



The Circuit Rider

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HOLY WEEK



**SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH - PALM
SUNDAY @ 9:00 & 10:30**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH - MAUNDY
THURSDAY SERVICE @ 7PM**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH - GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICE AVAILABLE ONLINE**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST - EASTER
SERVICES @ 9:00 & 10:30**

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Mahomet UMC Happenings

TACO TUESDAY
Fellowship with us at Jesus' Table

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

Starts At 5:00 pm
1302 E South Mahomet Rd, Mahomet

MAHOMET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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YOU ARE INVITED TO
JOIN OUR
NEW MEMBERS
CLASS

Sunday, March 3rd
@ 11:30 am

At Mahomet
United Methodist Church

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

**WOMEN'S
BIBLE STUDY**
Living a Chocolate Life

Wednesdays
@ 1-3 pm
March 13th - May 8th

Savoring God's Sweet Grace

**HAPPY
St. Patrick's
DAY**

Spicy Seniors
Celebrate the wearing of the green

Card / Game Party
1 - 3 pm
Wednesday, Mar 20th



March Missions RICE MEAL KITS



Faith United
Methodist Church
1719 S Prospect Rd, Champaign



Wednesday, March 20th
5-6 pm Dinner
6:00 pm Putting together kits



The Current Week in Review February 23, 2024

General Conference Countdown

Our Illinois Great Rivers Conference churches and leaders are invited to learn more about our denomination's upcoming global legislative meeting General Conference 2024. This body of elected delegates from around the world will meet in Charlotte, N.C. from April 23 through May 4 to deliberate policy, doctrine, and denominational statements for The United Methodist Church. You're invited to learn more about General Conference and to preview some of their discussions through our online GC24 Countdown, which will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning on March 6 and ending on April 17.



Hosted by our Director of Connectional Ministries, Curtis Brown, we will include presentations and discussions on various topics, including:

- March 6 -- What is General Conference and How Does It Work?
- March 13 - Revised Social Principles
- March 20 - Global Regionalization Legislation
- March 27 - New Clergy Pension Plan
- April 3 - Continuance/Removal of LGBTQ Restrictive Language
- April 10 - Discussion of Other Legislation and Actions
- April 17 - General Conference Overview and Prayer for Delegates

Lenten Missions Meals with Jesus

Food items collected each week starting on Sunday that will be delivered to Mam's Pantry and Helping Hands

Sunday, Feb 18th (Fellowship)

Gift cards to Jimmy Johns, Subway, Yo-Yo's, Main Scoop, etc

Sunday, Feb 25th (Community)

Soup, Peanut Butter, Jelly

Sunday, Mar 3rd (Hope)

Rice, pasta, canned meat

Sunday, Mar 10th (Mission)

Trail mix, granola, spices, oatmeal

Sunday, Mar 17th (Change)

Oatmeal, single serve pudding/jello, shelf safe microwavable meals or mac & cheese


Sunday, Mar 24th (Salvation)

Juice, bottled water, cereal, Vanilla wafer

Sunday, Mar 31st (Promise)

Flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder



Thank
you 

I enjoyed all the Christmas cards from the United Methodist Church women. Was fun opening them. Thank you for thinking of me.
- *Sandy Rourke*

Hi Mahomet United Methodist Church,

Your gift will help fund the essential services we make available to each individual experiencing homelessness that we serve. Thank you for offering hope and helping provide a pathway to progress for someone ready to take steps toward a more stable future. A significant portion of our organization is funded by charitable contributions from partners like you!

Whether you donated in support of a challenge participant or directly to One Winter Night, we are truly blessed by and grateful for your financial support. Thank you for being a part of OWN 2024!

- *Melissa Courtwright*
Executive Director
C-U at Home



WELCOME OLIVIA AND WILLA!

Olivia Maria Dollahon

Born: January 24, 2024

Parents: Kyle & Bri Dollahon

Great Grandparents: Jack & Alice Dollahon

Willa Jane Turner

Born: February 13, 2024

Parents: Matt & Sam Turner

Grandparents: Doug & Stacy Schroeder



Pictures of Mahomet UMC Happenings

Lenten Food Drive—Thank you to all who donated!



Pizza and Puzzles!



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Update from Church Council

Discussions are continuing on how to best pay for the substantial maintenance costs that we face. Some of these needs we can anticipate, such as replacement of aging HVAC systems and repaving of the parking lot; whereas others, such as leaking gas lines or fire system breaks, are more difficult to predict. Even with insurance coverage, there are always related costs that are not fully paid by insurance, as well as items that are not covered, such as our recent gas line replacement. Given the magnitude of our needs, it becomes clear that our maintenance expenditures will exceed what our normal budget can accommodate in the next few years. Although we will try to take advantage of grants, those are not likely to pay for a very large portion of our costs. One solution currently being discussed in Church Council is a special fund drive for maintenance. Another possible source of revenue for the Church is the addition of new members to our congregation. Council members have been tasked with suggesting ways to increase our membership. Those ideas are being debated in Council and we hope to implement the best of those ideas. We welcome any input from the congregation that will help to increase membership.

TRUSTEES REPORT

Trustees have obtained bids from Servpro and Blue Sky to repair and finish out damaged areas from the January water damage. We are in the process of analyzing the bids and working with the insurance adjustor to determine who we should contract with to make the restoration repairs. On January 31, an outside natural gas line leak was discovered. As a result, the underground gas line had to be replaced to bring the pipeline up to code. The replacement was finished on February 2. The cabinets for the conference room have been purchased and installed. For his Eagle Scout project, Jacob Heaton is cleaning the storage shed and building shelving.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Pledged	\$32,000
<u>Non-Pledged</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
UNRESTRICTED INCOME	\$35,000
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$5,000



EDUCATION

The Lenten theme for this year is "Dinner with Jesus", as we come together with others at the table in fellowship. We will be hosting Taco Tuesday on March 5th & 12th.

We will be having the Easter Egg Hunt again this year on Easter Sunday, March 31st, between services. Last year the congregation was very generous and enjoyed fellowship with each other while stuffing the eggs with candy provided by the congregation. We are asking for volunteers again this year to help stuff eggs and to bring in a bag of candy that can fit into the eggs.

- ♥ Now until March 18th—bring in candy for eggs
- ♥ March 18th—22nd — stuffing of eggs

Additionally, we are asking the Jr/Sr high students to help with the hiding of the eggs before and during first service. Will need volunteers to man the prize table.

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:

March / April:

- ♥ Weekly food drive correspond to theme of "Dinner with Jesus."
- ♥ Midwest Missions Work Day—sign up in Narthex

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 7 at 1 pm. Sheryle Carpenter will present the program and the hostess is Karen Wilkinson. 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.

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.

APRIL: *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed.

Soon afterward his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gang banger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and local a drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is what really went down that night? And the only one alive who can answer that is Starr.

But what Starr does – or does not say could upend hr community. It could also endanger her life.

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SPRING DISTRICT GATHERING
Tuesday, April 16
Effingham Centenary UMC
203 E Grove Avenue
Effingham 62401



MARCH 2024

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 am — Illini Wood Carving Group
10:00 am — “Don’t Be Scammed” Workshop
12:00 pm — A.A.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

9:00 am — Traditional Worship Service
9:45 am — Luke — Adult Sunday School
10:30 am — Contemporary Worship Service
11:30 am — New Member’s Class

MONDAY, MARCH 4

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, MARCH 5

5:00 pm — Taco Tuesday
6:30 pm — Bell Choir Practice
7:30 pm — Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

9:30 am — Come Play w/ Me
1:00 pm — Acts — Women’s Bible Study
7:00 pm — Praise Band Practice
7:00 pm — General Conference Webinar

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

1:00 pm — UWF Monthly Meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

12:00 pm — A.A.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

9:00 am — Traditional Worship Service
9:45 am — Luke — Adult Sunday School
10:30 am — Contemporary Worship Service

MONDAY, MARCH 11

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, MARCH 12

5:00 pm — Taco Tuesday
6:30 pm — Bell Choir Practice
7:30 pm — Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

9:30 am — Come Play w/ Me
1:00 pm — Women’s Bible Study — A Chocolate Life
7:00 pm — Praise Band Practice
7:00 pm — General Conference Webinar

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

1:30 pm — UWF Monthly Reading Circle
6:00 pm — Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 pm — Church Council Meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

9:00 am — Illini Carvers
12:00 pm — A.A.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

9:00 am — Traditional Worship Service
9:45 am — Luke — Adult Sunday School
10:30 am — Contemporary Worship Service
11:30 am — Missons Committee Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 18

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, MARCH 19

5:00 pm — Taco Tuesday
6:30 pm — Bell Choir Practice
7:30 pm — Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

9:30 am — Come Play w/ Me
1:00 pm — H.C.E Meeting
1:00 pm — Spicy Seniors Card Party
1:00 pm — Women’s Bible Study — A Chocolate Life
5:00 pm — Rice Meal Kits with Faith UMC
7:00 pm — General Conference Webinar

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

6:00 pm — Education Committee Meeting
7:00 pm — Trustees Committee Meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

12:00 pm — A.A.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

9:00 am — Traditional Worship Service
9:45 am — Luke — Adult Sunday School
10:30 am — Contemporary Worship Service

MONDAY, MARCH 25

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, MARCH 26

5:00 pm — Taco Tuesday
6:30 pm — Bell Choir Practice
7:30 pm — Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

9:30 am — Come Play w/ Me
1:00 pm — Women’s Bible Study — A Chocolate Life
7:00 pm — General Conference Webinar

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 pm — Maundy Thursday Service

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ANGEL WHISPER

MARCH 2024 CALENDAR CONTINUED

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

12:00 pm — A.A.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 — EASTER

9:00 am — Traditional Worship Service

9:45 am — Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 am — Contemporary Worship Service



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.



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

MARCH "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!

FEBRUARY WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

Winner of the Search & Find...

Pat Bennett

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE
whatever **GIFT**
you have received
to **SERVE OTHERS**
AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF
God's GRACE
IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS 1 PETER 4:10

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

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SPRING
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SUNDAY
MARCH 10TH

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