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**"A little Consideration,
a little Thought
for OTHERS,
makes all the
DIFFERENCE"**

-Eeyore



UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES
Mahomet, Champaign Faith, Champaign First

Dearly Beloved!

We are trying something new!

This summer, the pastors from Mahomet, Champaign Faith and Champaign First are collaborating on a sermon series. The pastors are: Rev. Julia Melgreen (First UMC), Rev. Sheryl Palmer (Faith UMC), Rev. Cory Blackwell (Faith UMC) and myself (Mahomet UMC).

The series is "The Gospel According to Winnie-the-Pooh." That silly old bear is a Bear of Very Little Brain, but through his kindness toward friends he reveals that he has an extraordinarily Big Heart.

We will be writing sermons and sharing them with one another so that each congregation will hear roughly the same message each week. One Sunday, later in the summer, we will swap pulpits and you'll meet one of my friends as she brings the message.

As we read the Winnie-the-Pooh stories by A.A. Milne, we'll discover gospel truths about community, diversity, joy, and interdependence. Each beloved character possesses unique strengths and noticeable weaknesses, yet the "100-Aker Wood" is full of love! These stories paint a picture similar to the Kingdom of God that Jesus describes.

The series will kick off on June 4. Please come and get a sweet gift!

We, the other pastors and I, hope that we can build strong connections between our three churches. We hope to build on the idea of collaboration by sharing information, classes, experiences and opportunities amongst our members as we build new friendships. What do you think? **What ideas do you have for how we can be better United Methodist neighbors to one another in our neck of the woods?**

Love First!
Pastor Lori

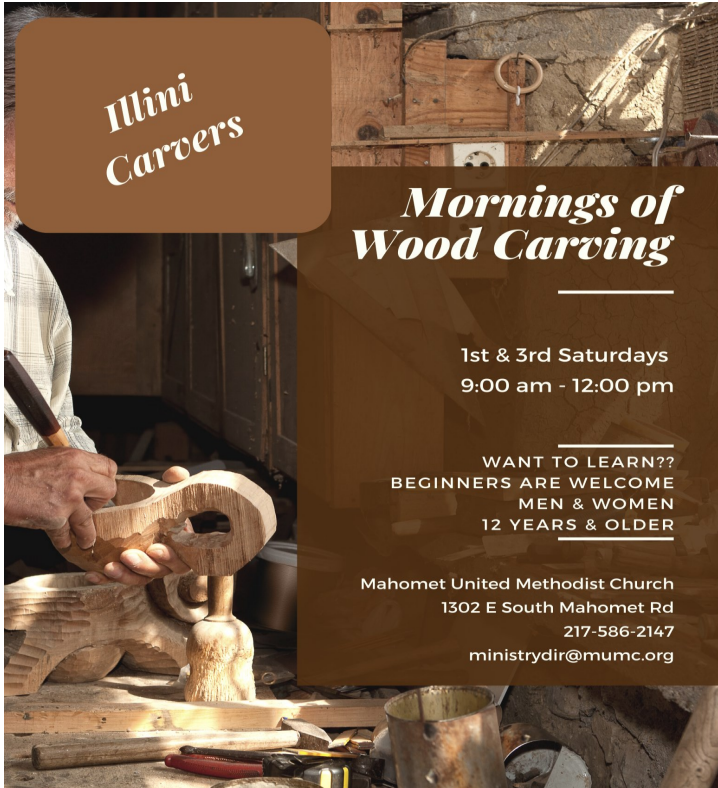
June Church Council Meeting
June 5th @ 7pm

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



Illini Carvers

Mornings of Wood Carving

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

WANT TO LEARN??
BEGINNERS ARE WELCOME
MEN & WOMEN
12 YEARS & OLDER

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

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 AT MYVBS.ORG/MAHOMETUMC
NOW UNTIL MAY 20TH
GET CHILD'S CHEF'S APRON WITH THEIR NAME

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'Walk, Talk, and Let's Eat!'

Building Reserve and Health: A Walking and Lunch Program

FUMC has been blessed with funding from the United Methodist Foundation to start a weekly exercise, fitness, and nutrition program for adults in our congregation and community. We are happy to announce that Debbie Chew will lead the program. Debbie has many years of experience in directing physical rehabilitation programs.

Each session will consist of gentle warm up exercises, walking, and a time for a shared lunch. The walking will be adapted for varying levels of speed and endurance. No fee is required to participate. The costs per person for lunch will vary, depending on the location and food service. Funding may be available for those who would benefit from assistance with food costs.

Please join us in Friendship Center on:
EVERY Tuesday starting May 2, 2023

Time: 11:30 a.m. (walking followed by lunch around 12:30 at the church)

Walkers and volunteers to assist with the program are welcome!!

Please contact the church office at 217-356-9078 for any questions or further details.





TODDLER TIME

FALL 2023

Monday & Wednesdays
9:30-11:00 am
Ages 2-4 years

Structured play while also learning.
Kids are able to interact and socialize with kids their own age.

Contact Mahomet UMC
@ 217-586-2147 or email
ministrydir@mumc.org





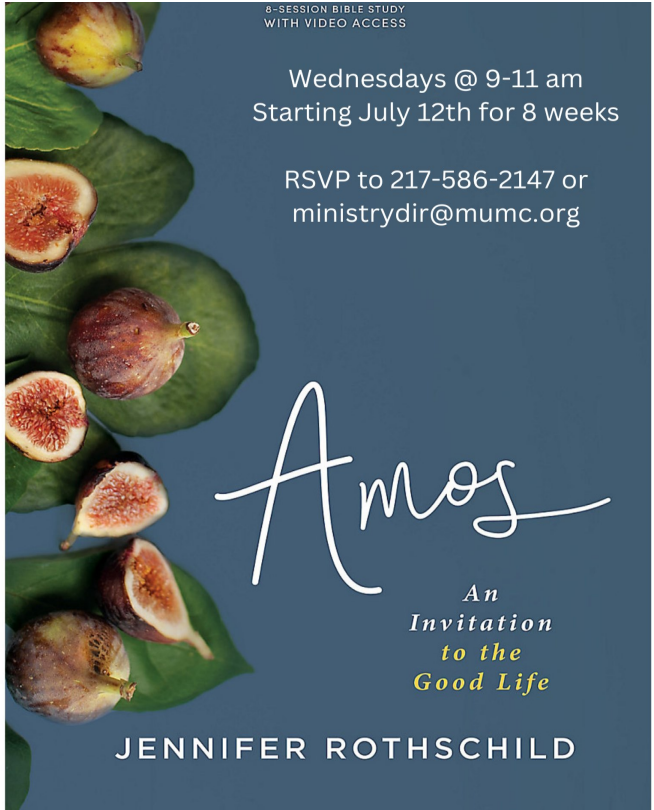

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



HEALING HEARTS

Saturday, June 10th
@ 1:00 pm

Mahomet UMC
1302 E South Mahomet Rd, Mahomet, IL
WWW.MUMC.COM



6-SESSION BIBLE STUDY
WITH VIDEO ACCESS

Wednesdays @ 9-11 am
Starting July 12th for 8 weeks

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

Amos

An
Invitation
to the
Good Life

JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD



June Spicy Seniors


Card / Game Party
1 - 3 pm
Wednesday, June 28th

CRAVING 2 LOSE

SUMMER SESSION
JUNE 12TH TO AUGUST 28TH
MONDAYS @ 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Sessions include:

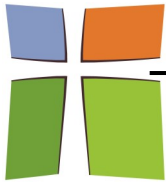
- Lessons
- Cooking sessions
- Health & fitness speakers
- Strength classes
- Walking groups



It's not about where we've been,
but where we are going!

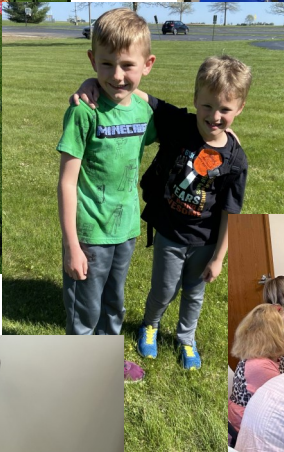
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Cost is \$30 for 12 weeks, scholarships
available upon request



CHURCH ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

Summer Time has arrived for WOW, Come Play with Me and Toddler Time. They are taking summer off but back again in September!



Mahomet UMC Volunteer of the Year—Joan Kling
Thank you for all your hard work and dedication

May Missions — Car Show



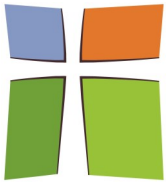
Our very own Joyce & John Schmale won Top Car! Woohoo!



Princess Zarah decided this was the one that deserved to be chosen for the "Princess Pick"



Pastor Lori decided she really liked this one for the "Pastor Pick"



JUNE MISSIONS

Join us this month as we help with Mom's Pantry. Below is a list of items that is accepted. They are in special need of breakfast and lunch items due to the school being out for the summer. They do accept perishable items such as milk and eggs. Just please contact Cindy at 217-493-0522. All else can be dropped off at the church as there is a tub to put items in that will be dropped off weekly or even bi-weekly. If you would like to help financially, you can drop it or Walmart gift cards off at the office.

Mom's Pantry Items

Non-perishables

Ketchup
BBQ sauce
Peanut butter
Canned vegetables
Canned chicken
Canned pasta
Pasta noodles
Syrup
Fruit cups
Granola bars
Individually packaged chips
Juice/drink mixes
Poptarts
Beans
Instant Potatoes
Canned tomatoes
Gravies
Mac & cheese

Mustard
Jelly
Canned fruit
Tuna
Hamburger & Tuna Helper
Ramen noodles
Pancake mix
Cereal
Pudding cups
Breakfast/fruit bars
Individually packaged cookies
Fruit snacks
Muffin mixes
Hamburger & Tuna Helper
Instant Rice
Tortillas
Soups
Pasta Sauce

Hygiene Items

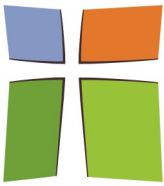
Shampoo
Conditioner
Body wash
Body Lotion
Deodorant (female & male)
Feminine products
combs/brushes
Mouthwash
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Razors

Household Items

Laundry detergent
Trash bags
Toilet paper
Dryer sheets
Dish soap

Contact Info

Cindy Brumfield
cbrumfield@ms.k12.il.us
847-350-8187



Trustee Committee Report

With the completion of the new sidewalk from the parking lot to the pavilion, Rob Parker provided the seeding, and trustees are watering the new bright green grass along the edges of the new sidewalk. Numerous groups have already found the sidewalk to be very helpful. The parsonage is inching its way towards completion, with the checklist of things to finish being gradually whittled down. Repair of concrete work still remains. Also on the outside, rough grading has been completed and underground downspout drains are being installed by Doug Lape. Additional rainfall would be helpful to accelerate the ground settling around the foundation. Following final grading, the front and sides will be sodded, and the back yard seeded with grass. New temperature monitors to keep track of refrigerator and freezer problems, were installed by Scott Yeazel. The sensors send out on-line warnings to a list of recipients. Two new computers for the office were purchased with memorial funds and several other older machines are being upgraded as appropriate. An expansion of our playground is in the works this summer with the addition of a play structure for smaller children and a sitting area for adults. It is being funded by the Thelma Labhart memorial gift. Our fire suppression system continues to require frequent repair. One of the two small compressors that are part of the nitrogen-based fire suppression system has failed and we are seeking answers on our leak problems before spending on another compressor. An outside vendor is being brought in to help troubleshoot the system.

Finance Committee Report

Pledged giving for the month of April was approximately \$18,000 and non-pledged giving was approximately \$10,000 making total unrestricted income about \$28,000. Total operating expenses were approximately \$31,000 generating net operating loss for the month of \$4,000. The Easter offering was \$1,605. Year to date unrestricted income is about \$136,000 (\$115K pledged and \$21K non-pledged) versus expenses of approximately \$141,000. Thank you for supporting our church ministries! Financial reports are always available upon request.

Education/Discipleship Committee

The Education Discipleship Committee has been working on the upcoming VBS program! The Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God will take place the last week of June, so it's coming up quickly! We still need a Recreation leader, two more group guides, and some singers and dancers for the openings and closings. Finally, another training is set on Sunday, June 4 from 11:30-12:30. Training is required for anyone planning on working with Children in VBS, MAYC, or any of our other regularly scheduled children's programs that has NOT done the training in the last 3 years. Background checks still need to be performed every year. If you plan on helping please stop by the office and fill out a form that Michelle will have. Trained members will need to refresh their training every two or three years, not every year. Any new church volunteers for MAYC or VBS need to make sure they get the training, especially before the week of VBS. The Education/Discipleship Committee has committed to two events with MAYC. One is a ice cream social or sundae bar and Bingo, possibly with the Spicy Seniors, or other members of the congregation. Unfortunately, we will not be offering Children's Church this summer. Since we have had significant difficulty finding volunteers, we had been looking for someone who would take this on as a summer paid position. We were unable to fill this position so Children's Church will be taking a break over the summer. In the fall we plan to offer a grief support group to be led by Laurel as our lay leader. The book to be used is called Grief Work. We are noting that we will be dealing with the topic of loss (death, divorce, addiction, etc.) in a supportive, group setting. We need to begin to organize to advertise this class. Thoughts include advertise to local therapists, area pastors, and social media. The journaling books we have are copies that can be sent to grieving families when appropriate. Kris will write a general letter concerning the availability of these books as a resource.

Mission Team Information

Hello from the Missions Team! Thank you to all of those who donated and volunteered to make the Rummage/Bake sale and car show a huge success. What a wonderful event. All the proceeds from the car show go to Mahomet Area Emergency Fund (MAEF) and 10% of the proceeds from the Rummage/Bake sale will go to MAEF as well. Our mission event for June will be collecting donations for Mom's Pantry. Donations can be left in the lobby of the church, and we will deliver them to Mom's Pantry. July Mission will be packaging Rice Meals on July 16th. Need to have RSVP's as soon as possible for September Mission at Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Email ministrydir@mumc.org



United
Women
in Faith

NEXT UWF MEETING

The next UWF meeting will be held on **Thursday, JUNE 1** with the program given by Cindy Dodd and Hostess is Carmileta Clark. We do not meet in July or August but will meet again **September 7**.

4TH OF JULY TRAY FAVORS



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THANK YOU!

Many thanks to our wonderful congregation and staff for giving so much of their time and energy to the all-church rummage sale. It was a tremendous success with approximately \$2,600 earned for United Women of Faith (UWF) missions and the Mahomet Area Emergency Fund. The participation of so many people was just phenomenal--from dropping off "rummage," to setting up tables, to making pies, to sorting, pricing, and selling, and finally to cleaning up. It was truly a cooperative effort!

Gratefully,
UWF

THANK YOU TO ALL THE BAKERS

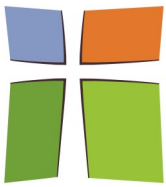
The bakers of our church are awesome. Thank you for all the home baked pies and cookies. We really appreciate all your hard work. Many people enjoyed the wonderful treats!

**19th Annual
Festival of Quilts**

Friday, June 2, 2023 / 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. &
Saturday, June 3, 2023 / 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

HYBRID, IN-PERSON and ONLINE

1301 N. Cunningham Avenue, Urbana
cunninghamhome.org



JUNE 2023 CALENDAR

Thursday, June 1

- 1:00 pm UW Faith Meeting

Saturday, June 3

- 9:00 am Illini Wood Carving Group
- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, June 4

- 9:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:30 am Contemporary Service
- 11:30 am Safe Sanctuary Training

Monday, June 5

- 1:00 pm M & M's Group
- 6:00 pm Education Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Church Council
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop #25

Tuesday, June 6

- 9:00 am Elijah – Woman's Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Good Boundaries – Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Memorial Scholarship Committee

Wednesday, June 7

- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Saturday, June 10

- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
- 1:00 pm Healing Hearts Crafting

Sunday, June 11

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

Monday, June 12 — MAYC starts

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

Tuesday, June 13

- 9:00 am Elijah – Bible Study

Wednesday, June 14

- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Saturday, June 17

- 9:00 am Wood Carving Group
- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, June 18 — Father's Day

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

Monday, June 19

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

Wednesday, June 21

- 5:30 pm Good Boundaries – Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Saturday, June 24

- 12:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Sunday, June 25

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

Monday, June 26

- 9:00 am VBS
- 1:00 pm M & M's Group
- 5:30 pm Craving to Lose
- 7:00 pm Scout Troop #25

Tuesday, June 27

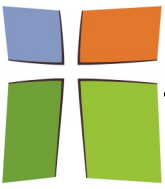
- 9:00 am VBS

Wednesday, June 28

- 9:00 am VBS
- 1:00 pm Spicy Seniors Card / Game Party
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

Thursday, June 29

- 9:00 am VBS



MAY WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

Winner of the "Word Search" is

Jeff Snell

Stop by office and pick up your prize

JUNE "SEARCHABLE ITEM" CONTEST

Find this item in the newsletter and email MUMC@mumc.org with page # and location to be entered.



Winner will be notified via next month's announcement. Good luck everyone!

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 May 18th 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!




Angel whispers

I pray that God, the source of **hope**, will fill you completely with **joy and peace** because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Romans 15:13

BibleVerseImages.com

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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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
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Jay Simpson, Assistant Praise Band Leader
Carly Irvin, Toddler Time Instructor ~ toddler teach@mumc.org
Michelle Reed, Custodian ~ cleaning@mumc.org
Deonté Mosely, Choir Director ~ mosely008@gmail.com

OPEN HOUSE

Come see the new parsonage!



June 4th @ 3-5 p.m.

September 10th @ 3-5 p.m.

December 3rd @ 3-5 p.m.

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MAHOMET, IL 61853**