract. A pledge is a promise between the giver and God shared with the church for the purpose of being more faithful, accountable, and generous. A pledge can be modified if someone's circumstances change.

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# UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS



**WIN**

*Soul Squad  
Minute-To-Win-It  
Game Night*

**Wednesday, October 12th  
6:00 pm -- Dinner  
with Games afterwards**

Includes Delicious Recipes

# TASTE and SEE

Discovering God Among Butchers, Bakers, & Fresh Food Makers

MARGARET FEINBERG

Let's Laugh & Play with Friends

# MUMC SENIORS CARD GAMES AFTERNOON

WEDNESDAY  
**OCTOBER 26**

AT MUMC LIBRARY  
1:00 PM - 8:00 PM

CARD GAMES · SNACKS  
PRIZES · FELLOWSHIP

More Information: 217-586-2147  
ministrydir@mumc.org

# fall fest

GOOD TIMES

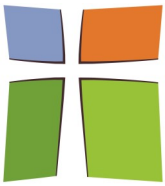
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- Trunk & Treat
- Tractor Rides
- Music & Games

MUMC  
Call 217-586-2147  
or email  
mumc@mumc.org

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# YOUTH CHURCH EVENTS



## MUMC Youth & Kids Newsletter

Hello! I'm so excited! It's Happening! Kids are back at MUMC! Each month you will receive a newsletter just for the youth and kids detailing what is going on.

Children's Church  
Sunday's during  
10:30am Service



Wonderful  
Outreach Wednesdays  
Wednesdays afterschool  
til 5:30 pm  
Kindergarten to 2nd grade



Youth / Teen Group  
2nd Wednesday of month  
5-7:30PM  
dinner included

Toddler Time  
Tuesdays & Thursdays  
9-11 am

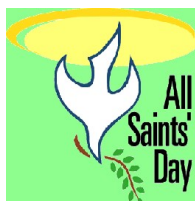


# UPCOMING CHURCH SUNDAY'S

World Communion Sunday  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>



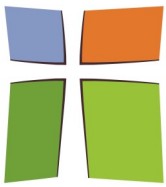
All Saints Sunday  
November 6<sup>th</sup>



We will be remembering the lives lost over the past year, along with dedicating the memorial funds used for projects around the church.

Student Sunday  
November 27<sup>th</sup>





# A MONTH AT A GLANCE

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Please give a warm welcome:  
Dennis & Debbi Quane  
Michelle Petty  
Jerry Keith Rambo, Jr.

## TODDLER TIME STARTED



## W.O.W. Program Started



## UWF PRESENTED A BIBLE TO OUR SECOND GRADER



## S.O.S. RICE MEALS



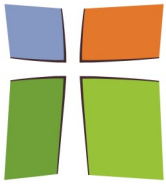
## SOUL SQUAD



## TEEN YOUTH GROUP PROGRAM



Next Meeting:  
October 12<sup>th</sup>  
Come join us!



# AREA MISSIONS

*Mahomet Helping Hands*  
203 E. Adams Street  
P.O. Box 254  
Mahomet, IL 61853



Established in 1983, Mahomet Helping Hands is sponsored by local churches, organizations, and businesses and made possible by the generous donations of thousands of individuals in our community. Our mission is to serve those in need.

Individuals or families in the Mahomet community who are experiencing financial difficulties or personal disasters, whether employed or unemployed, are encouraged to participate in the food giveaway held on the third Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m. at the Helping Hands Center located at 203 E. Adams Street.

New clients are asked to register and show proof of income and address when they come to the Center on the giveaway Saturday. Mahomet Helping Hands clients must also reside within the Mahomet-Seymour School District. Income guidelines for eligibility to receive assistance from Mahomet Helping Hands are based on guidelines received from the Illinois Department of Human Services.

Income Eligibility Based on 185% of the Federal Poverty Guideline  
Maximum monthly gross income per eligible household

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Monthly Income	\$1,967	\$2,658	\$3,349	\$4,039	\$4,730	\$5,421	\$6,111

For households with more than 7 persons, add \$373 for each additional person.

The public is invited to attend Mahomet Helping Hands meetings on the second Thursday of every month at the Center. To volunteer, call Ann Paul at 586-3392.

## Donations

Monetary donations may be made to Mahomet Helping Hands at Busey Bank of Mahomet or mailed to P.O. Box 254, Mahomet, IL 61853. Food and paper products may be dropped off at the Center at 203 E. Adams Street on the second Saturday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

## Sponsoring Organizations

Bahai Faith, Boy/Girl Scouts, Church of The Cross, Community Evangelical Free Church, First Baptist Church, First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust, Fitness Center, Grace Church, Home and Community Education, Lake of the Woods Church, Lion's Club, Lutheran Church of Mahomet, Mahomet Christian Church, Mahomet United Methodist Church, Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church, New Beginnings Lutheran Church, Our Lady of the Lake Church, Rotary Club, Sangamon Valley Christian Center, Seymour United Methodist

## Mom's Pantry in Mahomet, IL

FREE food items, hygiene products and clothes for those in need that have a student(s) in the Mahomet-Seymour school district.

Open Monday and Thursday mornings 9-11 and Thursday evening 5:30-7:30.

Call 217-586-7672

or email [cbrumfield@ms.k12.il.us](mailto:cbrumfield@ms.k12.il.us)  
to help out or make a donation.



## It Takes a Village in Mahomet, IL

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased". Heb 13:16 It Takes a Village Central IL is dedicated to providing free clothing, cleaning, and household items to those in need in Central IL. We also host an annual free Christmas Giveaway to those in need during the holiday. Located at 601 E Main St, Suite 107, Mahomet. They can be contacted at 217-637-2881 or [help.itav@gmail.com](mailto:help.itav@gmail.com).





# United Women in Faith

## THANK YOU

The M & M's team made 100 school bags. Thank you all for your contributions of school supplies for the school bags. Also, thank you to Tony and Georgine Early who took the bags and supplies to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham.

## THURSDAY READING CIRCLE

OCTOBER 13: We Came, We Saw, We Left: A Family Gap Year by Charles Wheelan (290 pages)

What would happen if you quit your life for a year? In a pre-COVID-19 world, the Wheelan family decided to find out; leaving behind work, school, and even the family dogs to travel the world on a modest budget.



Equal parts “how-to” and “how-not-to” – and with an eye toward a world emerging from a pandemic – We Came, We Saw, We Left is the insightful and often hilarious account of one family's gap-year experiment. Wheelan paints a picture of adventure and connectivity, juggling themes of local politics, global economics, and family dynamics while exploring answers to questions like: How do you sneak out of a Peruvian town that has been barricade by the local army? And where can you get treatment for a flesh-eating bacteria your daughter picked up two continents ago? From Colombia to Cambodia, We Came, We Saw, We Left chronicles nine months across six continents. What could go wrong?

Contact Sheryle Carpenter for more information or if you are interested. (217) 390-6038

## OUR NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 6 at 1 pm

Program - Patty Russell, District Officer for Social Action “The Red Dress Project”

Hostess - Pam Parker

## CUNNINGHAM CONNECTION

TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE  
A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**  
at the 9 & 10:30 Worship Services

**Come enjoy Donuts, Apple Cider & Coffee**

Colleen Combes will share information about Cunningham Children's Home during both worship services. Then in between services, quilts that the M & Ms group created, will be presented. Colleen will have a question and answer time.

**You can make donations to Cunningham one of two ways.**

**1) Monetary gifts:** Make checks out to Cunningham Children's Home. Please send them to the church or drop them off on Sunday, October 9.

**2) 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



**Cunningham**  
Children's Home



## **Trustee Committee Report– update 9/26/22**

The trustees have approved the purchase and installation of 3 new furnace/air conditioning units. The largest of these units provides heating and cooling to one-half of the sanctuary. The trustees approved the purchase of what is referred to in the trade as a package unit that combines heating and cooling in one outdoor box (like our current system). The trustees initially approved the purchase of this large unit from Lanz, Inc., but upon finding that we would not be able to receive the Trane unit until March or April, the order was cancelled, and we contracted with 217 to provide a similar unit manufactured by American Standard for \$17,150. That unit will arrive in approximately 2 weeks. We still have orders with Lanz, Inc. for the replacement of the furnace/air conditioner that provides heat and cooling to the south end of the education wing and for a unit that serves the Prayer room and surrounding areas. Those two units will be replaced at a combined cost of \$16,160. As we replace these units, we are doing so with high efficiency models that will help to control future energy costs. Our church is heated and cooled by 11 units. We replaced one unit in 2021 and thus we still have 7 furnace/air conditioner combinations that are original to the church. We thus anticipate additional heating and cooling replacement bills in the next few years. We currently have two gifts, totaling \$11,000, to help with the current expenses.

We are anxiously awaiting the initiation of construction on the parsonage. The building permit was listed in last Sunday's News Gazette and there are now marking flags on the lot from utility locating services. It thus appears that the project is about to start.

**LATE BREAKING NEWS:** Excavation for the parsonage began Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>!

## **Finance Committee Report**

Dear Friends,

Pledged giving for the month of August was approximately \$16,000, non-pledged giving was approximately \$4,000, and an employer tax credit from the IRS for \$8,000 was received making total unrestricted income about \$28,000. Total operating expenses were approximately \$33,000 generating a net operating loss for the month of \$5,000. Year to date operating income was about \$249,000 (\$196K pledged giving, \$19K non-pledged giving and \$34K from employer tax credits) versus expenses of \$256,000.

Thank you for supporting our church ministries!

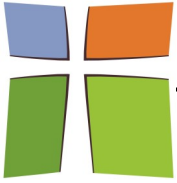
Financial reports are always available upon request.

Doug Beckmann  
Chair, Finance Committee

## **Missions Committee Report**

Here are the focused missions for the remaining months of 2022

- **October** — Car Show & Cunningham Children's Home
- **November** — College Student Care Packages
- **December** — Giving Tree / Helping Hands



# GRATITUDE



## Birth Announcement

**Harper Jo Hazelwood**  
Weight: 6# Length: 18"

Proud Parents: Austin Hazelwood and Kenzie Loy.  
Grandparents: Greg & Joy Duitsman



Welcome Aboard, Aiden!

He is a Senior at Mahomet Seymour High School. He comes and helps with general tasks throughout the week.

Some of his favorite things:  
Food: Grilled Cheese  
Activities: Playing Minecraft



Dear Memorial & Scholarship Committee,  
I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you for receiving the Isabel Purnell Scholarship for the 2022-2023 school year. I'm excited to be working toward my certification to teach Special Education!

Thank you for your thoughtful and generous gift.

Sincerely, Beth Burdette.

Did you know that October is Pastor Appreciation Month? Because I worked closely with six pastors here at Mahomet UMC, because I have close friends who are clergy and because my daughter is clergy I know that ministry is not a nine to five job. You can look up in the Book of Discipline: ¶ 340. Responsibilities and Duties of Elders and Local Pastors.

It's quite the list! I realize how Rev Lori has been a spiritual director for us all. She came here in the midst of Covid and had to figure out how to keep church going. (As did all churches). Her handicap though was not knowing any of us. With recent changes in church staff there wasn't anyone working who had much history of the people at Mahomet UMC and yet she plowed forward in faith. I remember she invited us to meet outside so she could get to know folks. Trying to reach us on Sunday mornings through YouTube and Facebook was all new stuff. She was creative in ways to do worship outside when the weather permitted. I also loved our pizza boxes filled with everything about Lent and Easter. When church opened again she made sure we were all safe and followed United Methodist protocol. We have slowly gotten back to our "new normal". I am so thankful for her leadership and devotion to Mahomet UMC.

I think of Rev Lori as always being present. She is always willing to pitch in and do what has to be done. She's worked with the youth group. Rev. Lori came to two of our United Women in Faith meetings and shared stories about her life and faith. She was part of the mission trip this past year. She's encouraged many of us to reach out to our community and spread the love of Jesus to our neighbors. When Terry's sister died last year she came to our home to offer prayer and comfort on behalf of the church. She's thought of different ways that our son Adam can be a part of the church. Which we are so thankful for. Thank you, Rev Lori, I really appreciate all you do for us. I will pray for you and your family and I will try to be a better person because you have taught me what it takes to be living out your faith.

In Love and Peace, Cindy Dodd







## OCTOBER 2022 CALENDAR

### Saturday, October 1

- 10:00 am 1st Annual MUMC Missions Car Show
- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

### Sunday, October 2

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Discipleship Meeting
- 10:30 am Contemporary Service

### Monday, October 3

- 1:00 pm M & M's Group
- 4:30 pm C2L Strength Class
- 5:30 pm Craving to Lose Support Group
- 7:00 pm Disciple Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop #25

### Tuesday, October 4

- 7:30 am C2L Walking Group
- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 6:30 pm Wesley Bell Practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

### Wednesday, October 5

- 9:00 am Beloved Disciple Bible Study
- 9:30 am 1 Hour Play Group– Age 2-4
- 12:30 pm W.O.W. After School Program (EOD)
- 5:00 pm C2L Strength Class
- 6:00 pm Taste & See Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

### Thursday, October 6

- 7:30 am C2L Walking Group
- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 1:00 pm UW in Faith Meeting

### Saturday, October 8

- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

### Sunday, October 9

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Education Meeting
- 10:30 am Contemporary Service
- 12:00 pm Safe Sanctuary Training
- 2:00 pm Bridle Brook Chapel Service

### Monday, October 10

- 1:00 pm M & M's Group
- 4:30 pm C2L Strength Class
- 5:30 pm Craving to Lose Support Group
- 7:00 pm Disciple Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop #25

### Tuesday, October 11

- 7:30 am C2L Walking Group
- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 6:30 pm Wesley Bell Choir practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir practice

### Wednesday, October 12

- 9:00 am Beloved Disciple Bible Study
- 9:30 am 1 Hour Play Group– Age 2-4
- 2:30 pm W.O.W. After school Program
- 5:00 pm C2L Strength Class
- 6:00 pm Taste & See Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Soul Squad Teen Group
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

### Thursday, October 13

- 7:30 am C2L Walking Group
- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 1:30 pm UW in Faith Reading Circle
- 6:00 pm Finance Council Meeting
- 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

### Saturday, October 15

- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

# GOT

Have an announcement or news,  
that you want to share with everyone,

# NEWS?

Please submit via  
[office@mumc.org](mailto:office@mumc.org) or  
call 217-586-2147.



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**.



## OCTOBER 2022 CALENDAR CONTINUED

### Sunday, October 16

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Missions Team Meeting
- 10:30 am Contemporary Service
- 8:00 pm Worship Team Meeting via Zoom

### Monday, October 17

- 1:00 pm M & M's Group
- 4:30 pm C2L Strength Class
- 5:30 pm Craving to Lose Support Group
- 7:00 pm Disciple Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop #25

### Tuesday, October 18

- 7:30 am C2L Walking Group
- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 6:30 pm Wesley Bell Practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

### Wednesday, October 19

- 9:00 am Beloved Disciple Bible Study
- 9:30 am 1 Hour Play Group– Age 2-4
- 1:30 pm H.C.E. Meeting
- 2:30 pm W.O.W. After school Program
- 5:00 pm C2L Strength Class
- 6:00 pm Taste & See Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

### Thursday, October 20

- 7:30 am C2L Walking Group
- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

### Saturday, October 22

- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

### Sunday, October 23

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

### Monday, October 24

- 1:00 pm M & M's Group
- 4:30 pm C2L Strength Class
- 5:30 pm Craving to Lose Support Group
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop #25
- 7:00 pm Disciple Bible Study

### Tuesday, October 25

- 7:30 am C2L Walking Group
- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 6:30 pm Wesley Bell Practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

### Wednesday, October 26

- 9:00 am Beloved Disciple Bible Study
- 9:30 am 1 Hour Play Group– Age 2-4
- 1:00 pm Spicy Senior Card Game
- 2:30 pm W.O.W. After School Program
- 5:00 pm C2L Strength Class
- 6:00 pm Taste & See Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

### Thursday, October 27

- 7:30 am C2L Walking Group
- 9:30 am Toddler Time

### Saturday, October 29

- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

### Sunday, October 30

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:30 am Contemporary Service
- 4:00 pm Fall Fest / Truck or Treat

### Monday, October 31

- 1:00 pm M & M's Group
- 4:30 pm C2L Strength Class
- 5:30 pm Craving to Lose Support Group
- 7:00 pm Disciple Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop #25

## PRAYER REQUEST

WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU



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:

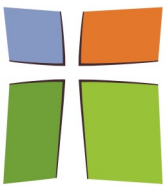
[office@mumc.org](mailto:office@mumc.org) or  
by calling the office at 217-586-2147.

### 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 October 20th, 2022.



**You Tube**

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**



You can find Worship Videos and church updates on our MUMC Facebook page.  
[www.facebook.com/MahometUMC/](http://www.facebook.com/MahometUMC/)



### 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.

### SEPTEMBER WINNER ANNOUNCED

Winner of the "Search for the Classic Car" is .....

**Chuck Peterson**

Stop by office and pick up your prize

### **OCTOBER**

### **HIDDEN OBJECT CONTEST**

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



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!



## **Mahomet United Methodist Church**

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Mahomet, IL 61853-3729  
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Email: [mumc@mumc.org](mailto:mumc@mumc.org)  
Website: [www.mumc.org](http://www.mumc.org)

### **Office Hours**

Mon thru Thurs 9:00 am –2:00 pm

### **Sunday Schedule**

9:00 am Traditional Worship  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church

### **Church Staff**

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Jay Simpson, Assistant Praise Band Leader  
Carly Irvin, Toddler Time Instructor~ [toddlerteach@mumc.org](mailto:toddlerteach@mumc.org)

OCTOBER IS  
**PASTOR**  
APPRECIATION  
MONTH