



SOMETIMES WE ALL NEED A HELPING HAND!

Thanksgiving is upon us! We are overflowing with blessings at MCC. Not only will we be having a church Thanksgiving dinner, but many of us will also be duplicating that at home with family and friends.

In our bounty, God expects us to remember those who have less. For November, we are looking specifically for CANNED FOODS—anything that can be added to a Thanksgiving dinner. I want the Helping Hands’ bins so heavy with cans that it takes two or more men to carry each bin. Look for the sales; clip the coupons! CANNED FOODS will be on sale!

Remember, our junior church kids have a bin to fill as well. If my grandson’s excitement is any indication, the kids love to be part of a service project.

The junior high and high school-aged young people are dropping loose change (and dollar bills) in Helping Hands’ jars on Sunday morning. I am thrilled with their decision to help with this community outreach. For **every \$1 donated, Helping Hands can purchase \$10 worth of food.** If anyone else would like to contribute in this way, just mark your giving envelopes to that extent or write a check to MCC with Helping Hands written in the memo line. We are so happy to be a part of this community outreach.



Please call Mike or Diane Wattles with questions and/or suggestions. 586-2776.



SERMONS ON-LINE

Sermons are available on-line to listen to or download. Visit our website at: www.mahometchristian.org



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- Nov 2,9,16,30 JH Youth Group meetings (no meeting Nov. 23)
- Nov 3 11:30 am, OASIS Thanksgiving Potluck, Art Leenerman, USS Indianapolis survivor
- Nov 4,5,6 HS Youth MayHEm Retreat at Allerton Park 4-H Camp
- Nov 5 2:00 & 7:00 pm, Living Flag “The Spirit of America” musical, veteran tribute, reception
- Nov 6 7:00 pm, Living Flag Presentation/Reception
- Nov 7 4:00 pm, Living Flag tear down and clean up
- Nov 11 7:00-10:00 pm, Stamp-Up craft group at MCC
- Nov 13 Noon, Youth Group and OASIS Seniors to Arrowhead Lanes
- Nov 20 Noon, All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov 20 6:00 pm, Community Thanksgiving Service hosted by United Methodist Church
- Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day
- Nov 25 Office Closed
- Nov 27 MCC Chapel Service at Glenwood Assisted Living Facility

Elder on Call

Oct 31-Nov 6	Mike Cornwell	897-6459
Nov 7-13	Mike Dyson	586-2254
Nov 14-20	Mike Wattles	586-2776
Nov 21-27	Frank Armetta	778-6711
Nov 28-Dec 4	Mike Cornwell	897-6459

Statistics

Averages for October (4 weeks only)

Kids SS & Adult Bible Fellowship	58
Worship Hour Attendance	212
Ministry Operations	\$ 6,307.39
FTC (debt retirement)	\$ 1,019.00

“Where you, your family and your Bible are always welcome !”

Mahomet Christian Church MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 2011

Seventh Annual Living Flag

ALL NEW MUSICAL

“Old Glory Sings”
The Spirit of America!



Guest Speaker: Sgt. Matt Kreeb
Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Three Presentations

Saturday, November 5... 2pm
Saturday, November 5... 7pm
Sunday, November 6... 7pm

This multi-media “The Spirit of America ” will again feature a salute to the Armed Forces and special guests including*;

- ▶ Air Force Detachment 190 ROTC Drill Team
- ▶ Lincoln’s Challenge Academy Color Guard
- ▶ The Mahomet-Seymour High School Madrigals
- ▶ The Singing Men of GNN
- ▶ MCC Small Wonders Preschool Singers

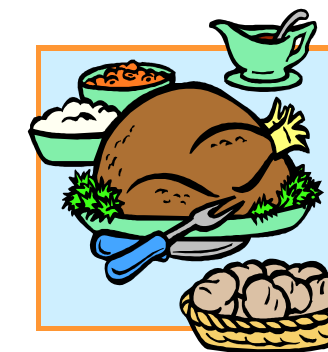
...and more!

For more information call the church office at 586-3095 or visit our website: www.mahometchristian.org

**Not all guests at all presentations!*



Mahomet Christian Church All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner November 20



Everyone is welcome following the service on Sunday, November 20, beginning at noon. Turkey, ham, dressing, drinks and table service is provided. Bring two dishes to share. Bring your neighbors and family!

Mahomet Community Thanksgiving Service

The Mahomet United Methodist Church will host the Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 20, at 6:00 pm.

The speaker will be Jason Schifo from Community Free Church.

“A place where you can make a difference”

David's Dialogue...

"Thank You!" Let me begin with a very heartfelt thank you from Jeff and I and our families for your tremendous outpouring of generosity and encouragement for Pastor's Appreciation. As I mentioned before, we feel so much more than appreciated; we feel spoiled! MCC, you are the best!

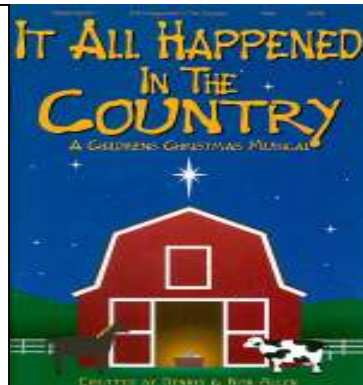
I look forward to **"Hosting the Town"** again for the **Seventh Annual Living Flag program**. To list everyone who has had and will have a part in this year's presentations would take a roll of paper 100 feet long (maybe more!). I can't begin to tell you the number of calls and comments I receive nearly every day about this service. Calls come in from nearly every surrounding town, and all over our community. Thank you MCC for being so gracious with your gift of hospitality!

And can you believe it? It's time for the holidays! Thanksgiving is around the corner. Plan now to be a part of our MCC all-church Thanksgiving Luncheon on the 20th. It's always mouth watering good! And don't forget to join us the night of the 20th for our Community Thanksgiving service. All this before family get-togethers! WOW! Thank you Lord

Having said that, please don't forget to help us make Thanksgiving possible for a family in need. Once again we're collecting items to put together Thanksgiving baskets for local families. Last year your generosity supplied 12 baskets... this year let's go for 15! Call Jeff or Polly for more info.

J.A.M. Kids Christmas Play

Rehearsals continue during junior church. The performance of **"It all Happened in the Country"** will be on December 18th.



November 4,5,6th MayHEm HS Fall Retreat 4-H camp in Allerton

Estimated cost for this year's retreat is \$80.00. Any questions, see, call or email Jeff Dyson, jeff@mahometchristian.org



Mission Trip July 2012!

Students 7th-12th grades interested in going on the 2012 summer mission trip to Centralia IL should contact Jeff Dyson ASAP.



HONORING OUR VETERANS

Lincoln Trail School cordially invites ALL Veterans to a Tribute to Our Veterans with special acknowledgment of our Vietnam Veterans at 10:00 am on November 11, 2011. Refreshments and visiting will be available in the cafeteria beginning at 9:30 am.

There will be parking & bus shuttle service available at the Catholic and Lutheran churches beginning at 9:10 am.

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- Nov 4,5,6 HS Youth FALL RETREAT at Monticello
- Nov 9,16, 30: 6:30-8pm, JH RUSH YG meetings
- Nov 13,27: 5:30-7pm, HS SURGE YG meetings

Bible Bowl...

- MCC... 1st in Round Robin... 11-0
- MCC... 1st, 4th, 5th & 7th on Brain Test
- MCC... 1st in Quote Bee

Because of the Living Flag program, Bible Bowl had it's November meeting at MCC on October 29. We can't thank all of you enough for all your help and support. As the heading says, our Kids did AMAZING!

MCC hosts teams of young people representing churches from all across Illinois monthly! This year we are studying Matthew! Our next Round Robin will be December 3. Let Barby or Jeff know if you

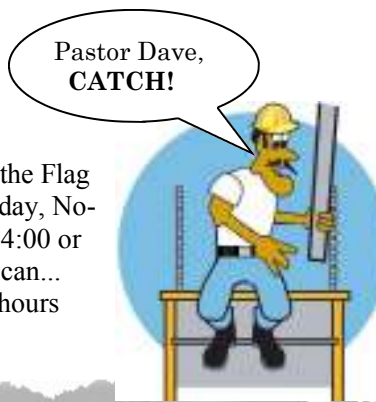


COOKIES NEEDED FOR THE LIVING FLAG

Once again we'll be hosting hundreds of folks from the community for the Living Flag. Dee Harris is directing our reception after each service and she needs millions of cookies... ok, thousands... OK OK she needs **LOTS** of cookies! If you can bring a dozen or two or three or more, it would be most appreciated. You can drop them off at the office by Friday (*pastoral sampling by Jeff and David*), or bring them to Saturday's presentations.

HELP TAKING DOWN THE FLAG Monday, November 7

We'll also need help taking the Flag down and cleaning up. Monday, November 7 we'll start around 4:00 or 4:30 pm and as soon as you can... join us! It only takes a few hours with enough help!



OASIS

Oct 11th was our trip to the News Gazette in Champaign. What can you learn by visiting a newspaper facility? Did you know that the paper stretches somewhat? How many gallons of black ink does their reservoir hold? The rolls of paper used to print the paper are huge. Everyone learned a lot about the newspaper business.

November 3, 11:30 am

Oasis Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch (turkey and drinks provided) followed by our guest, Art Leenerman, survivor of the WWII USS Indianapolis 66 years ago. You won't want to miss his first hand account. Please bring a dish to share!

December 1, 11:30 am, OASIS Seniors Potluck

dinner with Small Wonders Preschool families and our annual White Elephant Gift Exchange! Ham provided. Bring a dish or two to share.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

On Sunday, October 9th several witnessed the baptism of Jim Hampton. Jim accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized in Clinton Lake. Jim and his wife Ingrid live at 565 CR 2425 N Dewey, IL 61840. Please take a moment and welcome them to our MCC family.



9:00 am Sunday School Classes Classes for everyone in the family!

Adults of All Ages...

Max Lucado's

"Life Lessons From the Book of Romans"
taught by Mike Tilford and Ron Ross

Family/Young Married Class,

Colossians

taught by David Johnson & Mike Dyson

Women's class

"Being Yourself: How Do I Take Off This Mask?"
taught by
Diane Wattles, Laura Oswald, Mindy May

"Touching the World with God's Love...Teaching Them with His Word"