



The Messenger

Mogadore United
Methodist Church

June 2024

WHAT MATTERS - REALLY

There are times in our lives when we pause and reflect upon what matters—what really matters. In this lovely month we often attend weddings and graduations. Those engaged in those moments have made clear choices and intend to live into the paths they have decided upon. These transition times invite us to reflect on our lives - even if we are not graduating or getting married.

I felt this so powerfully as I prepared to officiate at the wedding of my nephew and his bride. I thought about the dreams and hopes I had many, many years ago. Some of the paths I had chosen in my younger days were not meant to be traveled forever: I am no longer a Catholic but live my Christian journey as a United Methodist. I am no longer a teacher, but serve as a pastor.

Yet what matters - really — not changed at all.

What matters - really — is not what we have, or what we accomplish or what we think. But who we are in Christ.

What matters really is that we never lose the joy and boldness of the little girl at Tony and Michelle's wedding who danced with such holy, playful abandon alone on the dance floor, who danced when silly grown ups like me joined her, and who danced with total trust into the arms of her daddy whose eyes were always upon her and whose strong arms opened wide when she came home to his embrace.

What matters is God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying love poured upon hearts and the world. What matters is openness to the Spirit that heals, guides, and makes holy. What matters is a conscious choice to live the Love of Jesus. What matters is openness to the God who seeks to make all things new.

Transition times offer special opportunities to make intentional choices about our path. These are good and important moments. But what matters - really — is not always the grand choices. It is the daily...the hourly... choice to love God with our whole mind and soul and to love all of God's children as they are loved by the God who created them and delights in them.

(Isaiah 62:4-5)

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As we prepare to transition as church, I pray that we will grow in grace so that we may live divine Love— for that is all that matters - really! I have been so greatly blessed to share that love in Christian community with you!

And in the end these three remain- faith,
 hope and love and the greatest of these is
Love! 1 Cor: 13:13

With 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)
April Offerings	8,654.05	
April Disbursements	11,524.81	(12,870.76)
Ending Balance as of April 30, 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

June Birthdays

June 5th	Meridith Francek
June 6th	Emma Peak
June 10th	Oakley Soles
June 13th	Joyce Hull
June 19th	Missy Hill
June 20th	George Thomas
June 26th	Sharon Fitting
June 28th	Joyce Whitmer



June Anniversaries

June 10th Chuck & Kathy Lang

Class of 2024 Graduates

Addison Peak—Mogadore High School; will attend Mount Union University.

Ronnie Skye—Maplewood Career Center; has a job in the machine industry.

Cooper Westfall—Hoover High School; attending Barber College to become a barber.

Noah Whetstone—University of Akron (12/2023) with a Bachelor's in Music Education.

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.

FAREWELL & WELCOME – a Time of transition

Reflections from Russ Hull, S.P.R.C co-chair

Farewell

As Reverend Pam leaves to lead another congregation, we offer her and her family our prayers, our hopes, and the desire that they find a world of love and multiple blessings as they move into the next stage of their lives.

We will be eternally grateful to her for her Christ-filled messages; her desire to re-awaken in us the will to reach out to "serve the least of these;" and her significant insights into the Bible, Church history, and the love of the Triune God.

She provided us constant encouragement to emulate and follow the examples Jesus demonstrated during his earthly life as Immanuel. His attitudes, behaviors, and teachings regarding "sinners," the marginalized, and the laws that overlooked the love of God in favor of public piety. (The letter of the law, not the intent of the law.) All this performed against the backdrop of trust in and devotion to The Father.

Jesus = Perfect Love: sacrificial, forgiving, and uplifting.

Thank you, Lord, for sharing Reverend Pam with us!

Welcome

Our first worship experience with Pastor David Haydu will be Sunday July 7 at **11:00 A.M.**

He and his wife Julie bring a deep love of Jesus, a strong relationship with The Spirit, and the joy of living a Christ-centered life.

Although they won't be living in Mogadore, they are already somewhat familiar with the village and plan to establish strong relationships within the congregation as well as reaching out into the community.

The position is half time, but the service of God is full time. He will provide weekly worship experiences and the personal care we require, but we need to recognize that serving two congregations includes some major scheduling challenges. For now, we plan to worship at 11 in order to provide ample time to interact with people in both congregations before and after each service. If the time creates significant complications, we will re-visit it as necessary.

We ask his patience with us and our patience with him as we get to know each other better while sharing the joy of serving our Risen Savior.

Let's pray for Pastor Dave, his wife Julie, their family, and the people of Park United Methodist Church, who will be our new sister-church.

Thank you, Lord, for bringing Pastor Dave to lead us into a new era of service to you!

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.

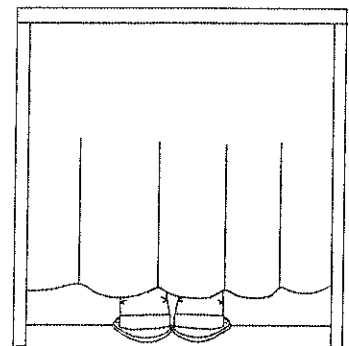
United Women in Faith will not have a general meeting this month.

June 12th: Rebecca Circle will meet at the home of Fran McClary and continue their study from "The 5-Minute Bible Study for Women."

June 17th: Naomi Circle—We will visit our Naomi sister, Karen Mullet, at Sunrise Senior Living. Meet at the church to carpool at 6:00 PM.

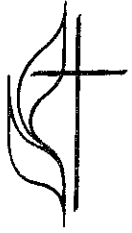
Spread the Word...

The Portage County Board of Elections are in need of poll workers for the November 5, 2024 Presidential Election. Prospects are required to work all day on Election Day, from before the polls open at 6:30 AM until after the polls close at 7:30 PM. In addition, they are required to attend a training session before each election. Poll workers must be residents of the county and a registered voter. They are paid \$130 for Election Day and \$20 for attending the training class. Interested candidates can go to www.ohiosos.gov/elections/poll-workers/ to learn more or apply.



June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:30 AM Worship Graduate Recognition	3	4	5 10:30 AM Bible Study	6	7	8
9 10:30 AM Worship	10	11	12 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Rebecca Circle 6 PM Girl Scouts	13 Annual Conference John S. Knight Ctr.	14 Annual Conference	15 Annual Conference
16 Father's Day 10:30 AM Worship Laity-led Service	17 6 PM Naomi Circle	18	19 10:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Portage Patchers	20	21 7:30 AM Open M Meet at church to carpool	22
23 10:30 AM Worship Holy Communion Rev. Pam's Farewell Luncheon	24 July Newsletter Deadline	25	26 10:30 AM Bible Study 6 PM Girl Scouts	27	28	29
30 10:30 AM Worship Guest Preacher, Antonio Jackson						



Church Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Pamela Buzalka

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Pastor's Cell: (216) 704-0307

Custodian: David Smith

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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