



The Messenger

Mogadore United
Methodist Church

June 2019

Notes from the Pastor

Every year I have been going to annual conference at Lakeside the same thing has happened that will not happen this year. You guessed it! The Cleveland Cavaliers in the NBA Finals. (I know you were probably thinking something to do with the church.) There was an excitement as people would try to find a place to watch the game, as television and cable is limited in Lakeside, to going outside of Lakeside to watch the game. It will be different up at Lakeside this year, of course — for myself, my family and friends and the church, a different type of excitement as I will be ordained this year. This made me think of the journey in life and how we get used to things happening like the Cavs appearing in four straight finals, and sometimes we lose sight of new things that are coming or are going to happen. This annual conference on the verge of what happened in St Louis in February could mean some changes looking toward 2020 and general conference in Minneapolis.



I can speak for myself as I say I am not sure what the United Methodist Church will look like come 2020 and beyond. I do know that the church, the body of Christ, will continue. Maybe not what we are used to seeing or experiencing. However, like my ordination in the church starts a new journey of ministry as an ordained clergy, (adding to what I wear on Sunday — I can wear a stole, a fancy word for of a strip of fabric used as an ecclesiastical vestment, worn over the shoulders and hanging down to the knee or below.) I know for most people this might bring fear, for some excitement, and for others every range of emotions in between. I believe it is okay to be in this place of transition, to be apart of what is happening and to continue to be a witness to Christ where you live.

We have talked a lot about transition recently from the Israelites and their transition from Egypt to the Promised Land and how God provided what they needed. It is a reminder that God will provide all we need for the journey and that is true for us in what the UMC will look like in the future. William Bridges says “All transitions are composed of an ending, a neutral zone and a new beginning” I love this quote because it is true in my life, true as I reflect on my ordination process and life as a clergy in the UMC. Of course, this is not the end but a new beginning — a new beginning of preaching the Gospel, living our life out in Christ, and preparing to reach the community in new and different ways for Christ.

Over the next couple months, you will see a garden take shape in the lot as we grow vegetables, with the hope of it being a place to come and plant and/or grab food for yourself or for others. You can take part in our youth basketball and cheerleading sports clinics that will be happening in July or even take part in our year-long group that will vision for reaching younger families in the community. All these things happening reminds me of the words from Revelation 21:5: *And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”* Also he said, *“Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”* This is the promise of God: that God has made us new so that we can work with God to make things new in our community.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Eric

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, June 30**. Baskets for your offering will be available as you leave the sanctuary. **So far this year MUMC has donated \$319.00 to Open M!**



Is there a topic you want to explore on Sunday or some question that keeps bugging you? Do you want to hear it as a sermon and what may be God has to do with that? Let us know!

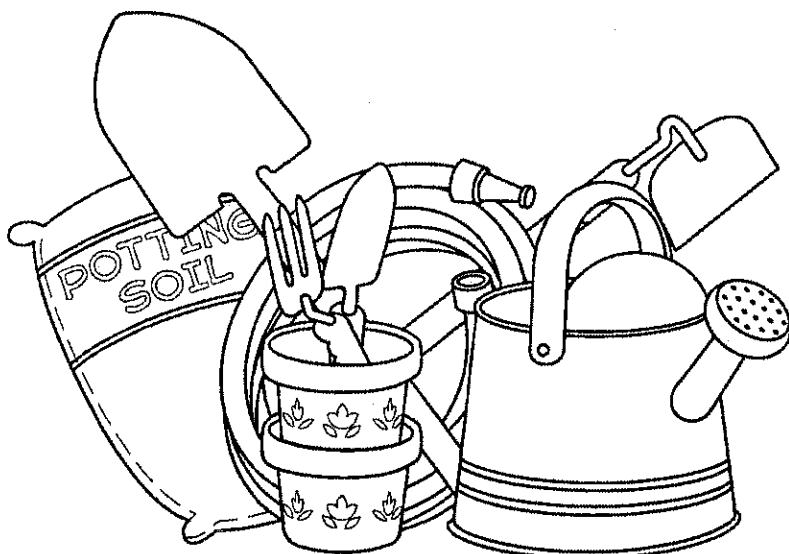
We are looking for sermon ideas, either for a week or two or maybe even made into a series. Load up the jar that says sermon ideas, or write them on your attendance sheet.

Pastor Eric's Calendar for June:

Friday, June 7 though Sunday, June 9: Youth Annual Conference at Lakeside

Monday, June 10 through Thursday, June 13: Annual Conference at Lakeside

Saturday, June 15: Ordination Party for Pastor Eric at the church from noon to 3 p.m.



Calling all those with green thumbs: Work has begun on the community garden, located in the lot next to the church. If you would like to help with weeding, watering or caring for the garden, please contact the church office.



UMW NEWS FOR JUNE

Hello, Ladies!

It's June! Did you know that June is named for Juno, Roman queen of the gods? The June birthstone is the Moonstone or Pearl and the flower is the Rose or Honeysuckle. June is the month of the Summer Solstice, the day with the longest daylight of the year. It is a time when spring is in full bloom and summer is upon us. It's also a time when we, as UMW members take a well deserved rest! No Lions dinners, no UMW unit meeting, no banquets, no worship service to plan. We are on vacation!

While relaxing, maybe in a hammock, we can think back to May and say thanks to all the women, men and drama students who worked so hard to make the All Daughters Banquet an evening to remember. I think they all deserve a round of Applause! Then we can think ahead to July, when we will all be together again for our annual mystery trip. I wonder what Carol, Kelly and Sonia are planning this year? It's sure to be fun, wherever we go. And be sure to think about attending Mission U in July. It will be held at Mount Union College in Alliance from July 19-21. Can't go for the whole weekend? Then just attend the one day sampler on July 19. The theme is "We Are All Called to Missions." The early bird registration discount ends on June 28.

Thanks to all the ladies who donated toward the health kits for UMCOR that Carol will be delivering to conference at Lakeside later this month. Congratulations to Pastor Eric who will also be at conference where he will be ordained! APPLAUSE!

Miriam Circle will be eating lunch out on June 5.

Naomi Circle will be taking a break this month.

Rebecca Circle will be travelling to Wooster and Smithville for a day of fun on June 12.

Enjoy the month of June, and Happy Father's Day to all our wonderful men!

Joyce Hull

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the 9 men who helped serve and clean-up at the *All Daughters Banquet*. Your extra efforts helped our deserving ladies have a more enjoyable evening. **Duane Doss, Scott Friedman, Toby Friedman, Tanner Hill, Russ Hull, Chuck Lang, Tom McClary, Don Roepke, and Mike Rick.** Thanks for your hard work.

THANK YOU!

Serving Us in June

Worship Leaders

June 2 Russ Hull
 June 9 Joyce Hull
 June 16 Barry Rudy
 June 23 Kathy Lang
 June 30 Arielle Kluth

Greeters

Judy Daniels and Ralph Lowe

Ushers

Patricia Everly, Harry Smith and Joseph Smith

Altar Flowers

June 2 Brenda Heminger
 June 9 Chuck & Kathy Lang
 June 16 Michele Acord
 June 23 TBD
 June 30 Don & Joyce Whitmer

Hospitality Room

June 2 Barry Rudy
 June 9 John & Bette Sawicki
 June 16 TBD
 June 23 TBD
 June 30 TBD

In-Reach Needs Your Help!

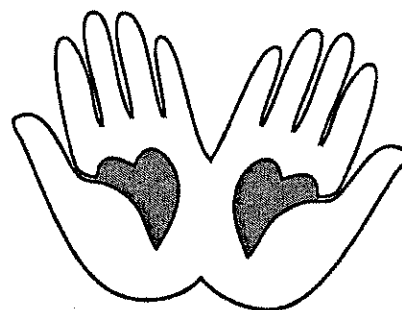
We need your support is in filling dates for the Hospitality Room for 2019. **The first open date is June 16.** Please stop by the bulletin board and sign up for a Sunday or speak with Kelly Rick and she'll fill in your name.



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



MUMC Mission: Sharing Christ's love

Making a difference!

Thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who gave generously of their time and love for the May *Open M* activities :” *Mountain of Food*” and “ *Walk the Talk*.” Four people participated in both, with another 8 joining in for one or the other of the events, making a total 12 from our church family reaching out to make a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors. *Walk the Talk* had numerous walkers and sponsorships totaling in the thousands of dollars to help support the medical, educational, and food programs housed at Open M.

June Ministries:

*** *Mountain of Food*: On Friday, June 21**, 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.

****Heart for the City is 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 are also 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.

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. **Deadline for bringing kits to church is June 9.** 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.) You will find a list of supplies, directions, and a sample kit in the hospitality room. 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.) 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 of all our outreach ministries!

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	1,259.22
April Offerings	14,690.55	
April Disbursements	15,050.59	(-360.04)
 Ending Balance on April 30, 2019		 \$17,481.23

Our April offerings of \$14,690.55 were near normal, but our April disbursements of \$15,050.59 were above normal due to second quarter insurance premiums.

— Barry Rudy, Treasurer

Church & Parsonage Repair Project

To-date expenditures: \$67,375

To-date offering receipts: \$24,858

Thank you to congregation of MUMC for all the cards, prayers, and condolences on the death of our beloved Barb. We would also like to thank the UMW for the wonderful meal, and for everyone's help. It was much appreciated.

Vic & Dan Crawford and Joe Smith

**THANK
YOU**

A Message for Our Youth (and our Church Family)

Summer has begun! I cannot wait for what summer has in store for all of us! Before we go further into summer, I have a few announcements to bring to your attention.



First, I am happy to announce that we have five of our youth going up to Lakeside for Youth Annual Conference this year! Our kids will be joining hundreds of their peers for a weekend of fun, fellowship, worship, and leadership development. What a wonderful experience it will be for our group! I want to thank everyone from our East Ohio Conference and from Lakeside who helped our group get registered for this awesome weekend, and of course, I want to thank our church family for providing the means for our group to go. Without your help and generosity, none of this would be possible. Please keep our kids in your thoughts and prayers for the weekend of June 7-9 as they enjoy their YAC '19 experience.

Next, we will be starting a summer talk series at Youth Group: "Be Still and Know". In this series, we will talk about such topics as rest, the Sabbath, anxiety, distractions, and other related topics. Join us at Youth Group for this series and more on Sunday nights, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. downstairs in the Youth Room. I hope to begin the series later this month. I cannot schedule specific Sundays yet, as Marie and I patiently wait the arrival of our firstborn son (if he isn't born by the time you read this!). I will keep you updated on Youth Group dates as we progress further into June.

Finally, to our wonderful Church Family,

Marie and I cannot express enough the joy we feel from the love and support you all have shown us during this special time, as we wait to welcome our Baby Boy into this world and take our first steps into parenthood. We thank you all for the thoughts, the prayers, the gifts, and the expressions of joy you have shared with us during this journey. We love you all, and deeply appreciate all you have done for us!

What does God have planned for us at Mogadore UMC this summer? What experiences will we have together as God's people this June and beyond? Heavenly Father, may your Spirit guide us toward your will for this church as we seek to serve your people this summer. Bless our efforts, so that we may bless those around us in your Son's Name. Amen

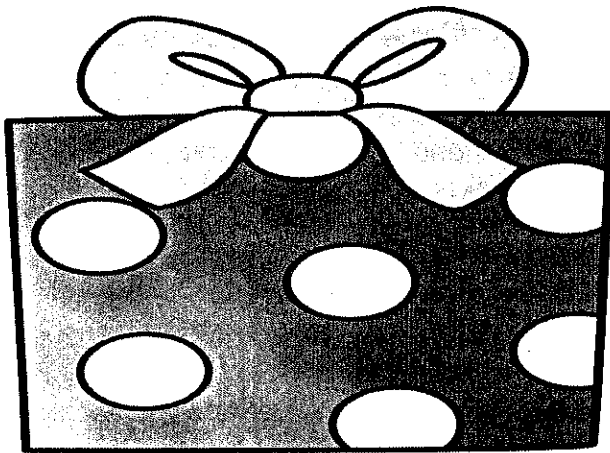
I will see you all in church!

Sincerely,
Caleb Lipocky, Youth Leader and Soon-to-be Dad

Congratulations to our 2019 graduates who were recognized during the May 19 worship service:

*Adreane Crockett, Kent Roosevelt High School
Alexis Crockett, Bowling Green State University
Alexandra Heminger, Aultman College of Nursing
Emily Hill, Mogadore High School
Macie J. Shaffer, Mogadore High School*

June Birthdays



June 5 Meredith Francek
June 6 Emma Peak
June 12 Megan Nelson
June 13 Joyce Hull
 Virginia Renwick
June 14 Cindy Shaffer
June 18 Meredith Swindell
June 20 George Thomas
June 26 Sharon Fitting
June 28 Joyce Whitmer

June Anniversaries

June 10 Chuck & Kathy Lang
June 21 Jim & Mae Talbott
June 30 Richard & Virginia Renwick



A Verse for Pentecost

*God is like the wind, something no one sees;
Mighty as the gale, gentle as the breeze;
With a hidden power no one can deny as the days go by.*

— From the hymn “God Is Like a Rock”
by Natalie Sleeth

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Youth Group	3	4	5 Miriam Circle — Lunch out!	6	7 Youth Annual Conference: June 7-9	8
9 Day of Pentecost	10 Annual Conference at Lakeside June 10-13	11 4:30 p.m. Service of Commissioning and Ordination	12 7 p.m. Rebecca Circle	13	14	15 Noon to 3 p.m. Ordination Party for Pastor Eric
16 Peace with Justice Sunday Special Offering	17 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	18	19 6 p.m. Portage Patchers	20	21 7:30 a.m. Meet at the church to carpool for Open M Mountain of Food	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Youth/Kids Wor- ship Sunday Loose Coin Offering for Open M						



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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.

Non Profit Organization

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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.