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Holy Week

- Palm Sunday Services
Sunday, April 2nd
@ 9:00 & 10:30 am
- Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 6th
@ 7:00 pm
- Good Friday Prayer Stations
Friday, April 7th
@ 9:00 - 11:00 am
& 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- Easter Sunday Services
Sunday, April 9th
@ 9:00 & 10:30 am
- Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 9th
@ 9:45 am

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

BOB-MARILYN SINCLAIR SCHOLARSHIP

ISABELLE PURNELL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications on our website: mumc.org

CONTACT: MUMC@MUMC.ORG or call the office 217-586-2147 for more details

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Easter EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH @ 9:45 AM
BETWEEN SERVICES

Mahomet United Methodist Church
1302 E South Mahomet Rd, Mahomet
www.mumc.org 217-586-2147 mumc@mumc.org

Hallo April

Spicy Seniors Card / Game Party

1 - 3 pm
Wednesday, April 26th

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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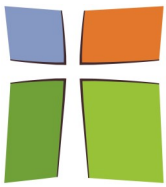
GOOD BOUNDARIES AND GOODBYES

A LYSA TERKEURST BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays @ 10am - 12pm
starting April 5th until May 17th

Frustrated with life's situations?
Want to have a little less chaos in your relationships?
Consider joining us!
It is ok as Christians to have
Good Boundaries in our lives.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

TODDLER TIME ACTIVITIES



COME PLAY WITH ME



W.O.W ACTIVITIES



BELL & CHANCEL CHOIRS

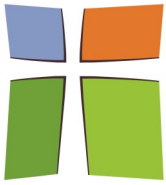


M&M'S AND READING CIRCLE



SPICY SENIORS





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

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.



Mahomet Helping Hands



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

A special thank you to the Mahomet United Methodist Church for the \$752 donation raised at the "Soup & Sandwich gathering"

This support means so much to Helping Hands. It helps them fulfill their mission of helping those in need in our community.

3rd Load of Cereal for Helping Hands! Thanks for everyone who answered the need!



CHURCH MISSIONS

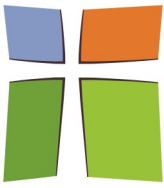
**Lenten Coins for Eastern Illinois Food Bank
Earthquake Relief / Personal Care Kit Donations**

**APRIL-
Church Clean-up Date
Saturday, April 22nd* (Earth Day)**

***Hotdogs & S'more treats served
(Afterwards weather permitting)**

**Still Collecting!
Disaster Relief Personal Care Items!
Thanks everyone for all your donations.**





Trustee Committee Report–

The parsonage is nearing completion, with installation of carpeting, lighting and plumbing fixtures to occur within the week and tiling of one shower remaining. Rev. Lori and David are planning to move-in on Wednesday March 29. Installation of blinds from Flooring Surfaces will occur after move-in. Two Men and a Truck will be moving the larger furniture and volunteers will help with the rest. Completion of outdoor work will await favorable spring weather.

Excavation and pouring of concrete for an ADA path from the parking lot to the Pavilion is awaiting for the ground to firm up following spring rains.

Contracts with Parklawn Services, Inc. and Terminix Inc. were approved at the March 16 meeting. Our kitchen freezer required another repair to keep it operating. Trustees are looking for a temperature alarm system to prevent further losses of food when the unit breaks down.

Finance Committee Report

Pledged giving for the month of February was approximately \$26,000 and non-pledged giving was approximately \$4,000 making total unrestricted income about \$30,000. Total operating expenses were approximately \$42,000 generating net operating loss for the month of \$12,000. The expenses for February included \$11,000 for a HVAC unit installed in December. Year to date unrestricted income is about \$85,000 (\$77K pledged and \$8K non-pledged) versus expenses of approximately \$75,000. A gift for over \$10,000 was received for the parsonage.

Thank you for supporting our church ministries! Financial reports are always available upon request.

Education/Discipleship Committee

Easter Sunday is on April 9th. In between our two services at 9:00 service and 10:30 service, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt! Our thanks to the congregation for their donations of candy and prizes! Volunteers are lined up to stuff the candy or prize tickets into our plastic eggs and to hide them Easter morning. We could still use a few volunteers to oversee the Egg Hunt and Prize Table immediately after the Hunt.

We are waiting to meet the new MAYC director and set up event scheduling with her. The committee still wants to provide six to eight one-time events for the MAYC students, but we do not yet know the Director's ideas for the summer program. If anyone in the congregation would enjoy coordinating a one-time event for MAYC, please let Joan Kling or Michelle Petty know! If possible, we would like to have a relative idea of events to present to the MAYC director so it can be placed on their calendar right from the beginning.

This summer we are planning on using a food truck theme for Vacation Bible School called Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God. We are more than happy to have tentatively planned a more traditional VBS- a four day long morning VBS from June 26th through June 30th . (Monday through Thursday). Please get it on your home calendar!

Please look for ways to help as we try to restore this summer tradition! We are searching for volunteers to help with escorting groups to their activities, someone to help organize snacks in the kitchen, a recreation leader, registration table help to check in the children as they arrive, and tech help at the beginning and end of the program!

In addition, we will be posting a list of things that you could help supply as the time to VBS gets closer. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joan Kling. We meet again Monday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm. Join us if you can!

Mission Team Information

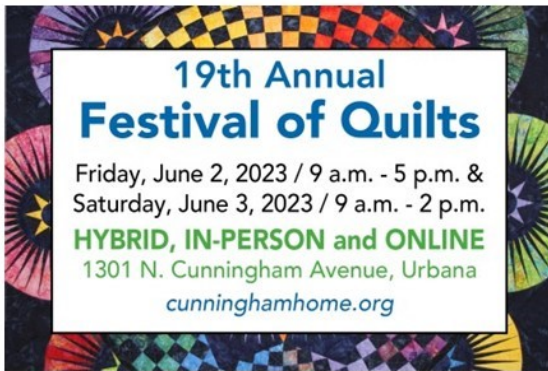
Happy Easter from the Missions Team! The Missions Team has met and finalized details for April's mission event. Our **April MUMC clean-up** day is set for Earth Day which is **April 22nd at 2pm**. We will work outside to clean up the area around MUMC. Volunteer sign-up sheet is in the lobby or contact the church office. If the weather permits, we will roast hotdogs and have s'mores after we work up an appetite. We also want to bring to your attention additional finalized dates for upcoming missions so you can plan ahead and participate:

- **May 20th: Car Show and United Women in Faith will host a Rummage/Bake Sale** – You can donate items for the Rummage Sale starting May 8th. For additional information about the Rummage/Bake Sale you can contact Karen W. or Linda M. All proceeds from the Car Show will go to Mahomet Area Emergency Fund (MAEF) and 10% of the proceeds from the Rummage/Bake Sale will go to MAEF as well.
- **July 16th: Assembling Rice Meals**
- **July 24-26: Candlewood Lunches**; please contact Lindsay Brotherton at jlbrotherton0416@gmail.com
- **Sept 8th: Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Pawnee, IL** – Shifts 8:30am – 11:30am and 12:30pm – 4pm
- **October 1st - October 6th**: Mission Trip to Jonesville Virginia, ASP project; in conjunction with Faith UMC; additional information coming soon



United Women in Faith

The next UWF meeting will be held on **Thursday, APRIL 6** with the program given by Pam Parker. Hostess is Sheryle Carpenter. A vote will be taken for the Mission Pin Recognition. We invite all women of the church to attend.



APRIL 13, 1:30 pm: Have You Seen Luis Velez? By Catherine Hyde (322 pages)

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 he 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?"

Mildred Gutermann, a German Jew who narrowly escaped the Holocaust, has been alone since her caretaker disappeared. She turns to Raymond for help, and as he tries to track Luis down, a deep and unexpected friendship blossoms between the two.

Despondent at the loss of Luis, Mildred isolates herself further from the neighborhood devolving into bigotry and fear. Determined not to let her give up, Raymond helps her see that for every terrible act the world delivers, there is a mirror image of deep kindness, and Mildred helps Raymond see that there's hope if you have someone to hold on to.

United Women in Faith May Brunch

All Women of the Church are Invited

and encouraged to bring family members or friends for a morning of fellowship.

Thursday, May 4, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

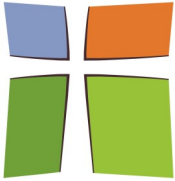
- ◆ Egg Casseroles
- ◆ Fruit
- ◆ Assorted Coffee Cakes/Breads
- ◆ Beverages

Featured Speaker

Rev Lori Bultemeier from the Baby Fold



Please sign up by April 29th. Call 217-586-2147, Email mumc@mumc.org
There is no charge.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your kind words, thoughts and prayers following the death of my mother, Frances Thompson of Arcola. Janet and I appreciate the support extended to us and our family.

Dennis Thompson

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

FOOD TRUCK PARTY

ON A ROLL WITH GOD!

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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Boy Scouts
Spaghetti Dinner

Tickets \$10 each; 5 and under Free

Saturday, April 15th
4-8 pm

Goes to support Boy Scout Troop campouts and activities throughout the year.

Illini Carvers

Mornings of Wood Carving

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

WANT TO LEARN??
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12 YEARS & OLDER

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MAHOMET UMC PRESENTS

ALL WHEELS CAR SHOW

SATURDAY 20th
Registration from 10:00am
Arrives at 2:30 pm

\$20 REGISTRATION

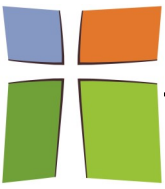
Swag bag for pre-registration

All donations will go to
Mahomet Area Emergency Fund

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REGISTRATION STARTS @ 9 AM
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APRIL 2023 CALENDAR

Saturday, April 1

- 10:00 am Ralph Specht Memorial Visitation
- 12:00 pm Funeral Service w lunch service
- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, April 2– Palm Sunday

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

Monday, April 3

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

Tuesday, April 4

- 9:00 am Elijah– Woman's Bible Study
- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 6:30 pm Wesley Bell Choir practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir practice

Wednesday, April 5

- 9:30 am Come Play with Me Play Group
- 10:00 am Good Boundaries Study
- 2:30 pm W.O.W. After School Program
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday, April 6– Maundy Thursday

- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 1:00pm UWF Meeting
- 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7– Good Friday

- 9 – 11 am Good Friday Prayer Stations
- 5 – 7 pm Good Friday Prayer Stations

Saturday, April 8

- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, April 9– Easter Sunday

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30 am Contemporary Service
- 2:00 pm Bridle Brook Chapel Service

Monday, April 10

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

Tuesday, April 11

- 9:00 am Elijah– Woman's Bible Study
- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 6:30 pm Wesley Bell Practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Wednesday, April 12

- 9:30 am Come Play with Me Play Group
- 10:00 am Good Boundaries Bible Study
- 2:30 pm W.O.W. After School Program
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday, April 13

- 9:30am Toddler Time
- 1:30 pm UWF Reading Circle

Saturday, April 15

- 9:00 am Illini Carvers
- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
- 4:00 pm Boy Scouts Spaghetti Supper

Sunday, April 16

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

Monday, April 17

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

Tuesday, April 18

- 9:00 am Good Boundaries Study
- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 6:30 pm Wesley Bell Practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Wednesday, April 19

- 9:30 am Come Play with Me Play Group
- 10:00 am Good Boundaries Bible Study
- 1:30 pm H.C.E. Gathering
- 2:30 pm W.O.W. After School Program
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday, April 20

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

Saturday, April 22

- 10:00 am Sundowners Car Club Mtg.
- 2:00 pm Church Clean-up Day
- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, April 23

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

Monday, April 24

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

Tuesday, April 25

- 9:00 am Elijah– Woman's Bible Study
- 9:30 am Toddler Time
- 6:30 pm Wesley Bell Practice
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice

Wednesday, April 26

- 9:30 am Come Play with Me Play Group
- 10:00 am Good Boundaries Bible Study
- 1:00 pm Spicy Seniors Card Party
- 2:30 pm W.O.W. After School Program
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday, April 27

- 9:30 am Toddler Time

Saturday, April 29

- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, April 30

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:30 am Contemporary Service
- 8:00 pm Worship Committee via Zoom



MARCH WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

Winner of the "Search for The Palm Leaf" is
Pam Parker & Kate Donahue
 Stop by office and pick up your prize

Easter

Words can be found in any direction (including diagonals) and can overlap each other. Use the word bank below.



WORD BANK

- | | | |
|----------------|--------------|------------|
| 1. Communion | 7. Jesus | 13. |
| 2. Cross | 8. Lamb | 14. Risen |
| 3. Crucifixion | 9. Lily | 15. Sunday |
| 4. Easter | 10. Nail | 16. Thorn |
| 5. Egg | 11. Passover | 17. Tomb |
| 6. Hallelujah | 12. Rejoice | |

MISSING WORD CONTEST

This month, is a Word Search. Identify the "Missing Word" in the Word Bank above and email it to: MUMC@mumc.org
 Winner will be notified via next month's announcement.
 Good luck everyone!

*Hint, word bank is in alphabetical order

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.

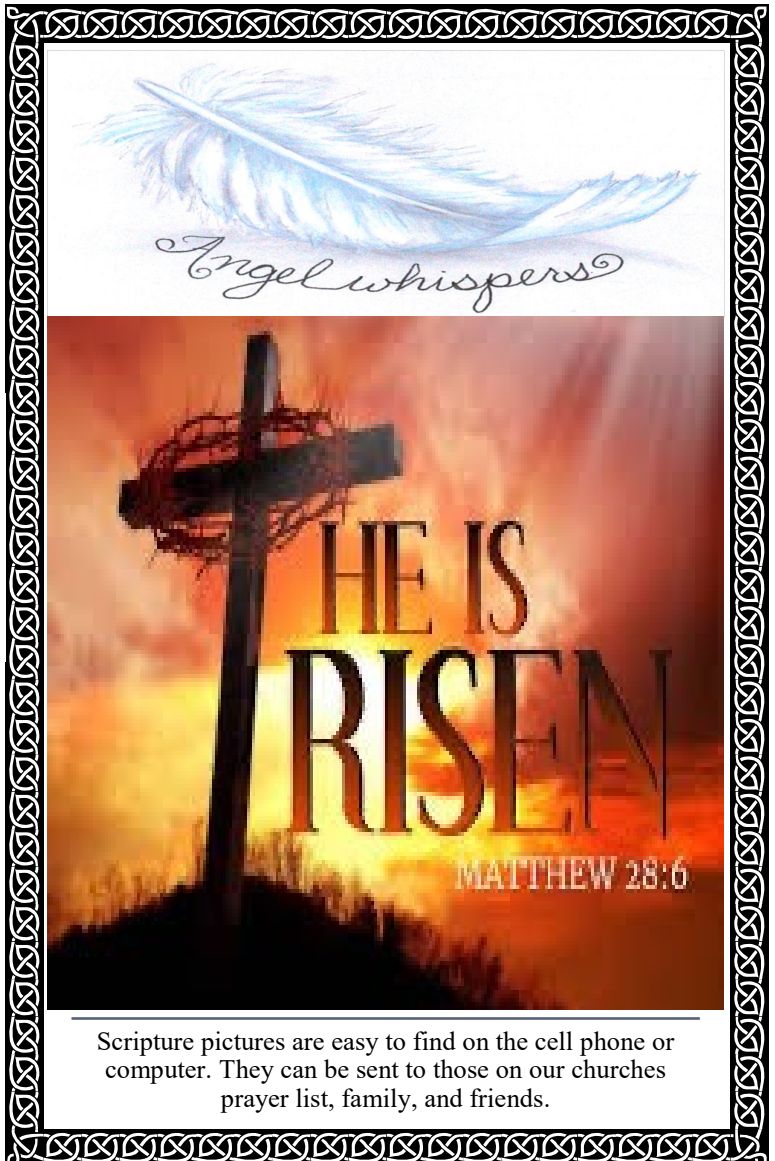
Requests can be submitted via:
office@mumc.org or
 by calling the office at 217-586-2147.

GOT

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

NEWS?

Please submit no later than April 17th via office@mumc.org or call 217-586-2147.



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.



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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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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

SERMON SERIES THE UNEXPECTED ACTS OF GOD

Surprise

- April 16 - A Surprising Turn Around
- April 23 - An Unlikely Friendship
- April 30 - An Astonishing Imitation
- May 7 - An Unexpected Change of Menu
- May 14 - An Amazing Detour
- May 21 - An Ironic Escape
- May 28 - Pentecost: The Ultimate Surprise Party