



The Messenger

Mogadore United
Methodist Church

August 2018

Notes from the Pastor

When I was little and I heard the word “August,” I would not be happy, maybe even sometimes I would start crying. For that word would mean that school would be starting and that summer was coming to an end. It was a time of gathering supplies, shopping for school clothes and preparing for the school year to come.

In a way it was the end of summer, but also the new beginning of the school year. As much as I dreaded going back to school and starting something new, there was at the same time excitement as to what was going to happen. The new people I would meet, new teachers, and that maybe I might actually enjoy a new subject or better yet, a new lunch menu — even though me liking a new subject or the lunch menu were small chances of happening; however, at times it did happen. Those times allowed me to see and experience the hope of what was to come.

I think about all the change we see and experience. This past month we did something new at the festival. We did not sell food as we did in the past, and looked to doing activities and outreach for children. This is something new and there is an unknown as to how to go about it or how to see impact of what we did. However, I believe like I would gather my school supplies and prepare for the new year, we are gathering together with people of the community and preparing the way for transformed lives in Mogadore.

I think about the disciples and how their lives were transformed while at the same time experiencing so many new things, ideas or ways of doing things with Jesus. Many times I can imagine that they themselves had no idea what would happen next or what crazy idea or ideas that went against what had always been done that Jesus was going to come up with next. But Jesus was not there to change what was done just for the sake of changing it, Jesus was there to fulfill what had been done.

Jesus said in Matthew 5:17 *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”* This word fulfill means to bring to completion and I think of what that means for our own lives and the lives of others as our lives are made complete in Jesus and that we share that life with others.

May we go out and continue to love God and each other as we live out the gospel in new and exciting ways.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Eric



Pastors Don and Karen Upson will be available for pastoral care if needed while Pastor Eric is out of the office July 30 through August 14.

Don's number is 330-990-2251 and Karen's is 330-990-2250

Rev. Dr. Chris Martin will be sharing the message on August 5 & 12.

Grammy nominated Trumpet player David Wells will be sharing his music and message about awareness of bullying in the public schools **Sunday, September 2** during the worship service.. A love offering will be collected to go toward Well's Chocolate Jazz Foundation and awareness of bullying in the public schools.



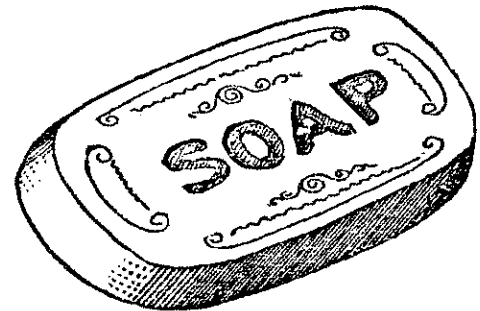
Dave has released 15 albums and has had 12 singles in the Top 25 on the National Jazz Charts.

Dave created and hosts the Bully Resistant Show w/ David Wells Podcast that is on iTunes. His website is <https://www.davebond.org>. Tell your friends and family and see you on September 2.

Good Neighbors Donations

- August 5 Bars of Soap
- August 12 Cans of Tuna
- August 19 Canned soup
- August 26 Peanut butter & jelly

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



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 26**. Baskets for your offering will be available as you leave the sanctuary. So far the church has contributed **\$407.65** for the year!

MUMC in Mission: Sharing Christ's love

Making a difference!

Thanks to the ten dedicated volunteers who gave generously of their time and love for the June *Open M Mountain of Food*. Over 150 families received much needed food, in part because of the hard work of our volunteers. Why not consider joining us for this rewarding monthly event?

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 employees. 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 will 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.

*** *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. Meet at the church at 8:30 A.M. to carpool.

*** *Mountain of Food:*** Friday, August 17 is the next Open M monthly food distribution. Meet at the church at 7:30 A.M. to carpool.

*** *Heart for the City,*** as the ONLY Mission Church in the *East Ohio Conference*, needs our help. It has been selected to be a major distribution sub-center for the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. Because of the food bank, they need a major infusion of volunteers on Thursdays. The first Thursday of EVERY month (August 2nd) has a morning distribution requiring helpers from 8:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. If you are interested in helping, or need additional information, please notify our church office. Additionally, they host a Thursday evening food program every week. Volunteers are needed from 5:30 – 7:15 P.M. They are hoping to enlist significant support from neighboring congregations like ours and are interested in having individual churches sign up for group participation at least once a quarter. Please consider giving a few hours of your time at least on a quarterly basis. Individual volunteers are always welcomed.

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.

Future Event

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

Thanks for your prayerful support of these important ministries.

Serving Us in August

Worship Leaders

August 5 Brenda Heminger
August 12 Russ Hull
August 19 Doug Straight
August 26 John Sawicki

Greeters

Don & Joyce Whitmer

Ushers

Michele Acord, Brenda Heminger, Barry Rudy
and Forest Thorn

Altar Flowers

August 5 Gerry Hunsucker
August 12 Marie Lipocky
August 19 JoAnn Wolonsky
August 26 Ralph Lowe

Hospitality Room

August 5 Joyce Calderwood
August 12 Joyce & Russ Hull
August 19 Can you volunteer?
August 26 Can you volunteer?

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 19.** Please stop by the bulletin board and sign up for a Sunday or speak with Kelly Rick and she'll fill in your name.



Mark your calendars: **Sunday, September 9** is our Annual Worship In The Park and Church Picnic. Invite family, friends and neighbors to join us as we worship at Lions Park under the pavilion then have a ton of fun and fellowship eating and playing games at the picnic. As always The Grill Team will be firing up some delicious food!

A special heartfelt thank you to **Ron Skye** for his hard work assembling and mounting our new benches. Excellent job, Ronnie!
Also to **Doug Benjamin, Tom Mencer, & Barry Rudy** for their help with the delivery.

Many, many thanks.
Memorial Committee





UMW NEWS FOR AUGUST

Ladies, it's August and that is officially the start of our regular Tuesday evening UMW meetings. Of course, still being summer, we wouldn't want to be cooped up in Fellowship Hall, so we always start our year with a picnic and this year it will once again be at Wingfoot Park. If you have never tried UMW

this would be a great time to join us and see what it is all about.

Women join us to grow spiritually, educationally, and intellectually; to gain leadership experience; to meet other women; and to become involved in mission. There is a general meeting for all members on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. and this is a time for learning about ourselves and God, for service projects, special programs, and fellowship. There are also three circles available that offer a supportive community.

Please join us for our picnic on August 28th at 5:30 p.m. Our vice presidents, Carol Groh and JoAnn Wolonsky, will serve as hostesses and Cheryl Rinehart will provide devotions. It's always great fun with yummy food, lots of laughs, games and prizes!!!! Just bring a salad, casserole or dessert to share and your table service. Beverages will be provided.

If you missed the mystery trip you missed a really great day! Our ladies traveled to Zoar Historical Village for a step back in time and ate delicious German food at the Canal Tavern nearby. Next, they stopped at the Schoolhouse Winery in Dover where Carol's uncle was a teacher back in the day. His picture with his class is in a scrapbook on display! Then on to Toland Funeral Home, (yes, I said funeral home) for a presentation on the history of funerals. Of course, no mystery trip is complete without ice cream and this time it was Pav's in North Canton for the end of another well planned and fun day. Thanks Carol and JoAnn!

Circle meetings for August are as follows:
The **Miriam Circle** is still on vacation.

The **Naomi Circle** will meet on August 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sharon Fitting for a poolside picnic.

The **Rebecca Circle** will meet at the home of Michele Acord on August 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!
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)
May Offerings	23,832.00	
May Disbursements	48,487.63	(-24,655.63)
June Offerings	13,685.45	
June Disbursements	17,772.31	(-4,086.86)
Ending Balance on June 30, 2018		\$42,458.22

Our June offerings were \$13,685.45 but included \$1,883.00 received for the church and parsonage repair projects. Our June disbursements were \$17,772.31 but included \$2,689.75 for the pastor's moving expenses, and \$2,142.17 for the second half 2017 property tax. — *Barry Rudy, Treasurer*

August Anniversaries

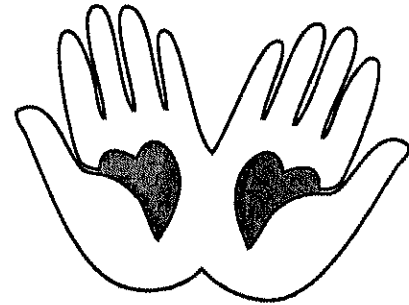
August 8	Joyce & Russ Hull
August 12	Cynthia & Jody Waldner
August 27	Fran & Tom McClary
August 30	Jessica & Dan Straight
August 31	Cindy & Rod Shaffer



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)



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



Church & Parsonage Repair Project

To-date expenditures: \$44,100.00

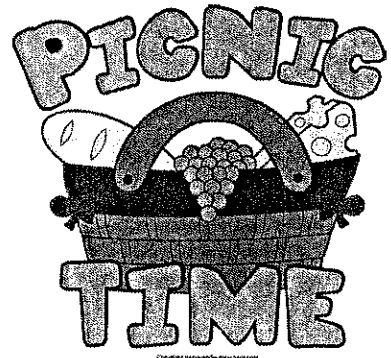
To-date offering receipts: \$16,666.00



MOVIE NIGHT OUT UNDER THE STARS

Sunday, September 2 at 8:30 p.m. Blossom Music Center presents the movie *Star Wars: A New Hope*. The movie is projected onto large screens with dialogue while The Cleveland Orchestra plays the score live. Relax on the lawn and share a picnic dinner with your MUMC buddies before and during the movie.

- * Bring picnic food to share with the gang.
- * Use a blanket or short-legged beach-style chairs. (some rental chairs available for \$5.00)
- * Fireworks following the performance
- * Under 18 – FREE lawn tickets (2 per regular-priced adult paid admission)
- * Carol Groh has a limited number of FREE vouchers for those 18 and older available on a first come – first serve basis.
- * Drive on your own and meet us on the lawn or meet at the church @ 6:15 to carpool.



Order tickets on-line at clevelandorchestra.com or buy them at the Blossom Box office the day of the event. If you are planning to attend or have questions please see Carol Groh or Kelly Rick.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Rev. Kluth is out of the office July 30 to August 14			1	2	3	4 9 a.m. to noon Backpack Assembly @ Children's Services
5 Communion 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group	6	7 7 p.m. Trustees	8 7 p.m. Rebecca Circle	9 6 to 9 p.m. Quilt Guild	10	11
12 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group	13	14	15 6 p.m. Portage Patchers	16	17 Wedding Rehearsal 7:30 a.m. Meet at the church to car- pool to Open M Mountain of Food	18 States Wedding
19	20 6 p.m. Naomi Circle NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 7 p.m. InReach	22	23	24 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	25
26 Loose Coin Offering for Open M Fellowship Hall in Use in the afternoon	27	28 5:30 p.m. UMW picnic	29	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

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.