

The Messenger

Mogadore United
Methodist Church

June 2017

Faith Notes from Rev. Pam

Love is all over the Bible, from beginning to end. God loves creation; God loved Abraham in a special way and called him to a magnificent purpose; God loved his people and set them free from bondage; God's law is a law of love: love God, love neighbor; and despite our continual failure to be faithful in OUR love, God's love is "from everlasting to everlasting".



"God so loved the world, that he sent his only son, that all who believe in him might have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

Jesus' final commandment to his disciples was simple and clear: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35).

Apostle Paul repeats the refrain in nearly every letter: "Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony..." (Colossians 3:15); "Let love be genuine... love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor..." (Romans 12:9)...

Love is at the heart of being a person of God and a follower of Jesus.

In my devotional book I was given this prayer on becoming more loving which I want to share with you along with an invitation to join me in practicing this commandment more fully and faithfully with each other and with the community in which God has placed us:

"I Need to Be More Loving" –

From *A Book of Uncommon Prayer* by Kenneth G. Phifer

Almighty God,
I know so little of what love in its fullness can be.
My love is marred by jealousy, scarred by envy, limited by selfishness.
I withhold love at the slightest provocation,
and withdraw myself from involvement with others for fear of being hurt.

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Still, I know something of what love can be like.
I can remember being forgiven generously and freely by someone I had wronged.
I can remember being comforted and cared for when, bruised and battered,
I crept home.
I can remember being made strong by the realization that someone cared.
I am grateful for such experiences, for they tell me what love is about.
And if the Lord Jesus be right, to know what love is like
is to know what YOU are like.

If we humans can manifest unselfishness and concern,
it is not because such experiences are of the very nature
of that which is most important?
For out of the heart of the Lord Jesus came the evidences of his love
for all kinds of people
and his refusal to give up on any of us.
I am grateful for that love and for that refusal, for in him I have hope.
I can even hope that I may catch more of his Spirit in my life.

Will you help me to be more outgoing, less sensitive to slights,
and more alert to the feelings of others?
Will you help me to be less quick to judge and less righteous in my indignation?
Will you help me to be more open to life and to other people?
Will you give me confidence enough to be less defensive
and less ready to react to rebuffs?
Give me steadiness and firmness and true commitment to the life of faith...
Amen!

YES! Amen! May we grow more and more faithful in our loving!

In constant hope,

Rev. Pam

Confirmation Process Is Under Way!

Seven students, all 7th, 8th, and 9th graders, will be meeting with Rev. Pam and Caleb Lipocky over the summer months to explore the fundamentals of faith and how to grow as disciples in practical ways. These are smart, curious, energetic young people who show a genuine thirst for deepening their spiritual lives. Please pray for these students and their families as they move toward making a firm decision for Christ: *Tanner Hill, Gabriel McInturff, Isaac Paolucci, Ali Peak, Emma Peak, Riley Straight, and Nicholas Swindell.*

Serving Us in June

Worship Leaders

June 4 Kathy Lang
 June 11 John Sawicki
 June 18 Russ Hull
 June 25 Joyce Hull

Altar Flowers

June 4 TBD
 June 11 Chuck & Kathy Lang
 June 18 Michele Acord
 June 25 Sandra Jones

Nursery

June 4 Annie Westfall
 June 11 Judy Daniels
 June 18 Barb Skye
 June 25 Judy Daniels

Greeters

Duke & Judy Huth and John & Bette Sawicki

Hospitality Room

June 4 The Stocketts
 June 11 John & Bette Sawicki
 June 18 Duke & Judy Huth
 June 25 Deb Wiseman

Ushers

Chuck Lang, Hazel Dunderdale, Fred Slocum,
 and JoAnn Wolonsky

Treasurer's Report

Balance in the General Fund as of January 1, 2017		\$56,629.29
January Offerings	13,258.93	
January Disbursements	16,070.17	(-2,811.24)
February Offerings	10,791.11	
February Disbursements	12,334.47	(-1,543.36)
March Offerings	19,129.23	
March Disbursements	12,189.98	6,939.25
April Offerings	16,575.55	
April Disbursements	14,550.52	2,025.03
Ending Balance on April 30, 2017		\$61,238.97

Our April offerings of \$16,575.55 were a little above normal for a five Sunday month, and our April disbursements of \$14,550.52 were a little above normal due to the payment of our quarterly insurance premium. — *Barry Rudy, Treasurer*

Worship Together in June...

June begins with rushing winds and tongues of fire – the gift of the Holy Spirit descending upon all those who follow Jesus! Pentecost is much more than “the birthday of the church” – it marks God’s ultimate gift of the power of resurrection to all followers across all centuries and all places! We become resurrection people! And we are utterly, completely, forever changed... so that we might, in turn, change the world!

We will also begin another of our “People’s Choice” sermon series in June. This series will focus on some of the hard teachings of Jesus found in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5, 6, and 7. We begin with perhaps the hardest teaching of all, and the one the world most needs: “Love your enemies.” Come be challenged to make resurrection transformation a reality – even in YOU!

June 4, 2017 (Holy Communion – pews; Pentecost)

Theme: The Resurrection changed the world and is changing us.
Scripture: Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; Psalm 104
Series: Resurrection Changed Everything/one
Message: Blowing in the Wind

June 11, 2017 (Trinity Sunday)

Theme: As disciples, we become part of a great mystery.
Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Matthew 28:16-20
Message: From the Beginning and Into Always

June 18, 2017 (Fathers’ Day)

Theme: God’s promises may seem totally laughable, but God will do what God promises!
Scripture: Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:23; Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7)
Message: Laughing at God (Guest preacher: Rev. Dr. Chris Martin)
Special Prayers for Fathers

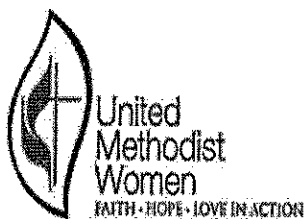
June 25, 2017

Theme: As disciples, we sometimes hear tough words from Jesus.
Scripture: Romans 6:1b – 11; Matthew 5:38-48
Series: People’s Choice – Hard Words from Jesus: Excerpts from the Sermon on the Mount
Message: Hard to Hear... Unavoidable!

In-Reach Needs Your Help!

We need your support is in filling dates for the Hospitality Room. **The first open date is July 2.** Please stop by the bulletin board and sign up for a Sunday or speak with Kelly Rick and she’ll fill in your name.





UMW News for June

“How did it get so late so soon? My goodness how the time has flown!” It’s easy to relate to these words by Dr. Seuss and hard to believe we are nearing the halfway point of 2017. Guess it’s a good time to take a break from UMW meetings and Lions Dinners while we have some fun! But before I let you know about the fun, I want to thank all who worked so hard in May to make our All Daughters Evening a night to remember. Thanks also to our wonderful men who always support us at this yearly event. And, a big thank you to all who organized the collection of baby layettes and to all who contributed items so the layettes could be assembled and taken to conference at Lakeside and presented to UMCOR. Once again from Dr. Seuss, “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it’s not!” Thanks to all of you for caring!

Okay, so the fun doesn’t really happen until July, but you need to be thinking about it in June! First, I hope you have made your reservation for Mission U. It will be held at Mount Union College in Alliance from July 21-23. Can’t go for the whole weekend? Then just attend the one day sampler on July 21. The theme is “We Are Called to Missions.” Just ask anyone who has gone and they will tell you what a great time they had.

Our other fun summer event is the mystery trip. Hold your hats. You won’t believe this. We are going to know the destination before we leave Mogadore!!!! I know it now. I am not giving away any secrets, Carol has asked me to tell you that we are going to Sugarcreek. We will be enjoying a fabulous Amish lunch at Dutch Valley Restaurant and then attending a play in the newly built and air conditioned Ohio Star Theater. Reservations need to be made early so let Carol know ASAP if you will attend. The date is Tuesday, July 25 and the group rate will be between \$53.00 and \$55.00, depending on how many of us go. This includes lunch at 11:30 and the play at 1:00 which is a musical, *The Home Game*. The story is about an Amish boy who has a chance to fulfill a lifelong dream to play major league baseball but his father wants him to stay on the farm. Will he stay or go? That’s the mystery, ladies. You’ll have to go to find out!

Miriam Circle will be eating lunch out on June 7

Naomi Circle will meet on June 19 at a location TBD.

Rebecca Circle will be at the home of Michele Acord on June 14 at 7 p.m.

Enjoy the month of June, and Happy Father’s Day to all our wonderful men!

Joyce Hull

Each month on the final Sunday of the month we receive a “Loose Coin Offering” to support Open M, a mission of the United Methodist Church reaching out to people in need in Akron with healing, education, and food. Their mission is feeding body, soul, and mind. We are among local United Methodist “partner churches” who pledge regular support of their mission and ministry throughout the year. Our next offering will be gathered **Sunday, June 25**. Baskets for your offering will be available as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you on behalf of our neighbors in need! So far this year the church has donated **\$335.00!** Keep up the good work!



MUMC Mission: Sharing Christ's Love

June Ministries:

*** Habitat for Humanity:** The Portage County Chapter is looking for volunteer help at the Kent Re-Store or at construction sites. If you enjoy restoration or hardware service, you can contact them for individual volunteer opportunities at 330-296-2880 or check out www.habitatofportage.org for more information. As part of our commitment to those who help others, **we are providing box lunches for 15-20 Habitat construction workers on Sat. June 3.** If you would like to help make the lunches, please contact Russ Hull at 330-628-1552. This will probably become an on-going part of our mission outreach.

*** Mountain of Food:** On Friday June 16, you can be part of this emotionally rewarding experience. Why not join the group car-pooling from the church at 7:30 AM, or just show up on your own at Open-M to touch the hearts and lives of vulnerable neighbors? You will be home by noon, and our efforts are always a much-appreciated blessing for the clients and staff who work so hard to serve those who struggle to maintain a regular supply of food for their families.

***UMCOR kits:** We are still assembling kits to take to *Annual Conference*. If you haven't had the opportunity yet to contribute it is not too late!

Mogadore United Methodist Church, an Open M Covenant Congregation



Did you realize that for many years we have been partnering with *Open M* as a covenant congregation? **We have promised to provide prayers, service, and material support for their varied ministries.** In addition to our prayers, we consistently supply 15-25 % of the workers for their monthly *Mountain of Food* distribution. We have also provided once a month meals for their pre-school children, food for their holiday baskets, adopted several families each

Christmas to provide presents, and made cash contributions for them to maintain badly needed supplies! Individuals from our congregation have also provided a variety of other volunteer services. ***Open M* is truly a beacon of hope and a strong representation of what can be accomplished when people come together in Christian love to support their communities.**

Among their most critical services, they provide free medical care at their clinic, job-training/retention programs, and other educational programs, including a pre-school. These programs foster development of life skills to help make productive, self-reliant, positive thinking people.

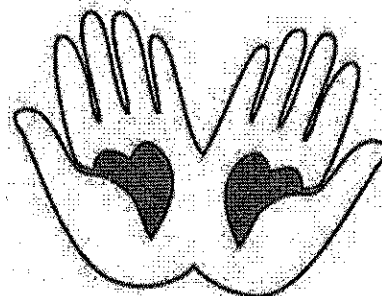
For those who might not have enough food, several programs offer them assistance. They provide approximately 100 days of free hot lunches and 120 days of pre-school lunches every year! Their *emergency food pantry* operates daily to provide a 3-day supply of food for families in crisis. The monthly *Mountain of Food* provides a variety of food, including fresh produce and baked goods, sometimes for as many as 350 families. Thanksgiving dinner and holiday food baskets reach hundreds of needy families every year.

For an in-depth description of all *Open M* programs, please go to www.openm.org. You will be impressed by all they offer and do!

In Reach Helping Hands

As a reminder, the InReach Committee (chaired by Kelly Rick) has come up with a list of individuals to volunteer their help to you, such as picking up prescriptions, grocery shopping, doctor appointments, etc. Please call anyone on the following list when you have any needs:

Michele Acord: (330) 628-9577 (Cell: 330-607-4387)
 Vi Carpenter: (330) 628-1251
 Judy Daniels: (330) 628-1200 (after 5 p.m.)
 Russ Hull: (330) 628-1552
 Tom McClary: (330) 628-4265
 John Sawicki: (330) 699-5902 (Cell: 330-715-2151)
 Bette Sawicki: (330) 699-5902 (Cell: 330-575-4877)
 Harry Smith: (330) 794-9032
 Forest Thorn: (330) 628-1894
 JoAnn Wolonsky: (330) 628-1540 (Cell: 330-400-1438)



June Birthdays

June 5 Michelle Shaffer
 Meredith Francek

June 6 Emma Peak

June 12 Megan Nelson

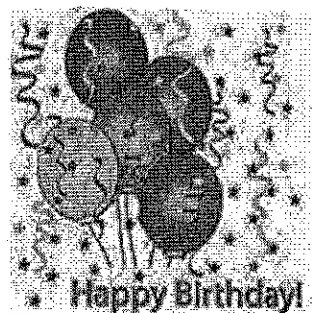
June 13 Joyce Hull
 Virginia Renwick

June 14 Cindy Shaffer

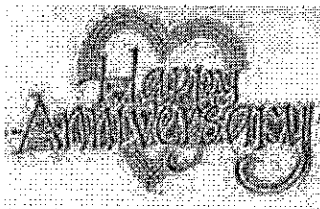
June 18 Meredith Swindell

June 20 George Thomas

June 26 Sharon Fitting
 Joyce Whitmer



June Anniversaries



June 10 Chuck & Kathy Lang

June 21 Jim & Mae Talbott

June 30 Richard & Virginia Renwick

Kits and Other Offerings for Conference!

Annual Conference, the yearly "business" meeting of the United Methodist Church, includes both clergy and lay representatives of each church in the conference. The Annual Conference of the East Ohio Area will be held at Lakeside the week of June 11 -- 15.

An important aspect of conference is participation in missions beyond the Conference, and YOU can participate in a couple of ways:

- **Assemble a "Relief Supply Kit"!** In the April newsletter we provided assembly instructions for Cleaning Buckets, Personal Dignity (Health) Kits, Layette Kits, and School Kits. These are the materials MOST needed for broad distribution in times of disaster. Perhaps you have family or friends in an area affected by recent tornadoes or flooding; maybe a new baby has been born into your family; maybe you have a child or grandchild entering or finishing elementary school... Why not assemble a specialized kit in honor of those folks?

Bring completed kits to the church ANY time between now and June 11, and we'll be sure they get delivered!

- **Sponsor a Crazy Lady Pastor!** Each year, the Bishop hosts a 5K race to raise funds for the conference **3 C's Initiative: Classrooms, Clinics, and Churches**. Offerings are used to build 3C's in Africa, where the East Ohio Conference has ongoing relationships with pastors and other community leaders. The district that raises the most funds or has the most runners is recognized, and this year, your pastor is registered to run! Let's see if we can raise pledges/gifts of \$100 or more!

You can use your regular offering envelopes or a separate check and just mark "3 C's Offering" on the memo line; we'll make sure it's properly credited.

The race will be held @ 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday June 14. (Prayers appreciated even more than donations!)

It's Festival Time Again!!!

Once again it's time to dust off the tents, unpack the supplies, and order the pork and pies. Yes, it's time to start planning for the annual Mogadore summer festival!

The festival is the weekend of July 21 - 23 so mark your calendars.

In the weeks to come you will see pork and pie support envelopes in the bulletins and we would greatly appreciate your monetary support as always. We are also starting to collect **16.9oz bottled water, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi and Mountain Dew donations.**

***** Wanted: people to help set up the booth on Wednesday evening, July 19 and tear down the booth on Sunday evening, July 23. Please let Kelly Rick know if you can help with either of these times.**

The festival committee and the outreach committee thanks you in advance for your support. It's our big chance for not only raising funds for the church but reaching out to our community by sharing our mission.

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 p.m. Yoga	2	3 Habitat for Humanity Lunch Delivery 5 p.m. Cub Scout Blue & Gold Dinner
4 Pentecost 5:30 p.m. Confirmation	5	6	7 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Miriam Circle — lunch out 7 p.m. Bible Study	8 6:30 p.m. Yoga	9	10 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group
11 Peace with Justice Sunday Special Offering NO CONFIRMATION	12	13	14 NO BIBLE STUDY 7 p.m. Rebecca Circle	15 6:30 p.m. Yoga	16 7:30 a.m. Meet at the church to carpool for Open M Mountain of Food	17 Portage Patchers Quilt Applique Booklets 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group
Annual Conference at Lakeside June 12-15						
18 Father's Day NO CONFIRMATION	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20	21 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Portage Patchers 7 p.m. Bible Study	22 6 p.m. Naomi Circle at Port- house Theater 6:30 p.m. Yoga	23	24
25 Loose Coin Offer- ing for Open M 5:30 p.m. Confirmation	26	27	28 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. Bible Study	29 6:30 p.m. Yoga 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee	30	31



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Custodian: David Smith

Secretary: Joyce Selzer

Sunday Hours:

Adult Sunday School @ 9 a.m.

(September through May)

Children's Sunday School @ 9:15 a.m.

(September through May)

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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We Invite You

- to join together in worship, outreach, fellowship, and spiritual growth...
- to strive together to follow the example of Jesus Christ...
- to grow together to demonstrate Christ's love and service to others.