

vol. 216

The Circuit Rider

Sharing the Good News in Mahomet since 1843

1/1/2023, Issue 1

2023 Officers & Committees CHURCH COUNCIL (Meetings: Second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm) Office Name Class Chair Terri Hunt Vice-Chair **Michelle Petty** Secretary Lay Leader Cindy Dodd Doug Schroeder **Finance Chair** Doug Beckmann SPRC Chair Lois Meerdink **Trustee Chair** Treasurer Gary Winans Lay Member AC Tyler Tanaka 2024 Cindy Dodd LMAC Alternative Terri Hunt UMW President Janet Thompson Memorial Chair **Carol Bunting** Education: all ages Joan Kling Mission Chair Chris Bunting Worship Chair Kathy Roush Parish Nurse **Eileen Waters** Youth Keaton Roberts 2023 At-Large Alice Miller 2024 At-Large 2025 At-Large Wiley Scott Ex-Officio (serves w/out vote) Rev. Lori Harvey .. Pastor Kathy Tock..... Director of Music Michelle Petty.....Director of Ministries COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS (Meetings: On call during summer/fall of each year) -

Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
Terry Dodd	Joyce Herriott	Dan Matthews
		Lynne Yeazel

Ex-Officio Rev. Lori Harvey..... Pastor & Chair Terri Hunt Chair, Church Council Chair (2020) Cindy Dodd Co-Lay Leader Doug Schroeder Co-Lay Leader Tyler Tanaka Lay Members of Annual Conference

TABLE OF CONTENTS:

Pg 1	2023 Officers & Committees
Po 3	Communion Stewardshin Letter

- Communion Stewardship Letter Pg 3... Pg 4... Upcoming Small Group Studies
- Winter / Spring Support Groups
- Pg 5... Pg 5... Winter / Spring Kids Programs
- Pg 6... Month At A Glance
- Pg 7... Area Missions
- Pg 8... **Committee Reports**
- Pg 9... United Women of Faith

Pg 10	Announcements
Pg 11 & 12	Calendar – January
Pg 13	Angel Whisper
Pg 13	Decemberr Hidden Object Winner
Pg 13	January Hidden Object Contest

BOARD OF TRUSTEE	S (Meetings: Thi	rd Thursday of each	month at 7:00 pm)	
Class of 2023		Class of 2024	Class of 2025	
Gary Kling		Stacy Schroeder		_
Scott <u>Yeazel</u>		Amy Roberts Kevin Williams	David Johnsto	n
(Note: Trustees elec	t their own office			erve for term of one year.)
Chair			Officio: Rev Lori Ha	
Vice Chair		(voice	, no vote) Cindy Dod	
Secretary			Doug Schro	oeder, Lay Leader
STAFF-PARISH RELA	TIONS COMMI	TTFF (Meetings: Firs	Thursday of called	months at 7:00 pm)
Class of 2023		Class of 2024	Class of 2025	
Lois Meerdink (d	chair)	Steve Carlson	Joyce Schmale	
Brian Chester		Jack <u>Dollahan</u>	John Trefzger	
Ex-Officio Co-Lay Leade		ri Harvey, Pastor chroeder and Cindy	Dodd	
FINANCE COMMITT	EE (Meetings: Se			1)
Class of 2023	(chair)	Class of 2024	Class of 2025	
Doug Beckmann Dick Livesay	(chair)	Jim Jesso Melody Maxwell	Terry Roush Jeff Bunting	
Ex-Officio	Rev. Lori Harvey	v Pastor		
2.1 0 11 2.0		Co-Lay Leader		
		rCo-Lay Leader		
		Church Council C		
		Rep. from Truste	es	
	Gary Winans	I reasurer Scott Yeazel Fir	ancial Secretaries	
	•			al Conference
		Ed		
	Lois Meerdink .	Sta	ff-Parish Chair	
	-	M		
	Chris Bunting	M	ssion Chair	
MEMORIAL AND SM	ALL GIFTS/SCH			n call as needed)
Class of 2023		Class of 2024	Class of 2025	
Carolyn Scott		Carol Bunting		
Lisa <u>Peithmann</u>		Evelyn Epperson	DEDDI CHANE	
Chair	Carol Bunting			
	Lisa Peithman	3		
	Lisa <u>Peithman</u> Rev. Lori Harve	o ey Pastor	Chair	
	Lisa <u>Peithmann</u> Rev. Lori Harve Terri Hunt	3	Chair	
	Lisa <u>Peithmann</u> Rev. Lori Harve Terri Hunt Cindy Dodd	0 ey Pastor Church Council Co-Lay Leader er Co-Lay Leader	Chair	

WORSHIP TEAM (O)	uarterly on Sunday eveni	ing via Zoom)	
Class of 2023		of 2024	Class of 2025
	Jay Si	mpson,	Susan Bates
Kathy Roush	Brian	Stabler	Alice Dollahon
Chair	Kathy Roush		
Ex-Officio	Rev Lori Harvey, Pasto	or	
Ex-Officio	Kathy Tock, Music Dir	ector	
MISSIONS TEAM (3	® Sunday of the month	after 👫 church service))
Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025	
Elaine Jones	Joy/Greg Duitsman	Georgine Early (M/N	/irep)
Annales Jellen	Rae/Gary Dalton	Chris Bunting (chair)	
Melvin Bell		Dennis Quane	
Chair	Chris Bunting		
Ex-Officio	Michelle Petty, Direct	or of Ministry	
EDUCATION/DISCIP	ESHID TEAM (Meeting	ts: 2nd Sunday of mont	h after 1 st church service)
Class of 2023		of 2024	Class of 2025
Kris Parker		Donahue	Paula Burwell
		Kling	Laurel Matthews
Chair		200	
Ex-Officio	Michelle Petty	ector of Ministry	

Janet Thompson UMW Liaison

Mahomet United Methodist Church – Request to Serve: Communion Stewards to serve communion on the first Sunday of each month and on special occasions such as Maundy Thursday.

The sacrament of Holy Communion, or The Lord's Supper, is one of the most significant acts of worship in which we participate as Christians. As a Communion Steward you would serve an important role in the preparation of the elements and table for our celebration of communion.

Should you decide to serve communion, your commitment would be one Sunday a month and however many times and whenever you wish to sign up to serve. We do request that there are two Communion Stewards for each service.

There are detailed instructions for the Communion Stewards that will be shared with you and I am happy to answer questions and help you in any way I can.

If you want to serve, please call me, text me, or email me, the Communion coordinator, Joyce Bender Schmale (217-840-1128 or jbschmale@gmail.com).

Upcoming Small Group Studies

MAHOMET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NEW TESTAMENT DISCIPLE

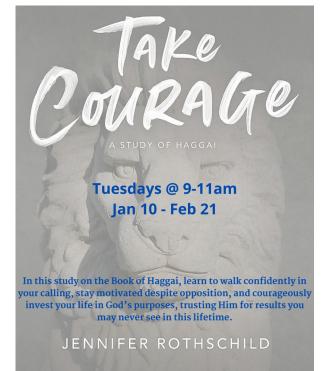
BIBLE STUDY

We're open to the entire community of Mahomet!

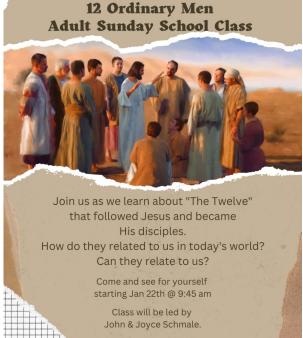
MONDAYS @ 7:00 PM STARTING JANUARY 9TH

Learn more about the Scriptures and achieve a more fulfilling relationship with God & Jesus through our weekly classes.

> Call Mahomet UMC @ 217-586-2147 or email ministrydir@mumc.org to sign up.



Sign-up sheets in Narthax, Call office @217-586-2147, or email min-



Mahomet United Methodist Church 217-586-2147 mumc@mumc.org

GOOD BOUNDARIES AND GOODBYES

A LYSA TERKEURST BIBLE STUDY

Every other Sunday evening via ZOOM starting Jan 8th @ 7:00 pm



Winter / Spring Support Groups

CRARAGE CONSECUTION OF A CONSECUTION OF

MAHOMET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CALL US :217-586-2147 EMAIL: MINISTRYDIR@MUMC.ORG

Cost is \$30 for 18 weeks, scholarships available upon request

Now is the time for New Year's Resolutions!

Let us help you with your health & fitness goals!

Special speakers, exercise classes, support for others, cooking classes, and more!

Sign up now in the Narthex at church; call the office at 217-586-2147 or email ministrydir@mumc.org!

We help everyone achieve their goals one step at a time!

Kids Programs @ Mahomet UMC

Check these out!

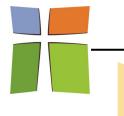
As you know we are growing our kids programs! These are some that we have openings for—so if you know of any kids that would like to be a part please have them contact us!

Call the office at 217-586-2147 or email ministrydir@mumc.org



MONTH AT A GLANCE





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 <u>cbrumfield@ms.k12.il.us</u> to help out or make a donation.

lt Takes a Village <u>in Mahomet, IL</u>



"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.

Trustee Committee Report

Update from the Trustees

Construction on the Parsonage is moving along steadily. The new blue-gray siding is now installed, giving the outside an attractive appearance. All the utilities have been roughed in and the furnace is providing heat. Drywalling is now in progress and will likely be finished this coming week. You can watch the progress of our parsonage by going to this website: <u>www.nelson.builders/MUMC</u>. Currently the images on that website are behind the actual progress of construction.

December has been a quieter month with no major emergencies. We did upgrade the fire suppression system cell phone link from 3G to 4G, as the 3G service in this area is being phased out.

The last three of our furnace/AC split units have been installed and all are functioning well. We now have fully replaced seven furnace/AC combinations in the past two seasons, and only have four of the original systems remaining. Hopefully, some of those will last a while longer. I am thankful that we made it through the extremely cold weather without any damage to our fire suppression pipes.

Trustees typically serve a 3-year term and then rotate off. Joyce Herriott and Wiley Scott rotated off of the trustees at the end of 2022. We owe them a big thanks for all of their contributions over the years. Terry Dodd and David Johnston will join as new trustees in January.

Finance Committee Report

Dear Friends,

Pledged giving for the month of November was approximately \$21,000 and non-pledged giving was approximately \$9,000 making total unrestricted income about \$30,000. Total operating expenses were approximately \$46,000 generating a net operating loss for the month of \$16,000. Year to date operating income was about \$320,000 (\$251K pledged giving, \$35K non-pledged giving and \$34K from employer tax credits) versus expenses of \$388,000. Operating expenses are running higher than normal this year due to replacement of HVAC units and higher utility rates. Three additional HVAC units failed in November, and these were replaced

in early December.

The 2023 pledge cards have been returned and the church received over 70 pledges for a total of approximately \$290,000. This is \$3,500 more that last year's pledge total. I thank the congregation for this strong response. God's Work, Our Hands!

Thank you for supporting our church ministries!

Financial reports are always available upon request.

Doug Beckmann Chair, Finance Committee





United Women in Faith

There is no meeting in January.

The next UWF meeting will be held on **Thursday**, **February 2 at 1 pm**. Janet Thompson will present the program and the hostess is Alice Dollahon. We invite all women of the church to attend.

FEBRUARY: Unlocking A Broken World by Scott and Connie Payne (212 pages)

When Scott and Connie Payne first arrived at Inner City Mission, they thought they had homelessness figured out. Soon, their beliefs collided with a world beyond their understanding. The solutions they offered – taken from America's playbook on poverty – failed to bring real answers.

Everyone knows homelessness is about the lack of housing, jobs, and money, so why question it? Yet, after watching the same people fall back into homelessness, the Paynes had no choice. They had to find answers.

To their amazement, the answers God provided came through unlikely people.

COOKIE WALK AND BAZAAR

Thank you to all who helped with the Cookie Walk and Bazaar, to everyone who supported us with your purchases, and to those who made donations. We are grateful to all of the bakers and all who donated special food items and craft items and helped in any way. With your help, United Women in Faith (formerly UMW) earned a total of \$2,892.77 to be used toward our mission oriented 2023 budget of \$4,800.

Our budget supports local and national recipients as well as mission work within our church. UWF presents Bibles to second graders and books to graduating seniors in our church and contributes to the MUMC Mission Teams. We support church families with funeral dinners. Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House in East St. Louis and the Midwest Distribution Center in Chatham receive donations. In Mahomet, we financially support Helping Hands and the Mahomet Summer Lunch Program at Candlewood Estates. We also contribute to Liberia, Ganta UM Hospital, and our Pledge to Missions contribution supports world-wide missions.

We welcome all ladies who would like to join us in our mission work and share in our fellowship. Our next meeting will be Thursday February 2nd at 1 pm in the church library.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



<u>Lunch with the Pastor</u>

Want to learn more about the United Methodist Church and Mahomet UMC, please join Pastor Lori for lunch following the 10:30 service on January 22. We can talk about communion, baptism, membership, and the Wesleyan Quadralateral. Call the office to RSVP at 217–586–2147.

Good evening,

I received the care package this afternoon and wanted to send my appreciation for the wonderful goodies inside. I appreciate the investment you all have put into me and I look forward to seeing you all again soon!! ~Deonte





Volunteers are the lifeblood of the church. Withou, volunteers like you, our church would have a hard time getting anything done. That is why we appreciate each and every one of you so much for all that you do to help the church run smoothly. I wish I could name each of you but I know if I do, I will miss someone. I don't want to do that

because you all mean so much to us. We have people come in and help with maintenance, power washing, cleaning, set-up/tear-down, finances, folding bulletins and newsletters, helping with special events, providing snacks or meals, coordinating & distributing lunches during our Candlewood and MAYC lunch programs, hosting a book club for MAYC, Children's Church, Children's Message during worship, leading small groups, Toddler Time helpers, WOW Afterschool program, all the committee members we have, etc. The list is long! THANK YOU for being our lifeblood!

Do you know just a little about Technology?

We NEED you on our Tech Team!

Every Sunday, it takes 4 volunteers to create a streaming video of our worship service.

Sound board, powerpoint, camera and VMIX person

If you would like to volunteer and learn more about these skills, you should contact Rob Parker or Pastor Lori. We would need volunteers to be available once a month.





JANUARY 2023 CALENDAR

Sunday, January 1

• 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Monday, January 2—Open Closed

- 1:00 pm M & M's
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop #25

Tuesday, January 3

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

Wednesday, January 4

• 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday, January 5

• 7:00 pm Staff-Parish Committee Meeting

Saturday, January 7

• 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, January 8

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Education/Discipleship Team Mtg.
- 10:30 am Contemporary Service
- 2:00 pm Bridle Brook Chapel Service
- 7:00 pm Good Boundaries Study via ZOOM

Monday, January 9

- 1:00 pm M & M's Group
- 7:00 pm Disciple Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop #25

Tuesday, January 10

- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 10:00 am Take Courage Small Group
- 6:30 pm Wesley Bell Choir practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir practice

Wednesday, January 11

- 9:30 am Mommy/Daddy & Me Play Time
- 2:30 pm W.O.W. After School Program
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday, January 12

- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 1:30pm UWF Reading Circle
- 6:00 pm Finance Meeting
- 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Saturday, January 14

• 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, January 15

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

Monday, January 16 — OFFICE CLOSED

- 1:00 pm M & M's Group
- 7:00 pm Disciple Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop #25

Tuesday, January 17

- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 10:00 am Take Courage Small Group
- 6:30 pm Wesley Bell Practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Wednesday, January 18

- 9:30 am Mommy/Daddy & Me Play Time
- 1:00 pm Spicy Senior's Card Party
- 2:30 pm W.O.W. After School Program
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday, January 19

- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 7:00 pm Trustees Committee Meeting

Saturday, January 21

• 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, January 2

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am 12 Ordinary Men– Bible Study
- 10:30 am Contemporary Service
- 7:00 pm Good Boundaries Study via ZOOM

Monday, January 23

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

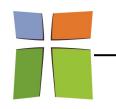
Tuesday, January 24

- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 10:00 am Take Courage Small Group
- 6:30 pm Wesley Bell Practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Wednesday, January 25

- 9:30 am Mommy/Daddy & Me Play Time
- 12:30 pm W.O.W. After School Program
- 5:00 pm W.O.W. Family Dinner & Drive-In
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

CALENDAR CONTINUED -->



CALENDAR CONTINUED

Thursday, January 26

• 9:30 am Toddler Time

Saturday, January 28

• 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, January 29

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am 12 Ordinary Men Bible Study
- 10:30 am Contemporary Service
- 7:00 pm Good Boundaries Study via ZOOM

Monday, January 30

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

Tuesday, January 31

- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 10:00 am Take Courage Small Group



There is so much to see on our website <u>www.mumc.org.</u>

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



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.



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 December 21^{st} , 2022.



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.

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: <u>office@mumc.org or</u> <u>by calling the office at 217-586-2147.</u>

You Tube

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. <u>www.facebook.com/MahometUMC/</u>



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



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

DECEMBER WINNER ANNOUNCED

Winner of the "Search for The Poinsettia" is

Kathy Tock

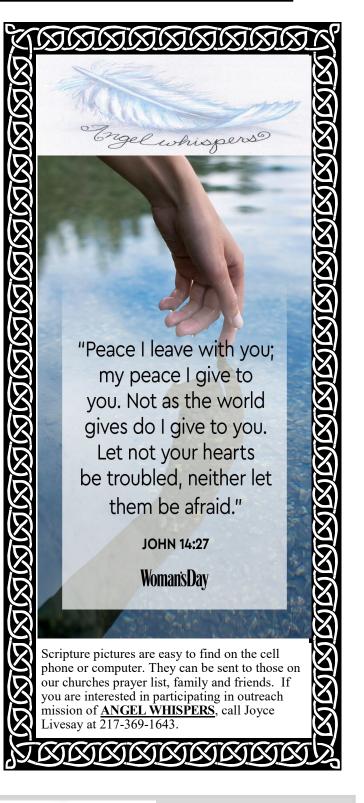
Stop by office and pick up your prize

JANUARY HIDDEN OBJECT CONTEST

This month, I have hidden a picture of 🧮



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 January 20th 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

1302 E. South Mahomet Road Mahomet, IL 61853-3729 Phone: (217) 586-2147 Email: mumc@mumc.org Website: 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

Rev. Lori Harvey, Pastor ~ pastor@mumc.org Michelle Petty, Director of Ministry ~ ministrydir@mumc.org Leslie Heath, Office Administrator ~ office@mumc.org Kathy Tock, Worship Music Director ~ tockwoman@gmail.com Dr. Carlos R. Carrillo Cotto, Organist Jay Simpson, Assistant Praise Band Leader Carly Irvin, Toddler Time Instructor ~ toddlerteach@mumc.org Michelle Reed, Custodian ~ cleaning@mumc.org

