



The Messenger

Mogadore United
Methodist Church

April 2019

Notes from the Pastor

As I write this, it is the end of March and again the NCAA Men's basketball tournament has started and the teams are seeded 1-16 for each of the four regions, thus meaning that a one seed plays a 16th seed.

I am reminded of something that happened a little over a year ago that has never happened in the history of the tournament: the 16th seed won, UMBC, defeated Virginia as the greatest upset of all time in the tournament. You might be thinking UMBC who? — yeah, me too, but they are University of Maryland Baltimore County. Amazing — something that had not happened before.

Now the 10th chapter of Gospel of Mark reminds us that something amazing is going to happen. Jesus is telling his disciples that they were going to witness something that had never happened before. Jesus is telling them this: I am going to die and three days rise from the dead. The text says that they were amazed and afraid. I can imagine in a NCAA tournament in which millions of people fill out brackets in hope to fill out a perfect bracket, a perfect result, that they might have been in awe and in fear as before that game there were about 7,500 perfect brackets left and after the games not one remained. Talk about busted brackets — maybe the disciples standing there were having their lives busted; their lives turned upside down; things are not perfect anymore.

However, the hope is that they are in awe of what is to come while the one, Jesus, who is perfect will soon enter Jerusalem, die on the cross for all people and in three days rise again. May we continue to journey with Jesus this month, as the one who turned the world upside down so that we may live right side up and transform the world.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Eric



Schedule of Holy Week Services

April 14: Palm/Passion Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

April 18: Maundy Thursday

Service will begin at 7 p.m.

April 19: Good Friday

Service will begin at 7 p.m.

April 21: Easter Sunday

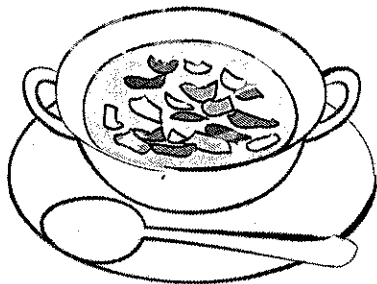
8 a.m. Sunrise Service

Easter breakfast to follow in the fellowship hall

10:30 a.m. Service of Resurrection

Easter egg hunt following the service

Good Neighbors



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| April 7 | Toilet paper |
| April 14 | Spaghetti and spaghetti sauce |
| April 21 | Peanut butter and jelly |
| April 28 | Canned fruit |

Thank you for all of your donations! God loves you and so do we!

— 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, April 7**. Baskets for your offering will be available as you leave the sanctuary. **So far this year MUMC has donated \$125.00 THIS 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.



LENTEN SERVICE & EASTER BREAKFAST FOOD DONATIONS

In-Reach is organizing both the refreshments for after our **Lenten service on Sunday evening, April 7** and our annual **Easter Breakfast before the 10:30 service on Sunday, April 21**. There are two sign-up sheets on the main bulletin board awaiting your signature and donated items of choice. And if you are able to help with either of these events by setting up, serving or cleaning up please let Kelly Rick know. We appreciate your help and look forward to fellowship with you!



UMW NEWS FOR APRIL

Hello, Ladies!

As you all know, we are now in the season of Lent, a time of reflection. This is a time we use to reflect upon our relationship with our Savior, but it also offers us the opportunity to focus on our part as United Methodist Women in God's mission and how we can be a blessing in the lives of our sisters, brothers and neighbors, near and far. If you have not yet become a part of our great UMW group, perhaps April will be the time for you to at least visit and decide where you belong. We have many events planned for the year which will provide opportunities to get to know us better.

Coming up soon is our annual All Daughters Banquet on May 5 – a perfect time to fellowship, but it takes a lot of planning and our vice presidents would certainly appreciate some help! We really get to know each other when we work alongside one another, which is just what we will be doing at our unit meeting on Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. After devotions by Cecile Humphrey and our business meeting, we will be working on centerpieces, favors, or whatever decorations are needed to make our All Daughters evening special, as it always is! Please come and help since the more ladies we have, the faster it will go. At the time of this writing, our theme for the evening was still undecided but the entertainment will be provided by the drama students of Mogadore High School. Watch your Sunday bulletins for more information.

Our circles will be meeting in April as follows:

Miriam meets on April 3 at noon in Fellowship Hall.

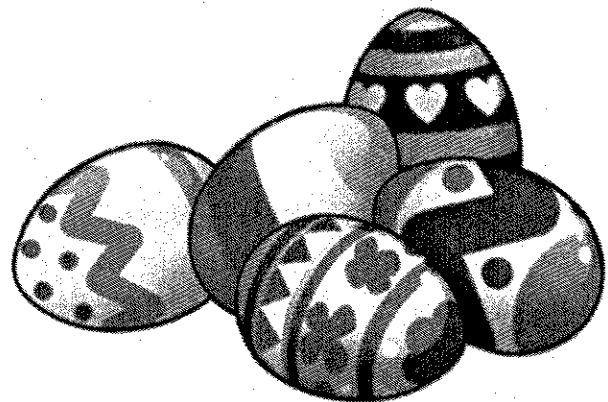
Rebecca will gather at the home of Patricia Everly on April 10 at 7 p.m.

Naomi is meeting on April 15 at 6 p.m. Hostesses are Cindy Shaffer and Joyce Whitmer.

Don't forget the Lions Dinners on April 10 and 24. Will you help?

Happy Easter!
Joyce Hull

Donations are needed for the Easter egg hunt which will follow the traditional 10:30 a.m. service Easter Sunday. We have received numerous plastic eggs; now all we need is candy! Items may be placed on the display area near the coatrack.



Serving Us in April

Worship Leaders

April 7 Riley Straight
April 14 Joyce Hull
April 21 Russ Hull
April 28 Don Whitmer

Greeters

Bryon and Vickie Wine

Ushers

Chuck Lang, Barry Rudy, Fred Slocum
and Joyce Whitmer

Altar Flowers

April 7 Carol Jenkins
April 14 Judy & Duke Huth
April 21 Easter flowers
April 28 Lynne Shaffer

Hospitality Room

April 7 Beverly Kramer
April 14 Carol Jenkins
April 21 Easter breakfast
April 28 Kathy Lang



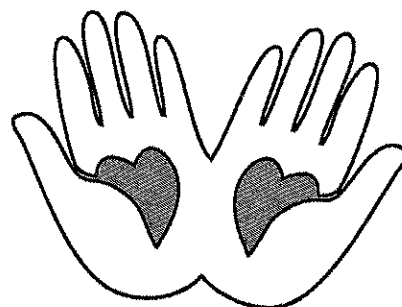
In-Reach Needs Your Help!

We need your support is in filling dates for the Hospitality Room for 2019. **The first open date is May 12.** 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 to our Youth



We have a few things coming up for our youth, so mark your calendars! First of all, there will be Youth Group on April 7 and April 14 at the church. Come join us for food, games, and fellowship as we hang out and plan what's coming up. Friends are ALWAYS welcome (we encourage it)! If you are an adult and want to help our youth, we are always looking for adult volunteers to be with us during Youth Group meetings. If you are interested, contact me or Marie!

Second, we are getting a group together to go to Youth Annual Conference this June! YAC '19 is June 7 through the 9. If you want to go, RSVP with me ASAP! This promises to be a great weekend full of fun and tremendous experiences, and we hope you can join in on it! If you need more information (or you lost what your youth brought home), please feel free to contact me!

In light of recent events, including the decisions made at General Conference, I am reminded of the words spoken recently by our Bishop Tracy Malone, on a subject that I believe to be one of the most powerful aspects of Christian faith: the inclusive love of God. With Easter almost upon us, I can think of nothing more extraordinary than this love. I can think of nothing more loving than the sacrifice Jesus made for us on that Good Friday, and the victory we celebrate the following Sunday. And to think, that love does not need to be earned. That love does not require you to "fit in" to receive it. This love is given as a gift from God to ALL, and that includes YOU! No matter who you are, what you do, and where you find yourself in life, this amazing love is always there for you to receive, freely given. How AWESOME is that?

We find ourselves in a difficult time for our church. In a time where brokenness and hurt are spread throughout our denomination, my prayer is that we remember this: all are welcome to this church, just as all are welcome to God's love.

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)
February Offerings	16,732.19	
February Disbursements	15,174.02	\$558.17
 Ending Balance on February 28, 2019		 \$16,582.05

Our February offerings of \$16,732.19 were higher than normal due to a contribution covering the expense of our Youth Ministry, and our February disbursements of \$16,174.02 were higher than normal due to first half property taxes and parking lot salt and plowing expenses.

— Barry Rudy, Treasurer

Church & Parsonage Repair Project

To-date expenditures: \$67,375.00

To-date offering receipts: \$22,518.00

April Birthdays

April 1 Fran McClary
Abigail Shultz

April 2 Mae Talbott

April 3 Allison Coyle
Sonia Stockett

April 8 Gabe McInturff
Isaac Paolucci

April 10 Leslie Crockett

April 12 Hailey Straight

April 15 Kyle Waldner

April 16 William Grubb
Mike Brookman

April 17 Abbey Straight

April 18 Bette Sawicki

April 21 Budd Lees

April 22 Crystal Lansinger

April 24 Abby Rick

April 28 Julie Lasky

April 29 Clara Zak
Debbie Grubb
Kristin Wright

April 30 Macie Shaffer
Greenlee Lange





April 28 we will start the God Story: We are going to be on a journey with God that will see ourselves and our roles in the great story of God's people. It is a seven-week series that walks us through the story of the Bible. I hope you will join me on this dynamic exploration of Scripture that shows how all of history and our own lives today are part of God's great story.

The God Story Series Outline

Week 1: Introduction (Genesis 1:1-2, 26-2:4)

This series begins where every good story begins: in the beginning. Focusing on the Creation stories in Genesis, this first sermon emphasizes God's purpose in Creation and sets the stage for all that is to come.

Week 2: Suspension of Disbelief (Genesis 18:1-15)

The second week looks at a common practice required of us in great stories: we have to believe the unbelievable. Revealing God's astonishing promise to Abraham, the suspense is increased as we wonder how God's mission will be accomplished.

Week 3: Rising Action (Exodus 16:2-4, Numbers 11:4-6)

In the third part of our series, we begin to see the desperate need that the people of God have for a Savior and how hard it can be to walk the journey in the wilderness. New challenges are presented in the story and we learn how God works in those difficult times.

Week 4: The Inciting Incident (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

An Inciting Incident is a moment in a story when everything changes and you can never go back. The fourth week looks at David, a major character in the story, and his Inciting Incident. Likewise, we examine the moments in our lives when we are ushered into the God Story and we can't go back.

Week 5: Soundtrack (Zephaniah 3:14-17)

In any dramatic film, there is a score to enhance each high and low and to weave prominent themes throughout the story. In Week 5, we listen to the Soundtrack of the God Story and our lives and discover the song of love God is singing over us.

Week 6: Waiting for Resolution (John 12:12-19)

Jesus was the culmination of what people had hoped for in a Savior, but he wasn't quite what they expected, especially at the end. Creation held its breath, hoping for Resolution, and we know that Jesus' death on the cross can't be the end of the story. (If you do this series during Lent, Week 6 is your Palm Sunday message.)

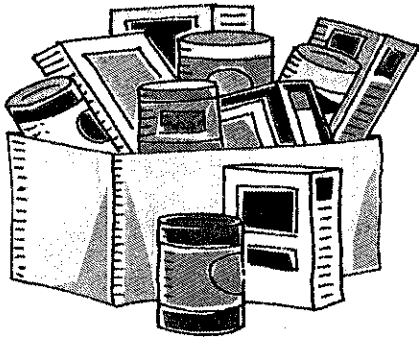
Week 7: Twist Ending (John 20:1-18)

In the final week of the series (which, again, can be Easter Sunday) we see that every great story has a Twist Ending, something that you didn't see coming. Our story finds that the one we thought might be dead is indeed alive and standing with us, calling us to live out our role in God's great story.

2019 Lenten Sunday Evening Services

Date	Location	Preacher	Choir	Spec. Music
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.



Mountain of Food: Friday, April 19 is the next Open M monthly food distribution. Meet at the church at 7:30 A.M. to carpool.

April Anniversary
April 27 Duke & Judy Huth

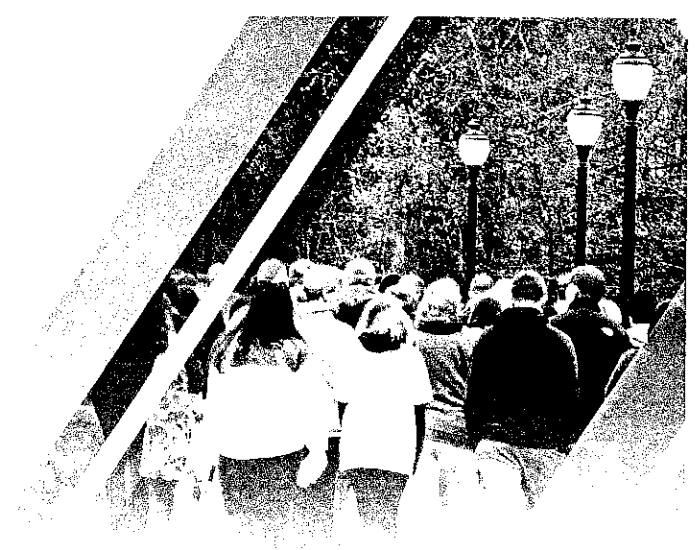


Signs of Inner Peace

1. An ability to enjoy each moment
2. Frequent episodes of appreciation
3. A loss of interest in judging other people
4. Frequent attacks of smiling.
5. Accepting the love extended by others.

— Author unknown, found in *The Old Apple Tree*

2019 WALK THE TALK



JOIN US...

for our 15th annual **WALK THE TALK** event, a 1 mile walk beginning at the Spaghetti Warehouse (510 S. Main St., Akron, OH 44311) and ending with a celebration at **OPEN M!**

May 18, 2019 | 10am : registration and t-shirt pick up | 10:30am : walk begins | 11am : celebration begins

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REGISTER

Sign up as an individual or as a member of a team by mailing in your registration form or registering online at www.openm.org/walkthetalk.

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LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN

Raise funds to feed the hungry, care for the sick, and strengthen our community. Starting a campaign is easy with the how-to guide you'll receive after registration.

Grab your sneakers and meet us at the Spaghetti Warehouse on May 18th. Afterwards, we'll enjoy lunch, live music, a photo booth, face painting, inflatables and other family-friendly funtivities!

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Questions?

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THING

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	2	3 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Noon Miriam Circle 7 p.m. Bible Study	4 6:30 p.m. SPRC 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	5	6
7 Communion Noon Jewelry Party 3 p.m. Canal District Spring Conference at Kent UMC 5 to 7 p.m. Youth 7 p.m. Lenten Service at Mogadore UMC	8 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	9 7 p.m. Trustees	10 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Lions Dinner 7 p.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. Rebecca Circle	11 6:30 p.m. SPRC 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	12	13
14 Palm Sunday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Lenten Service at Lakeview UMC	15 6 p.m. Naomi Circle 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	16	17 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Portage Patchers 7 p.m. Bible Study	18 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service	19 7:30 a.m. Meet at the church to travel to Open M Mountain of Food 7 p.m. Good Friday service	20
21 Easter 8 a.m. Sunrise Service 9:30 a.m. Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service	22 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	23 7 p.m. UMW	24 6:30 p.m. Lions Dinner	25 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	26	27 Habitat for Humanity Lunch
28 Loose Coin Offering for Open M	29 7 p.m. Cub Scouts	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.