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Holy Week

SCHEDULE

April 2(Palm Sunday)	SERVICES @ 9 AM & 10:30 AM
April 6(Maundy Thursday)	SERVICE @ 7PM
April 7 (Good Friday)	PRAYER STATIONS 9 - 11 AM; 5 - 7 PM
April 9 (Easter Sunday)	SERVICES @ 9 AM & 10:30 AM
April 9 (Easter Egg Hunt)	BETWEEN SERVICES @ 9:45 AM

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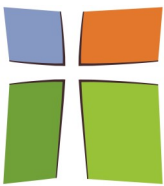
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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

FORGIVENESS
A Lenten Study



Sundays, March 5th - Apr 2nd
@ 9:45 am
In MUMC library

RSVP to ministrydir@mumc.org
or call 217-586-2147

MARJORIE J. THOMPSON

HAPPY
St. Patrick's
DAY
Spicy Seniors

Celebrate the wearing of the green

Card / Game Party
1 - 3 pm
Wednesday, Mar 22nd



WELCOME TO THE
STUDY OF ELIJAH




TUESDAYS @
9-11 AM
STARTING
APRIL 4TH

**EXPAND YOUR FAITH;
EXPERIENCE GOD'S FIRE.**

Elijah emerged as the voice of unapologetic truth during a time of national crisis and moral decline. His ministry was marked by tenacious faith and holy fire—the same kind you will need in order to remain steadfast in current culture. Join trusted Bible teacher Priscilla Shirer for a fresh look at Elijah and the difficult choices of obedience that kept him anchored, sharpened his faith, broadened his impact, and invited heaven's fire to fall.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

FOOD TRUCK PARTY



WE ARE SO EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU AND ALL OF YOUR CHEFS TO FOOD TRUCK PARTY: ON A ROLL WITH GOD!

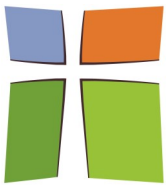
Monday, June 26th - Thursday, June 29th
9:00am - 11:30 am

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

NOW UNTIL MAY 20TH
GET CHILD'S CHEF'S APRON WITH THEIR NAME

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

TODDLER TIME ACTIVITIES



SPICY SENIORS



COME PLAY WITH ME



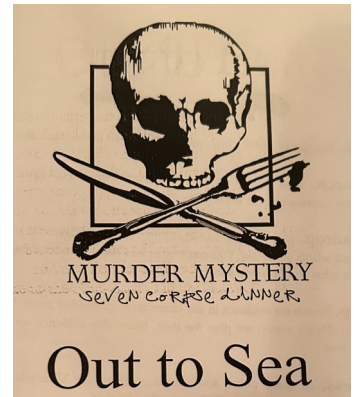
Look Who Came to Ash Wednesday Service

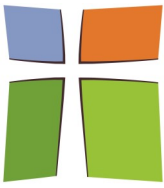


Hosted Mystery Dinner Event Over 100 people in attendance



W.O.W ACTIVITIES





Trustee Committee Report– February 17, update

The end of January and early February has been a relatively quiet time for the trustees. Due to a lack of items requiring decisions, the February meeting was cancelled and the few items needing attention will be voted upon online. Fortunately, we did not experience any major equipment failures over the last few weeks.

The parsonage progress continues with the tiling in the master bathroom nearly complete. There was an additional delay for the kitchen cabinets, and they are now expected to arrive Monday Feb. 20. Nelson Builders still plans for an early March completion of the house. Grading work and lawn seeding will have to wait until spring.

We hope to have final plans and a construction schedule for the ADA pathway from the parking lot to the pavilion in the next few weeks.

Finance Committee Report

Pledged giving for the month of January was approximately \$51,000 and non-pledged giving was approximately \$3,000 making total unrestricted income about \$54,000. Total operating expenses were approximately \$33,000 generating net operating income for the month of \$21,000. The church also applied for (well done Pastor Lori and Gary Kling) and received a grant for \$25,000 from the Fellheimer Trust to offset a portion of the 2022 HVAC expenses. We are off to a good start in 2023. Thank you for supporting our church ministries! Financial reports are always available upon request.

Education/Discipleship Committee



The Education/Discipleship Committee met on Monday, February 6th

EASTER 2023 – There will be an Easter Egg Hunt between services @ 9:45 am! We are asking the congregation for donations of candy and simple prizes or games. The candy should be sized to fit in a plastic egg. Volunteers are needed to help hide the eggs during first service but we will also need volunteers to man the prize table.

MAYC will be using our building again this summer from June 12 through August 4th. At our meeting, we discussed how we wish to interact with the Club kids this coming summer? Rev. Lori is already planning a once-a-week Children's time. Michelle has plans to offer special events again, like the Ice Cream Social-Bingo event with the Spicy Seniors group. If anyone in the congregation would enjoy coordinating one of these events for MAYC, please let Joan Kling or Michelle Petty know.

Children's Church – Looking for help. Michelle does the lesson, and all you would have to do is pick it up from the office before second service. Let us know if you can fill in a date!

Vacation Bible School -- This summer's theme is called Food Truck Party: On a Roll With God. This summer, we are happy to have tentatively planned a more traditional VBS- a four-day long morning VBS from June 26th through June 30th. (Monday through Thursday) Although this is an upcoming event in late June, please get it on your home calendar!

Confirmation -- Rev. Lori plans to hold a 2023 Confirmation class next fall for the youth of our church. Please notify the church office if you have a student that is interested.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joan Kling. We meet again Monday, March 6th at 7:00 pm. Join us if you can!

Mission Team Information

Hello from the Missions Team! The Missions Team has been working on finalizing details related to some of the monthly missions set for this year. Our first event was the Soup and Sandwich Fellowship on February 26th. A big thank you to all of those that attended, helped, and volunteered with this event. It is greatly appreciated. All donations will be given to Helping Hands. We wanted to bring to your attention that Sept 8th is the date that was set for volunteering at the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Springfield, IL. Please save the date and sign up to volunteer if you can. Sign up sheet will be located in MUMC lobby soon.

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.



Mahomet United Women in Faith

UWF next meeting Thursday, Mar 2nd, 1 pm
Program - Sheryle Carpenter
Hostess - Evelyn Epperson



United
Women
in Faith

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.

March 18, Saturday
MISSION SERVICE DAY
10:00am – 1:00pm
Champaign Faith UMC
1719 S Prospect Ave, Champaign



Thursday Reading Circle

March 9th @ 1:30 pm
April 13th @ 1:30 pm

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.

April: *Have You Seen Luis Velez?* By Catherine Hyde

New York Times bestselling author Catherine Ryan Hyde brings heartwarming authenticity to the story of two strangers who find that kindness is a powerful antidote to fear.

Raymond Jaffe feels like the doesn't belong. Not with his mother's new family. Not as a weekend guest with his father and his father's wife. Not at school where he is an outcast. After his best friend moves away, Raymond has only two real connections: to the feral cat he has tamed and to a blind ninety-two year old woman in his building who's introduced herself with a curious question: "Have you seen Luis Velez?"

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY EDITOR CORRECTIONS

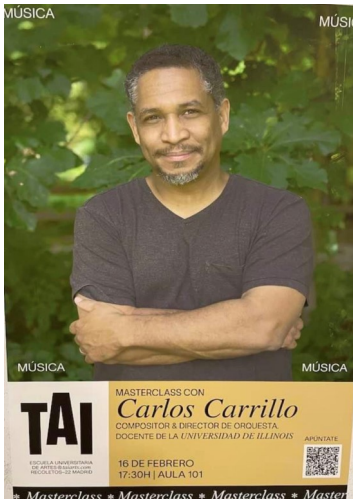
The Illini Carvers Group is an all-inclusive group, not just for MEN! Women and Children over 12 are welcome!

Bag of Joy Thank You overlooked: Marilyn Mohr wrote: Many Thanks to all that sent cards and gifts to me at Christmas time. It is so nice to hear from you all. Greetings to All!

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frances Thompson, passed away on Feb 18th.
Dennis (Janet) Thompson's mom

Paul Bunting, passed away on Feb 24th.
Fred (Carol) Bunting's brother



Look what some of the Church's staff is up to. Carlos Carrillo—our Choir Director.

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.



Easter is on April 9th this year. As is our custom, we would like to grace our church with God's beauty by decorating with Lilies. The cost per flower is \$16.00 and you may order as many as you like. Please choose the amount of each and write your check for the total with Easter flowers in the memo area of your check. Dedications can be made by filling in the info below.

Deadline for all orders is Thursday, March 23rd.

I would like to order ___ Lilies

Given by _____

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Flowers can be picked up after 2nd Service on Easter Sunday.



MARCH 2023 CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 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, March 2

- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 1:00 pm UWF Meeting

Friday, March 3

- 9:00 am MTCWC– District Meeting

Saturday, March 4

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

Sunday, March 5

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

Monday, March 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, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 8

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

Thursday, March 9

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

Saturday, March 11

- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, March 12

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Adult Sunday School– Lenten Study
- 10:30 am Contemporary Service
- 2:00 pm Bridle Brook Chapel Service

Monday, March 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, March 14

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

Wednesday, March 15

- 9:30 am Come Play with Me Play Group
- 1:30 pm H. C. E. Gathering
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday, March 16

- 7:00 pm Trustees Committee Meeting

Saturday, March 18

- 9:00 am Illini Carvers
- 10:00 am UWF Mission Service Day
- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, March 19

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

Monday, March 20

- 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, March 21

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

Wednesday, March 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
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday, March 23

- 9:30 am Toddler Time

Saturday, March 25

- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, March 26

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Adult Sunday School– Lenten Study
- 10:30 am Contemporary Service

Monday, March 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, March 28

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

Wednesday, March 29

- 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, March 30

- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 7:00 pm SPRC Meeting



MahometUMC

FEBRUARY WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

Winner of the "Search for The Noise Maker" is

JEFF BUNTING

Stop by office and pick up your prize

MARCH

HIDDEN OBJECT CONTEST

This month, I have hidden a picture of a palm leaf 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 March 20th and the winner will be notified via next month's announcement.



Good luck everyone!

**GOT
NEWS?**

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

Please submit no later than March 20th via office@mumc.org or call 217-586-2147.

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.



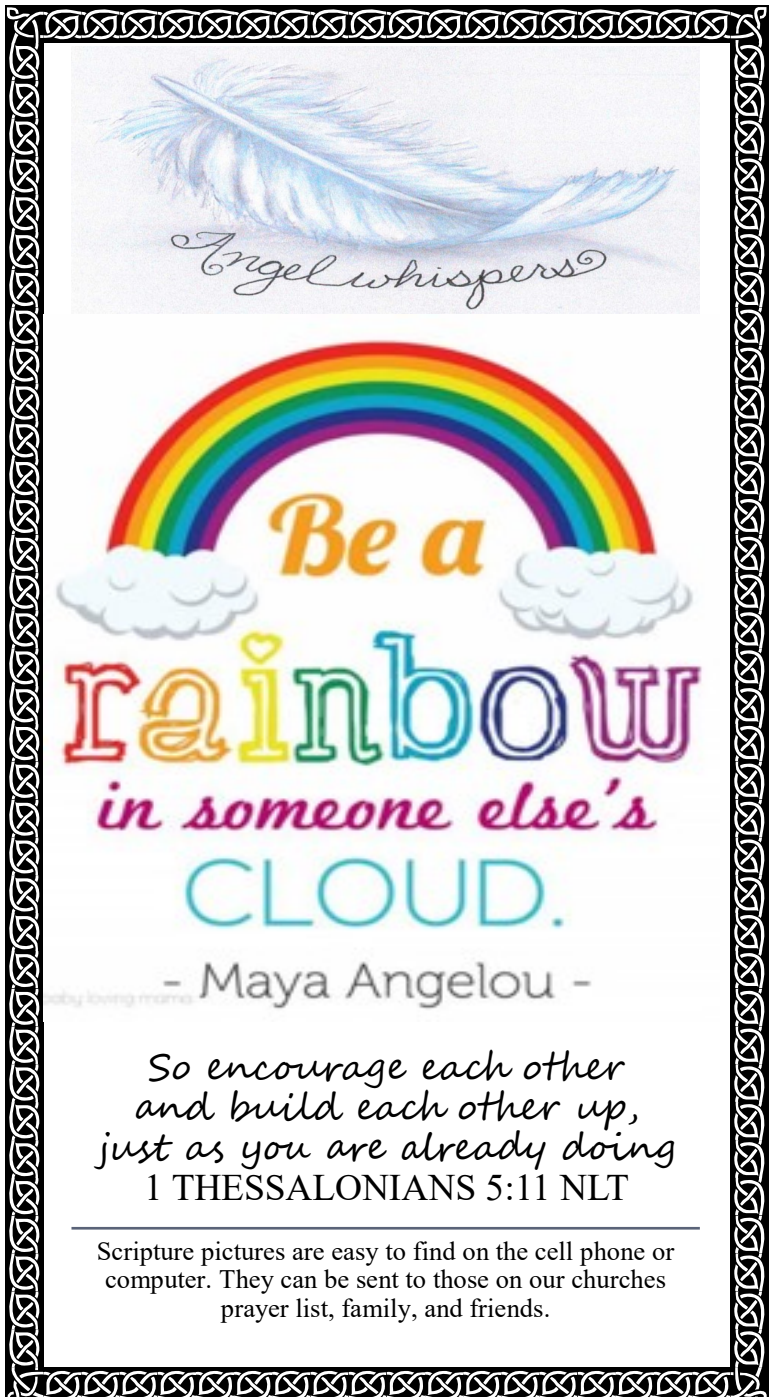
If you have any prayer requests, please make the office aware so that they can be added to the prayer lists. If stated, only circumstances will be included and names will be kept private.

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



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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

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Dr. Carlos R. Carrillo Cotto, Organist
Jay Simpson, Assistant Praise Band Leader
Carly Irvin, Toddler Time Instructor ~ toddler teach@mumc.org
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 **Spring
Forward** 

Set your clock forward one hour

March 12, 2023