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Introducing, a UMC Men's Group



Illini Carvers

Mornings of Wood Carving

Saturdays starting Feb 4
1st & 3rd Saturdays
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

WANT TO LEARN??
BEGINNERS ARE WELCOME

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LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 22, 2023

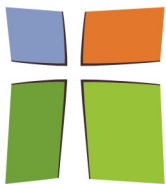
40 DAYS OF RENEWAL

IF YOU ARE ASKING YOURSELF....

WHAT YOU CAN DO DURING THIS TIME OF YEAR.....

- Pick up a Lenten Devotional from Narthex
- Pick up a Lenten Calendar
(see next page for a copy or the website)
- Attend Ash Wednesday Service — February 22nd @ 6:30pm
- Maundy Thursday Service — April 6th @ 7:00pm
- Good Friday, April 7th — Prayer Stations 9am-11am & 5pm-7pm
- Easter, April 9th @ 9am & 10:30pm
- Easter, April 9th @ 2pm Sing at Bridle Brook

Contact the office for more information.



Lenten 2023 Calendar

Gather a jar with a lid and put a slit in the top.
Follow this Lenten calendar each day by collecting coins for Helping Hands.
Get the whole family involved and have fun with this!

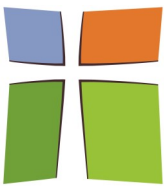


Empty coins in the office
"Lenten Coin Jar" on a weekly
basis

- **Feb 22nd (Ash Wednesday)** -- A coin for every lamp.
- **Feb 23rd** -- A coin for every light switch
- **Feb 24th** -- A coin for every candle
- **Feb 25th** -- A coin for every flashlight (include your smartphone)
- **Feb 26th** -- Pray today, thanking God for the gift of light. Pray for those who live in darkness.
- **Feb 27th** -- A coin for every box of cereal.
- **Feb 28th** -- A coin for every can of soup.
- **Mar 1st** -- A coin for every type of bread
- **Mar 2nd** -- A coin for every jar of jelly
- **Mar 3rd** -- A coin for every bottle of salad dressing.
- **Mar 4th** -- A coin for every jar of peanut butter
- **Mar 5th** -- Pray today, thanking God for the food you enjoy. Pray for those that have no food these days.
- **Mar 6th** -- A coin for every ball cap or hat
- **Mar 7th** -- A coin for every pair of shoes
- **Mar 8th** -- A coin for every pair of jeans or pants
- **Mar 9th** -- A coin for every coat
- **Mar 10th** -- A coin for every T-shirt
- **Mar 11th** -- A coin for every sweatshirt
- **Mar 12th** -- Pray today, thanking God for clothing that protects you from the elements. Pray for those who lack clothing to keep them warm and dry.

- **Mar 13th** -- A coin for every ball or piece of athletic equipment
- **Mar 14th** -- A coin for every electronic video game
- **Mar 15th** -- A coin for every smart device (phones, tablets, etc)
- **Mar 16th** -- A coin for every television
- **Mar 17th** -- A coin for every doll or stuffed animal
- **Mar 18th** -- A coin for every board game or card game
- **Mar 19th** -- Pray today, thanking God for how you can enjoy entertainment in your home. Pray for those who would be grateful for just one of these items.
- **Mar 20th** -- A coin for every box of band-aids
- **Mar 21st** -- A coin for every bottle of vitamins
- **Mar 22nd** -- A coin for every box of tissues
- **Mar 23rd** -- A coin for every bottle of hand sanitizer
- **Mar 24th** -- A coin for every toothbrush and tube of tooth paste
- **Mar 25th** -- A coin for every cough drop in your house
- **Mar 26th** -- Pray today, thanking God for your health. Pray for those who are sick.
- **Mar 27th** -- A coin for every room in your home
- **Mar 28th** -- A coin for every electrical outlet in your home
- **Mar 29th** -- A coin for every chair in your home.
- **Mar 30th** -- A coin for every desk (virtual work/school) in your home.
- **Mar 31st** -- A coin for every bathroom
- **Apr 1st** -- A coin for every bed
- **Apr 2nd (Palm Sunday)** -- Pray today, thanking God for shelter. Pray for those who have no place to sleep at night.
- **Apr 3rd** -- A coin for every Bible
- **Apr 4th** -- A coin for every book of hymns or sacred songs in your home
- **Apr 5th** -- A coin for every cross in your home
- **Apr 6th (Maundy Thursday)** -- A coin for every prayer you say today
- **Apr 7th (Good Friday)** -- A coin for every story of Jesus you can tell
- **Apr 8th** -- A coin for every person in your family
- **April 9th (Easter)** -- Pray, thanking God for Jesus and for the many ways we can gather and worship God. Pray for those who will receive the coins collected that they would see God's presence through them.





UPCOMING EVENTS



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1st & 3rd Saturdays
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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SPICY SENIORS CARD PARTY

WEDNESDAY
22ND
February
1:00 - 3:00 pm

217-586-2147 Ministrydir@mumc.org



Soup & Sandwiches

Sunday, Feb 26th
after 10:30 am service
Stay to enjoy fellowship with others or
TAKE OUT AVAILABLE starting at 9:45 am

RSVP strongly encouraged
TAKE OUT AVAILABLE

ministrydir@mumc.org 217-586-2147

Donations will go to Helping Hands



MAHOMET UMC PRESENTS

ALL WHEELS CAR SHOW

SATURDAY 20 MAY

Registration 9am - NOON
Awards at 2:30 pm

\$20 REGISTRATION

Swag bag for pre-registration

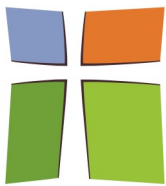
All donations will go to
Mahomet Area Emergency Fund

MAHOMET UMC

1302 E SOUTH MAHOMET RD, MAHOMET, IL

REGISTRATION STARTS @ 9 AM
MUSIC • DOOR PRIZES • RUMMAGE SALE

WWW.MUMC.ORG 217-586-2147
MINISTRYDIR@MUMC.ORG



Current Small Groups

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.

Take COURAGE


A STUDY OF HAGGAI

Tuesdays @ 9-11am
Jan 10 - Feb 21

In this study on the Book of Haggai, learn to walk confidently in your calling, stay motivated despite opposition, and courageously invest your life in God's purposes, trusting Him for results you may never see in this lifetime.

JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD

12 Ordinary Men Adult Sunday School Class



Join us as we learn about "The Twelve" that followed Jesus and became His disciples.
How do they related to us in today's world?
Can they relate to us?

Come and see for yourself
starting Jan 22th @ 9:45 am


Class will be led by
John & Joyce Schmale.

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GOOD BOUNDARIES AND GOODBYES

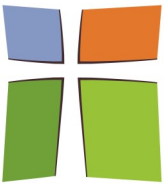
A LYSA TERKEURST BIBLE STUDY

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



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217-586-2147 MINISTRYDIR@MUMC.ORG

These have started, but you can still join in.
Call office @217-586-2147, or email ministrydir@mumc.org



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

Wednesdays @
9:30 - 10:30 am

"Come Play with Me"

Toddlers and their parents/grandparents/guardians come to structured playtime with crafts & games. Adults are expected to stay with the children they bring.

Mahomet United Methodist Church
To register:
call office @ 217-518-2983; or
email ministrydir@mumc.org

MUMC After School Program

Wonderful Outreach Wednesday
W.O.W.

Openings available

Wednesdays @ afterschool to 5:30 pm
Early Out Days as well,
EOD include a family dinner

Kindergarten thru 2nd grade
To find out more information, call 217-586-2147
or email ministrydir@mumc.org

MUMC Toddler Time

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:30 - 11:00 am
Ages 2-4 years

Structured play time while learning at the same time.

Kids are able to interact & socialize with kids their own age.

Contact Mahomet UMC at 217-586-2147 or ministrydir@mumc.org for more information.

Winter / Spring Support Group

CRAVING 2 LOSE

SPRING SESSION
STARTS JAN 16TH TO MAY 22ND
MONDAYS @ 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

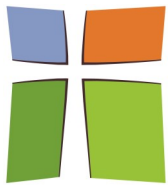
Sessions include:

- Lessons
- Cooking sessions
- Health & fitness speakers
- Strength classes
- Walking groups

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CALL US :217-586-2147
EMAIL: MINISTRYDIR@MUMC.ORG

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



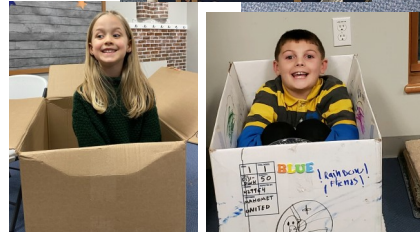
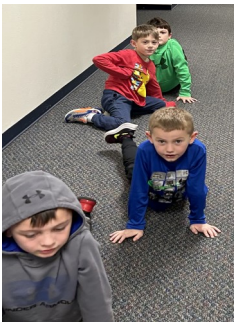


KIDS MONTH AT A GLANCE

TODDLER TIME ACTIVITIES



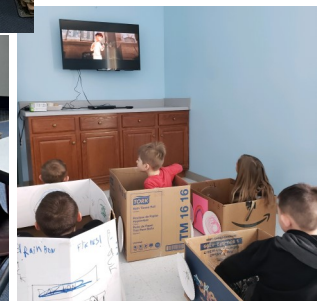
W.O.W ACTIVITIES

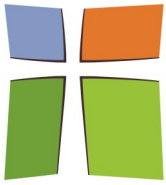


Drive-In Movie



Stretching and Exercising





MISSIONS

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.



BODY LOTIONS & SPICES

Donations for Mom's Pantry

DONATIONS BEING COLLECTED IN NARTHEX FROM END OF JANUARY TO FEBRUARY 26TH



Mahomet Helping Hands



MUMC has been assigned
Kleenex and Paper Towels for collection but all donation are accepted.

Calling College Age Adults Field Mission Opportunity

Looking for Young Adults to join Champaign Faith UMC in a Mission Trip May 27th—June 3, 2023 to help with Hurricane Ian Recovery in or near Fort Myers, Florida.

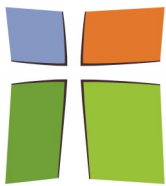
Trip cost is \$200 / person (Scholarships available).

Anyone interested, please contact:
Sheryl Palmer, Champaign Faith UMC
Phone # 217-359-3631 or
Email Sheryl@champaignfaith.org.

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.



AREA HAPPENINGS

VALENTINES FOR SENIORS CARD DRIVE

HOSTED BY SENATOR CHAPIN ROSE

JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 8, 2023

State Senator Chapin Rose will be hosting a Valentines for Seniors Card Drive from January 20 to February 8, 2023 and he would like to formally invite you to participate!

Seniors are incredibly important to our community and Senator Rose needs your help by writing cards to those living in assisted living and long-term care facilities in the 51st Senate District. The hope is to bring joy to our community's seniors this Valentine's Day.

Please drop off or mail your cards to Senator Rose's office and Senator Rose and his staff will personally deliver those cards to local seniors.

WHAT: Valentines for Seniors Card Drive

WHEN: January 20 - February 8, 2023

MAIL CARDS TO:

Senator Rose's Springfield Office
401 S. Spring St., Section A, Office B
Springfield, IL 62706

DROP OFF OR MAIL CARDS TO:

Senator Rose's Mattoon Office
88 Broadway Ave., Suite #1
Mattoon, IL 61938

DROP OFF INSTRUCTIONS: If delivering cards in person, please place them in the marked box located on the front porch of the Mattoon office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mondays – Fridays.

If you have any questions, please contact: **Kaylee Ezard** at kezard@sgop.ilga.gov. Thank you and we look forward to your participation in the Valentines for Seniors Card Drive.



**STATE SENATOR
CHAPIN ROSE**
401 S. Spring St., Section A, Office B
Springfield, IL 62706
88 Broadway Ave., Suite #1
Mattoon, IL 61938
SenChapinRose.com



St. Mary's Annual

Chili and Soup Supper



Sunday, February 19th
4:00-6:30pm

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Pesotum
1247 Co. Road 200 N. 2.5 miles east of Pesotum
\$5 kids meal, \$8 adult meal

Brrr! It's COLD outside! Join us for homemade chili and vegetable beef soup with sandwiches and hot dogs. Also, drinks and lots of homemade desserts! Quilt raffles, 50/50 drawing and Bingo!



You are invited

A MAYC AUCTION

HATS OFF

IN SUPPORT OF THE MAHOMET AREA YOUTH CLUB

3.4.23
Doors open 5:30pm

IHOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
1900 S. First St. Champaign



Come tip your favorite hat in support of MAYC!

- Live and silent auctions
- Live entertainment by Discount Rhythm Dukes
- Delicious buffet and beverages
- A best hat contest
- Game of Heads or Tails

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
MAYCAUCTION.COM**

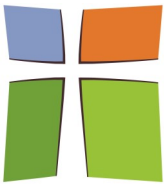
Single tickets: \$80
Table for 8: \$540
Table for 10: \$650



The auction supports the mission of the Mahomet Area Youth Club to develop, support and encourage youth in the community to achieve lifelong success.

*Thank you to our sponsors.
We hope to see you there!*





Trustee Committee Report

Trustees began the new year with elections. The following were elected: Gary Kling, Chair; Scott Yeazel, Vice-Chair; and Amy Roberts, Secretary.

Work on the parsonage is continuing, with the painting complete. Carpet, tile and the last few appliances have been ordered. The cabinetry is expected to be ready for installation in the first or second week of February. Lighting and window treatments are the last remaining things to be ordered. Completion of the house is still on track for the end of February.

We have been experiencing some pressure loss in our fire suppression piping due to corrosion in the pipes. Technicians from Matco Fire Protection, Inc. found 3 holes in the piping and installed temporary patches. Replacement of those sections of the pipes is tentatively scheduled for January 27 and will cost approximately \$2,500. Service technicians from 217, Inc. replaced a malfunctioning thermostat on the furnace on the west side of the sanctuary.

A failed compressor fan in the kitchen freezer was replaced by a technician from Frosty Refrigeration this past week and the freezer is now functioning properly.

The trustees are soliciting bids for some concrete work to create an ADA-accessible sidewalk from our parking lot to the sports pavilion/shed. The work will be paid for with a memorial gift given for that purpose.

Rev. Lori headed up trustee and finance efforts to apply for a grant from the Fellheimer Foundation to help defray the cost of the furnace and AC replacements/upgrades we made last year. The application was successful, and we received \$25,000.

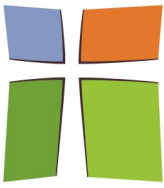
Mission Team Information

Hello from the Missions Team! The Missions Team is looking at ways we can benefit in and around our community for 2023, and we have begun working on planning these events. Our first event is the Soup and Sandwich Fellowship on February 26th. Please save the date and join us for fellowship time following the 10:30 am church service. If you will not be able to join us, carryout/delivery is available. All donations will go to Helping Hands.

In order to have successful missions, the team will need your help. Please consider volunteering as you are able. Any ideas or suggestions are welcome.

The following is a list of the missions that the team is planning for 2023. Information will be updated as the planning continues:

February:	Soup and Sandwich Fellowship – Feb 26th following 10:30 am church service. All donations will go to Helping Hands
March:	Lenten Calendar Donation Drive
April:	Local Area Clean Up
May:	Car Show and Rummage Sale – May 20th
June:	Gathering donations for Mom’s Pantry
July:	Rice Meals
August:	Lunches for Candlewood
August/September:	Midwest Mission Distribution Center Volunteer Opportunity
October:	Mission Trip coordinated with Faith United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church
November:	College Care Packages
December:	Advent donations and Bags of Joy
January 2024:	Care packages for the homeless



Finance Committee Report

Dear Friends,

Pledged giving for the month of December was approximately \$25,000 and non-pledged giving was approximately \$7,000 making total unrestricted income about \$32,000. Total operating expenses were approximately \$23,000 generating net operating income for the month of \$9,000. The Christmas offering was just over \$3,000. Year to date operating income was about \$355,000 (\$275K pledged giving, \$45K non-pledged giving and \$35K from employer tax credits) versus expenses of \$411,000. Operating expenses were higher than normal this year due to replacement of HVAC units (\$61,000) and higher utility rates (\$7,000). Three additional HVAC units were replaced in early December. Thankfully, MUMC applied for a grant to help with these HVAC costs and \$25,000 was received in early January. 2022 was a difficult year for the operating budget as so many of the original HVAC units reached the end of their useful lives at the same time.

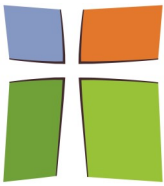
The 2023 budget has been approved at a condensed version of it is attached. I am hopeful revenues will exceed estimates and building related expenses will be more controlled in 2023. Our church needs to generate new members and we are back to full staff to support programs. I thank the congregation again for the strong pledge 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

Budget	2023
INCOME	
Unrestricted Income	
4000 Pledged Giving	\$290,176
4150 Non-Pledged Giving	\$70,000
4200 Worship & Church School	\$60
4215 Co-op Remote Learning	\$0
4250 Building Use Donation	\$1,000
4310 Flowers	\$1,000
4320 Bulletin Sponsors	\$650
4300 Other Income	\$1,300
4321 WOW Registrations	\$3,300
4305 Interest Income	\$1,000
Total Unrestricted Income	<u>\$368,486</u>
4300 Anticipated IRS recovery (Covid ETC)	\$0
MUMC operating reserves drawdown	\$37,000
TOTAL BUDGET FUNDS AVAILABLE	<u>\$405,486</u>
EXPENSES	
5190 Clergy Support/Admin.	\$30,984
Benevolences/Connectional	\$12,648
Total 5190 Conference Claims	<u>\$43,632</u>
5000 Program Expenses	\$22,400
6000 Administrative Expenses	\$25,130
7000 Personnel Expenses	\$252,081
8000 Property Expenses So. Mahomet Rd./Parsonage	\$62,100
Total Expenses	<u>\$405,343</u>
TOTAL OPERATING FUND NET (includes reserve drawdown)	<u><u>\$143</u></u>



Education/Discipleship Committee

The Education/Discipleship Committee met Sunday, January 8, 2023 between services. This was the first meeting of the combined committees. It was decided that the Education and Discipleship Committees should combine, allowing the committee to design and offer a variety of Christian Education and outreach opportunities to all age levels, from toddlers to adults.

Our current offerings include five programs for children and youth:

Children's Sermon during the second service,
Children's Church (Sunday School after the Children's Sermon),
Toddler Time on Tuesday and Thursday Mornings,
Come Play with Me, offered Wednesday morning, and
Wonderful Outreach Wednesdays (WOW) afterschool on Wednesdays.

Soul Squad, our offering for church young people, will be taking a break. Our small group has lost members this spring due to sports and job commitments. We plan for it to resume in the Fall. In addition, we are planning for VBS to resume this summer at the end of June using a one-week format.

Adult Opportunities are now offered in two areas: Bible Studies and Support Groups.

A Women's Study, Take Courage (Study of Haggai), is offered Tuesday mornings.
Good Boundaries, Good Bye by Lysa Terkeurst is offered every other Sunday evening via Zoom.
Twelve Ordinary Men started last Sunday. This group meets between services on Sundays.
Discipleship Class is offering a Study of the New Testament meeting Monday evenings.

Call the office for more information on any of these groups.

In the area of support groups, one support group, Craving to Lose, is currently being offered Monday evenings. Our loss support program is under redesign. We hope to have it ready next fall.

The committee has chosen to meet the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm as our usual meeting day and time. Therefore, our next meeting will be Monday, February 6th, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the church library. Please know that you are welcome to attend. I would like to acknowledge and thank this committee and our volunteers for their willingness to devote their time, resources, and energy to support our congregation (both young and old) as well as our community. Committee members and volunteers include: Kate Donahue, Kris Parker, Janet Thompson, Paula Burwell, Laurel Matthews, Chris Bunting, Stacy Schroeder, Joy Duitsman, Carly Irvin, Treva Bradd, Kathy Roush, Tony Early, Joyce Schmale, and John Schmale. A special thanks to Michelle Petty for envisioning many of these classes, and supporting this committee by arranging curriculum and leading many classes. If you would like to be a part of our programs, spending time with children, leading a study or support group, researching curriculum, or helping with Vacation Bible School, please know there are many opportunities available! Some volunteer opportunities are as simple as one or two hours midweek with toddlers or one hour per Sunday for Children's Church to many extensive programing opportunities!

Please contact Michelle or I if God is calling your name!

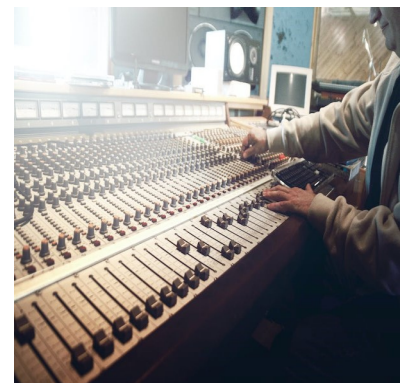
Joan Kling,
Chair-Education/Discipleship Committee

Do you know just a little about Technology?

We NEED you on our Tech Team!

it takes 4 volunteers to create a streaming video of our worship service.
Sound board, Power Point, 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.





United
Women
in Faith

Mahomet United Women in Faith

UWF next meeting Thursday, Feb 2nd, 1 pm
Prayer and Self-Denial
Program - Janet Thompson
Hostess - Alice Dollahon

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



February 9th @ 1:30 pm
March 9th @ 1:30 pm

FEBRUARY: *Unlocking A Broken World* by Scott and Connie Payne

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.

2nd Thursdays of each month
at 1:30 pm
Contact Sheryle Carpenter for more
information or if you are interested at
217-390-6038.

MARCH: *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict

A remarkable novel about J.P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation. In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J.P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture in New York City society and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd negotiating for critical works as she helps create a world-class collection. But Belle has a secret, one she must protect at all costs. She was not born Belle da Costa Green but Belle Marion Greener. She is the daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard and a well-known advocate for equality. Belle's complexion isn't dark because of her alleged Portuguese heritage that lets her pass as white – her complexion is dark because she is African American. *The Personal Librarian* tells the story of an extraordinary woman, famous for her intellect, style and wit, and shares the lengths she must go to – for the protection of her family and her legacy – to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAGS OF JOY, THANK YOU'S

We received a number of thank you notes back from our Bags of Joy recipients.

Sandy Rourke wrote: Thank you fro the Holiday Gift Bag! I really enjoyed it. All the Christmas cards, candy, and snacks were a pleasant surprise. The nicest surprise was the blinking Christmas light necklace. Thanks to you all! You made my day.

Bob Sinclair wrote: Pastor Lori delivered my “Goodie Bag” to me in Monticello Holly Brook Independent Living Facility. It contained 22 cards, several snack items, and games. Itw as like having 40+ Christmas gifts— it was fun and enjoyable for me. Thank you for remembering me during this holiday season. God bless each one of you! Brother in Christ.

Betty Brainerd wrote: Thank you for the wonderful Christmas bag. I’m really enjoying it. Have a blessed New Year! Yours truly.

Other thank you came from:

Wooden It Be Lovely thanking us for the gracious donation of \$776.25. To summarize the letter...Thank you for your donation and partnering with us in lifting these women in recovery. The bigger our group of supporters become, the more love and hope we can offer to women in need. Blessings in 2023!



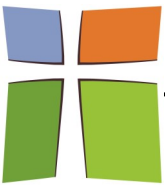
A special Thank you to Wiley Scott for taking a moment and shoveling off the sidewalk from a little drift that had formed on the Church walkway. You are appreciated!



We love our Volunteers, always Looking for Volunteers

- Office help— Miscellaneous projects, folding weekly bulletins, mailing monthly newsletter, etc...
- Greeters— 1st and/or 2nd Services needed.
- Communion Stewards— 1st Sunday of each month. 9am and 10:30am service slots available.
- Children’s Programs— Toddler Time helper, WOW leader and assistant, and Children’s Church teacher/assistant options.
- Volunteer Singers— Easter Sunday, 2pm April 9th to sing at Bridle Brook

If interested and/or have questions about any of these, please reach out to Michelle Petty and she will direct you on how to get on the respective volunteer rotation lists.



FEBRUARY 2023 CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 1

- 9:30 am Come Play with Me Play Group
- 2:30 pm W.O.W. After School Program
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday, February 2

- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 10:00 am Take Courage Small Group
- 1:00 pm UWF Meeting

Saturday, January 4

- 9:00 am Illini Carvers
- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, February 5

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 am Contemporary Service
- 7:00 pm Good Boundaries Study via ZOOM

Monday, February 6

- 1:00 pm M & M's Group
- 5:30 pm Craving 2 Lose Support Group
- 7:00 pm Disciple Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Education Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop #25

Tuesday, February 7

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

Wednesday, February 8

- 9:30 am Come Play with Me Play Group
- 2:30 pm W.O.W. After School Program
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday, February 9

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

Saturday, February 11

- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, February 12

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 am Contemporary Service
- 2:00 pm Bible Brook Chapel Service

Monday, February 13

- 1:00 pm M & M's Group
- 5:30 pm Craving 2 Lose Support Group
- 7:00 pm Disciple Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop #25

Tuesday, February 14– Valentine's Day

- 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, February 15

- 9:30 am Come Play with Me Play Group
- 1:30 pm H. C. E. Gathering
- 12:30 pm W.O.W. After School Program
- 5:00 pm W.O.W. Family Dinner
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday, February 16

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

Saturday, February 18

- 9:00 am Illini Carvers
- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
- 5:00 pm Mystery Dinner (Mhmt Public Library)

Sunday, February 19

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Adult Sunday School
- 9:45 am Mission Team Meeting
- 10:30 am Contemporary Service
- 7:00 pm Good Boundaries Study via ZOOM

Monday, February 20 — OFFICE CLOSED

- 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, February 21

- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 10:00 am Take Courage Small Group
- 6:30 pm Wesley Bell Practice
- 7:00 pm Book Club (Mahomet Public Library)
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

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Wednesday, February 22

- 9:30 am Come Play with Me Play Group
- 1:00 pm Spicy Senior's Card Party
- 2:30 pm W.O.W. After School Program
- 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday, February 23

- 9:30 am Toddler Time

Saturday, February 25

- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, February 26

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 am Contemporary Service
- 11:30 am Soup & Sandwich Mission Fundraiser
- 7:00 pm Good Boundaries Study via ZOOM

Monday, February 27

- 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, February 28

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



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**.

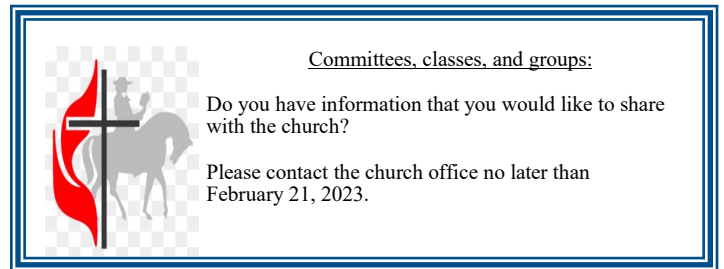


♥ Volunteers are the heart of the church and help it run smoothly. It is more fun when working as a group or with your kids. As opportunities arise, they will be posted in the weekly email; so please let the office know if and when you can help out.



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.



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 February 21, 2023.



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.



JANUARY WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

Winner of the "Search for The Noise Maker" is

Christine Bunting

Stop by office and pick up your prize

FEBRUARY 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 February 21st and the winner will be notified via next month's announcement.

Good luck everyone!



GOT

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

NEWS?

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



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!

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.

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

☞ Ezekiel 36:26 (HCSB)



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www.youtube.com and look for Mahomet UMC



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

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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

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LENT IS COMING!



February 22, 2023