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Upcoming Important Dates:

November 6th– All Saints Day– Dedication of Memorial Items and Reading the names of our Saints

November 20th- Hanging of the Greens- Volunteers Needed to help decorate the church for Advent and Christmas.

November 27th– First Sunday of Advent— Help us prepare for the Christ child by being an Advent reader during the 4 Sundays of Advent and also need readers on Christmas Eve. Contact Pastor I ori.

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UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS



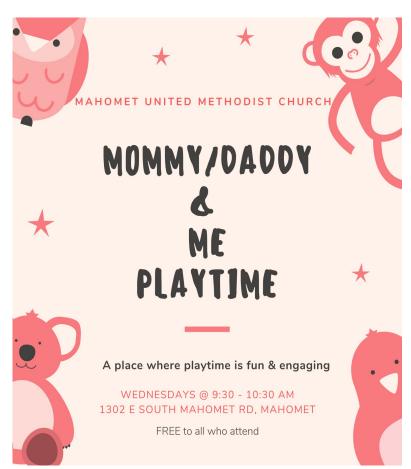








YOUTH CHURCH EVENTS





UPCOMING CHURCH SUNDAY'S

All Saints Sunday November 6th



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

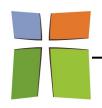
First Sunday of Advent November 27th



Christmas Sunday December 25th



Service at 9am



A MONTH AT A GLANCE

FIRST SINCLAIR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

CAR SHOW

























W.O.W. ACTIVITES

SOUL SQUAD TEEN YOUTH GROUIP PROGRAM









Next Meeting: November 9th 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, 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 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.



CALLING THE EQUIPED

Invitation to Breakthrough Prayer

Psalm 127:1a says, "Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted." IGRC is undergoing a restructuring. The 2022 Annual Conference approved going from 10 Districts to five Districts effective July 1, 2023.

The Bishop, Extended Cabinet, and IGRC Committees are working on how to "build our [IGRC] house." We are inviting the entire Annual Conference to join with us in calling upon God to breakthrough and guide our plans.

Throughout October and November, we are covenanting together to pray for ONE MINUTE each day asking God to breakthrough and reveal God's will. You are welcome to utilize the prayer provided below or your own prayer. Opportunities will be provided throughout the IGRC to receive what you are hearing from God during this prayer time.

In light of Psalm 127:1, you are invited to join with the Bishop & Extended Cabinet to pray wherever you are at 1:27 p.m. for one minute. It is suggested that folks set a daily alarm on their phones at 1:27 p.m. (to begin your prayer time) and at 1:28 p.m. (to close your prayer time).

Potential Prayer:

Gracious and Merciful God, we come before You acknowledging that Your ways are higher than ours and Your wisdom is greater than ours. While we love and care deeply for our communities and congregations, Your Love for the people of and in IGRC is greater than ours. We also know that You do nothing except in believing prayer. So, we are calling out to You and asking for You to breakthrough in new and fresh ways. Reveal to us and our leaders Your will, Your guidance, Your direction. Bring Your wisdom as we seek to restructure in ways that will allow us to be more faithful and fruitful in making disciples of Jesus the Christ that will lead to our world being transformed in God-glorifying ways. Thank You, in advance, for working in and through us to accomplish Your plans and purposes. Please speak for Your servant is listening.... Amen.

PRAISE BAND, CHANCEL CHOIR, AND WESLEY HAND BELLS

Not to late, if you have interest in singing or playing music in any capacity, please reach out to Kathy Toch via email mumc@mumc.org or call the church office at 217-586-2147 to discuss the vast number of opportunities.

We have Praise Band, Chancel Choir, and Wesley Hand Bells openings!

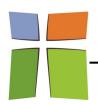




Vocal music opportunity - calling all singers!

Gibson Area Music Foundation is beginning vocal practices for its annual Christmas program. The format will be similar to the one used last year – Christmas carols + selections from *Messiah*. Practices always begin at 7 p.m. with the following schedule: Sunday, October 30 at First Presbyterian Church, Gibson City, and Monday, November 7 at United Methodist Church, Gibson City. The remaining three practices will be back at First Presbyterian Church on November 14, 21, and 28. Dr. Janet McCumber is directing, and the free, public performance will be held December 4. Music is sung in four-part harmony. All ages welcome, no audition necessary. For more information, contact Margy Shambrook (bobmargys@hotmail.com) or Barb Horsch (217-781-8048).





Trustee Committee Report

There are lots of exciting things on-going in our facilities. If you haven't been to the construction site to see the new parsonage being built, now is a good time to cruise on by. It is the last house on the east side of Sunny Acres Road (south end). The basement walls and framing of the outer walls is complete. The inner walls should be complete in a day or so and then the trusses and roof work can begin. The church recently received a \$30,000 donation toward the construction of the parsonage. You can watch the progress of our parsonage by going to this website: www.nelson.builders/MUMC



Road and bike path construction along South Mahomet Road are proceeding, with the Village hoping to complete asphalt work in the next week or two. The road would then be opened for use. Our driveway entrance has been rebuilt as a part of this construction. The railroad crossing will likely not be ready for use until winter.

The church recently received a donation to build an ADA-accessible concrete path from our parking lot to the pavilion. Work on that is not expected until spring.

Installation of our 3 new furnaces/air conditioning units is now complete, so we should be in good shape for winter heating. The trustees approved a preventative maintenance contract for our heating and cooling systems with 217 Inc. Our church is entering into a facilities use agreement with Troop 25 of the BSA. Troop 25 will now be sponsored by the American Legion but continue to use our facilities. This arrangement is a result from the national settlement between the BSA and the United

Our fire suppression and backflow prevention systems just passed their annual inspections this week. The nitrogen generation system continues to have issues which are being addressed by our contractor.

Trustees contacted our insurer, Country Financial, Inc. to have our roofs inspected for hail damage. The roofs were inspected by drone and a person on the roof. While there was a small amount of damage, it did not merit replacement.

Finance Committee Report

Dear Friends,

Methodist Church.

Pledged giving for the month of September was approximately \$13,000, non-pledged giving was approximately \$3,000 making total unrestricted income for the month about \$16,000. Total operating expenses were approximately \$35,000 generating a net operating loss for the month of \$19,000. Year to date operating income was about \$266,000 (\$209K pledged giving, \$22K non-pledged giving and \$35K from employer tax credits) versus expenses of \$291,000.

Please remember to turn in your pledge cards by the end of October. God's Work, Our Hands.

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

- <u>November</u> College Student Care Packages
- <u>December</u> Giving Tree / Helping Hands





The next UWF meeting will be held on **Thursday**, **November 3 at 1 pm**. Rev Lori will present the program "Walking Vermont". We'll also be collecting for a "World Thank Offering" and Judy McGuire is the hostess. We invite all women of the church to attend.

YOUR DONATIONS NEEDED

UWF will be hosting a bazaar and bake sale on **December 10 and 11**. 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. Your cookies can be

placed in containers. Do you have a nativity set you would like to share with the church? Please have your name on your nativity set so you can easily retrieve it when the Bazaar has concluded. Bring items to the church on Friday, December 9 from 9 am to noon and Saturday by 9 am.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP - NOVEMBER

Our upcoming book is *Crossing Over* by Ruth Irene Garrett. Ruth was the fifth of seven children raised in Kalona, Iowa as a member of a strict Old Order Amish Community. She was brought up with rigid rules and intense secrecy in a world where the dress, buggies, codes of conduct, and way of life differed from that of other Amish Societies a mere one hundred miles away. Her community uncompromisingly avoided all interaction with "the English" - everyone who lived on the outside. As a result, Ruth knew only one way of life, oneway of doing things. This compelling true tale offers a striking look inside a hidden community as a woman comes to terms with her discontent and ultimately leaves her family, faith, and the sheltered world of her childhood. She bravely crosses over to a new and unfamiliar reality in hope of better understanding her emotional and spiritual desires. The result is a powerful and inspiring story - a search for meaning and the extraordinary lessons learned along the way.

CUNNINGHAM CONNECTION UPDATE

Cunningham Connection was celebrated **Sunday, October 9** during worship. Apple donuts, coffee and apple cider were served in between worship services. During worship Colleen Combes shared some updates from Cunningham. Four quilts made by the M & Ms group were donated. We also collected \$1,236. UWF would like to thank everyone who made donations. You have enhanced a child's life!

BAZAAR, HOMEBAKED COOKIES, & BAKE SALE



Saturday, December 10, 9am - NOON Sunday, December 11, 8:30-11:30

- Handmade Items
- Homebaked Cookies
- Homemade Candies & Coodies



NATIVITY WALK - Enjoy an array of displayed Nativity sets

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Group Poinsettias of 6½ 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 service, you may take them home. The deadline to order is Sunday, December 4.

Enclosed is \$ for poinsett	a(s	s) at	\$14ea.
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Given By:

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____



HANGING OF THE GREENS

Christmas is fast approaching! This year the church has received a generous gift of two new Christmas trees for the sanctuary.

We will meet directly after second service November 20 at 11:30am for Hanging of the Greens. We plan to decorate the trees, hang wreaths and place the Crèche in the atrium window.



All are welcome! Many hands speed the decorating process. We anticipate it will take 1 1/2 hours.

Call Kathy Roush if you have questions! 217-202-9716

SCRAPBOOKING EVENT-@ MUMC

November 25th 9am—7pm

Enjoy some fellowship!
Bring your own supplies and sack lunch/snacks
Questions contact Rae Dalton 309-824-4261

MEET OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBERS



CARLY IRVIN

Position: Toddler Time Instructor

Favorite Food: Pizza Favorite Sport: Hockey

Favorite Hobby: Reading and being outside

I have been married since 2018 and have a daughter and a son.



BERT REED

Position: Part-Time Custodian Favorite Food: Spaghetti Favorite Music: Hip Hop

Favorite Hobby: Coloring/Painting

I have three grown children with two granddaughters and will be getting married on November 28th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT...

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY- NOVEMBER 6, 2022

The following Memorial Funds will be dedicated to the glory of God and for the service in this church.

Stove Repair—Donna Buzicky Memorial Water Cooler Bottle Refilling System— Harold Schroeder Memorial Outdoor Sound System— Lee Miller Memorial White Oak Tree stone marker w plaque— Thelma Primmer Memorial 15-72" Round Tables—Margadene Bateman Memorial Stained Glass Picture—Ben Epperson Memorial

2-7.5' Christmas Trees—

Betty Clapper Memorial Marcia Rosenbery Memorial Pat O'Neil Memorial Jack McClain Memorial Thelma Primmer Memorial Gavin Meerdink Memorial Danny Tharp Memorial Dave Carpenter Memorial Donna Buzickey Memorial Virginia Berger Memorial Lee Miller Memorial



2022 All Saints

Betty Clapper Ron Bates Reva Cox Doyle Shoot **Emily Clapper-Mattingly** Thelma Labhart Steve Odle Geraldine White Sarah Louise Lusader Cynthia Bell Dave Byers



BABY GIRL

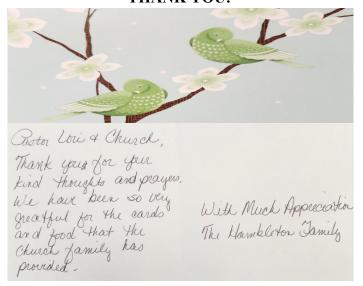
Dorothy Mary Alice Chamberlain

Born: 9/28/22 Weight-8lbs 15oz.

Proud Parents- Andrew Chamberlain & Maureen Brotherman

Proud Brothers- Ash and Ender

THANK YOU!



CHRISTMAS BAGS OF JOY



We will once again be filling Christmas Bags of Joy 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, pens, 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 Email: enie@mediacombb.net



NOVEMBER 2022 CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 1

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

Wednesday, November 2

- 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, November 3

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

Saturday, November 5

12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, November 6

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

Monday, November 7

- 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, November 8

- 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, November 9

- 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, November 10

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

Saturday, November 12

- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
- 1:00 pm Church Conference Mtg in Danville

Sunday, November 13

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Education Meeting w Zoom
- 10:30 am Contemporary Service
- 2:00 pm Bridle Brook Chapel Service

Monday, November 14

- 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, November 15

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



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



Please submit via office@mumc.org or call 217-586-2147.



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**.



NOVEMBER 2022 CALENDAR CONTINUED

Wednesday, November 16

- 9:00 am Beloved Disciple Bible Study9:30 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
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday, November 17

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

Saturday, November 19

12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, November 20

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Missions Team Meeting
- 10:30 am Contemporary Service
- 11:30 am Church Decorating for Christmas

Monday, November 21

- 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, November 22

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



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.

Wednesday, November 23

- 9:00 am Beloved Disciple Bible Study9:30 am 1 Hour Play Group Age 2-4
- 12:00 pm Office Closes at Noon
- 5:00 pm C2L Strength Class
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday, November 24 (Thanksgiving)

Office Closed

Friday, November 25

• 9:00 am Scrapbooking Fun

Saturday, November 26

• 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, November 27

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

Monday, November 28

- 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, November 29

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

Wednesday, November 30

- 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
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice



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 November 21st, 2022.



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

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/



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

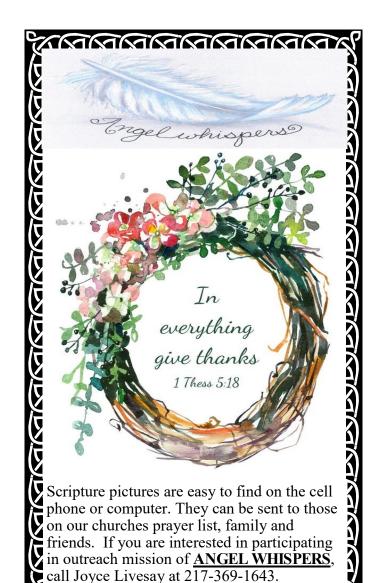
Winner of the "Search for Pastor Lori" is

Kate Donahue

Stop by office and pick up your prize

OCTOBER HIDDEN OBJECT CONTEST

This month, I have hidden a picture of Indian Corn somewhere in the pages of this newsletter. If you find it, please email MUMC@mumc.org the page # AND location (article) of the picture. All members who respond will be entered into a drawing for a small FILLED gift bag. Drawing will take place on November 21st and the winner will be notified via next month's announcement. 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 items!



Mahomet United Methodist Church

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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

Rev. Lori Harvey, Pastor ~ pastor@mumc.org
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Jay Simpson, Assistant Praise Band Leader
Carly Irvin, Toddler Time Instructor~ toddlerteach@mumc.org
Michelle Reed, Custodian

