



# The Messenger

Mogadore United  
Methodist Church

August 2017

## Faith Notes from Rev. Pam

Dear Friends,

As United Methodists, we connect with others all around the world to accomplish much more than we could ever hope to accomplish as an individual church or even as a cluster of churches. We unite with congregations large and small, older and newer, combining our strengths, creativity, and energy to extend God's love and justice into the places where we might never be able to go ourselves. The General agencies of the church agree upon "Areas of Focus" to guide our collective ministries so that we can direct our resources most effectively to do the most good in extending God's Kingdom.



Below are the current Four Areas of Focus, set by the 2016 General Conference. As we on the local level do our planning, we too, can bear these areas in mind to leverage our combined resources. For example, our work with children in the schools - not just giving them supplies, but also coming to know them and their families - is a way we engage in ministry with the poor. Helping distribute healthy food or preparing a lunch for preschoolers at OPEN M is a way we are helping improve the health status of those who live in poverty.

I hope you will read about these Areas of Focus and pray for both the Church and those with whom the church is in ministry in these ways. And then imagine what more might be done if we could unite and do the work together!

### **Engaging in Ministry with the Poor**

Christ calls us to be in ministry with the poor and marginalized. Our emphasis is on "with" – standing with those who are regarded as "the least of these," listening to them, understanding their needs and aspirations, and working with them to achieve their goals. It also means addressing the causes of poverty and responding in ways that lift up individuals and communities. United Methodists believe working side by side with those striving to improve their situation is more effective long term than top-down charity.

### **Improving Global Health**

Knowing that poverty and health are intertwined, The United Methodist Church has been a key player in fighting diseases such as malaria and AIDS and promoting initiatives that improve well-being. The church is nearing its goal of raising \$75 million to provide education, infrastructure, communication and prevention measures to defeat malaria. In fact, the death rate from malaria in Africa has been cut in half, thanks to international efforts such as the denomination's Imagine No Malaria campaign. A new "Abundant Health" campaign for the denomination would reach one million children with lifesaving interventions by 2020.

### **Developing Principled Christian Leaders**

The church needs leaders rooted in Christ, who have a vision for changing the world. Today's young people have fearless hearts, vibrant ideas and a passion for ministry. Their talents should be nurtured to shape the church's path into the future. The church must recruit young people — including women and people of

color the world over — for ministry, equip them to be effective leaders and be open to where they want to lead us. We also must strengthen lay members, who are ministering at every level of the church.

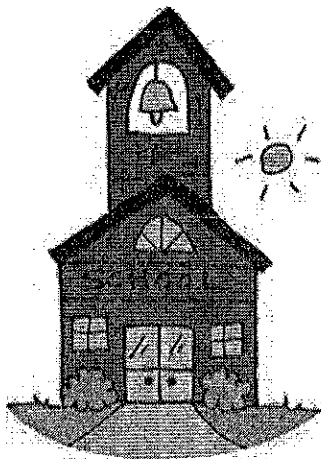
### Creating New and Renewed Congregations

Around the world, United Methodists are innovating with what it means to be the church, planting new congregations and revitalizing faith communities in every kind of setting. United Methodists seek to re-evangelize the world so that we can reach more people, especially the young and those from diverse backgrounds. By being relevant and vital, United Methodists will touch more lives and draw more people to Christ.

### From My Devotional:

This reflection from Henri Nouwen gave me a fresh perspective on understanding “joy”. For a long while I have realized that “joy” is quite different from “happiness”, but this offers some depth to my understanding. I hope it is also meaningful to you!

“The joy that Jesus offers his disciples is his own joy, which flows from his intimate communion with the One who sent him. It is a joy that does not separate happy days from sad days, successful moments from moments of failure, experiences of honor from experiences of dishonor, passion from resurrection. This joy is a divine gift that does not leave us during times of illness, poverty, oppression, or persecution. It is present even when the world laughs or tortures, robs or maims, fights or kills. It is truly ecstatic, always moving us away from the house of fear into the house of love, and always proclaiming that death no longer has the final say, though its noise remains loud and its devastation visible. The joy of Jesus lifts up life to be celebrated (ALL of life!)”



Father,  
 We thank you for the opportunity  
 to begin this new school year,  
 and we ask that you bless  
 the students, faculty, and student families  
 that make our school a great place.  
 We pray that you will guide us in your ways,  
 so that we will seek your will  
 in everything that we do,  
 and love others as you love us.  
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen  
*David Bennett*

## 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
May Offerings	15,196.12	
May Disbursements	12,937.91	2,258.21
June Offerings	10,362.64	
June Disbursements	14,958.53	(-4,595.89)
Ending Balance on June 30, 2017		\$58,674.32

Our June offerings of \$10,362.64 were the low for the year, and our June disbursements of \$14,958.53 were the high for the year due to several church maintenance expenditures.

— *Barry Rudy, Treasurer*

The Festival Committee would like to send everyone a heartfelt THANK YOU for supporting our booth and worship service at the festival this year. We are a fixture at the park and the community looks forward to visiting our booth each year. We made a profit of \$2,769.58 this year combined that combined with some of the profits that carried over from last year will provide our church many outreach opportunities. We look forward to letting you all know exactly how this money is used.

The community worship service was well attended this year and made extra special by wonderful music, the receiving of new members, the celebration of Holy Baptism, and a strong message by Pastor Pam.

Thank you again for all your generous donations of money and supplies. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for all the many volunteer hours by so many of you. You are all a blessing and it was a joy to see the youth involved, people helping for the first time and others stepping up and taking a larger role!

God bless,

The Festival Committee

## Serving Us in August

### Worship Leaders

August 6 Steve Vargo  
August 13 Kathy Lang  
August 20 Chuck Lang  
August 27 Don Whitmer

### Altar Flowers

August 6 Michele Acord  
August 13 Gerry Hunsucker  
August 20 JoAnn Wolonsky  
August 27 Ralph Lowe

### Nursery

August 6 Kathy Lang  
August 13 Hailey Straight  
August 20 TBD  
August 27 Carol Groh

### Greeters

Barry Rudy and JoAnn Wolonsky

### Hospitality Room

August 6 Deb Wiseman  
August 13 Barry Rudy  
August 20 TBD  
August 27 TBD

### Ushers

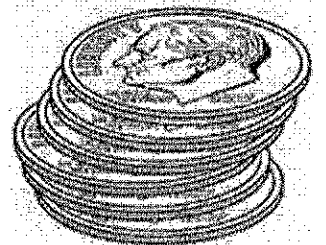
Harry Smith, Rhett Gable, and Forest Thorn



### **In-Reach Needs Your Help!**

We need your support is in filling dates for the Hospitality Room. **The first open date is August 20.** Please stop by the bulletin board and sign up for a Sunday or speak with Kelly Rick and she'll fill in your name.

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, August 27.** 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 **\$720.00!** Keep up the good work!





## UMW News for July

Ladies, I hope you have been enjoying your summer. While I was enjoying myself at the Rebecca Circle picnic last month, I couldn't help thinking about the joy that the girls in circle bring to my life. I mentioned last month that our circle had been together for 40 years so I got to wondering how long the Miriam Circle had been around. First, I checked with Vi Carpenter who said she joined in the 60's but knew it had already been around awhile. Next, I called Martha Sneyd and she remembered being a member of Sarai Circle first and then switching to Miriam Circle because of her work schedule. She moved to Mogadore in 1957 and both circles were already going strong. She reminded me about the work projects each circle used to do to provide funds for missions and I couldn't help thinking about all the sub sandwiches the Rebecca Circle made and sold! Of course, now we earn the majority of our money by preparing and serving dinners for the Lions. Martha also mentioned that she had written quite a history of her circle and UMW and placed it in the time capsule we buried for our 175<sup>th</sup> celebration of Mogadore UMC. Wow, Martha, I had forgotten all about the time capsule! I never did find out how long Miriam Circle has been in existence. Maybe Gladys Francis or Joyce Calderwood would know. Martha reminded me that in addition to Sarai Circle, we had two others at Mogadore, the Rhui Miller Circle and the Ruth Circle and all three are now disbanded. Our youngest circle is Naomi, even though they have been around for at least 20 years! Anyway, like me, a lot of Mogadore women have benefitted from belonging to a circle. A circle can help a woman's personal Christian faith to grow and be nurtured as women share with and pray for one another. It can provide a Christian community in which women can be strengthened and supported in their needs, concerns, joys and sorrows. A circle can provide opportunity for learning skills, developing leadership abilities and for discovering and practicing the talents and gifts God has given each woman. It can enlarge and enrich the knowledge women have about the Bible, the Christian church, the work of God in the world today, the needs of others in the community and the world. A circle can motivate and provide women opportunities to put their faith into action, to work for justice and peace in their own families, churches, communities and worldwide, through personal involvement, financial gifts and prayer. If you aren't currently a member, I highly recommend you give a circle a try!

Circle meetings for August are as follows:

The **Miriam Circle** is currently on vacation but will be meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

The **Naomi Circle** will meet on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Sharon Fitting.

The **Rebecca Circle** will be going out to dinner and a movie on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

August is the month for our annual picnic which will be held at Wingfoot Park once again. Our vice presidents, Carol Groh and JoAnn Wolonsky, will serve as hostesses and Michele Acord will provide devotions. All women are invited and encouraged to attend. It's always a blast with great food, lots of laughs, games and prizes!!!! Just bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share and your table service. Beverages will be provided. We'll start at 5:00 p.m.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, ladies, and I'll see you at the picnic.

Joyce Hull

## *MUMC in Mission: Sharing Christ's Love*

### ***August Ministries:***

**\* *Adopt a School Program:*** As part of our continuing efforts to strengthen relationships with Mogadore Schools, we are planning to write notes of encouragement and support to all staff members. At their opening of school meeting, we want to give them a personal note, a cookie, and a small "starter set" of supplies for their needy students. If you can help in this effort to set a positive tone of support and encouragement, please contact the church office.

We also hope to add a number of "school visitors" to help students in a variety of ways. From something as simple as helping open beverages at lunch to something as challenging as being a personal tutor or mentor, the school needs us as adult role-models to help reinforce the positive qualities they are endeavoring to instill. LOTS of small tasks, appealing to a wide variety of interests, are available. For those unable to physically go to the school, sending notes of encouragement or becoming prayer partners are also good options. Whatever we can do to improve the future for these children will bear much positive fruit for the future of our community. Please contact Russ Hull, Pastor Pam, or the church office for more information.

We also continue to provide replacement school supplies for the needy students. Please take advantage of the back to school specials. Collection baskets are in the hallway near the church office.

**\*Lunch for Open M pre-schoolers** is coming on **Thursday, August 3**. We will be preparing and delivering 15 "sack lunches" to ensure good nutrition for these little ones who attend classes twice a week during the summer to help them prepare for kindergarten when school resumes.

**\* Back-pack stuffing at Summit County Children's Services on Saturday August 5 from 9 A.M. – noon.** Every child in foster-care receives a backpack filled with supplies donated by area organizations and individuals. We join with other volunteers to fill the backpacks with the necessary supplies. It is always enjoyable and rewarding as we make new friends and accomplish this worthwhile ministry. Meet at the church at 8:30 to carpool.

**\* Mountain of Food:** Friday August 18 is the next Open M monthly food distribution. Meet at the church at 7:30 to carpool.

**\* Back to School Celebration:** On **Thursday August 24**, Mogadore school district is hosting a day of community support to kick-off the 2017 – 2018 school year. We are providing a face-painting station and information booth. Anyone interested in helping distribute information, face-paint, or just interact with the community, please let the church office know.

***Habitat for Humanity:*** Once again we will be providing lunch for the workers at a Portage County "*Habitat House*". The date has not been officially scheduled, but will probably be Saturday, August 26. Watch your weekly worship bulletin for more details.

**\*Remember Good Neighbors.** Food and household items like paper-goods and cleaners are always needed. Clothing and coats in good condition are also needed, especially as winter approaches. Small donations add up to big help.

*Thanks for your prayerful support of these important ministries.*

## 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)



### A WORD OF THANKS FROM THE HAYES FAMILY:



"Recently, our family received a beautiful card and a generous offering from Mogadore United Methodist Church. My forever church "home". Our family wants to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone who participated in making that happen. It is in times like this when many people fall apart. That has been impossible for us with the outpouring of love and support shown to us by everyone in our lives, past and present. We would not be here without our God watching over us. Trust in Him and He will provide all needs.

While monetary donations are a large part of our needs while preparing for Doug's 5 organ transplant, so many other needs are also being met. The kind and encouraging words sent online, by phone or mail. The overwhelming number of prayers that continue, even months into this journey. Every bit of it just amazes me. Our world is often in turmoil, but the good of the people show so much love. It is people like you, and churches like yours, that keep our faith strong. No matter where this journey leads us, God is carrying us.

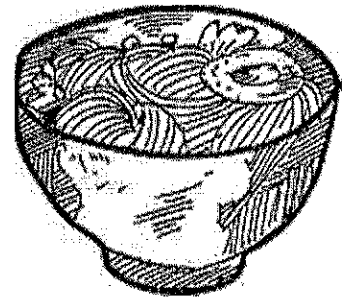
Continued prayers this week as we have journeyed back to Washington DC for follow-up appointments and testing. Praying that Doug's blood pathways are still open and that we still have this beautiful gift of time.

Sincerely,

The Hayes Family (Corinne, Doug, Emalynn, Celeste & Wyatt)"

## Good Neighbors

- August 6 Bar soap
- August 13 Ramen Noodles
- August 20 Peanut butter & jelly
- August 27 Spaghetti and spaghetti sauce



Remember the end of August, children will be starting school. Please keep them in your prayers for their safety! God loves you and so do I!

— *Judy Huth*

## Celebrations and welcome ...

During the Worship in the Park service held during the Mogadore Community Festival, MUMC welcomed the following into membership:

***Douglas Benjamin, Cecile Humphrey, Ashley Lange, Christina Lange, John Lange, Camden Paolucci and Kevin Thompson II*** (who will soon be baptized).

Also during the service, ***Greenlee Lange and John Lange, children of John and Christina Lange, were baptized.***

Welcome to the MUMC family!



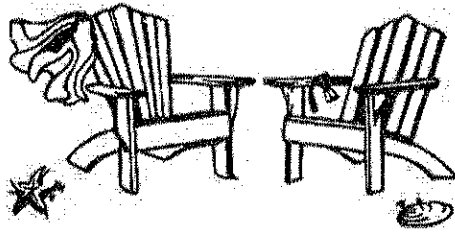
## August Birthdays

- August 2 Barry Rudy
- August 5 Jim Talbott
- August 10 Larry Fitting
- August 11 Monica Bitting
- August 13 Barb Skye  
Patrick Short
- August 14 Landon Shultz
- August 17 Jessica Thomas  
Josie Westfall
- August 19 Kathy Lang
- August 20 Jake Veon
- August 21 Finn Suihkonen
- August 22 Cynthia Waldner
- August 23 Marie Lipocky
- August 28 Isabella Francek
- August 29 Doug Straight  
Stacey (Lang) Suihkonen





## August Anniversaries



August 8 Russ & Joyce Hull  
August 12 Jody & Cynthia Waldner  
August 27 Tom & Fran McClary  
August 30 Dan & Jessica Straight  
August 31 Rod & Cindy Shaffer

The congregation of Mogadore United Methodist Church extends its sympathies and prayers to the following families:

**Phyllis Teal**, who passed away on July 12.

**Teri Bonvenuto**, who passed away on July 13.

May God's love surround them during this time of grieving.



## A Prayer for A Discipleship Church

My church is composed of People like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am.

Its pews will be filled if I help fill them.

It will do great Work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will bring others into its worship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, or fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy.

If I, who make it what it is, am filled with those same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all that things that I want my church to be.

— Adapted from the Diocese of San Diego

## Worship Together in August

Throughout August we'll consider God's creation, including each and all of us! We'll rejoice in the beauty of the creative world, give God thanks for the marvel of how we are made as a reflection of God's own image, and celebrate our own abilities to create. We'll talk about the very tender issue of body image, which so often creates a real challenge for us – how do we love our bodies when the world teaches us our bodies don't "look right" or are just "too old"?

**As part of this series, I want to invite each of you to bring something to worship on AUGUST 20 that you have created, something either from your work or your hobby. This might be something you have baked, knitted, crocheted; vegetables or flowers you have grown; a drawing, painting, or wood-work; or something you have canned or quilted or sewn...**

**I also invite musicians of all kinds – young and older – to provide music for August 20: pre-service, offertory, special music, post service, etc. – as many as we get!**

I want us together to have an experience of the vast and varied creativity with which God has blessed us in this congregation. We'll make a temporary display in the area of the altar, and we'll hear from as many musicians as possible on that day. Come share God's beautiful creation!

### August 6, 2017

**Series: A Celebration of God's Good Creation – The Earth and US!**

**Theme:** Celebrating God's good creation!

**Scripture:** Genesis 1; Psalm 19; Psalm 8

**Message:** "On Earth..."

- Holy Communion

### August 13, 2017

**Theme:** WE are part of God's good creation!

**Scripture:** Psalm 139; Genesis 1:27-31; Genesis 2:5-14

**Message:** Fearfully and Wonderfully Made (Body Image)

### August 20, 2017

**Theme:** WE are created to create!

**Scripture:** Psalm 8, Genesis 2:7-8, 15, 18-25; Romans 12:1-8

**Message:** Created to Create (In the Image...)

- Bring something you have created in your work or as a hobby. Let's celebrate!
- Calling all musicians to create a joyous music-filled service together!

### August 27, 2017

**Theme:** Who is Jesus (to you)?

**Scripture:** Psalm 124; Matthew 16:13-20 (or choice of Landerholms)

**Message:** TBD by guests (What About YOU?)

- Prayers for Students, Teachers, Administrators .. Back to School Observance
- Visiting missionaries, The Landerholms, will be our guests for the day!

# August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6 p.m. Thank you picnic at Lions Park	2	3 Open M Lunch for Preschoolers	4	5 9 a.m. to noon Backpack Assembly at Children's Services
6 Communion 6:30 p.m. Youth Group	7	8 7 p.m. Trustees 7 p.m. Outreach Events	9 7 p.m. Rebecca Circle	10	11	12 7 to 9 p.m. Youth at Artisan Coffee
13 5:30 p.m. Confirmation	14 6:30 p.m. Nominating Committee	15	16 6 p.m. Portage Patchers	17	18 7:30 p.m. Meet at the church to carpool to Open M	19
Secretary on Vacation August 14-18						
20 5:30 p.m. Confirmation	21 7 p.m. Naomi Circle <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	22 5 p.m. UMW Picnic at Wingfoot Lake	23 6:30 p.m. Nominating Committee	24 Back to School Celebration	25	26
27 Loose Coin Offering for Open M 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Lunch & Rehearsal	28	29	30	31		



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Choir Director: Clay East  
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.