

# The Circuit Rider

Sharing the Good News in Mahomet Since 1843

## MAHOMET UMC

- "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" Movie Afternoon @ Savoy 16
  - Sunday, Dec 1st @ 2:00 pm
- Christmas in the Four Gospel Homes
  - Mondays Dec 2nd, 10th, 16th and 23rd @ 1:00 pm at Glenwood Assisted Living
  - Mondays Dec 2nd, 10th, 16th and 23rd @ 6:30 pm at Mahomet UMC
- UWF Cookie Walk and Christmas Bazaar @ Mahomet UMC
  - Saturday, Dec 7th @ 9 am - 12 pm
- Parents' Day Out
  - Saturday, Dec 14th @ 1 - 3:30 pm at Mahomet UMC
- Spicy Senior Luncheon and Games
  - Wednesday, Dec 18th @ 11 am - 1 pm at Mahomet UMC
- Blue Christmas Service and Soup Lunch at Mahomet UMC
  - Saturday, Dec 21st @ 11 am - 1 pm
- Christmas Concert at Mahomet UMC
  - Sunday, Dec 22nd @ 1st worship service @ 9 am
- Cookies and Cocoa along with White Elephant at Mahomet UMC
  - Sunday, Dec 22nd @ 2nd worship service @ 10:30 am
- Christmas Eve Services at Mahomet UMC
  - Family Service with Children's Program @ 5 pm
  - Traditional Service @ 7 pm
- Carols and Stories Worship Service at Mahomet UMC
  - Sunday, Dec 29th, ONE service only @ 9:00 am

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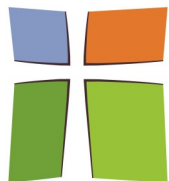
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# Mahomet UMC Happenings

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

## MELODIES OF CHRISTMAS

22  
DECEMBER  
9:00 AM

MAHOMET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
1302 E SOUTH MAHOMET RD, MAHOMET  
217-586-2147 MUMC@MUMC.ORG

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

## Cookie Walk & Bazaar

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7  
9 AM - NOON

Select home baked cookies by the boxful  
Bake Sale and Handmade Items!

MAHOMET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
1302 E. SOUTH MAHOMET RD, MAHOMET

## DECEMBER SERMON SERIES

### THE GIFT EXCHANGE

- December 1st – 1st Sunday of Advent  
Exchange Despair for Hope
- December 8th – 2nd Sunday of Advent  
Exchange Anxiety for Peace
- December 15th – 3rd Sunday of Advent  
Exchange Sorrow for Joy
- December 22nd – 4th Sunday of Advent  
Exchange Fear for Love
- December 24th – Christmas Eve  
Exchange Darkness for Light
- December 29th – Sunday after Christmas  
Exchange Meaninglessness for Purpose

Mahomet United Methodist Church  
presents

## CHRISTMAS IN THE FOUR GOSPEL HOMES

An Advent Study  
with Pastor Lori

**Mondays in December  
during Advent Season**

1:00 pm @ Glenwood Assisted Living  
6:30 pm @ Mahomet UMC

For more information, call 217-586-2147 or email  
mumc@mumc.org



# Mahomet UMC Happenings

## Spicy Seniors

### CARD PARTY

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18  
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

#### RSVP NEEDED

CALL OFFICE @ 217-586-2147; OR  
EMAIL [MINISTRYDIR@MUMC.ORG](mailto:MINISTRYDIR@MUMC.ORG); OR  
SIGN-UP ON TABLE IN NARTHEX

Mahomet United Methodist Church  
1302 E. South Mahomet Road

Offering

## Blue Christmas Service

Saturday, December  
21st  
@ 11:00 am

followed by soup luncheon  
and fellowship

## PARENTS DAY OUT

Leave the kids with us so you  
can get Christmas errands done  
or a much needed break!

## COOKIE DECORATING, GAMES & CRAFTS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH  
1:00 - 3:30 PM

FREE WILL DONATIONS ACCEPTED

MAHOMET UMC  
1302 S. MAHOMET ROAD

217-586-2147  
[www.mumc.org](http://www.mumc.org)

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 103

### Annual Tummy Warmer

(Chili Dinner)

Chili, Hot Dog, Dessert, Chips & Drink

All for only \$8

December 7<sup>th</sup>

11 AM to 6 PM

at

Cornbelt Fire Department

506 E Main St  
Mahomet, IL



# Pictures of Mahomet UMC Happenings

Welcome our new  
Custodian—Dwight



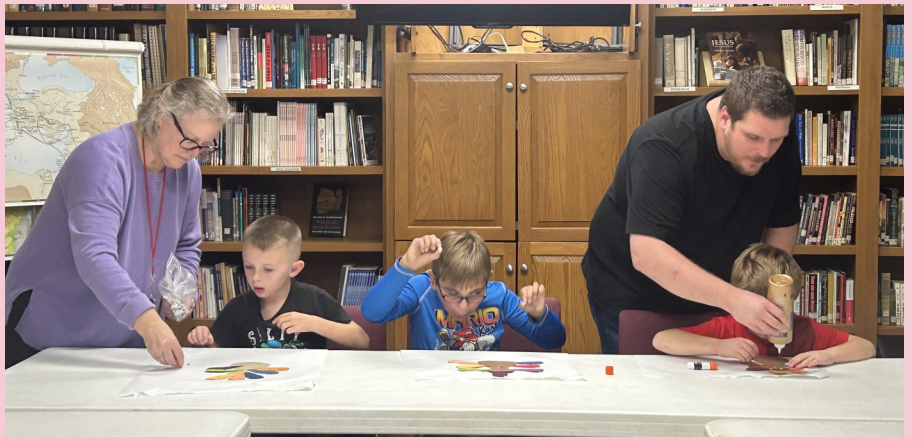
Thank you from Midwest Missions:

*Dear Sisters + Brothers,*

*Thank you for your generous donation  
+ partnership with Midwest Mission.  
Together we can have a greater impact  
for Christ as we help more people in  
their time of crisis.*

*With blessings + gratitude,  
Lisa Kigoni*

## Briana's Buddies





# HELPING HANDS & COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



## Advent 2024 Calendar

Follow this Advent calendar each day by collecting coins for Helping Hands.  
Get the whole family involved and have fun with this!

Coins will be collected by the kids during the worship services in December.

- **Dec 1st (1st Sunday of Advent)** --- Pray today, thanking God for the gift of light. Pray for those who live in darkness. -- A coin for every room in your home
- **Dec 2nd** -- A coin for every light switch
- **Dec 3rd** -- A coin for every candle
- **Dec 4th** -- A coin for every flashlight (include your smartphone)
- **Dec 5th** -- A coin for every lamp
- **Dec 6th** -- A coin for every box of cereal.
- **Dec 7th** -- A coin for every can of soup.
- **Dec 8th (2nd Sunday of Advent)** -- Pray today, thanking God for the food you enjoy. Pray for those that have no food these days. -- A coin for every electrical outlet in your home
- **Dec 9th** -- A coin for every jar of jelly
- **Dec 10th** -- A coin for every bottle of salad dressing.
- **Dec 11th** -- A coin for every jar of peanut butter
- **Dec 12th** -- A coin for every type of bread
- **Dec 13th** -- A coin for every ball cap or hat
- **Dec 14th** -- A coin for every pair of shoes
- **Dec 15th (3rd Sunday of Advent)** -- Pray today, thanking God for clothing that protects you from the elements. Pray for those who lack clothing to keep them warm and dry. -- A coin for every chair in your home.
- **Dec 16th** -- A coin for every coat
- **Dec 17th** -- A coin for every T-shirt
- **Dec 18th** -- A coin for every sweatshirt
- **Dec 19th** -- A coin for every pair of jeans or pants
- **Dec 20th** -- A coin for every ball or piece of athletic equipment
- **Dec 21st** -- A coin for every electronic video game
- **Dec 22nd (4th Sunday of Advent)** -- Pray today, thanking God for shelter. Pray for those who have no place to sleep at night. -- A coin for every smart device (phones, tablets, etc)
- **Dec 23rd** -- A coin for every television
- **Dec 24th (Christmas Eve)** -- Pray today, thanking God for all the entertainment you can enjoy in your home. Pray for those who would be grateful for just one of these items. -- A coin for every desk (virtual work/school) in your home.
- **Dec 25th (Christmas Day)** -- Pray, thanking God for Jesus and for the many ways we can gather and worship God. Pray for those who will receive the coins collected that they would see God's presence through them. -- A coin for every board game or card game
- **Dec 26th** -- A coin for every doll or stuffed animal
- **Dec 27th** -- A coin for every box of band-aids
- **Dec 28th** -- A coin for every bottle of vitamins
- **Dec 29th** -- A coin for every box of tissues
- **Dec 30th** -- A coin for every bottle of hand sanitizer
- **Dec 31st (New Year's Eve)** -- Pray today, thanking God for your health. Pray for those who are sick. -- A coin for every toothbrush and tube of tooth paste

**Research Opportunity from University of IL Dept of Speech & Hearing:** Are you 60 years or older and experiencing challenges with memory, thinking, or concentration? If so, we invite you to participate in an important research study at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. We are developing a new technology to support the cognitive and social aspects of everyday life, and we are seeking your valuable insights and opinions through a small group discussion.

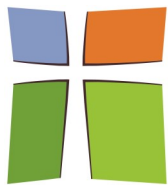
Your participation will be compensated. To be eligible, you must be:

- 60 years of age or older
- Experiencing difficulty with memory, thinking, or concentration
- Able to communicate in English

If you meet these criteria and are interested in participating, please contact us at: Phone: (217) 300-5445, Email: [HFA-SPARC@Illinois.edu](mailto:HFA-SPARC@Illinois.edu)

This research study has been approved by IRB #23-01025559.





## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### TRUSTEES REPORT

- With support from the memorial funds and designated building repair funds, lighting was restored behind the pulpit, tile floors were cleaned and resealed, and two new trees were planted by the playground.
- Fall tune ups for the HVAC systems in the church and parsonage were completed.
- Trees on the church property were pruned and the brush hauled to the village.
- Happy Holidays to All!

### EDUCATION

The Education for All Ages Committee met Thursday, November 14th, 2024.

- Between 120 to 130 children participated in our Trick or Treat activity.
- Parents Afternoon Out, to be held Saturday, December 14th from 1:00 to 3:30. Volunteers are being recruited for crafts, games with the children, and decorating cookies.
- Plans for the Christmas Eve services: The choirs will be presenting a concert during first service, and at second service, Rev. Lori will be presenting Cookies, Cocoa and a gift exchange.
- The committee selected the Cokesbury curriculum, Road Trip, for our VBS program next summer, to be tentatively held the first week of June.

Monthly meetings —  
3rd Thursdays @ 6:00 pm  
No meeting in December

### MISSIONS

Thank you to all of those that helped with the College Care Packages. We are looking for ideas for Missions for 2025.

If you have any ideas for 2025 Missions, please let the Mission Team know. You can email me at christinebunting12@gmail.com or contact me at (217) 402-2866.

#### **Missions going forward:**

- ♥ December 2024: Advent donations and Bags of Joy

Monthly Meetings  
3rd Sundays  
Between Services  
Phone: 217-402-2866

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Pledged \$20,000

Non-Pledged \$15,000

**UNRESTRICTED INCOME \$35,000**

Operating Expenses \$37,000

**NET OPERATING \$2,000 LOSS**

- YTD income \$331,000 vs. unrestricted expenses of \$371,000 = generating a \$40,000 operating loss for the year to date.
- The overage in expenses is due to church building and grounds maintenance costs being well over budget (+\$52K)
- A \$6,200 expense for the fire suppression system was paid from the building repairs restricted account
- Pledge total for 2025 is currently at \$303,110





United  
Women  
in Faith

## YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 5 at 1 pm

**Program** - Cindy Dodd

**Hostesses** - Karen Wilkinson, Carmileta Clark  
The meeting will end with Fellowship time.

**All women of the church are invited to attend.**



**There is no meeting in January. We will resume on Thursday, February 6 at 1 pm.**

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 READING CIRCLE:

*THE HOUSE THAT LOVE BUILT* by Sarah Jackson

The House That Love Built is the quintessential story of one woman's questioning what it means to be an American and a Christian — in light of a broken immigration system. Through tender stories of opening her heart and home to immigrants, Sarah Jackson shines a holy light on loving our neighbor.

Sarah Jackson once thought immigration justice was administered through higher walls and longer fences. Then she met an immigrant-- deported young father separated from his US-citizen family — and everything changed. As Sarah began to know fractured families ravaged by threats in their homeland and further traumatized in US detention, biblical justice took on a new meaning.

The dilemma of undocumented people continues to hover over America, and it raises urgent questions for every Christian: 1) What is our responsibility to the "stranger" in our midst? 2) What does God's kingdom look like in the global-political reality of immigration? 3) What difference can one person make?

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

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 6.**
- Shop at the Cookie Walk & Bazaar on **December 7 and 8.**

All proceeds go to various mission programs. Thank you.

Mahomet United Women in Faith present

## Cookie Walk & Bazaar

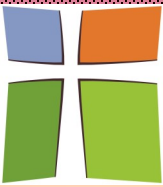
Sat, Dec 7  
9-Noon

Sun, Dec 8  
8:30-11:30



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 2024

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1**

9:00 am — Traditional Worship Service  
10:30 am — Contemporary Worship Service  
2:00 pm — Christmas Movie Night @ Savoy 16

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 2**

1:00 pm — Monday Missions  
1:00 pm — Advent Study 4 Gospel Homes @ Glenwood  
6:30 pm — Advent Study 4 Gospel Homes @ Church  
7:00 pm — Scout Troop #25

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

6:30 pm — Handbell Practice  
7:30 pm — Choir Practice

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4**

1:00 pm — Women's Study — 12 Daring Women  
7:00 pm — Praise Band Practice

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5**

1:30 pm — UWFaith Meeting

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

9:00 am — UWF Cookie Walk & Bazaar  
9:00 am — Illini Carvers  
10:00 am — Memory Care Support Group  
12:00 pm — A.A.

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

8:30 am — UWF Cookie Walk & Bazaar  
9:00 am — Traditional Worship Service  
9:45 am — Young Family Life Group  
10:30 am — Contemporary Worship Service

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**

1:00 pm — Monday Missions  
1:00 pm — Advent Study 4 Gospel Homes @ Glenwood  
6:30 pm — Advent Study 4 Gospel Homes @ Church  
7:00 pm — Scout Troop #25

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**

9:30 am — Come Play with Me  
6:30 pm — Handbell Practice  
7:30 pm — Choir Practice

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11**

1:00 pm — Women's Study — 12 Daring Women  
7:00 pm — Praise Band Practice

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

12:00 pm — A.A.  
1:00 pm — Parents Day Out

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

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

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 16**

1:00 pm — Monday Missions  
1:00 pm — Advent Study 4 Gospel Homes @ Glenwood  
6:30 pm — Advent Study 4 Gospel Homes @ Church  
7:00 pm — Scout Troop #25

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17**

6:30 pm — Handbell Practice  
7:30 pm — Choir Practice

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18**

11:00 am — Spicy Seniors Luncheon & Games  
1:00 pm — Women's Study — 12 Daring Women  
7:00 pm — Praise Band Practice

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**

9:00 am — Illini Carvers  
11:00 am — Blue Christmas Service & Soup Lunch  
12:00 pm — A.A.

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

9:00 am — Christmas Concert Worship Service  
10:30 am — Cookies & Cocoa Worship Service

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 23**

1:00 pm — Monday Missions  
1:00 pm — Advent Study 4 Gospel Homes @ Glenwood  
6:30 pm — Advent Study 4 Gospel Homes @ Church  
7:00 pm — Scout Troop #25

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24—CHRISTMAS EVE**

5:00 pm — Christmas Eve Service—Family Friendly  
7:00 pm — Christmas Eve Service—Traditional

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25—MERRY CHRISTMAS!** **OFFICE CLOSED**

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28**

12:00 pm — A.A.

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

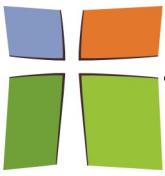
9:00 am — Stories & Cards Worship Service

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 30**

1:00 pm — Monday Missions

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31—HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Office Closes at Noon and Closed January 1



**\*NOVEMBER WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT\***

Winner of the Search & Find...

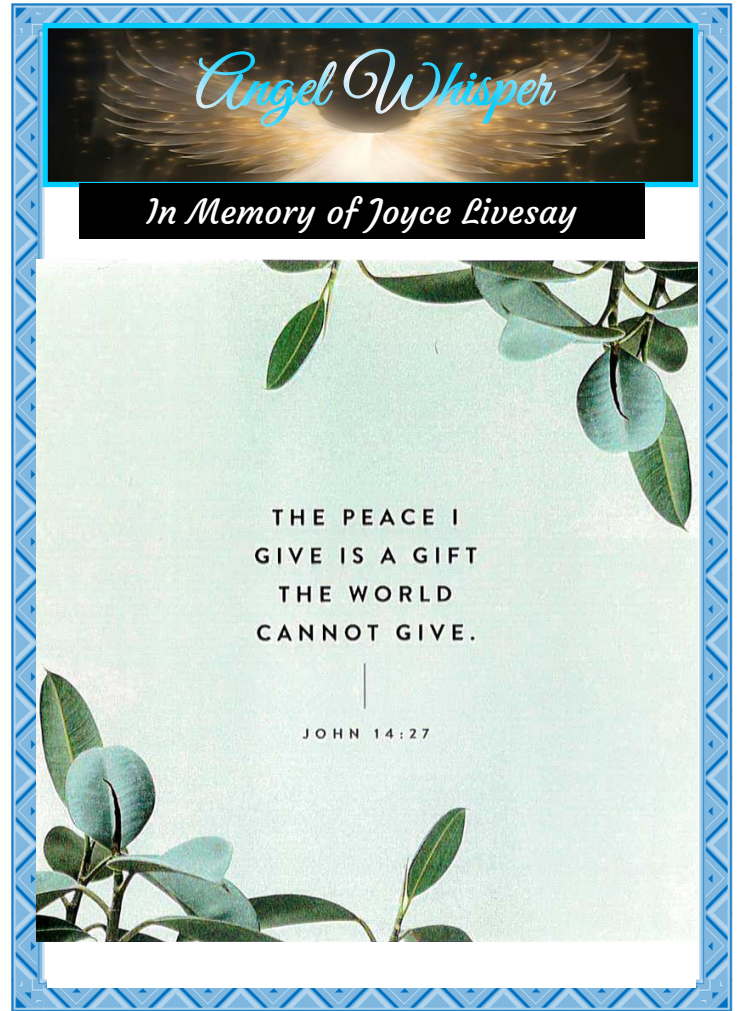
**Joyce Schmale**  
**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

**DECEMBER "SEARCHABLE ITEM" CONTEST**

Find this item in the newsletter and email  
[MUMC@MUMC.ORG](mailto:MUMC@MUMC.ORG) with page #  
and location to be entered.



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



*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

**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.



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.





### **Mahomet United Methodist Church**

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Mahomet, IL 61853-3729  
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Email: [mumc@mumc.org](mailto:mumc@mumc.org)  
Website: [www.mumc.org](http://www.mumc.org)

### **Office Hours**

Mon thru Thurs 9:00 am –2:00 pm

### **Sunday Schedule**

9:00 am Traditional Worship & Children's Church  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship & Children's Church

### **Church Staff**

Rev. Lori Harvey, Pastor ~ [pastor@mumc.org](mailto:pastor@mumc.org)  
Michelle Petty, Director of Ministry ~ [ministrydir@mumc.org](mailto:ministrydir@mumc.org)  
Sarah Christman, Office Admin ~ [office@mumc.org](mailto:office@mumc.org)  
Kathy Tock, Worship Music Director ~ [tockwoman@gmail.com](mailto:tockwoman@gmail.com)  
Dr. Carlos R. Carrillo Cotto, Organist  
Jay Simpson, Assistant Praise Band Leader  
Dwight Kindel, Custodian ~ [cleaning@mumc.org](mailto:cleaning@mumc.org)  
Deonté Mosely, Choir Director ~ [mosely008@gmail.com](mailto:mosely008@gmail.com)

# CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

WITH MAHOMET UMC

ENJOY WATCHING "THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER"

LET'S START OFF THE SEASON WITH  
A MOVIE, FELLOWSHIP & POPCORN

ONLY  
\$5 PER  
PERSON

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST @ 2:00PM  
AT SAVOY PHOENIX THEATER

RSVP to 217-586-2147 or [mumc@mumc.org](mailto:mumc@mumc.org)

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