



The Circuit Rider

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Mahomet United Methodist Church
1302 E. South Mahomet Road

Offering

Blue Christmas Service

Thursday, December 21st
@ 6:00 pm



Christmas SERVICES

DEC 20 @ 11:30 AM - 1 PM
Spicy Seniors Luncheon & Games
anyone can attend, no matter your age

DEC 21 @ 6:00 PM
Blue Christmas Service
For those that have lost someone and are having a hard time during this season

DEC 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE
9 am -- Traditional Advent Service
10:30 am -- Family Christmas Eve Service
7:00 pm -- Traditional Christmas Eve Service

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UPCOMING EVENTS



CRAFTING FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

**KIDS CHRISTMAS
CRAFT & PHOTO OPS**

DECEMBER 10TH @ 6:30PM
(BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT)



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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**MELODIES OF
CHRISTMAS**

10
DECEMBER
7:00 PM



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 *Merry Christmas*

**December
Spicy Seniors**

Luncheon & Games

**Wednesday, December 20th
@ 12 -2 pm**



*Happy
New Year!*

New Year EVE Service
December 31, 2023
One Service @ 9:00 am





BAGS OF JOY

Christmas Bags of Joy

We will be filling Christmas Bags of Joy for some of our church members, making for a nice reminder that even though they can't physically be present with us, we haven't forgotten about them. These bags will be made available in December along with a list of names. If you need some ideas of what kind of things you can put in these bags, take a look at the list below for some suggestions.

- ♥ Pens
- ♥ Notepads
- ♥ Hand Lotion
- ♥ Chapstick
- ♥ Small package of Kleenex
- ♥ Word Search Books

Any food items must be store bought and come individually packaged. Christmas Cards with notes inside are always a

BAGS OF JOY

Judy Ash
John Bell
Betty Brainerd
Helen Brown
Juanita Grove
Gary Jellen
Linda Kennedy
Joyce Livesay
Bob & Suzann Slade

Mary Miller
Marilyn Mohr
Christine Parnell
Bev Schroeder
Carolyn Shoot
Bob Sinclair
Christa Steeves
Norma Tharp
Linda Uebele

CARDS ONLY

Lois Bodeen
Eileen Bunting
Bob & Norma Hible
Sandy Rourke
Tom & Patricia
Murdoch
Sue Welke
Edna Winans

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers and cards of comfort we received when Walter Rayburn passed. We also want to thank the Women of Faith that provided refreshments and desserts after the funeral for our family gathering. It was such a blessing during such a difficult time. Thanks so much. The family of Walter Rayburn Jr. (Annalee Jellen)

DECEMBER "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!

Dear Church,
Thank you all so much for
supporting me along my confirmation
journey. I appreciate all the gifts,
cards, time and prayers.
I am excited for what my future
holds with God.

Sincerely,
Nathan Stabler

Angel Whisper



Isaiah 7:14

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.



MUMC HAPPENIN'S



Toddler
Time



THE MADRIGALS



Christa
Steeves



Bev
Schroeder

Come
Play
With
Me



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Missions

Hello from the Missions Team! Our mission for the month of November was the college care packages. Thank you to everyone who wrote letters or cards of encouragement as well as donated items. Seven care packages will be sent to the college students later this month. Our mission for December is Advent and Bags of Joy donations. Please see calendar for daily donation list.

Thank you to Melvin and Marilyn Bell who reached out to several area Fire Departments (Mahomet, Melvin, Roberts, Loda, etc.) regarding expired or no longer needed turnout gear and equipment donations for Midwest Missions. The Bells were able to collect a trailer full of old turnout gear and equipment to give to Midwest Missions. These donations will be sent outside of the United States to other parts of the world in need of these items. Thank you for all of your hard work on this mission.

UPCOMING MISSIONS:

DECEMBER 2023: Advent donation calendar and Bags of Joy

JANUARY 2024: Care packages for the homeless

If you have an ideas for the Mission Team
please let Chris Bunting know by:

Email: christinebunting12@gmail.com

Phone: 217-402-2866

-OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT-

Pledged	\$22,000
<u>Non-Pledged</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
UNRESTRICTED INCOME	\$25,000
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$34,000</u>
NET OPERATING INCOME	(\$9,000)

-YEAR TO DATE-

Pledged	\$253,000
<u>Non-Pledged</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>
UNRESTRICTED INCOME	\$303,000
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$356,000</u>
NET OPERATING INCOME	(\$53,000)

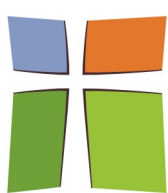
- Church maintenance is \$29,000 over budget
- I also want to thank each person/family that has returned their pledge card, Our church needs your support more than ever. Thankfully, our 2024 pledges will exceed the 2023 pledge total.

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

- For a change, we had a positive outcome from our fall furnace preventative maintenance checks. All furnaces are functioning properly, and none need replacing at this time! We still have 3 furnaces and 3 air-conditioning units that are original to the church.
- Trustees replaced all the faucets in the main restrooms, as it was less expensive to replace them rather than to rebuild the old faucets. Valve seats were replaced in the two main kitchen faucets as well.
- All of the lamps were replaced in our parking lot lights with LED bulbs that are a bit brighter than our old ones. The work was performed by Yeagle Electric, Inc. We had a number of old bulbs that were burned out and the rest were at the end of their life expectancy.
- Our fire suppression system is operating with air pressure provided by our old air compressor rather than our new nitrogen system due to some persistent leaks in the piping in the attic area. Four employees from Matco Fire Systems were unable to locate several small -medium leaks in the attic that together put an undue strain our nitrogen generator compressor. When warmer weather returns, the pipes will be flooded to determine the location of the leaks.
- We are still awaiting completion of concrete replacement by some of our back entry doors.

EDUCATION

Children's crafts and a photo opportunity will be offered Sunday, December 10th at 6:30 before the Christmas Concert at 7:00. We are also pleased to announce the expansion of our Children's Church program. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee has approved extra hours for Kayleigh, our teacher, to expand Children's Church to both services.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



United
Women
in Faith

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 7 at 1 pm

Program - Barbara Verbout

Hostess - Gerry Drake

The meeting will end with Fellowship time.

All women of the church are invited to attend.



YARD SIGNS - If you have a Cookie Walk & Bazaar yard sign please place it in your yard beginning **Sunday, December 4** through **Saturday, December 9**.

Thank you!

THURSDAY READING CIRCLE - JANUARY

The Book Woman's Daughter
by Kim Michele Richardson

A powerful portrait of the courageous women who fought against ignorance, misogyny, and racial prejudice.

Bestselling historical fiction author Kim Michele Richardson is back with the perfect book club read following Honey Lovett, the daughter of the beloved Troublesome book woman, who must fight for her own independence with the help of women who guide her and the books that set her free.

In the ruggedness of the beautiful Kentucky mountains, Honey Lovett has always known that the old ways can make a hard life harder. As the daughter of the famed blue-skinned, Troublesome Creek pack horse librarian, Honey and her family have been hiding from the law all her life. But when her mother and father are imprisoned Honey realizes she must fight to stay free, or risk being sent away for good.

Contact Sheryle Carpenter for more information or if you are interested in this group (217) 390-6038.

Santa Collection Displays

We will have a room full of Santas displayed at the Cookie Walk & Bazaar. If you have Santas you'd like to share please bring them to the church Friday, December 8. Please pick them up by Sunday, December 10. Thank you.



We need you all to help make this Cookie Walk and Bazaar successful. You can do any of the following to help us:



- Bake six dozen or more of your favorite cookies
- Bake candies or other baked goods
- Create handmade items
- Bring them to the church no later than **Friday, Dec 8**.
- Shop at the Cookie Walk & Bazaar on **December 9**.

All proceeds go to various mission programs. Thank you.

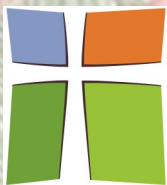
Mahomet United Women in Faith present

Cookie Walk & Bazaar

Sat, Dec 9
9-Noon



There will be an assortment of cookies displayed on trays and waiting for you to choose! Come select cookies by the box full and then do some holiday shopping. Home baked goodies and hand made items will be available for purchase.



DECEMBER 2023 CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00am — Wood Carving Group
12:00pm — A.A.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3—1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am — Traditional Service
10:30am — Contemporary Service
3:00pm — Parsonage Open House

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:30am — Toddler Time
1:00pm — Monday Missions
7:00pm — Scout Troop #25

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:30am — Advent Bible Study
6:30pm — Bell Choir Practice
7:30pm — Chancel Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:30am — Toddler Time
9:30am — Come Play w/ Me
7:00pm — Praise Band Practice

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00am — Cookie Walk & Bazaar
10:00am — Healing Hearts Crafting
12:00pm — A.A.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10—2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am — Traditional Service
10:30am — Contemporary Service
2:00pm — Bridle Brook Chapel Service
6:30pm — Family Crafting & Photo Op
7:00pm — Christmas Concert

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:30am — Toddler Time
1:00pm — Monday Missions
7:00pm — Scout Troop #25

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:30am — Advent Bible Study
6:30pm — Bell Choir Practice
7:30pm — Chancel Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:30am — Toddler Time
9:30am — Come Play w/ Me
7:00pm — Praise Band Practice

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00am — Wood Carving Group
12:00pm — A.A.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17—3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am — Traditional Service
10:30am — Contemporary Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

1:00pm — Monday Missions
7:00pm — Scout Troop #25

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:30am — Advent Bible Study
6:30pm — Bell Choir Practice
7:30pm — Chancel Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

12:00pm — Spicy Seniors Luncheon & Games
7:00pm — Praise Band Practice

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:00pm — Blue Christmas

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

12:00pm — A.A.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24—4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHRISTMAS EVE

9:00am — Traditional Advent Service
10:30am — Family Christmas Eve Service
7:00pm — Traditional Christmas Eve Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

!!MERRY CHRISTMAS!! **OFFICE CLOSED**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

****OFFICE CLOSED****

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

12:00pm — A.A.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00am — Traditional Service
10:30am — Contemporary Service



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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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