



The Messenger

Mogadore United
Methodist Church

September 2023

A September Filled with SPIRIT

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on US
Melt me, mold me, fill US, use US.

adapted from Inverson, 1926. *United Methodist Hymnal*, 393

The Holy Spirit is moving at Mogadore United Methodist Church in amazing ways. On August 20 we showed forth our love of neighbors with a Spirit-filled concert to join with the McInturff family help Gabe realize his birthday dream of more independent living. The Spirit moved us as we reviewed our excellent worship practices and built our worship leadership teamwork in Christ on Unity of Spirit luncheon and discussion on August 27.

The Spirit will be moving at Lion's Park as we worship and fellowship on September 10.

September 11 the Spirit of the Living God will fall upon us and our community as we honor those currently serving in the armed forces, first responders and veterans with a time of prayer and blessing. Join us as we gather at 6 p.m. at Veteran's Park on Mogadore Road. (If the weather is a challenge, we will meet in the MUMC sanctuary.)

The Spirit moves us and molds us in Bible Study which will resume Wednesday, September 13 at 10:30 in Fellowship Hall. We will be continuing our prayerful exploration of the Gospel of Matthew.

On September 17 we welcome friends to a new stage of their discipleship at MUMC as they become members or renew their membership vows:

Frank Kohout Dave and Kathy Cullison Judy Daniels
Samantha Hambright and Joshua Soles

The Spirit of God is one of joy -- on September 24 we will have some fun honoring our favorite sports teams with sports attire. As a welcoming, inclusive community of love and grace, we will embrace Michigan and Steelers fans. Show your team spirit! In the spirit of unity, your pastor may wear her Yankees jacket to church, but she will most certainly wear Mogadore attire in church.

And on October 4 the Feast of St. Francis at 6 pm we will offer a family friendly Spirit-filled time of prayer and worship around the table. We will enjoy supper as we celebrate God's goodness in creation and in our pets- pet pictures welcomed!

Whatever we do, wherever we are- may we be instruments of the Loving Spirit of God!

Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on us!

With Love in Christ,
Rev Pam

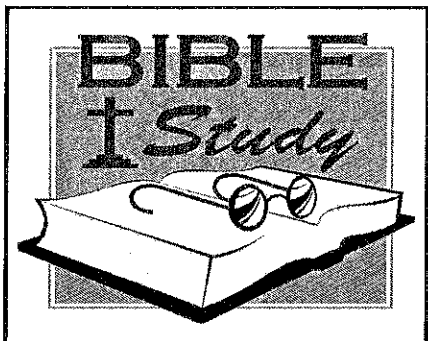
Treasurer's Report

Balance in General Fund as of January 1, 2023		\$18,363.65
January Offerings	12,943.02	
January Disbursements	14,937.01	(-1,993.99)
February Offerings	11,191.21	
February Disbursements	15,379.20	(-4,187.99)
March Offerings	18,586.63	
March Disbursements	12,631.98	5,954.65
April Offerings	13,574.80	
April Disbursements	12,453.96	1,120.84
May Offerings	\$9,465.01	
May Disbursements	\$1,734.19	(-5,269.18)
June Offerings	\$10,136.50	
June Disbursements	\$10,529.58	(-393.08)
July Offerings	\$10,801.42	
July Disbursements	\$16,007.97	(-5,206.55)
Ending Balance on July 31, 2023		\$8,388.35

The July offerings of \$10,801.42 were extremely disappointing for a five Sunday month, and well below average. Our July disbursements of \$16,007.97 were well above average, but we did pay half year property taxes as well as our June & July apportionments. Due to a shortage of funds in our checking account, we did have to transfer \$5,000 out of our investment account.

If you are interested in on-line giving, please contact Kathy Lang, and she can get you set up. If you are unable to attend our Sunday morning services, offerings can be mailed to the church, or to my home address of 13523 Iris Ave. NW, Mogadore, Ohio 44260.

— *Barry Rudy, Treasurer*



Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew resumes on Wednesday, September 13 at 10: 30 a.m.

All are welcome to come for lively conversation and spiritual reflection

Neighbors Helping Neighbors-

God call us to help our neighbors near and far; here are two ways you can be the hands and heart of Jesus.

Hurricane winds fueled wildfires on the island of Maui claiming dozens of lives and destroying many communities.



In a pastoral letter to clergy and laity of Hawaii Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank, resident bishop of the Los Angeles Area of the California-Pacific Conference of The United Methodist Church, stated:

“We ask for God’s Presence to comfort those who grieve, to give strength to those who are fleeing and those who are rescuing, and to open up a way when it seems there is no way. The people of God and this California-Pacific Conference are praying for you. They will be in action to provide the future resources that love requires of us.

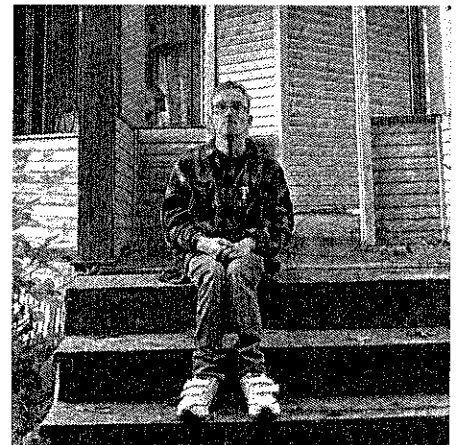
United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to provide a solidarity grant for emergency supplies.

“Prayers for the United Methodist churches on Maui,” said Rev. Steve Court, East Ohio Conference Disaster Response coordinator. “I was in the room training this week with Angela Overstreet of UMCOR as I witnessed first-hand how she worked with the California-Pacific Conference to provide grants and plan assistance to churches responding to the fires.”

You can help by donating to EOC Fund 1327 – US Disaster Response & Recovery. The Conference forwards 100% of donations to this fund to General Advance 901670 for US Disaster Response. Please note your donation is for Maui fire relief.

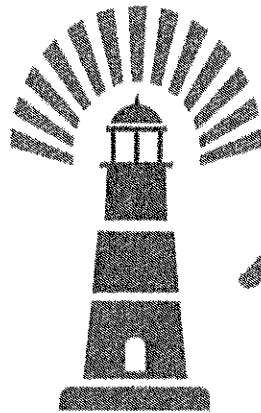
Gabe’s Birthday Wish

If you were not able to attend the concert fundraiser on August 20, you can still help Gabe and the McInturff family. Donations are still needed to help create a more independent living space for Gabe. Checks may be written to Dale or Cheryl Mc Inturff. For more information, contact Cheryl at 330- 414-0207



Sharing God’s Love in Our Community

Mogadore United Methodist Church understands that church is far more than a building — it is building compassionate relationships in Christ. In late August we showered the teachers, staff, and students in Mogadore Schools with signs of God’s tender and steadfast care. Sweet treats were delivered to faculty and staff along with a pamphlet of prayer for teachers, students, and staff. Let us keep our teachers, school administrators, staff, and dear children in our daily prayers !



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The United Methodist Church

Lighthouse Love

In the late spring the Executive Board of Mogadore United Methodist church voted to support our alignment with the East Ohio Conference's plan to train congregations to become Lighthouse Churches.

What is a Lighthouse Church? It is a church committed to the ministry of holy hospitality. In this time when many churches are closing or changing denominational identity and many persons are unchurched or hurt and "de-churched" the Biblical call to holy hospitality becomes even more critical.

On July 31 Judy Daniels and I attended the first learning session. The first half of the day helped us to look at every day ways to improve our ministry of welcome. The presenter used compassionate humor to help us own some of our shortcomings. We all laughed and nodded at his presentation of the common practice of regular worshippers discouraging newcomers who sat in "their" pews! Having experienced this once myself, I know I would be very hesitant to visit that church again. The second half of the session explored ways churches can better integrate on-line worshippers into the service and the life of the church.

Future sessions which can be attended in person or on Zoom will include ways to minister to the grief of those who have had to leave their church home, and on focus points for shaping leadership in this era of transition and renewal. If you are interested in either or both learning opportunities, please contact Rev. Pam or the church office.

Since the ancient days of Abraham and Sarah through the Epistle known as Hebrews which reminded the early church of these ancestors in faith and called the young church to welcome strangers as they may be "angels" of blessing, the Bible is very, very clear that loving God involves welcoming all of God's beloved children — just like Jesus did!

Practicing Lighthouse Love is nothing new — it has always been central to our covenant with our Good God!

Eat Your Veggies!

God desires that his children are healthy in mind, body, and spirit. Special thanks to Brenda Heminger and all who helped us build Christ-like fellowship and serve our community through our Community Garden ministry. Congregants, neighbors, and our loved ones at home enjoyed the "fruits" of this ministry. I for one had such fun delivering some zucchini to Mae Talbott after she expressed a love for this veggie during a home visit! Let us all be thankful for the goodness of God's creation and eat our veggies!

Rev Pam



God is Calling You!

At this season as we prepare for Charge Conference which will be Saturday, October 28 (10 a.m. at Kent UMC) we are invited to reflect upon how we are serving God as members of this faith community. If you feel led to serve our church, speak with Rev. Pam or one of our committee chairs. Feel encouraged to ask questions about our ministries.

Outreach: Russ Hull
 Worship / Music: Rev. Pam
 Christian Education: Michelle Acord
 In- Reach: Missy Hill or Sonia Stockett
 Finance: Barry Rudy
 Trustees: Chuck Lang or Michelle Acord
 Women United in Faith: Lynn Straight
 Nominating Committee: Rev. Pam or Fred Slocum.

We are all called to be in daily prayer for our church: may we grow inwardly in grace and outwardly in our faith community as we serve Christ.



Honoring Heroes Near and Far

On Monday, September 11 at 6 p.m. we are gathering at Veterans' Park (corner of Fenton Avenue and Mogadore Road) to honor heroes near and far. On this day of remembrance we will offer prayers of gratitude and support for our Mogadore police officers and firefighters. We will honor and support those currently serving in the armed forces and veterans. Come and pray with us for heroes near and far. We will also remember those who died on 9/11/2001.

In 2009 Congress officially declared **PATRIOTS' DAY** as a day of remembrance and service in honor of all first responders and civilians who sacrificed their lives either that day or subsequently from illness or injury sustained that day.

The title of **PATRIOTS' DAY** brings to mind not only those who sacrificed in 2001, but also those who provide sacrificial service on an ongoing basis.

If you have a loved one in current service and would like their name offered in honor and in prayer, please let the church know. Pertinent information might include the name, branch of service, and area of deployment. We will also be saying an added prayer for those whose deployment keeps them away from all family and loved ones. The church can be contacted by phone at 330-628-1232 or email at

mogadoreumc@att.net.

Parking at the park is limited to only 3 or 4 cars, so we would like to reserve them for handicapped parking only. Additional parking will be available at Broderick Insurance 3818 Mogadore Rd. and at the church, 3828 Mogadore Rd., both just a short walk from the park.

This is an open invitation for the entire community. Please invite your neighbors and plan to attend to show your support for those who serve us and strive to keep us safe. In case of inclement weather the event will be held at the church.

Scriptures for September

September 3 — Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Communion

September 10 — Romans 12: 9-21
Basics for Christian Living
Worship and Picnic at Lions Park

September 17 — Matthew 18:15-30
This is the Rule of Christ for Christian communication.

September 24 — Romans 14:1-12
Judging Others Avoiding Blame/Shame

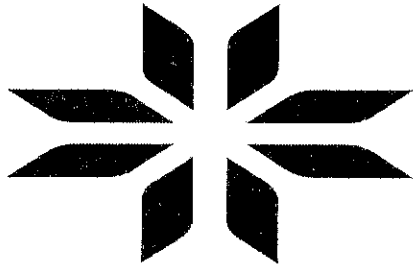
September Birthdays

September 11 Ralph Lowe
September 17 Forest Thorn
September 18 Thelma Chapman
September 22 Christina Lange
September 23 Carmelo Hamilton
September 27 Barbara Schultz
Carol Jenkins
September 29 Joe Horan



September Anniversary

September 17 Keith & Linda Hunsucker



United Women in Faith

Our circle groups have had a fun filled summer and are now ready to work again! Working together in raising money and awareness for all the causes dear to us. Apple dumplings and pumpkin pies will be on the menu this fall and orders will be taken at the Fall Festival & Craft Show at Mogadore High School October 21. Please help support us so we may continue to support others.

The following events will take place:

Rebecca Circle - Movie Nite - Sept 13

Naomi Circle - Judy Daniels hostess at Fellowship Hall - Sept 18 6:00pm

UMF - Work night for fundraiser - Sept 26 6:30 pm

“Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others.” Philippians 2:4

Sonia Stockett

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September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5	6	7	8	9
10 10:30 a.m. Worship at Lions Park Picnic to follow	11 Patriot Day 6 p.m. Honoring Heroes Event at Veterans' Park	12 6:30 p.m. Nominating Committee	13 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Rebecca Circle Movie Night	14	15 7:30 a.m. Meet at the church to carpool to Open M	16
17 New Member Sunday Reception following the service	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6 p.m. Naomi Circle	19 6:30 p.m. Executive Board	20 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Portage Patchers	21	22	23 Fellowship Hall in Use UWF Fall District Gathering
24 Spirit Sunday — wear your favorite team's colors or clothing	25	26 6:30 p.m. UWF Work Night for Fundraiser	27 10:30 a.m. Bible Study	28	29	30



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Custodian: David Smith

Secretary: Joyce Selzer

The mission of the Mogadore United Methodist Church is to follow the example of Jesus Christ, demonstrating Christ's love and service to others through worship, outreach, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

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