



The Messenger

Mogadore United
Methodist Church

May 2024

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

The other day as we were driving along my grandson Caiden commented unhappily about all of the rainy days we have had lately; before you could say Jimminy Cricket, the old saying — April Showers bring May flowers popped in my mind and out of my mouth.

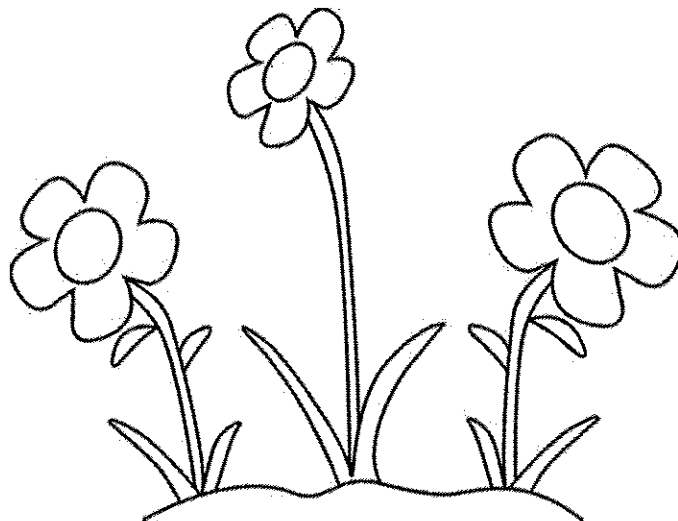
As this did not seem to alleviate Caiden's dismay at the persistent downpour, I went on to explain what the saying meant: Even though things looked discouraging at the moment, good things are coming. Even things that may seem challenging at the moment can bring about blessings over time. After sixty plus years the wisdom of this saying was clear to me; it was not so clear to Caiden who wanted to play at Lion's Park.

As we drove on in the April rain, I suddenly became mindful of the beautiful flowers that were blooming radiantly all around me: while the arrival of May would no doubt bring forth even more spring flowers, here and now they were all around me if I only had eyes to see them—daffodils, crocus, and hyacinths.

As we enter this beautiful season of spring, let us recall that with Easter hope we can get through whatever showers come our way; not only can we endure the cold rain that will inevitably pour down on us, but we can delight in God's creative, amazing grace all around us if we open our eyes and hearts to the brave flowers of April.

The Lord is Risen!

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)
April Offerings	8,654.05	
April Disbursements	11,524.81	(12,870.76)
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2024		\$13,160.04

Our April offerings of \$8,654.05 were once again below average, and our April disbursements of \$11,524.81 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 IN 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.

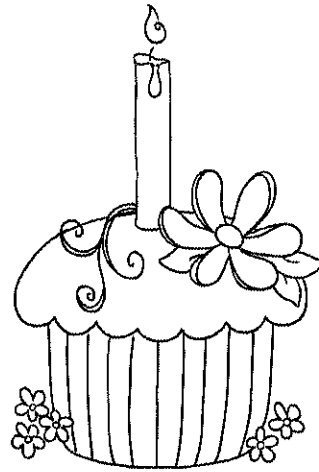
May 5th—United Women in Faith will meet following the worship service to assemble bags for our women friends that we do not see very often. Any one contributing baked goods or sweets, please bring 15 individual servings to church on May 5th.

May 8th—Rebecca Circle will meet at the home of Brenda Morris.

May 20th—Naomi Circle will meet in Fellowship Hall, hosted by Kathy Lang.

May Birthdays

May 3	Richard Noga, Sr.
May 5	Ali Peak
May 6	Fred Slocum
May 9	Connie Heldenfels
May 10	Gabby Heminger
May 10	Glenn Lowe
May 12	Michele Acord
May 12	Jason Lang
May 14	Dave Cullison
May 15	Carol Mencer
May 17	Missy Smith
May 19	Jessica Straight
May 20	John Sawicki
May 23	Caiden Hamilton
May 23	Chuck Lang
May 25	Cheryl McInturff
May 27	Alex Heminger



Graduate Recognition—Class of 2024

We will recognize our 2024 graduates on Sunday, June 2nd. Please contact Rev. Pam or the church office if your child/grandchild will be graduating and if they are able to attend the service.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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

- General cleaning of the church while our custodian is on medical leave;
- 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.

Northern Waters News

The last time General Conference met in regular session was nearly eight years ago. The upcoming legislative assembly is scheduled for April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, N.C.

Key Points:

- **Because of the pandemic, the last regular session of General Conference was nearly eight years ago.**
- **General Conference is the only body that can speak for the whole United Methodist Church.**
- **It has the authority to make revisions to the denomination's Book of Discipline and Book of Resolutions.**

The United Methodist Church has no pope.

But it does have a General Conference — the only body that can set official policy and speak for the international denomination.

General Conference brings together lay and clergy delegates from four continents whose decisions will affect how millions of United Methodists do church for years to come.

Think of the two-week gathering as a combination of a United Nations General Assembly, a U.S. congressional session and a time of rousing Christian worship.

The General Conference, now scheduled for April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, North Carolina, comes at a particularly momentous time.

General Conference typically gathers every four years. But because of the COVID pandemic, the assembly could not meet in 2020. That means the last regular session was in May 2016 — nearly eight years ago.

In the interim, the denomination has seen a quarter of its U.S. churches depart under a disaffiliation policy that began in 2019 and expired at the end of 2023.

What comes next for the international denomination will be largely up to General Conference itself.

REGIONALIZATION LEGISLATION

The regionalization proposal aims to address what many United Methodists see as a longstanding problem limiting the denomination's missional effectiveness — namely that the church in the U.S. and the central conferences have unequal standing in decision-making.

Under the proposed plan, there will be four regional conferences — Africa, Europe, Philippines and the U.S. — all possessing the same duties and powers to pass legislation for greater missional impact in their respective regions.

The goal is to empower each region to act more nimbly in reaching people for Christ — without waiting for General Conference, which typically meets every four years.

The legislation will be presented and voted on at the postponed 2020 United Methodist General Conference to be held April 23 – May 3, 2024, at Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Stay tuned for what has been decided during this General Conference via MUMC emails and future newsletters.

May Worship At MUMC

It can be a wonderful spiritual practice to read and reflect upon the weekly scripture lessons prior to worship.

May 5 Holy Communion
 Psalm 29

May 12 Mother's Day
 Special Guest Preacher: Ms Rose Darling
 Genesis 18: 1-8
 Matthew 4: 1-11

May 19 Pentecost Sunday—Wear red as we celebrate the Holy Spirit in our midst
 and the birthday of the church.
 Acts 2: 1-21

May 26 Trinity Sunday
 Peace with Justice Sunday
 Memorial Day
 John 15: 1-17

Memorial Day Recognition

Do you have a name of a family member or friend who died in the service of our country whose name you would like remembered at our service? Please provide the person's name, branch of the service, and other helpful information in writing to the office or to Rev. Pam by May 20th.

Special musical guests on May 26th: Gospel Disciples in Song

In June 2023 The Gospel Disciples in Song, a group of barber-shoppers from various choruses, was formed. The group consists of Christian men from various denominations, devoted to praising our Lord in four-part harmony. We sing without charge, gospel and traditional church hymns at any Christian-denomination church that wants our service. Since our founding we have sung at over 20 churches and retirement/nursing homes in NE Ohio.

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:30 AM Bible Study 6 PM Girl Scouts General Conference	2 General Conference	3 General Conference	4
5 10:30 AM Worship 6th Sunday of Easter Communion	6	7	8 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Rebecca Circle	9	10	11
12 10:30 AM Worship Mother's Day 7th Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday	13	14	15 8AM-4PM Portage Patchers 10:30 AM Bible Study 6 PM Girl Scouts	16	17 7:30 AM—Open M Meet at church to carpool.	18
19 10:30 Worship Pentecost Sunday	20 6 PM Naomi Circle	21	22 10:30 AM Bible Study	23	24	25
26 10:30 AM Worship Peace with Justice Trinity Sunday Memorial Day	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28	29 10:30 AM Bible Study 6 PM Girl Scouts	30	31	