



The Messenger

Mogadore United
Methodist Church

July 2018

Notes from the Pastor

So as I write this, I am waiting on the moving truck to come a couple days from now. It seems as if everything is packed; well, almost everything. It seems as soon as items are packed, more appear. Now it seems like a time of waiting and soon a time of welcoming. All this within a week and maybe even a chance that this is read before meeting us, which can be a little nervous. When the announcement was made in March that we would be heading to Mogadore UMC July 1, it seemed like it was so far away and now we are a week from arriving.



A lot has happened since then, we have packed, and packed, and then packed some more; we have concluded ministry here saying goodbye to the people of Harsh Memorial and Kilgore as well as you have said your goodbyes to Pastor Pam in retirement. It has been a time of activity preparing for the transition, emotions of sadness and excitement, grief, and maybe a little uncertainty of what is to come. It is a reminder of a quote by William Bridges: *"All transitions are composed of an ending, a neutral zone and a new beginning"*

I am reminded of the many stories in Scripture of the times when the disciples seem to be in this same position. Jesus is with them, then gone, then comes back, and gone again, and they do not seem to know what to do or to know which way is up. They are waiting for something or more importantly, Jesus to come back, and they are not sure what to do or how to deal with it. Some hide, some deny, some go and preach, and some like Thomas just want proof — proof of what is happening and what will happen. Maybe because for Thomas the unknown, or that neutral space can be scary. The uncertainty of what is to come seems to challenge his faith of who he is, but is that not what faith is — the ability to live in that uncertainty or things not seen, yet also hoping in the assurance of things to come. It is a reminder that this walk with God is a journey. And even through all of this God is faithful; God's promises are true and for the disciples and for us today, that God will never leave us nor forsake us. That God is in the midst of transitions and change.

So as we look to begin our ministry this month with you, it is exciting to live into the promises of God that God is here, always has been and always will be.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Eric

*We welcome Pastor Eric; his wife,
Carmen & their two daughters,
Arielle and Amorette.*



UPDATED FESTIVAL INFORMATION!!!

Hello all.

The MUMC Festival Committee met in June and after much thought and discussion we have decided to do something totally different for our Mogadore Village Festival booth this year.

This year we are going to focus on outreach to the youth of the community by offering various activities for them during the prime festival hours of 6:30-9:30 Friday and Saturday nights. We are still nailing down the crafts and give aways but we do have an awesome balloon design company hired to be at our booth making all kinds of crazy balloon designs for all. We hope to have face painting and a craft or two for the children to make and take.

We won't be needing monetary donations or water this year but we will still need some volunteers to take a shift at the booth to help the kids with the crafts, face paint, or chat with people about our wonderful church. Watch and listen for details and sign up sheets in the near future.

Our booth will be in the same location as always and there will still be family friendly seating beside our booth. We will still be having Worship In The Park Sunday, July 22 at 10:30 a.m. in the main pavilion with donuts and coffee available at our booth beforehand. Of course this service is open to the community and we encourage you to invite your neighbors and friends as the service is a more casual atmosphere and a good introduction to our church family and new pastor.

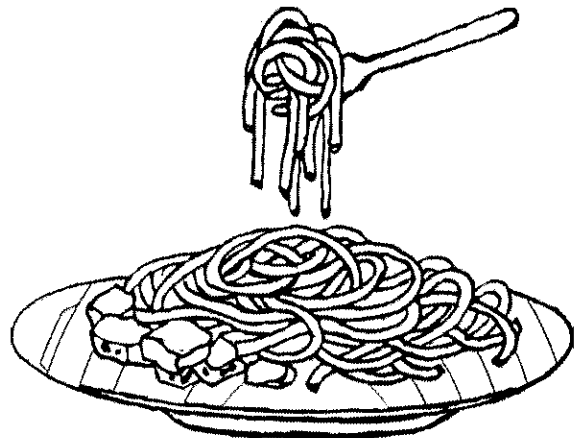
Thank you all for your past and current support. We couldn't do this without you!

Sincerely and prayerfully,
The MUMC Festival Committee

Good Neighbors Donations

- July 1 Peanut butter & jelly
- July 8 Toilet paper
- July 15 Spaghetti and spaghetti sauce
- July 22 Macaroni and cheese
- July 29 Ramen noodles

God loves you and so do we! Thank you for all of your wonderful donations! — *Judy Huth*



MUMC Mission: Sharing Christ's love

Making a difference!

Thanks to the dedicated volunteers who gave generously of their time and love for the June *Open M* activities: *Mountain of Food* and *hot lunch program*. A combined total of over 320 families were served in the two events we attended. Other churches also provided daily meals as part of the ongoing month-end food supplement program hosted by Open M.

July Ministries:

*** *Mountain of Food:*** On Friday, July 20, 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 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 exact dates are yet to be determined, but the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank has tentatively scheduled either a Tuesday or a Thursday as their assigned day. Heart for the City is now distributing 15,000 pounds of food in one day, as opposed to the 1,500 they had previously done. They are hoping to enlist significant support from neighboring congregations like ours. As soon as more information becomes available, we will let you know.

****Festival 2018: a new direction.***

As noted elsewhere, we are changing our focus for this year's festival booth. Previously we used the event as a fundraiser to help provide resources for outreach opportunities as they arose throughout the year. This year, we will be using the event as an opportunity to reach out directly to the community by providing an open seating area for tired or hungry festival goers, as well as providing interactive children's programs. As always, your prayerful support is appreciated.

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

*** *Back-pack stuffing at Summit County Children's Services on Saturday, Aug.4 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. Please contact the church office or Russ Hull if you are interested in volunteering.

Serving Us in July

Worship Leaders

July 1 Russ Hull
 July 8 Brenda Heminger
 July 15 Don Whitmer
 July 22 Barry Rudy
 July 29 Kathy Lang

Greeters

Duke & Judy Huth

Ushers

Hazel Dunderdale, Chuck Lang, Fred Slocum
and JoAnn Wolonsky

Altar Flowers

July 1 Joyce Whitmer
 July 8 Pat Stefan
 July 15 Carol Jenkins
 July 22 Worship in the Park
 July 29 Sandra Jones

Hospitality Room

July 1 Kelly Rick
 July 8 JoAnn Wolonsky\
 July 15 Carol Groh
 July 22 Worship in the Park
 July 29 Joyce Calderwood

In-Reach Needs Your Help!

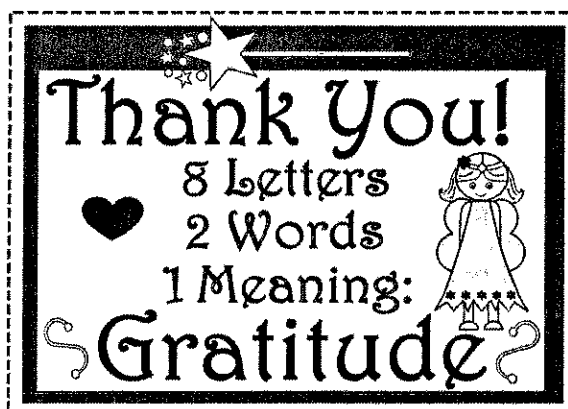
We need your support is in filling dates for the Hospitality Room for the upcoming year. **The first open date is August 5.** Please stop by the bulletin board and sign up for a Sunday or speak with Kelly Rick and she'll fill in your name.

The Trustees would like to extend a pat on the back for the work crew that helped with painting, cleaning and yard work at the parsonage.

Our crew was *Emily Hill, Barb Skye, Russ & Joyce Hull, Lynn Straight, Doug & Riley Straight, Chuck Lang, Tom & Fran McClary, Barry Rudy, Brenda Heminger, Doug Benjamin, Don & Joyce Whitmer, Jan Ramsey, Sue Thomas, and Danny Straight.*

I would like to thank you but instead I thank God for people like you!

— Michele Acord





UMW NEWS FOR JULY

July already? Wow! One of my favorite things about July is our annual UMW mystery trip. I wonder where it will be this year? Of course, Carol and JoAnn are being very secretive, but I know it will be lots of fun because our mystery trips always are! I have many fond memories of trips we took in the past and I'm sure you do too. One of my favorite memories is of Pastor Pam sliding down the slide from the movie, *Christmas Story*, at the Castle Noel in Medina. We will miss you, Pastor Pam, and we thank you for your support of Moga-dore UMW. We appreciated and truly enjoyed your presence at meetings, mystery trips, picnics, All Daughters Evenings and progressive dinners, and we wish you much happiness in your retirement!

Of course, the mystery trip isn't the only excitement we have to look forward to this month. Besides welcoming our new pastor, Rev. Eric Kluth and his family on July 1, we have the community festival and worship in the park on the weekend of July 20-22 and Mission U at Mt. Union, July 19-21. The Rebecca Circle girls will be picnicking at Wingfoot Park on July 11 at 6:00 p.m. while Naomi Circle meets at the home of Judy Daniels on July 16 at 6:00 p.m. Miriam Circle will be taking the month off.

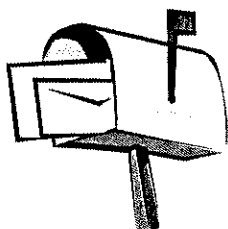
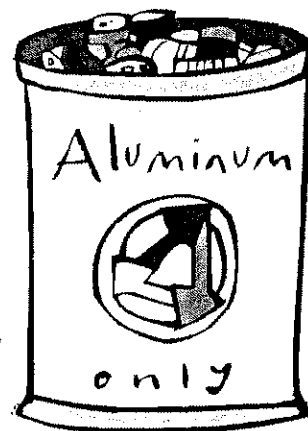
Be sure to listen in church for the announcement of the date and time of the mystery trip and plan to attend. Don't miss the fun – and ice cream!

Joyce Hull

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.



Change of Address:

*Rhett & Pam Gable
2407 Heidelberg Ave. SE
Massillon, Ohio 44646*

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)
May Offerings	23,832.00	
May Disbursements	48,487.63	(-24,655.63)
 Ending Balance on May 31, 2018		 \$46,545.08

Our May offerings of \$23,832.00 but included \$11,973.00 received for the church and parsonage repair projects. Our May disbursements were \$48,487.63 but included \$34,350.00 paid from the Church Building and Parsonage Maintenance Funds for bell tower repair work as well as parsonage driveway and building foundation repair work. — *Barry Rudy, Treasurer*

Church & Parsonage Repair Project

To-date expenditures: \$44,100.00

To-date offering receipts: \$15,551.00



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

Pastor Eric will be on vacation July 30 through Tuesday, August 14. Rev. Dr. Chris Martin will be preaching August 5 & 12.

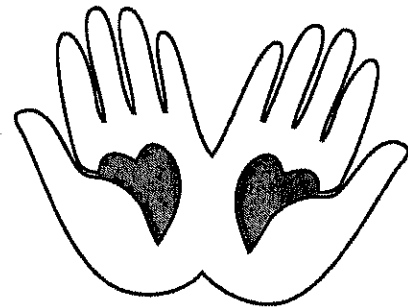


Each month on the final Sunday of the month we receive a "Loose Coin Offering" to support Open M, a mission of the United Methodist Church reaching out to people in need in Akron with healing, education, and food. Their mission is feeding body, soul, and mind. We are among local United Methodist "partner churches" who pledge regular support of their mission and ministry throughout the year. Our next offering will be gathered **Sunday, July 29**. Baskets for your offering will be available as you leave the sanctuary. So far the church has contributed **\$407.65** for the year!

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)



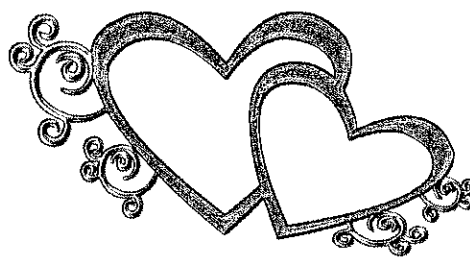
Volunteers are needed to care for the little ones during Sunday worship. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board near the sanctuary. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to worship to open the nursery door and make sure room is tidy. If no young children arrive, then feel free to stay in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

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



July Anniversaries

July 2 *Monica & Steve Bitting*
 July 10 *Cheryl & Barry Rudy*
 July 16 *Cheryl & Dale McInturff*
 July 23 *Linda & Doug Benjamin*
 July 30 *Barb & Joe Smith*



July Birthdays

July 1	Addie Peak	July 16	Rev. Pam Gable
July 2	Vera Barnhart	July 17	Dan Calderwood
July 5	Michael Shaffer	July 19	Chris Wright
	Keane Crockett	July 20	Barb Smith
July 6	Nick Swindell		Keith Hunsucker
July 7	Cecile Humphrey	July 21	Joey Hancock
July 8	Betty Gallo	July 22	Candi Windon
	Pat Stefan	July 24	Kristina Shultz
July 10	Caleb Lipocky	July 25	Dale McInturff
July 11	Pete Datsko		
	Rhett Gable		
	Benjamin Lansinger		
July 16	Rev. Pam Gable		



Thank You!!

Rhett and I want to thank you for the lovely, warm send off this past Sunday! It was a joyful celebration of our time together, and we are really grateful for the relaxed time to share appreciation and farewells! And we are so, so touched by your generosity! The parting gift will be of great help as we settle into our new home. The Don Drumm ornaments commemorating Open M's 50th anniversary are a particular treasure and a wonderful memento of the area! And for the gifts and cards expressing your love and appreciation, I am truly grateful! Each note found its way into my heart! Thanks to each and to all of you for your loving care!

Our ministry in Mogadore was a time of healing and wholeness, a time of preparation for our future, and we are grateful for the warmth of your love for the past four years. My dad found a welcome place with all of you and that was a tremendous gift for me! Now you have much good work to do for YOUR future! Embrace the hope that comes from new beginnings, and build on the foundation of your memories to lean into what lies ahead with your new pastor! We will never forget you! Rhett, my dad, and I bid you a warm and loving farewell... until God brings us together again!

In constant hope...
Rev. Pam

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6	7
8	9 7 p.m. Executive Committee	10	11 6 p.m. Rebecca Circle Picnic at Wingfoot Lake	12	13	14
15 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group	16 6 p.m. Naomi Circle	17	18 6 p.m. Portage Parchers NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	19	20 7:30 a.m. Meet at the church to car- pool for Open M Mountain of Food Mogadore Commu- nity Festival	21 Mogadore Community Festival
22 Mogadore Community Festival 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Park	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Loose Coin Offering for Open M 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group	30	31				

**Church Staff:**

Pastor: Rev. Eric Kluth
Church: (330) 628-1232
Parsonage: (234) 813-9040
Pastor's Cell: (216) 785-6798

Youth Ministries Leader: Caleb Lipocky
Email: mogadoreumcyouth@att.net
Cell: (260) 557-2237

Accompanist: Carson Keenan
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.