



The Messenger

Mogadore United
Methodist Church

June 2018

Faith Notes from Rev. Pam



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For someone whose calling is to share the Word; for someone whose profession depends so much on speaking words and writing words and reading words; for someone who loves to fill the air with words, words, words... I am chagrined to find myself without words to express myself at this moment.

What words could possibly express what you have meant to my family and me for the past four years? What words could capture the deep gratitude I feel for the healing you offered me, for the ways you have shared your lives with me, for the lovely home you provided us, for the place you made for my father here? What words could tell you clearly how being with you has grown my spirit, given me new insights, deepened my appreciation for community? What words would be adequate to say that I am proud to have been your pastor – proud of the ways you have taken risks and reached out; proud of your impact in the community, particularly the schools; proud of your willingness to learn, your faithfulness in worship, your genuine caring of one another? What words could express my love for all of you and my appreciation for the grace you have extended to me always?

There are not enough words...

And I need words to ask for your forgiveness for the times I have disappointed you, or not been available to you; for the times I have failed to listen to you or have hurt you with a bad attitude or a curt reply or lack of understanding when you needed that most. The only words I have are, "Please forgive..."

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And I need words to express my thanks to the people with whom I have shared ministry in this place: skilled and artistic accompanists (*Robin Graham, Matt Riddle, Stephen Kinsack, Karen Veon*); creative choir directors (*Clay East and Grace Harrison*); hard-working custodian *David Smith*; gentle-spirited Director of Youth *Caleb Lipocky* (and partner *Marie!*); and incredible angel-in-disguise-as-a-church-secretary, *Joyce Selzer*. I wouldn't have made it through the first year (month!) without Joyce, especially. She is SO much more than "secretary"! She is one of the most capable, hard-working, compassionate, and spirit-centered people I have ever known and had the joy to work with. Treasure her!

And I need MORE words of thanks for each and all of you who have served in some leadership capacity – on committees, in the choir, as a greeter or usher or worship leader or acolyte or sound technician. Each of you is a minister in your own right, responding to your baptismal calling! And thanks for the devoted participants in the numerous Bible studies we have shared. You keep the Word alive for me!!

As I move into retirement, I am full of memories of buildings, communities, sanctuaries, meetings, people, places, experiences. I am a very different person in many ways than I was when I entered pastoral ministry 15 years ago, because every congregation, every community, every ministry experience, every Bible study, every person has left a mark on my heart and has been a unique part of the transformation God has intended. And since you are the final of the memories to be added to the mix, you will all always hold a dear and clear part of my remembering heart!

I am filled with confident hope for your future as Rev. Eric Kluth and his beautiful family come among you to share your ministry! I know God dreams a faithful and re-energized new beginning for all of you together! Give yourselves over to this new beginning as you gave yourselves over to what was begun together four years ago!

Well, for someone without words, this has gotten pretty wordy! I wanted to leave you with two prayers whose words might speak for me:

“God, we pray for the gift of [this] place – a space where we may experience your presence, where we may attend to the needs of others and ourselves, where we may rest, and where we may serve. For in such a place do we find life and hope, now and always... Amen”

And “Words of St. Francis of Assisi” (which I also shared with you when I first arrived here in July 2014):

Be at peace.
Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life;
rather, look to them with full hope as they arise.
God, whose very own you are, will deliver you from out of them.
He has kept you hitherto,
and He will lead you safely through all things;
and when you cannot stand it,
God will bury you in His arms.
Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;
the same everlasting Father who cares for you today
will take care of you then and every day.
He will either shield you from suffering
or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.
Be at peace
and put aside all anxious thoughts and imagination!

May my final words to you always be:

In constant hope,

Rev. Pam

Worship Together in June...

June marks times of new beginnings! It will be a month of looking forward and glancing backward; a month focused on memories and hopes.

We will claim and cherish memories of our time together as pastor and congregation. We will claim memories of this congregation's long and faithful history in this place. We will claim the future God is preparing! And we will come to see together that our HOPE IS STRONGER THAN OUR MEMORY! For it is in HOPE where God resides... And God holds ALL of our memories as foundation for a hopeful future!

Worship will focus on what is eternal – the faith we share in every time and every place as brothers and sisters in Christ. We will remember who we are in Christ, what we are called to do here and now, and what we believe to be eternally true. We will see that what binds us together is stronger than anything that separates us, and that NOTHING can separate us from the love of God in Christ!

We will pray; we will sing; we will listen for God's Word; we will celebrate; we will laugh; we will cry; we will remember; and we will rejoice in God's future! What a wonderful month June will be to worship together!

June 3, 2018

Theme: We are bound together, in Christ, across time and space.

Scripture: Psalm 29; Romans 8:18-28

Series: Memories and Hopes

Message: This Faith We Share

- We will share Holy Communion and celebrate our connection to one another

June 10, 2018

Theme: Sometimes we have to look at what's NOT there to see what IS!

Scripture: John 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-1

Series: Memories and Hopes

Message: What Mary Saw

June 17, 2018 (Fathers' Day)

Theme: We seek our Father's love and guidance.

Scripture: Joshua 24:14-15; Psalm 127; 1 John 3:1-3

Series: Memories and Hopes

Message: Anchored in Father's Love

- Prayer for Fathers

June 24, 2018 (Final Sunday of Our Ministry Together...)

Theme: We are bound together, by faith, hope, and love.

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-19; John 15:1-8, (9-17) (v. 9)

Series: Memories and Hopes

Message: Ties That Bind (Holding on and Letting Go)

- Remembering who we are and who we are yet to be...
- Rituals of Farewell and Welcome
- Remembering what binds us together always

Serving Us in June

Worship Leaders

June 3 John Sawicki
June 10 Doug Straight
June 17 Kathy Lang
June 24 Russ Hull

Greeters

Missy Hill and Ralph Lowe

Ushers

Michele Acord, Brenda Heminger, Barry Rudy
and Forest Thorn

Altar Flowers

June 5 Chuck & Kathy Lang
June 10 Brian & Joyce Selzer
June 17 Michele Acord
June 24 Rev. Pam Gable

Hospitality Room

June 3 Russ & Joyce Hull
June 10 John & Bette Sawicki
June 17 Can you volunteer?
June 24 Carol Jenkins



In-Reach Needs Your Help!

We need your support is in filling dates for the Hospitality Room for the upcoming year. **The first open date is June 17.** Please stop by the bulletin board and sign up for a Sunday or speak with Kelly Rick and she'll fill in your name.

June Birthdays

June 5 Michelle Shaffer
Meridith 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
June 28 Joyce Whitmer





UMW NEWS FOR JUNE

The Power of Bold. That was the theme of the UMW National Assembly held in Columbus with 5 of our members in attendance. According to our president, Lynn Straight, the experience was exhilarating! She said it was truly inspiring to commune and sing with over 6,000 women and that she even sang at the top of her lungs and didn't worry because she knew she couldn't be heard!

Joyce Calderwood said the experience was glorious! Meaningful and engaging workshops were provided based on the four social justice priorities: Maternal and Child Health, Climate Justice, Economic Inequality and Mass Incarceration. Other highlights included: meeting and spending time with women of all generations from all over the world and seeing their fabulous attire; seeing all the Bishops, including our Tracy Malone; listening to legacy stories; playing human bingo; watching an acrobatic dramatization; and dancing their feet off on Saturday night! Our bold members, Lynn, Barb Skye, Michele Acord, and Joyce and Tammy Calderwood have returned, tired but filled with the faith, hope and love that moves women to action. I'm sure they will be sharing what they learned about ideas that will help Mogadore UMW create a community culture where all women feel fully welcomed, valued, and empowered to unite for bold and courageous action.

If you missed assembly, perhaps you would like to attend Mission U, which is an annual experience of ministry, spiritual growth, mission studies, and focus groups on current social concerns, mission projects and programs, special ministries, and other topics of interest held at the University of Mount Union. This year's studies include; Embracing Wholeness, What About Our Money? A Faith Response, and Missionary Conferences of The United Methodist Church in the United States. The dates are July 19-21, but reservations are due soon. See Lynn for more information.

Thanks to all who made our annual All Daughters Evening a night to remember! We are truly blessed with so many creative and generous women and men who work so hard every year to make this event special.

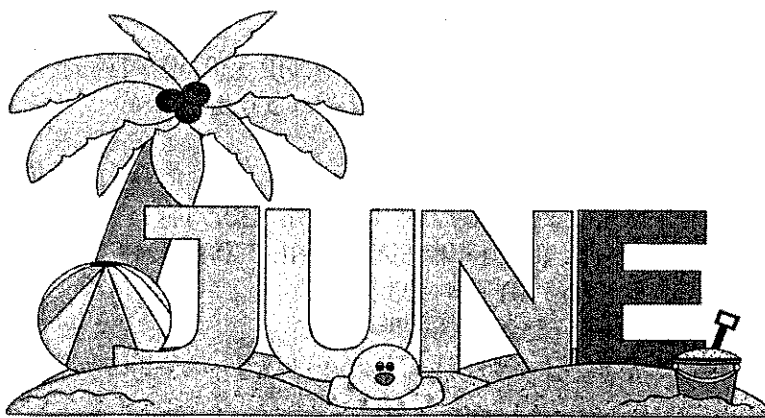
Miriam Circle will be eating lunch out on June 6.

Naomi Circle will be dining at Sarah's Vineyard and then enjoying the evening at Porthouse Theater on June 19.

Rebecca Circle will be at the home of Fran McClary on June 13 at 7:00 PM.

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

Joyce Hull



Treasurer's Report

Balance in the General Fund as of January 1, 2018		\$65,367.96
January Offerings	20,774.22	
January Disbursements	15,284.64	\$5,489.58
February Offerings	11,670.19	
February Disbursements	12,080.32	(-410.13)
March Offerings	15,685.41	
March Disbursements	12,985.31	2,700.10
April Offerings	16,576.50	
March Disbursements	18,523.30	(-1,946.80)
 Ending Balance on April 30, 2018		 \$71,200.71

Our April offerings of \$16,576.50 were a little above normal, but it was a five-Sunday month. Our April disbursements of \$18,523.30 were well above normal, but that includes \$4,875 paid from the Church Building Maintenance Fund for part of the Bell Tower Repair Project. — *Barry Rudy, Treasurer*

Church & Parsonage Repair Project

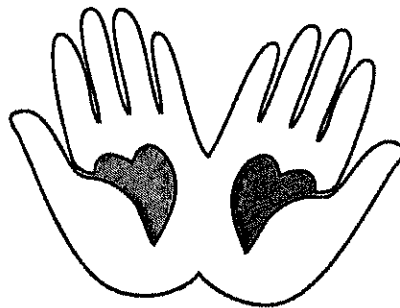
To-date expenditures: \$31,600.00

To-date offering receipts: \$13,603.00

InReach 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)
 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)

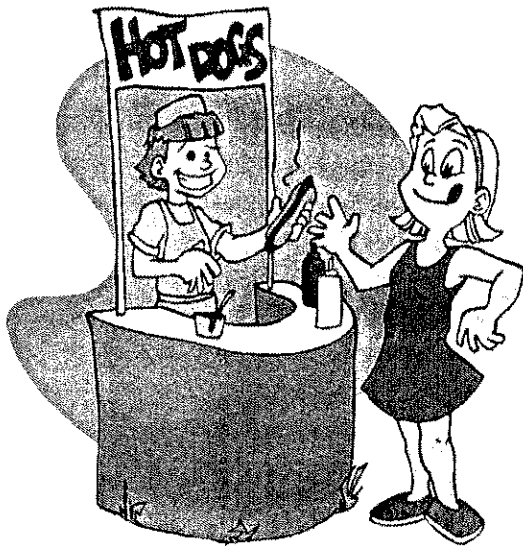




Each month on the final Sunday of the month we receive a "Loose Coin Offering" to support Open M, a mission of the United Methodist Church reaching out to people in need in Akron with healing, education, and food. Their mission is feeding body, soul, and mind. We are among local United Methodist "partner churches" who pledge regular support of their mission and ministry throughout the year. Our next offering will be gathered **Sunday, June 24**. Baskets for your offering will be available as you leave the sanctuary. So far the church has contributed **\$300.00** for the year!

Mogadore Summer Festival

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 20-22, so mark your calendars. Along with the booth we will again host the community worship service in the park on Sunday morning.

In the next few weeks 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.

Sign-up sheets will be appearing on the bulletin board, flyers will be in the messenger and bulletins, postings will go up on our church Facebook page, emails sent, and if you're lucky, you may even get a real live phone call asking for your help!

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

Volunteers are needed to care for the little ones during Sunday worship. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board near the sanctuary. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to worship to open the nursery door and make sure room is tidy. If no young children arrive, then feel free to stay in the sanctuary for worship.

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Heminger at (330) 524-1332 or email her at zbheminger@yahoo.com.



MUMC Mission: Sharing Christ's love

Making a difference!

Thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who gave generously of their time and love for the May *Open M* activities: Mountain of Food & "Walk the Talk." A total of 19 volunteers from our church participated in the two events. Walk the Talk had 190 walkers and sponsorships totaled over \$23,000 to help support the medical, educational, and food programs housed at Open M.

June Ministries:

* ***Mountain of Food:*** On Friday, June 15, 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.

* ***Heart for the City has received a status increase. This local mission project has just been designated the ONLY Mission Church in the East Ohio Conference!*** This Goodyear Heights based mission serves 20% more community members than congregants. (at least 60% of their ministry is outreach!) They have also just been selected to be a major distribution sub-center for the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. Because of the food bank, they will soon need a major infusion of volunteers on their assigned food give away days. The dates are yet to be determined, but Heart for the City is hoping to enlist significant support from neighboring congregations like ours. As soon as more information becomes available, we will let you know.

* **Open M "hot lunch" will be provided by us for the Open M local clientele on Monday June 25.** As the date approaches, we will receive an estimate of how many meals we need to prepare and serve. They have traditionally served between 100 – 300 meals at this gathering. We will need help with advanced preparation as well as last-minute cooks and servers. Please consider giving some of your time. Prep should take less than two hours and serving/cleanup should take about 2 hours. More information will be available from the church office or Russ Hull after June 15.

Ongoing Collection

Good Neighbors is always in need of food and household items like paper-goods and cleaners for distribution to needy neighbors. Many people rely upon this service, especially near the end of the month. Clothing and coats in good condition are also needed.

Upcoming Event

UMCOR kits will be delivered at Annual Conference again this year. We are planning to provide as many hygiene kits as possible, with a target goal of 50 kits (valued at \$12 each, credited to our connectional support apportionment.) The youth will be assembling the kits on June 3, so we need your components and completed kits by then. Whether you give a full kit or just a part, every donation helps! You will find a list of supplies, directions, and a sample kit in the hospitality room. When a natural disaster strikes, people are VERY grateful for simple things like a toothbrush, washcloth, etc. Although each kit requires a \$1 donation, you need not worry about the dollar. After we have compiled the kits, we will write a check covering the expense for all kits. (DO NOT put any money, notes, or extras into the kit.) This is a chance to make a real difference in someone's life during a time of extreme hardship for them. **Thanks for your support of all our outreach ministries!**

Can-Cans?

You may be aware that for a long time, Duke Huth gathered aluminum cans for recycling to earn some "free money" for the Church. We need to make new arrangements for loading and transporting the cans. They mount up quickly and need to be taken to the salvage yard about once a month to keep up with them. It can be fairly lucrative! The last time cans were taken, the church received \$188! (But it was a LOT of cans!)



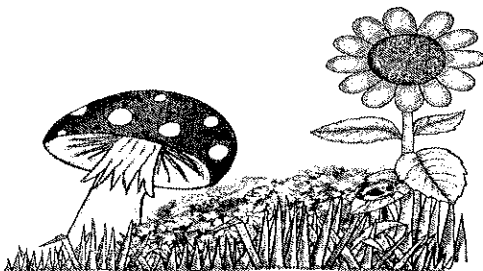
If you have a pick-up truck and would be able to take on this volunteer opportunity, please let the church know! We may need to drop this project if regular transport is not available. Contact the church office by phone or e-mail or be in touch with one of the Co-Chairs of our Board of Trustees (Michele Acord or Chuck Lang) to express your interest.



A volunteer or volunteers are needed to deliver items to Good Neighbors on Wednesday mornings starting next month. If you can't deliver each week, delivering twice a month is also great! Please contact the church office (330-628-1232 or mogadoreumc@att.net) if you can volunteer. Thank you!

June Anniversaries

- June 3 Michael & Michelle Shaffer
- June 10 Chuck & Kathy Lang
- June 21 Jim & Mae Talbott
- June 30 Richard & Virginia Renwick

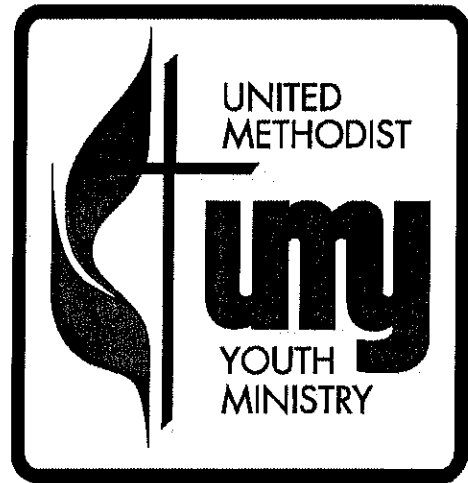


I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in.

— George Washington Carver

Youth Group Happenings

June is here, and summer break has begun! With summer upon us, we have some events coming up for our youth. First of all, the Youth will be hosting a Soup & Salad lunch on June 10 after Sunday worship. The Youth will be serving from the kitchen, and you all get to enjoy some delicious food! There is NO cost for your lunch, HOWEVER, if you would like to make a donation, your donations will go to the Youth fund to help us raise money for the Youth's Summer Fun (including our trip to Cedar Point)! If you would like to donate food for the luncheon, such as soup, salad, bread, or desserts, please contact me or talk to me at church. All donated food is much appreciated! We hope to see you then!



On the subject of fund-raising, the Youth will also be hosting a Car Wash! Mark your calendars! On June 16, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, bring your cars and let us wash 'em! Again, we will be asking for donations as opposed to a cost, and proceeds will go to the Youth's Summer Fun! More details are to come, including fliers for the event. Tell your friends and family!

Youth Group starts back up this month! On June 10 and June 24, we will have Youth Group at the same time and place: 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the church. We hope to see you there, and of course, friends are always welcome!

I am so excited about what this summer has in store for us, for all the experiences we will have as a group, and for all the memories we will create! God has big plans for us all, and I cannot wait to see them! I will see you in church!

Sincerely,

Caleb Lipocky, Youth Leader

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Akron Rubber Ducks MUMC Cub Scout Game Night	2
3 Communion 5 p.m. Youth Council Deadline for UMCOR Hygiene Kits	4	5	6 Secretary — Vacation Day 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Miriam Circle— lunch out! 7 p.m. Bible Study	7	8	9
10 Youth Soup & Salad Lunch Fundraiser 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group	11	12	13 7 p.m. Rebecca Circle	14	15 7:30 a.m. Meet at the church to carpool Open M Mountain of Food	16 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Youth Car Wash
June 11-14: Annual Conference at Lakeside						
17 Father's Day	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	19 5:15 p.m. Naomi Circle Porthouse Theater	20 6 p.m. Portage Patchers	21	22	23
24 Loose Coin Offering for Open M 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group	25 MUMC serving Hot Lunch at Open M	26	27	28	29	30

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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.