



The Messenger

Mogadore United
Methodist Church

October 2021

Notes from the Pastor

The past couple days have not indicated that October is here. It seems as if summer is hanging on with her last grasp for warmer weather. Of course, it is great for being outdoors, football games and even riding my bike. I think to myself I wish this weather would continue forever as I could really get used to this. Then again October hits and just the word October reminds me of change: change of leaves, change of time, even change in the church.



In the church we begin the season of paperwork that is charge conference, SPRC and pastor consultations with the District Superintendent Angela Lewis, and new leaders in the church and finalizing budgets and ministry to name a few. It is a time that involves change; a time that can bring fear and anxiety, while at the same time a hope for the new and creative. I think new and creative and the phrase and Scripture, “there is nothing new under the sun” comes in to mind in Ecclesiastes 1:9 :

What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. In some ways that may be true, but then the writer of Ecclesiastes goes on later in the third chapter to say there is a time for everything.

¹ There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: ² a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, ³ a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, ⁶ a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, ⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

⁹ What do workers gain from their toil? ¹⁰ I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race.

¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. (*Ecclesiastes 3:1-11*)

I love verse 11 as the imagery of everything being beautiful in its time and the working of God from beginning to end — the imagery that God does create new creations and that we can also with the power of the Holy Spirit. We are born anew and thus we can create new communities, new ministries, and new opportunities to share the love of Christ with people. So, may we head into October embracing the change and the excitement that comes with that while also knowing that God is with us in our doubts and fears.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Eric

P.S. Thank you all for the prayers, love and support during the Bike, Hope, Love Blueridge Parkway Ride for the Africa University Women’s Dormitory.

Treasurer's Report

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| Balance in General Fund as of January 1, 2021 | | \$25,345.00 |
| January Offerings | \$ 16,039.59 | |
| January Disbursements | \$ 11,786.72 | 4,270.87 |
| February Offerings | \$10,879.00 | |
| February Disbursements | \$15,480.25 | (-4,601.25) |
| March Offerings | \$14,911.45 | |
| March Disbursements | \$13,391.61 | 1,519.84 |
| April Offerings | \$11,056.45 | |
| April Disbursements | \$12,597.46 | (-1,541.01) |
| May Offerings | \$11,278.00 | |
| May Disbursements | \$11,507.62 | (-229.62) |
| June Offerings | \$8,156.46 | |
| June Disbursements | \$13,140.31 | (-4,983.85) |
| July Offerings | \$16,400.00 | |
| July Disbursements | \$13,037.70 | 3,362.30 |
| August Offerings | \$15,517.00 | |
| August Disbursements | \$17,199.69 | (-1,682.69) |
| Ending Balance on August 31, 2021 | | \$21,459.59 |

Our August offerings of \$15,517.00 were about normal for a five Sunday month, and our August disbursements of \$17,199.69 were above normal due to third quarter insurance premium and our outreach donations to the O.H. Somers Elementary School. For those not attending our in-house services, you can continue to mail your offerings to the church, or to my home address of 13523 Iris Ave. N.W., Mogadore, Ohio 44260.

— *Barry Rudy, Treasurer*

Please lift up in prayer ...

Joyce Calderwood, Kathy Cullison, Samantha Hambright & Family, Joe Horan, Duke & Judy Huth, Sandra Jones, Steve Lambey, Don Roepke, Harry Smith, Gene Snyder, Mae Talbott, Forest Thorn, Linda Treml, Our Children, Grandchildren and All Those in Need

Community Needs: Our nation and her leaders, those looking for employment, People going through illness, those struggling with the pandemic

At Home & Care Facilities: Betty Gallo, Karen Hyde, Dave McIntyre, Virginia Reynolds, Jim Talbott, Clara Zak

Friends & Family: Bill Combs

Please contact the church office at (330) 628-1232 or mogadoreumc@att.net to add or remove names.

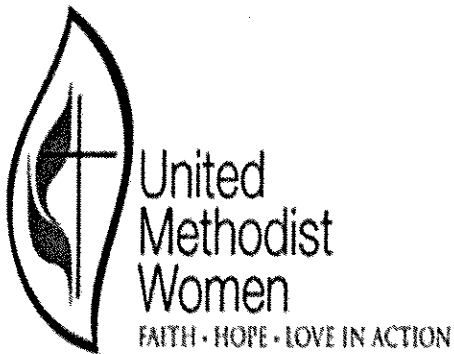
October Birthdays

- October 6 James Stockett
Rita Ostrovsky
- October 8 Kathryn Roepke
- October 10 Don Whitmer
- October 13 Joe Smith
- October 15 Duane Doss
Tabitha Rinehart
- October 16 Seth Seibel
- October 23 Cheryl Rudy
- October 25 Sam Short
- October 30 Zoey Straight



October Anniversaries

- October 9 Tony & Lisa Seibel*
- October 26 George & Sue Thomas*
- October 28 John & Bette Sawicki*
Patrick & Jessica Short



UMW News

Greetings! So many wonderful things come to mind when thinking about autumn. The crisp mornings and a few warm days to enjoy watching the beginning of the leaves doing their dance to the ground is beautiful (at least until it becomes the chore of removing them).

Autumn is also time of gratitude, and I am very grateful for the wonderful friendships with our United Methodist Women! Recently I came across a quote to “be sure to extend yourself the same level of grace that you extend to your peers”. I wish I could remember where I had read this, but the statement is a great reminder that we need to be kind to ourselves as well as others. I hope this autumn finds us kind to not only each other but to ourselves as well!

The Naomi and Rebecca circles were able to meet in September. I attended the Naomi meeting at Judy Huth’s home, with lively discussions on growing as Christians. Kathy Lang was our host providing a taco bar for us to enjoy. October meetings for both Rebecca and Naomi will be determined; please check with your circle sisters for meeting location.

The UMW monthly meeting for October will be Oct 26 at 6:30 p.m. with Naomi circle providing the program and Carol Groh and Kelly Rick hosting.

I hope this autumn provides you with joy of this season.

Sincerely,
Sonia Stockett

The church (every one) is built on faith — God’s presence and love in and around each one of us.

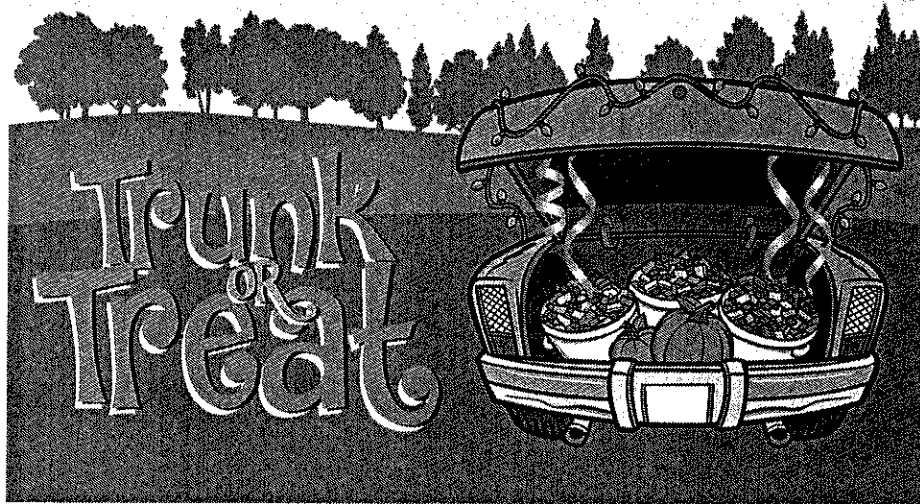
These past few months have been very sad — difficult for your family and for many of you. As we grieve my sisters, Ruth Bowers and Ginny Renwick; then our dear Dan — husband, dad and grandpa — then this past week serious illness of young Dan Michael; we feel your caring prayers. Many are the concerns for church friends and so many others—we feel overwhelmed at times.

But this is what I know for sure: that I am also overwhelmed by the make expressions of God’s presence among us — showered down over us when we need it most! A call, cards galore, visits, prayers, gifts of time, food — you name it — one of you thought of it!

For this, our family is unendingly grateful, appreciative and aware.

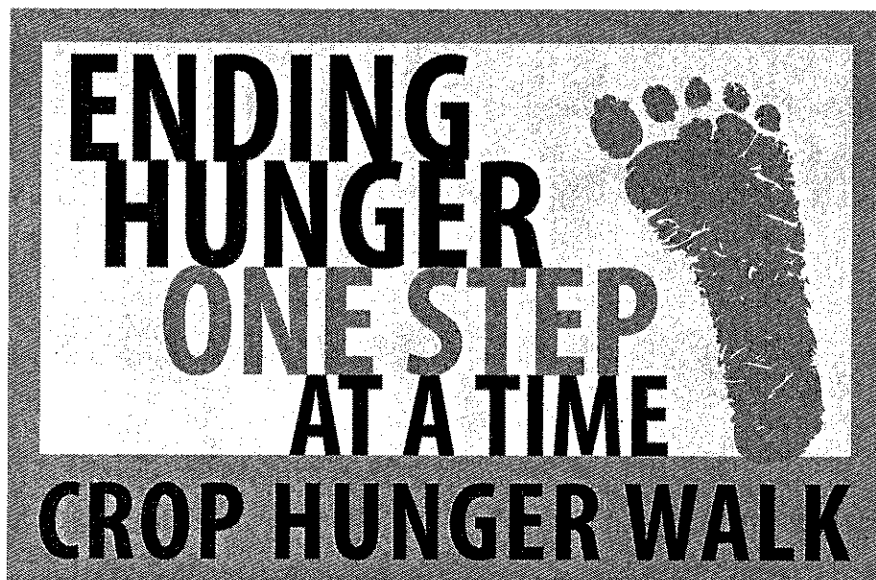
Two words — eight letters, say it best: THANK YOU!! To each person, to everyone in the congregation. We’re blessed beyond words to be a part of this church that we love.

Joyce Calderwood and Family



Mark your Calendars: Trunk or Treat will return to the parking lot of O.H. Somers Elementary School on Sunday, October 31. Trick or Treat will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. , so please plan on getting to the parking lot by 5:30 p.m. to set up.

Besides volunteers, donations of candy and other goodies will be needed. A basket will be in the church hallway to accept donations.



The Crop Walk will be held Sunday, October 10 at Goodyear Heights Metro Park. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the walk begins at 2 p.m.

Walkers and pledges are both needed for this event.

Executive Committee Minutes

September 20, 2021; 7 PM

Attendees: Pastor Eric, Forest Thorn, Barry Rudy, Russ Hull, Brenda Heminger, Fred Slocum, Lynn Straight.

Fred called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and Pastor Eric opened with a prayer.

Minutes of the August 2, 2021 meeting were reviewed; Barry made a motion to approve; Russ seconded; approved. Calendars for September, October, and November were reviewed; Mountain of Food added to 10/15 & 11/19; Rebecca Circle added to 10/13 & 11/20; UMW added to 10/26 & 11/23. Barry made a motion to approve the calendars; Forest 2nd; approved.

Revisit plan for re-engaging in worship and ministry.

Consideration for Church-Wide goals:

- **Visioning Process for 2021**
- **Long-term planning of building, equipment and accessibility issues** – Russ reported that the structure of the church is fine, mortar is cracking, and needs replaced and sealed. We can remove driveway in the future without damaging structure. Roof caps need repaired and the next item to do. The driveway chains will be taken down on Sundays only from 8:30 a.m. until church service is over. Pastor will contact Dave and ask him to unlock the chains.
- **Vacant lot update, Driveway, shed** – No new news
- **Housing exclusion** – Pastor asking for \$4,000 exclusion for tax purposes. Russ made a motion to approve; Barry seconded; approved.
- **Church hosting SPRC meetings with DS Lewis** – Brenda will set up refreshments in the hospitality room while guests wait and be door greeter for the 6:00 pm appointment. Need someone to door greeter for 8:00 pm appointment.
- **Charge conference materials** – Need committees and leadership approvals prior to Charge; at least 2 weeks prior

Pastor's Report:

- **Good Grief discussion** – Jobs, health, aging of church are all concerns and griefs of the church. Members of the church are grieving over loss of choir and how we can overcome this hurdle and create another path for a new choir in the future.
- **Technology, reaching new people** – Pastor handed out Woodsy's estimate for cameras and equipment to be installed for sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Pastor will apply for a grant or two to see how much funds will be received before making a decision on which package will be approved. These estimates do not include the cost of a PC.
- **Online giving** – Pastor provided information regarding easyTithe and Paypal options to pay online. We would need a commitment from certain members to use one of these methods to defer extra costs. Pastor and Joyce will insert to the October Newsletter information about easyTithe and inquire how many people would use this and if they would be willing to pay the minimal fee associated with paying on-line.

Trustees: No representative was available to give a report.

MOGADORE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SPRC: All annual forms have been completed and will be submitted to Debbie by Wednesday September 22, 2021.

Finance: During the month of August, the church held its own with contributions and disbursements. The month of September is down a bit but hoping to be okay.

Help need for projects in the next couple of months: Sign-up sheet for Trunk or Treat will be posted soon.

Anything not covered above you need to call to our attention: As noted above regarding Charge conference, need committees and leadership approvals prior to Charge Conference.

Next meeting: Monday, October 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Forest made a motion to adjourn, Barry seconded; adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Heminger

October 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 World Communion Sunday | 4 | 5 SPRC Consultations with DS at MUMC 6 p.m. Lakemore 7 p.m. Mogadore 8 p.m. Montrose Zion | 6 10 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 1:30 p.m. Registration for Crop Walk at Goodyear Heights Metro Park 2 p.m. Walk begins | 11 7 p.m. Executive Board | 12 | 13 Secretary — Vacation Day 10 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Rebecca Circle 6:30 p.m. Organizing Church | 14 10 a.m. Pastor's Consultation with the DS | 15 Charge Conference Paperwork due to District Office 7 a.m. Mountain of Food | 16 |
| 17 | 18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 19 | 20 10 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Portage Patchers 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. Organizing Church | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 6:30 p.m. UMW | 27 10 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Organizing Church | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 Loose Coin Offering for Open M 2 p.m. Charge Conference at MUMC 5 to 7 p.m. trunk or Treat at O.H. Somers | | | | | | |



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