



The Messenger

Mogadore United
Methodist Church

March 2019

Notes from the Pastor

It is March and I cannot believe that is the case. I also cannot believe that Lent starts this month. It is late this year and seems like we have been waiting for a while. Having my ordination interviews last month and all of a sudden they are over and I am staring at March. I have been waiting for that day and Praise God that I am being recommended for full ordination as an Elder in the UMC.

Waiting is hard and we see this during Lent. We start on Ash Wednesday entering into a time of waiting for Jesus death. Some days it seems so far away and at other times seems so close. Maybe far in that we know the suffering and pain Christ went through on the cross, but also close because we know that the resurrection will come and that death was not the final answer.

The Book of Worship states, "Ash Wednesday emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. The form and content of the service focus on the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ." May we walk in the Way of Jesus and celebrate Who we are and Whose we are during this time of prayer, fasting, and waiting in joyful expectation of the Resurrection.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Eric

It is with excitement that I will be ordained as a Elder this June at Lakeside. Thank you for all your prayers, support and love to me and the family during this time and look forward to the journey.

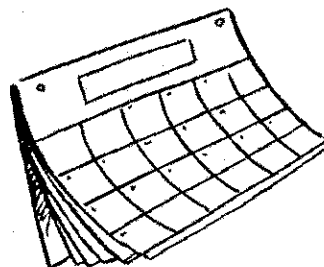


Pastor Eric's schedule for March:

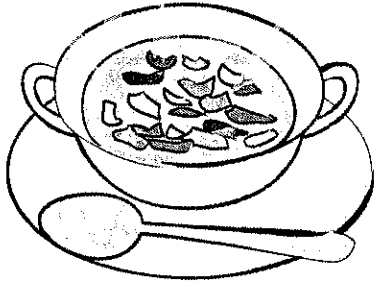
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Good Neighbors

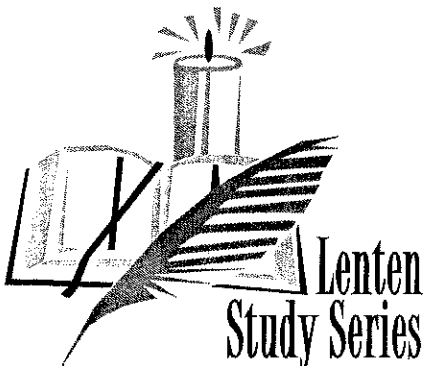


March 3	Bars of Soap
March 10	Macaroni and cheese
March 17	Canned soup
March 24	Cans of tuna
March 31	Peanut butter & jelly

God loves you and so do we!

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, March 31**. Baskets for your offering will be available as you leave the sanctuary. **So far this year MUMC has donated \$50 to Open M!**

We are looking for volunteers to work with the Children's ministry on Sunday mornings to help with Sunday School and activities. Please see Michelle Acord for more details.



Our Lenten Study this year will be the six-week Deeper Connections Bible Study called *The Last Days of Jesus* by Matt Williams. The study will look at the historical and cultural background; an engaging, close look at the biblical text and its meaning and accurate, encouraging, and challenging applications of the Bible's message to the life today. Come out as we journey with Jesus and each other. The book cost is \$6.00 and the study will begin **Wednesday, March 13** and there will be a 10:30 a.m. study and 7 p.m. study. Please mark the back of the attendance slip if you plan to attend and indicate which session



UMW NEWS FOR MARCH

Happy Spring, Ladies! Yes, it's almost here! One way to celebrate is the UMW Spring Gathering / Legacy Tea which will be on March 23 at the Macedonia UMC. We will not only be celebrating spring, but also 150 years of women in mission. By the way, March 23 is the official birthday of United Methodist Women!

Our unit meeting this month will be on Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. It will be our Call to Prayer and Self Denial. What's that, you ask? This meeting provides an opportunity for United Methodist Women members to learn more about the difficult circumstances that children and youth face around the world; how United Methodist Women is promoting their well-being; and how members can support children and youth in need through prayer and their offering. This year, we focus especially on working for equal opportunities for children and youth and for their well-being. Our program, *Building a Thriving Generation of Children and Youth Worldwide*, will be led by Barb Skye. Bev Kramer will lead devotions and our hostesses will be Lynn Straight and Barb Skye.

March 13 and 27 are the dates for Lions Dinners. Are you available to help the wonderful women who give so freely of their time and talent each month to prepare, serve and clean up these dinners? If so, contact Joyce Calderwood.

Our circles will be meeting as usual:

Miriam Circle will meet at the church on Wednesday, March 6 at noon.

Naomi Circle will be co-hosted by JoAnn Wolonsky and Bev Kramer on Monday, March 18 at 6:00pm.

Rebecca Circle meets at 7:00pm at Lynn Straight's on Wednesday, March 13.

Joyce Hull



CELEBRATE!

150 YEARS OF
FAITH HOPE LOVE IN ACTION

Canal District United Methodist Women Spring Gathering / Legacy Tea

March 23, 2019 Macedonia UMC 1280 East Aurora Rd. (Route 82) Macedonia, Ohio

Registration and Fellowship at 9:30 a.m. Program begins at 10:00 a.m.

Legacy Tea begins at 11:30 a.m. Each person coming should bring a tea cup.

Our Love Offering will go to the Legacy Fund.

Please bring donations for Heart 4 the City.

A special quilt is being made for us and we will have a drawing during our Tea.

Proceeds will go to the Legacy Fund

Let Lynn Straight know by March 10 if you will be attending.

Serving Us in March

Worship Leaders

March 3 Caleb Lipocky
 March 10 Emily Hill
 March 17 Barry Rudy
 March 24 Kathy Lang
 March 31 Doug Straight

Greeters

Brenda Heminger and Carol Jenkins

Ushers

Brenda Heminger, Beverly Kramer, Harry Smith and Forest Thorn

Altar Flowers

March 3 Duke & Judy Huth
 March 10 Rod & Cindy Shaffer
 March 17 Art & Carol Stockett
 March 24 Wendy Carey & Kelly Rick
 March 31 JoAnn Wolonsky

Hospitality Room

March 3 Forest Thorn
 March 10 The Kluth Family
 March 17 John & Bette Sawicki
 March 24 TBD
 March 31 TBD



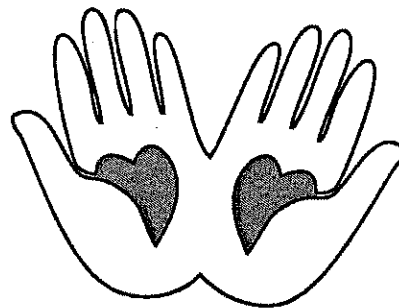
In-Reach Needs Your Help!

We need your support is in filling dates for the Hospitality Room for 2019. **The first open date is March 24.** Please stop by the bulletin board and sign up for a Sunday or speak with Kelly Rick and she'll fill in your name.

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) 604-7337
- 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 Message for Our Youth

Hey, all! With March here, I want to let you know about some opportunities coming up for our youth.

First, after discussing this with Pastor Eric and our Sunday School youth, we have decided to discontinue our Youth Sunday School gatherings on Sunday mornings (for now). While we are not meeting on Sunday mornings, we are concentrating on encouraging the youth to be involved in the church on Sunday mornings, including Worship and Junior Church (to all our youth who have helped with Junior Church, thank you!).

Next, our Canal District Youth Council is hosting their annual Spring Youth Retreat this month! The Youth Retreat will be at Camp Wanake for the weekend of March 8th – March 10th. Registration starts at 7:30 pm Friday night, and the Retreat wraps up at 1:30 pm Sunday. We are getting a group together to go, so if anyone is interested, message me so I can get you the registration form! The cost per person is \$100, HOWEVER, the church will be covering \$50 of every kids' registration cost. If you have any questions, contact me! It's shaping up to be a terrific experience, and I hope our group can go along for the ride!

We are also making plans to send our group to Youth Annual Conference in June! YAC is the weekend of June 7- June 9. More information is coming, and again, if you are interested, please contact me. I will be happy to help answer any questions you have.

Our Youth Group gatherings this month will be on March 3 and March 24. As always, we meet in the Youth Room from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Friends are welcome! Join us for games, food, and fellowship with each other.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, and concerns, feel free to message me, call me, email me, or find me at church! May God's love continue to radiate through the work and ministry we do for others and ourselves, and may God's wisdom guide us as we look toward the future. God bless!

Peace,

Caleb Lipocky, Youth Leader

Treasurer's Report

Balance in the General Fund as of January 1, 2019		\$19,159.38
January Offerings	12,529.00	
January Disbursements	15,664.50	\$(-3,135.50)
Ending Balance on January 31, 2019		\$16,023.88

Our January offerings of \$12,529.00 were low due to the cancellation of church service on January 20. Our January disbursements of \$15,664.50 were high due to first quarter insurance premiums and well above normal salt and plowing expenses for the church parking lot.

— Barry Rudy, Treasurer

Church & Parsonage Repair Project

To-date expenditures: \$67,375.00

To-date offering receipts: \$21,503

March Birthdays

March 3 Vi Carpenter
Annie Westfall

March 4 John Lange

March 8 Riley Straight

March 12 Steve Vargo
Duke Huth

March 13 Cheryl Rinehart

March 21 J.J. Lange

March 23 Judy Daniels

March 24 Carol Groh
Nerine Gasaway

March 26 Roger Stefan
Garrett Penix

March 29 Josie McInturff



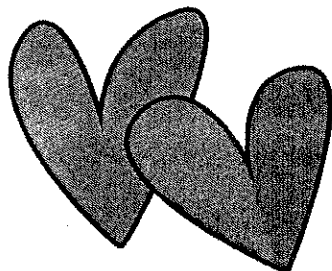
March Anniversaries

March 9 Larry & Sharon Fitting

March 14 Art & Carol Stockett

*March 17 Richard & Connie Heldenfels
Nick & Amanda Folts*

March 31 Steve & Sue Vargo



Easter Flower Orders

Deadline for orders is Sunday, March 31, 2019

Quantity Total

_____ @ 8.00 ea. = _____ Easter Lily
(6" Pot/1 stem)

_____ @ 15.50 ea. = _____ Easter Lily
(8 " pot/2 stems)

_____ @ 8.00 ea. = _____ Red Tulip

_____ @ 8.00 ea. = _____ Pink Tulip

_____ @ 8.00 ea. = _____ Hyacinths
(Please indicate blue, pink or white)

_____ @ 8.00 ea. = _____ Mums (yellow)

_____ @ 8.00 ea. = _____ Mums (coral)

_____ @ 13.00 ea. = _____ Azalea

_____ @ 13.00 ea. = _____ Hydrangea

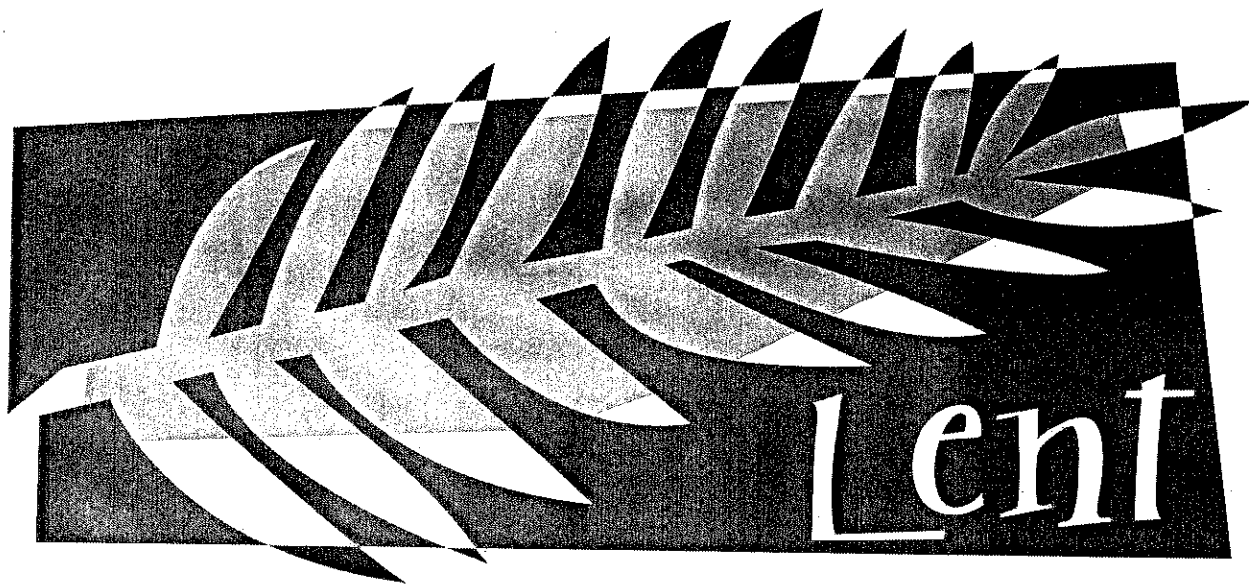
Ordered By _____

In Honor Of _____

In Memory Of _____

TOTAL _____

Attach check payable to Mogadore United Methodist Church



2019 Lenten Sunday Evening Services

Date	Location	Preacher	Choir	Spec. Music
3/10	Sawyerwood	J. Gindlesberger	Clearview	Sawyerwood
3/17	S. Arlington	J. Killian	Lakemore	Family of Faith
3/24	Family of Faith	K. Kesler	Mogadore	Lakeview
3/31	Lakemore	E. Kluth	Wedgewood	Clearview
4/7	Mogadore	J. Burkhardt	Family of Faith	S. Arlington
4/14	Lakeview	E. Peterson	Joint choir	Wedgewood

Hymn Sing begins at 7 p.m.

Worship service begins at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a time of fellowship following the service.

Follow Up to General Conference

All lay and clergy of East Ohio are invited to attend one of the post-General Conference informational gatherings led by Bishop Tracy Malone and members of our East Ohio delegation:

Saturday, March 9	10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Newcomerstown Christ UMC
Saturday, March 9	2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	North Canton Faith UMC
Sunday, March 10	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Strongsville UMC

A JEWELRY PARTY FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Please join the fashion fun on Sunday, April 7th at noon following our worship service in Fellowship Hall at the Mogadore United Methodist Church.

Rebecca from Premier Designs Fashion Jewelry will show off the latest spring styles and trends. She will have many sample pieces you can try on and catalogues for you to enjoy. This is a wonderful opportunity to add a few new pieces to your jewelry collection.

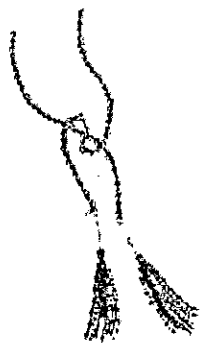
A light lunch will be provided.

****50% of the profit from all orders placed will go towards funding for the MUMC Living Nativity at Christmas In The Village.*

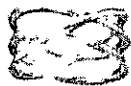
Go to premierdesigns.com/rebeckakerr to check out the beautiful jewelry before the show. Or place your order online if you can't make the party.

Payment methods include cash, Visa and Mastercard. Any questions please contact Kelly Rick at 330-815-1266

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Canal Spring District Conference



**Kent United Methodist Church
1435 E Main St. Kent Ohio 44240**

**Date:
Sunday, April 7, 2019**

Time: 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Vote for:

- ◆ Members at Large Annual Conference 2020
- ◆ Nominate lay members to be presented to Annual Conference as nominees for General and Jurisdictional Conference 2020
- ◆ 2020 District Budget
- ◆ Canal District Leadership Team 2019-2020
- ◆ Candidates for Ministry; 2019-2020

Everyone is invited to attend, but only voting members can vote:

Voting Members of the Spring Conference are the following persons from the local churches of the district: lay leaders, chairpersons of Councils on Ministries, Administrative Boards, Administrative Councils, presidents of UMM, UMW, UMYA, and UMYF, lay members of the annual conference, ministerial members of the annual conference, part-time local pastors, student local pastors, deaconesses, home missionaries, diaconal ministers, church and community workers assigned by the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries to work in the district, and members of conference boards & agencies affiliated with churches within the district
and the following persons from the district leadership: district designated officers including the secretary and treasurer, lay leader and associate lay leader, chairpersons of all district councils and standing committees, presidents of district UMW, UMM, UM Young Adult, UM Youth or youth representatives, district members-at-large of annual conference

*Bearing Fruit
that Lasts*



COMMITTED

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March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group	4 7 p.m. Cub Scouts Secretary on vacation	5	6 Noon Miriam Circle 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service	7 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	8	9
10 First Sunday in Lent	11 7 p.m. Executive Committee 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	12 6:30 p.m. SPRC 7 p.m. Trustees	13 6:30 p.m. Lions Dinner 7 p.m. Rebecca Circle	14 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	15 7:30 a.m. Meet at the church to carpool to Open M	16
17	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6 p.m. Naomi Circle 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	19	20 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Portage Patchers 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	21 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	22	23 UMW Spring Gathering Herit- age Tea at Macedonia UMC
24 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group	25 6:30 p.m. Nominating Committee 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	26 7 p.m. UMW	27 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Lions Dinner 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	28 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	29	30
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Non Profit Organization
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Pastor: Rev. Eric Kluth
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Pastor's Cell: (216) 785-6798

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

Accompanist: Fran Snyder
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.