



The Messenger

Mogadore United
Methodist Church

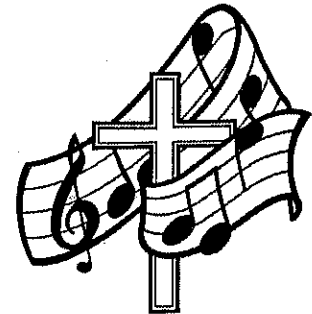
May 2019

Notes from the Pastor

May is upon us and the hope is that the warm weather is here to stay. However, I am reminded that it can still freeze, partly because I have flowers that I need to plant and the instructions say wait till the end of May; and two, because I know from experience that we will most likely get a freeze before the end of May.

I am excited to get my plants in the ground but I also think of all the people who have planted gardens or flowers and the possibility that it might all freeze and die. I think of the 23rd Psalm, verses 1-3 KJV:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."



Reading this psalm reminds me and reassures me of God's care not only for the plants and gardens when there is a freeze, but also for us. God restores our soul and we can restore the soul of others also. We are reminded that for some, the green pastures have frozen, like this week, but there is hope that the sun will rise and the thaw will come.

In the United Methodist Church, Older Adult Recognition Day is in May. I believe we all know people who can be recognized and celebrated. May it also be a time that we look inward of ourselves and ask where is there a need to help restore the soul of people we know that are aging. Maybe we can plant a tree in honor of people we know, invite them to dinner or maybe take them food; start a support group. We can get to know their story, record their stories and know where God is in their story. This is the beauty of serving, as we help restore the souls of others, our own souls are restored. May we go forth this month, seeking restoration in our community, our neighbors and ourselves.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Eric Kluth

Pastor Eric's Calendar for May:

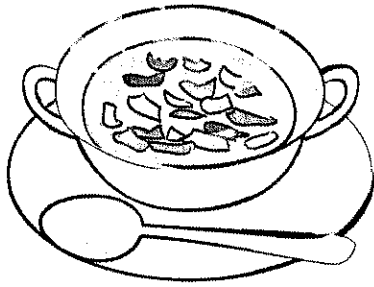
Wednesday, May 1: Last Crucible event

Monday, May 6: Clergy conference about the future of the church in Louisville.

Thursday, May 16: Day Retreat

Monday, May 20: Clergy session of the Annual Conference

Wednesday, May 22: Canal District Spring Clergy gathering at Shreve UMC



Good Neighbors

- May 5 Peanut butter and jelly
 - May 12 Spaghetti and spaghetti sauce
 - May 19 Bars of soap
 - May 26 Anything in a can
- God loves you and so do We!

— Judy Huth

Editor's Note: Good Neighbors is closed May 8 and 15, but please continue to bring items in. Thank you!

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, May 26**. Baskets for your offering will be available as you leave the sanctuary. **So far this year MUMC has donated \$200.00 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.



Next Bible Study Starts May 8!

The next Bible study will be using the book *Why?* By Adam Hamilton. In *Why?*, best-selling author Adam Hamilton brings fresh insight to the age-old question of how to understand the will of God. Rejecting simplistic answers and unexamined assumptions, he lays out core ideas for comprehending God's plan for the world, including:

- God will not take away our free will, even when we use it to grieve him.
- God will never abandon us, especially in the midst of our suffering.
- While God is not the author of suffering, God will bring blessing out of tragedy.

Sessions will be held on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Books are \$10.





UMW NEWS FOR MAY

Hi Ladies,

I hope you all have seen the flyer in the Sunday bulletin, advertising our upcoming All Daughters evening. More importantly, I hope you have made your reservations! They are due by May 5 so you don't have much time left. All women of the church are welcome. Thanks to all the ladies who worked so hard at the UMW meeting in April, we will have great centerpieces, decorations, and favors. Our wonderful men will be serving roast beef, potatoes, green beans, salad, and dessert and then they will clean up, which is truly appreciated! Our entertainment will be provided by the Mogadore High School senior drama students. We have enjoyed this annual event for as long as I can remember and it is always a very special evening, so don't miss our celebration, *Applause! For Mothers and Daughters*.

Another event you won't want to miss is our UMW Sunday on May 5. This is a day to celebrate our work as United Methodist Women. It helps introduce our church members to what we do in the community and around the world. It is also the day when we acknowledge someone in the congregation for their dedication to mission. Our special speaker will be Rev. Steve Court, who is the director of Connectional Ministries for the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. As director, he oversees the work of a multitude of areas, including United Methodist Women. He will be speaking on Amazing Grace, which will be perfect for our Sisterhood of Grace! We've heard him speak before and look forward to hearing him again on UMW Sunday.

A round of applause is definitely in order to show our appreciation for all the women who have worked so hard during the past year. Because of their dedication, we have enjoyed a variety of programs at our meetings, had a wonderful progressive dinner, attended two informative district meetings, enjoyed fellowship and study at our circle meetings, welcomed some new members, planned UMW Sunday, worked in the kitchen preparing food for funeral dinners, the American Legion and the Lions, and lovingly donated to missions. Whew, we've been busy! Thanks ladies! Now we get a break. Our next unit meeting will be in August, when we picnic!

Miriam Circle meets on Wednesday, May 1 at noon in Fellowship Hall.

Naomi Circle will meet on Monday, May 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Sandra Jones.

Rebecca Circle meets on Wednesday, May 8 for a day of fun!

The Lions will be served by our hardworking, dedicated ladies on May 8 and 22. Call Joyce Calderwood to volunteer.

Happy Mother's Day,

Joyce Hull

Calling All Men: Our Ladies Deserve a Little Pampering

All the women and girls in our lives have been invited to share in the All-Daughter's Banquet on Friday, May 10. Now they need us to step up and help serve their meal and do the clean-up afterwards. They are already doing the bulk of the work by preparing their meal and setting up the tables. It would be a shame if they also had to wait on themselves and wash dishes afterwards. We need a minimum of a dozen men to help out! A time commitment of 2-4 hours from you will ensure a more enjoyable time for all our ladies. Please contact Russ Hull (330-628-1552) to volunteer or check the box in the Sunday bulletin.

Serving Us in May

Worship Leaders

May 5 Lynn Straight
 May 12 Doug Straight
 May 19 Caleb Lipocky
 May 26 John Sawicki

Acolyte

Arielle Kluth

Altar Flowers

May 5 Jan Ramsey
 May 12 Ralph Lowe
 May 19 Judy Huth
 May 26 Carol Groh

Greeters

Kelly Rick and JoAnn Wolonsky

Ushers

Judy Daniels, David & Sonia Stockett
 and JoAnn Wolonsky

Hospitality Room

May 5 Sandra Jones
 May 12 JoAnn Wolonsky
 May 19 Graduate Reception
 May 26 Joyce Whitmer

In-Reach Needs Your Help!

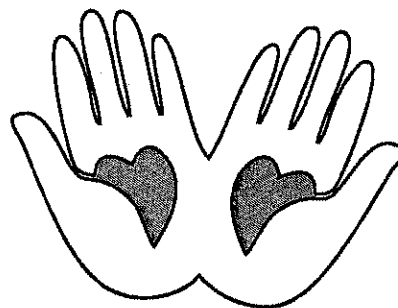
We need your support is in filling dates for the Hospitality Room for 2019. **The first open date is June 9.** Please stop by the bulletin board and sign up for a Sunday or speak with Kelly Rick and she'll fill in your name.



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)



MUMC Mission: Sharing Christ's Love

May Ministries:

****Habitat for Humanity lunch***

Atwater Township is the location for two new Habitat projects. We are providing lunch for the workers on **Saturday, May 4**. **PLEASE** notify Russ Hull if you are able to assist in food preparation at the church from **9 to 11 a.m. on May 4**.

*** Open-M "Walk the Talk"** is a one-mile walk followed by family friendly activities, entertainment and food on **Saturday, May 18**. This fundraiser helps support a myriad of services, including health, education, employment, and food programs just to name a few. This event fosters fellowship, good will, and an appreciation for how important it is to take care of the Lord's "lambs and sheep." Check the bulletin board for more information. If you are unable to walk, you can pledge a donation for the walkers. Contact Barry Rudy, Russ Hull or go to www.openm.org/walkthetalk for more details.

*** Mountain of Food: On Friday, May 17**, you can be part of this emotionally rewarding experience. Why not join the group car-pooling from the church at 7:30 a.m., 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.

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 personal dignity kits as possible, with a target goal of 50 kits (valued at \$12 each, credited to our connectional support apportionment.) Every donation helps! You will find a list of supplies and directions for compiling a kit in this newsletter. If you want to make a complete kit yourself, that would be wonderful. If you want ask a few friends help you assemble one, that is also a good idea. 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.)

For the next four weeks, please bring the completed kit to the collection table located at the rear of the hospitality room. 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.

Personal Dignity Kits

- 1 Hand Towel** 15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", no kitchen towels
- 1 Bath Washcloth** no kitchen dishcloths
- 1 Comb** large and sturdy, no pocket-sized or rattail
- 1 Nail/Toenail Clippers** no emery boards
- 1 Toothbrush** single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes
- 1 Toothpaste** 2.5 oz. or larger
- 1 Shampoo** 3-4 oz.
- 1 Deodorant** 2-3 oz.
- 1 Bar Soap** 3-4 oz.
- 1 Razor with guard**
- 1 Plastic Bag** one-gallon size, resealable

Place all items on top of flattened washcloth & hand towel. Fold over three sides of the hand towel to cover all the items. Roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible.

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
March Offerings	15,471.95	
March Disbursements	14,212.73	\$1,259.222
Ending Balance on March 31, 2019		\$17, 841.27

Both our March offerings of \$15,471.95 and our March disbursements were near normal.

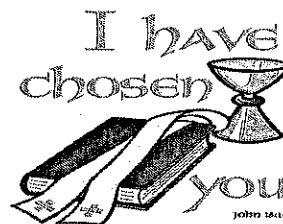
— *Barry Rudy, Treasurer*

Church & Parsonage Repair Project

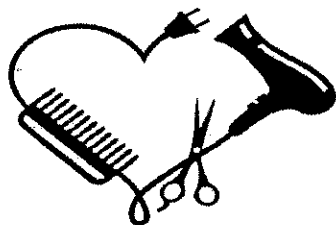
To-date expenditures: \$67,375

To-date offering receipts: \$23,998

Summer is coming which means Lakeside and ordination. I will be ordained at annual conference this year at Lakeside. The ceremony will take place Tuesday, **June 11, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. at Hoover Auditorium**. All are welcome to come and after the ceremony there will be a reception at the Lakeside Train Station. Please let us know if you are planning on attending so that we know how many to plan for the dinner. The service will also be live streamed if you cannot attend in person. Also, **there will be a party at the church Saturday June 15 from noon to 3 p.m.**, for people who cannot make the trip, but want to party. More information will be in the Sunday bulletins. — *Pastor Eric*



Gretchen Doerfler is a Barber/Stylist with over 20 years experience, and she can come to your home to do your hair if needed. Her business is called "Your Place or Mine" and her phone number is 330-687-7920 and email is g.doerfler@me.com. Brenda Heminger has some of Gretchen's business cards if you would like one.

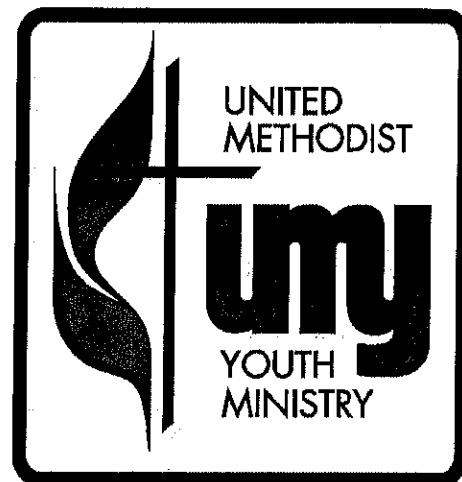


Her prices are Ladies: \$35.00 at client's home or at her shop in her house on Mogadore Road is \$25.00. It'll take approximately 45 minutes. Men: \$20.00 at client's home or at her shop \$12.00. It'll take approximately 30 minutes.

Youth Group News

With May upon us, we are coming to the end of the school year and seeing the beginning of summer! With that in mind, we have things coming up for our young people, and I can't wait to share these things with you!

Our Canal District Youth Council will be hosting their Spring Event at Sky Zone again! The event will be on **Sunday, May 5, from 2:45 to 6 pm. The cost is \$20**, and that includes admission to jump at Sky Zone, pizza, and a drink. Waivers are **REQUIRED** for all who are jumping (make sure the waivers are filled for the **BOSTON HEIGHTS** location). Marie and I will be driving for anyone who wants to go, so RSVP with us by **MAY 3RD** (that's not long after you're probably reading this, so let me know ASAP!). It's always a fun time with our Canal District Youth, and we hope to see you there!



We are working on bringing our group to Youth Annual Conference '19 up at Lakeside for June 7-9! We cannot wait for that weekend, and neither can our reservation, so RSVP with me soon! With all the planning that goes into that weekend, we need a count very soon. Message me if you have any questions.

Finally, with school wrapping up, I want to recognize all our students this month. For all our kids finishing up another year of school, for our college students who just wrapped up their spring semesters, and of course, for our high school and college graduates finishing up for good, we are so proud of you all! Your hard work and your determination has not gone unrecognized, and we hope you finish your school year in style! You're almost there! Keep going! Our prayers go out to our students, wherever they are, and we cannot wait to see you this summer. Until next time, take care!

Peace,

Caleb Lipocky, Youth Leader



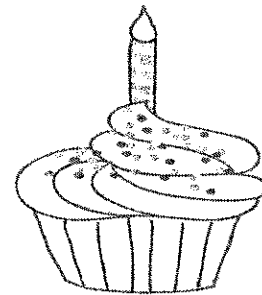
Mark your calendar: Graduate Recognition Sunday will be held May 19. Please contact the church office if your child/grandchild will be graduating and if they will be attending the service that morning.

May Anniversary
May 11 David & Sonia Stockett



Mountain of Food: Friday, May 17 is the next Open M monthly food distribution. Meet at the church at 7:30 a.m. to carpool.

May Birthdays



- May 3 Richard Noga Sr.
- May 5 Richard Renwick
Bill Sherman
Ali Peak
- May 6 Fred Slocum
- May 9 Connie Heldenfels
- May 10 Gabby Heminger
- May 12 Michele Acord
Logan Penix
- May 15 Carol Mencer
- May 17 Missy Smith
- May 19 Jessica Straight
- May 20 John Sawicki
- May 22 Judy Huth
- May 23 Chuck Lang

- May 25 Cheryl McInturff
Amanda Nelson
- May 26 Sandra Jones
Ashley Thompson
- May 27 Alex Heminger
- May 29 Karen Hyde

The East Ohio chapter of the Wesleyan Covenant Association invites clergy and laity to a special gathering for both clergy and laity on **May 6, 2019 at Louisville Christ UMC**. In these days of turmoil after General Conference 2019, we are eager to join together in fellowship for *inspiration, encouragement, and affirmation of our orthodox Christian heritage*. **We hope you will join us Monday, May 6 at Louisville Christ UMC, located at 600 E. Gorgas Street in Louisville (zip code 44641). The clergy session will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at noon, and the laity session will begin that evening at 7 p.m. and will conclude by 9 p.m.** See Pastor Eric for more information.

Public Rally for a UMC Open For All

Hosted by East Ohio Forward and Christ United Methodist Church

May 20, 2019 3:30-4:30 at Christ United Methodist Church, 1140 Claremont Ave, Ashland, Ohio 44805

This will be a gathering of prayer, information, and questions as we seek to promote passage of a "Resolution to Maintain Unity through Structural Realignment" and as we announce a slate of moderate and progressive delegates to General Conference 2020 that we seek to elect.

See Pastor Eric for more information.

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>May 1: Pastor Eric in Columbus for Crucible</p> <p>May 6: Pastor Eric out of the office in the morning (Clergy conference in Louisville)</p> <p>May 16: Pastor Eric on Day Retreat</p> <p>May 20: Pastor Eric at Clergy Session of Annual Conference</p> <p>May 22: Canal District Spring Clergy Gathering</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Noon Miriam Circle</p> <p>6 p.m. Cub Scout meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9 to 11 a.m. Habitat for Humanity lunch prep</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Native American Ministries Sunday</p> <p>UMW Sunday</p> <p>Rev. Steve Court speaking</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7 p.m. Trustees</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Bible Study</p> <p>5 p.m. Rebecca Circle</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Lions Dinner</p> <p>7 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Set-Up for All Daughters</p> <p>6 p.m. Directory meeting in overflow</p> <p>6:30 p.m. SPRC.</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6 p.m. All Daughters Banquet</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Communion</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 p.m. Cub Scouts</p> <p>7 p.m. Executive Board</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Portage Patchers</p> <p>7 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:30 a.m. Meet at the church to travel to Open M for Mountain of Food</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Graduate Recognition Sunday</p>	<p>20</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p> <p>6 p.m. Naomi Circle</p> <p>7 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Cub Scouts Organizational Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Lions Dinner</p> <p>7 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Loose Coin Offering for Open M</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Memorial Day Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Bible Study</p> <p>7 p.m. Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	



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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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- 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.