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Mahomet United Methodist Church

Ash Wednesday 2024

**Day service
12:00 pm**

**Evening service
6:00 pm**

Wednesday, February 14th

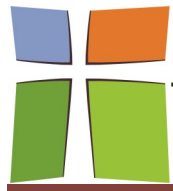


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Lenten Happenings


LUKE



*JESUS AND THE OUTSIDERS,
OUTCASTS, AND OUTLAWS*

STARTS SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 4, 2024
@ 9:45 AM (BETWEEN SERVICES)

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Soup & Sandwich

Sunday, February 4th
@ 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Mahomet UMC Narthex




Pizza and Pizzas

Saturday, February 17th
10 am - 1 pm
At Parsonage
1810 Sunny Acres Rd




TACO TUESDAY

Fellowship with us at Jesus' Table

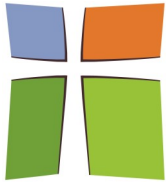
FEB 20TH & 27TH
MARCH 5TH, 12TH, 19TH & 26TH

Starts At 5:00 pm
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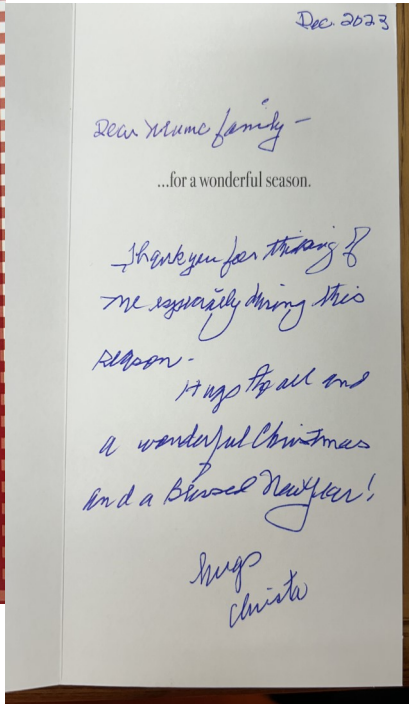
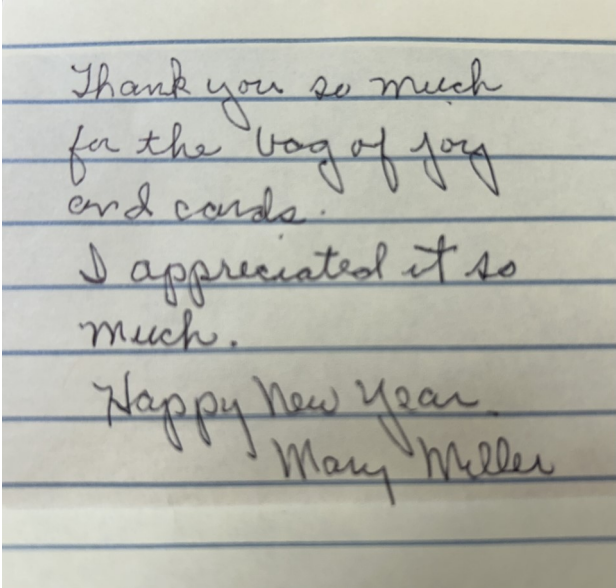




BAGS OF JOY THANK YOU

Christmas Bags of Joy—Highlights from a Recipient

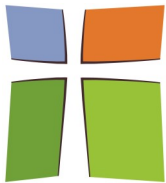
This is a wonderful tradition for the people at home who still want to be part of the church. I used to contribute to them, but I had no idea what it actually meant to the individuals that got them. I want to thank you to whatever committee it is that makes sure there are bags for each of us, to all of the people who remember us and to those that take the time to deliver them. Personally, I had a grandson home from Indianapolis and one home from wrestling practice, and a sister-in-law here for some tests at Carle who got all my envelopes open and ate a little part of the candy. It was a happy evening for all of us.



It is a note to go out to the people in the congregation thanking them for their generous greetings and prayers during the holidays. ~ Susan Welke

It was such a nice surprise to receive the packet of cards for MUMC. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. May all of you have many blessings in 2024. The classes and programs look wonderful; I wish I were able to attend. We think often and fondly of the MUMC church family. ~ Pat Murdoch

Gary and I would like to thank everyone for the lovely Bag of Joy that Gary received. We were overwhelmed by all the Christmas Cheer. Gary was speechless when he saw all the beautiful cards and treats. We are so blessed by your thoughtfulness. ~ Annalee and Gary Jellen



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE THANK YOUS



MUMC Family,
 Thank you so much for the college care package! All those kind words were just what I needed to get through the last week of the semester! Thank you for always looking out for me! I can't wait to be back and see everyone again!! Thank you so much again and happy holidays!
 Love,
 Abby B.

Dear MUMC Family,
 Wow - what a surprise to find such a great gift in my mailbox. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and am thankful for a distraction during finals. I am also thankful for my MUMC family. Have a Merry Christmas!
 Olivia



Dear Mohamed MUMC,
 Thank you for being the hands & feet of Jesus in 2023. We look forward to partnering with you in the coming new year.
 Love



I just wanted to say thank you for the lovely care package! I'm in the thick of end of semester projects and final exams, but the generosity and kind words from your church should help me get through this. It was very thoughtful of y'all and will come in handy this week. ~ Haylee Junkel



Methodist Church,
 May the spirit of Christmas be with you throughout the New Year.
 Thank you for the college care package. It made my day! Once again, I am so grateful for your scholarship! I'm one semester closer to being a nurse! I have included my spring courses. Merry Christmas!
 Love,
 Maddy Clark

Thank you so much for your generosity!

I just wanted to reach out to say thank you for the care package! I greatly appreciate it and I hope you have a good upcoming holiday!
 Thank you, Kylie Krahn

Pictures of Mahomet UMC Happenings



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Update from Church Council and Trustees

On January 7, our church committees began planning for the new year. In our meetings, we discussed some of the significant building maintenance challenges that we face. In the past 3 years, we have managed to replace and increase the efficiency of many of our HVAC (heating, ventilation and cooling) units and added a nitrogen generator to increase the lifespan of our fire suppression piping, using a combination of budgeted maintenance funds, grants from public pandemic funds, a grant from a private foundation, dipping into our reserves and donations from some of our members. Despite these significant improvements, we find ourselves with continuing maintenance challenges. Trustees are developing a list of maintenance needs and projected costs that we will face within the next couple of years. Once we have that prioritized list, the various committees, including Finance and Church Council, will look at ways to pay for those necessary maintenance items. Preliminary discussion on January 7 indicated that we have 3 HVAC systems that still need replacing, a parking lot that desperately needs repaving, sanctuary spotlights that need replacing, a conference room that needs new cabinets and painting after mold mitigation, carpeting replacement needs in various parts of the church and an unknown amount of fire suppression piping that we may have to replace following completion of a leak investigation.

On January 18, a joint in the fire suppression system burst in the hallway ceiling between the Library and the Wesley Room. There was extensive flooding of those rooms and the main hall towards both the education wing and the Narthex, saturation of some of the insulation in the attic and damage to drywall and ceiling tiles. Servpro responded to our emergency, vacuuming up the water and removing debris. Matco Fire Protection, Inc. repaired the leak and the fire suppression system is again functional. Servpro has finished cleaning and drying out the hallway and adjoining rooms. Trustees will be obtaining bids to repair and finish out the damaged areas. The insurance adjustor has assessed the damage and will work with us and restoration contractors to repair the damage.

EDUCATION

The Lenten theme for this year is "Dinner with Jesus", as we come together with others at the table in fellowship.

What we will be doing to invite others to share the table with us:

- ♥ make heart invitations which will be sent home with the children of the following programs: Come Play with Me, Scouts and Brianna's Big Buddies, inviting them to the upcoming Taco Tuesdays during Lent.
- ♥ Hosting Taco Tuesdays on March 5th and 12th
- ♥ Hosting an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday

Additionally, we discussed:

- ♥ Vacation Bible School—held the week of June 24th during the day. The program is called Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness.

Monthly meetings
3rd Thursdays
@ 6:00 pm

Missions

Hello from the Missions Team! We want to welcome our new Mission's Team members and are looking forward to a great year.

UPCOMING MISSIONS:

February:

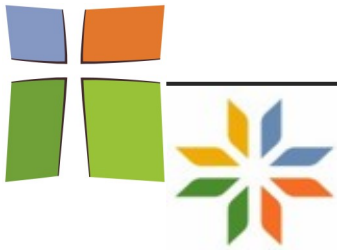
- ♥ One Winter's Night
- ♥ Soup and Sandwich Fellowship
- ♥ Lenten Taco Tuesday

March / April:

- ♥ Weekly food drive correspond to theme of "Dinner with Jesus."

Monthly Meetings
3rd Sundays
After 2nd service

If you have an ideas for
the Mission Team,
please let Chris Bunting know by:
Email: christinebunting12@gmail.com
Phone: 217-402-2866



United
Women
in Faith

Next UWF Meeting



The next UWF meeting will be held on Thursday, February 1 at 1 pm. Michelle Petty will present the program and the hostess is Alice Dollahon. We invite all women of the church to attend.

Save the Date

THURSDAY, MAY 2
MAY BRUNCH

Enjoy brunch, a speaker and fellowship.



More information to follow.

Free to all.

FEBRUARY: *Daughter of Cana (Jerusalem Road Book #1)* by Angela Hunt



Thomas and Tasmin, twin siblings hired to oversee a wedding feast in Cana, worry when the host runs out of wine ... until a guest tells Tasmin to

have the servants fill the pitchers by the gate with water from the cistern. Reluctantly, she obeys and is amazed when rainwater turns into the finest wine ever tasted in Cana.

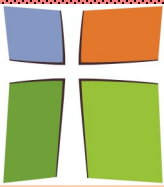
When Thomas impulsively decides to follow the teacher from Nazareth, he and Tasmin argue – since the twins have been together since the womb, Tasmin can't accept losing her brother to some magician-prophet. Aided by Jude, younger brother of Jesus of Nazareth, she decides to follow the group and do whatever she must to mend the fractured relationship and bring her brother home.

MARCH: *Running Barefoot* by Amy Harmon

When Josie Jensen, an awkward 13-year-old musical prodigy, crashes headlong into newcomer Samuel Yates, 18-year-old Navajo boy full of anger and confusion, an unlikely friendship, and along the way finds a kindred spirit. Upon graduation, Samuel abandons the sleepy, small town in search of a future and a life, leaving his young friend behind. Many years go by and Samuel returns, finding Josie in need of the very thing she offered him years before. Their roles reversed, Samuel teaches Josie about life, love, and letting go.

Deeply romantic and poignant, *Running Barefoot* is the story of a small town girl and a Native American boy, the ties that bind them to their homes and families, and the love that gives them wings.

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



FEBRUARY 2024

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

1:00 pm — UWFaith Meeting

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00 am — Illini Wood Carving Group

12:00 pm — A.A.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00 am — Traditional Worship Service

9:45 am — Luke — Adult Sunday School

10:30 am — Contemporary Worship Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

1:00 pm — Monday Missions

5:30 pm — Craving to Lose Support Group

7:00 pm — Disciple Class—The Letters of Paul

7:00 pm — Scout Troop #25

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:30 pm — Bell Choir Practice

7:30 pm — Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:30 am — Come Play w/ Me

1:00 pm — Acts — Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm — Praise Band Practice

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

1:30 pm — UWF Reading Circle

6:00 pm — Finance Committee Meeting

7:00 pm — Church Council Meeting

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

12:00 pm — A.A.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 am — Traditional Worship Service

9:45 am — Luke — Adult Sunday School

10:30 am — Contemporary Worship Service

2:00 pm — Bridle Brook Chapel Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

1:00 pm — Monday Missions

5:30 pm — Craving to Lose Support Group

7:00 pm — Disciple Class — The Letters of Paul

7:00pm — Scout Troop #25

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:30 pm — Bell Choir Practice

7:30 pm — Chancel Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 — ASH WEDNESDAY

9:30 am — Come Play w/ Me Play Group

12:00 pm — Ash Wednesday Service

1:00 pm — Acts — Women's Bible Study

6:00pm — Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 pm — Praise Band Practice

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

6:00 pm — Education/Discipleship Committee Meeting

7:00 pm — Trustees Committee Meeting

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00 am — Illini Wood Carving Group

10:00 am — Puzzles & Pizza @ Parsonage

12:00 pm — A.A.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00 am — Traditional Worship Service

9:45 am — Luke — Adult Sunday School

10:30 am — Contemporary Worship Service

11:15 am — Missions Committee Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

1:00 pm — Monday Missions

5:30 pm — Craving to Lose Support Group

7:00 pm — Disciple Class—The Letters of Paul

7:00 pm — Scout Troop #25

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:00 pm — Taco Tuesday — Lenten Dinner

6:30 pm — Bell Choir Practice

7:30 pm — Chancel Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:30 am — Come Play with Me Play Group

1:00 pm — Acts — Women's Bible Study

1:00 pm — H.C.E. Gathering

7:00 pm — Praise Band Practice

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

12:00 pm — A.A.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 am — Traditional Worship Service

9:45 am — Luke — Adult Sunday School

10:30 am — Contemporary Worship Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

1:00 pm — Monday Missions

5:30 pm — Craving to Lose Support Group

7:00 pm — Disciple Class — The Letters of Paul

7:00 pm — Scout Troop #25

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

5:00 pm — Taco Tuesday — Lenten Dinner

6:30pm — Bell Choir Practice

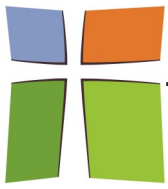
7:30pm — Chancel Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:30 am — Come Play w/ Me Play Group

1:00 pm — Spicy Seniors Card Party

1:00 pm — Acts — Women's Bible Study



ANGEL WHISPER

FEBRUARY "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!

JANUARY WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

Winner of the Search & Find...


Pam Parker

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Just a friendly reminder...

♥ 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.




Do you have information that you would like to share with the church?

Please contact the church office no later than the 20th of each month to ensure it makes it into the next issue.

GOT NEWS?

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

Please submit no later than the 18th day of the month via office@mumc.org or call 217-586-2147.



Angel Whisper

“Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others.”

PHILIPPIANS 2:4

woman's day

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.

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.



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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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Toddler Time Instructor ~ toddlerteach@mumc.org
Michelle Reed, Custodian ~ cleaning@mumc.org
Deonté Mosely, Choir Director ~ mosely008@gmail.com

Easter Lilies



Easter is on Sunday, March 31st this year! We would like to grace our church with God’s beauty by decorating our church with Lilies! The cost per flower is \$18 and you may order as many as you like.

Dedications are made by filling out the form below. The check needs to be written to Mahomet UMC with Easter Lilies in the memo line.

Checks can be dropped in offering plate on Sundays, brought to the office or even mailed into Mahomet UMC, 1302 E South Mahomet Rd, Mahomet, IL 61853.

Deadline for order is Monday, March 18th.

I would like to order _____ Lilies.

Given by _____

In Honor / Memory / Celebration of _____