



The Messenger

Mogadore United
Methodist Church

April 2024

MORE THAN A DAY—EASTER IS A WAY!

It is April—it is a time of chilly rain and a time of the glorious signs of spring. This year as we begin April we may think we have left Easter behind in March. Maybe not

While Resurrection Sunday has passed, the hope of new life in Christ endures forever. The sacred stories of this season offer us paths to follow the holy way of Easter life.

The Bible passages which depict the disciples fearfully hiding together in the upper room or the scriptures which show the women bold and faithful going to the tomb of Jesus contrast two responses to life—we can be people who live in fear with the doors locked and our minds closed or we can be encouragers who bravely face the challenges before us together in faith.

May we draw courage from the witness of the women who ventured forth in the darkness. Their love of Jesus and their bonds of friendship empowered them to claim a faith stronger than fear. This is the way of Easter!

Easter life is Spirit—filled and moves with grace confident that all things are possible with God and that God makes all things new.

Like the Glorified Savior we may have wounds that remain with us yet speak with prophetic clarity to the resurrection power God offers us!

Like Thomas we might have questions that can draw us to Christ if we let them...

Like Peter we can overcome fear and listen to the voices of life which will show us the God who removes the burial cloths that keep us bound and the tombs that hold us back from abundant life.

Resurrection Day brings such joy--the great hymns, the flowers that adorn the church, the meals of celebration, the brightly colored eggs and of course, the sweet treats which mark the end to Lenten fasting.

But when we remember that Easter is more than a day but a Way, we are blessed with an enduring hope, an indestructible faith, and a courageous love that makes all days holy.

The Lord IS Risen!

With Easter Love Always,

Rev. Pam

Treasurer's Report

Balance in General Fund as of January 1, 2024		\$ 7,520.69
Edward Jones Appreciation (Depreciation)		14,200.10
January Offerings	13,732.43	
January Disbursements	15,754.17	(-2,021.74)
February Offerings	7,232.43	
February Disbursements	11,598.09	(-4,365.66)
March Offerings	11,422.87	
March Disbursements	11,423.22	(-.35)
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2024		\$16,076.63

Our March offerings of \$11,422.87 were an improvement over February's numbers, and helped by a five Sunday month. The March disbursements of \$11,423.22 were about normal. 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 service, offerings can be mailed to the church or to my home address of 13523 Iris Ave., NW, Mogadore, OH 44260.

Barry Rudy, Treasurer

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH & CIRCLES

All women are invited into the fellowship of the United Women in Faith. Our focus has always been mission driven with particular emphasis on women and children. The Mogadore unit of UWF meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM unless otherwise specified. All women in the Mogadore unit by long tradition are invited to attend a monthly circle meeting. We have two circles: Naomi, which meets the third Monday at 6:00 PM in members homes and/or Fellowship Hall. Rebecca Circle meets the second Wednesday at 6:30 PM in members homes.

April 10th—Rebecca Circle will meet at the home of Barb Skye.

April 14th—Women of Faith Sunday. The speaker will be Belva Denmark Tibbs, Retired Sr. Healthcare Executive, Community Leader and Philanthropist.

April 15th—Naomi Circle will meet in Fellowship Hall.

April 23rd—United Women of Faith will have a work night in Fellowship Hall.

April Birthdays

April 1	Fran McClary
April 1	Abigail Shultz
April 2	Mae Talbott
April 8	Gabe McInturff
April 10	Leslie Crockett
April 12	Hailey Straight
April 14	Daniel Lang
April 16	Mike Brookman
April 17	Abbey Straight
April 18	Bette Sawicki
April 22	Crystal Lansinger
April 24	Abby Rick
April 28	Julie Lasky
April 29	Debbie Grubb
April 30	Macie Shaffer



April Anniversary

April 6 Dave & Kathy Cullison



There are many ways you can lend a hand here at MUMC without officially being on a committee. Among the ways are:

- Greeting on Sunday morning;
- Helping the Altar Guild prepare Communion;
- Assisting the Trustee Committee with various tasks inside and outside of our church;
- Serving as a worship leader;
- Providing special music on Sunday morning;
- Helping with set-up and clean-up for special events;
- Helping in the office.

Contact the church office (330) 628-1232 or email at mogadoreumc@att.net if you are interested or need more information.



Thank You!

Dear Church Family:

I am so grateful that you hired me to serve as your pianist. It has been such a pleasure to play that wonderful new piano and selecting music for you every Sunday. Every Sunday felt like I was with family. My years serving was both inspirational and comforting. Not only was I part of wonderful church family, but a loving, friendly and supportive one. Thank You from the bottom of my heart.

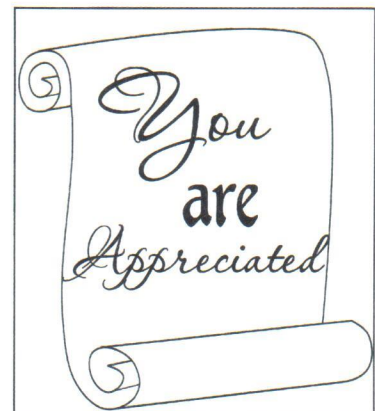
“I’M SO GLAD WE HAD THIS TIME TOGETHER”

*May each day of the week be a good day,
May the Lord always watch over you.
And May all your hopes turn to wishes,
And May all your wishes come true.*

Fran Snyder

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!

Thank you to all who helped make our sacred passage from Holy Week to Easter such a time of blessing: thank to those who ordered flowers, who did the set up and clean up for our special times of worship and fellowship. Thank you to those who typed up bulletins and prepared the screen. Thanks to everyone involved who sang and prayed and welcomed all. Thanks to those who quietly stayed with Jesus on Good Friday in our sanctuary and those who joyfully brought food for our shared Resurrection Day breakfast . Thanks to those who shut off the lights and locked up the building. Thanks to each person in this community of faith - together we work to offer and faithfully witness to the blessings of God.





Thank you from the Harry Smith Family...

Thank you to all of your congregation who were able to attend any part of dad's special day. He always raved about how friendly and thoughtful you all were. It really means a lot that you all accepted him and made him part of your church family. Thank you again!

Tammy Simpson (Harry Smith's daughter)

April Worship At MUMC

A wonderful spiritual practice is to read, pray, and ponder each week's scripture lessons before our shared time of worship.

April 7 : John 20: 18-31. Faith and Forgiveness

April 14: United Women of Faith Sunday

April 21: Good Shepherd Sunday

Psalm 23 John 10:11-18

Holy Communion

April 28: I John 3 : 16-24

I John 4:7-21

God is Love

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.

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 10:30 AM Bible Study 6 PM Girl Scouts	4	5	6
7 2nd Sunday of Easter	8 1 PM Executive Council	9	10 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Rebecca Circle	11	12	13
14 UWF Sunday 3rd Sunday of Easter	15 6 PM Naomi Circle	16	17 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Rebecca Circle 6 PM Girl Scouts	18	19 7:30 AM Meet at the church to carpool to Open M	20
21 4th Sunday of Easter Communion	22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6 PM Naomi Circle	23 6:30 PM UWF Work Night	24 10:30 AM Bible Study	25	26	27
28 5th Sunday of Easter	29	30				