



The Messenger

**Mogadore United
Methodist Church**

**December 2024
&
January 2025**

GO TELL IT ON YOUR STREET

Who knows if Jesus was born on December 25. We do know that it's another good opportunity to discuss spiritual matters. Gift-giving is connected to Christmas because Jesus is the greatest gift of all. Buy an evergreen to remember eternal life and put on some lights as Jesus is the light of the world.

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Pastor Dave

HAPPY "KNOW" YEAR

Many people understand hope as wishful thinking, as in "I hope something will happen." The biblical definition of hope is "confident expectation." Hope is a firm assurance regarding things that are unclear and unknown and Christ's second advent is the basis for us to purify ourselves in this life. It's God's will for us.

We're in this together,

Pastor Dave

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)
May Offerings	7,083.40	
May Disbursements	13,119.01	(-6,035.61)
June Offerings	10,097.28	
June Disbursements	10,846.93	(-749.65)
July Offerings	7,753.53	
July Disbursements	9,181.78	(-1,428.25)
August Offerings	11,842.42	
August Disbursements	7,400.11	4,442.31
September Offerings	40,289.37	
September Disbursements	6,367.59	33,921.78
October Offerings	11,504.23	
October Disbursements	10,319.32	1,184.91
November Offerings	7,525.24	
November Disbursements	12,424.36	(-4,899.12)
Ending Balance as of November 30, 2024		39,793.10

Our November offerings of \$7,525.24 were a little below normal, and our November disbursements of \$12,424.36 were well above normal due to semi-yearly insurance premium, and some electrical updates and elevator repair. 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

December Birthdays

December 1st	Doug Benjamin
December 2nd	Phyllis Watson
December 3rd	Rylee Rinehart
December 6th	Nicole Thomas
December 7th	Tamara Calderwood
December 8th	Sue Vargo
December 11th	Carrie Stefan
December 14th	Lynn Shaffer
December 16th	Emily Hill
December 16th	Lisa Seibel
December 20th	Adam Bonvenuto
December 22nd	Amorette Kluth
December 24th	Cheryl Spade
December 24th	Alexis Kramer
December 29th	Elijah Rinehart
December 29th	Tanner Hill

January Birthdays

January 12th	Carmen Kluth
January 19th	Jan Ramsey
January 21st	Lynn Straight
January 21st	Ariana Crockett
January 22nd	Nancy Roepke
January 24th	Kathy Cullison
January 26th	Joshua Soles
January 31st	Finn Gaadt
January 31st	Michelle Straight
January 31st	Karen Mullet

*December Anniversaries*

December 17th	Caleb & Marie Lipocky
December 29th	Eric & Carmen Kluth

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH & CIRCLES

When you hear the phrase “better together”, what does it mean to you? For United Women of Faith, it means that we do not walk through this life alone. Friends journey with us through the good times and the bad. We laugh together, cry together, and most importantly, pray together. On Friday, December 6th we will come together in Fellowship Hall to celebrate Christmas at our annual holiday gathering, *Better Together*. All women are invited to attend.

Thank you to all who supported our pumpkin bread sale last month. We raised \$251.00 for missions.

Naomi Circle will be enjoying dinner this month on Dec. 16th at 6:00 p.m. at San Marino Italian Restaurant.

Rebecca Circle will meet on Dec. 11th at 1:00 p.m. for lunch at Olive Garden Italian Restaurant. Buon Appetito, ladies!

Peace and Blessings to all at Christmas and in the New Year!

MUMC in Mission: Sharing Christ's Love

Thanks to Ethan Wilson for his lively and informative message regarding HOPE LANDING and its ministry to the homeless in East Akron. Please pray for them and the success of their ministry.

Holiday drive for Open M: Thanks to all who helped with the successful drive to get 200 rolls of paper towels for Christmas baskets.

Mountain of Food Friday Dec. 20: Carpool from church at 7:30 AM. We usually spend about 4 hours helping separate, pack, and load food for the clients. There are enough tasks to handle every physical ability level. Jobs range from extremely light and easy to rather intense lifting. The January date for the event will be **Jan. 17**.

Adopt-a-family for Christmas: Each year we provide Christmas gifts and groceries for needy families affiliated with Mogadore Schools. Once again, we will be making cash donations to the school and the staff will take care of purchase, wrapping, and distribution of gifts. We have assured them that we can provide funding for **at least 25** gifts for needy students, but we have traditionally provided much more. The typical gift will average about \$25; therefore, we will need about \$600. We need everyone's help in order to reach the goal. Ideally, each person who comes to church could give \$30. Realistically, that isn't possible. Some can only afford a few dollars; others could sponsor 3-6 gifts.

PLEASE prayerfully consider how much you will be able to give, and then donate accordingly. Believe it or not, one donation can change a person's lifelong perspective. If you want to help in this way, you can send a monetary donation to church. Monetary donations should be in addition to your usual pledge and have the memo line specify **Adopt-a-family** to ensure its proper distribution.

If you choose this option, you may **send your donations as soon as you are ready.** (The earlier the better so that shoppers have ample opportunity to make selections before stock runs out.) If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call Russ at (330) 628-1552.

The Mitten Tree will be in the church from Dec 1. until Jan 5 to collect hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and socks for distribution to needy children in the Mogadore schools and through *Ellet Good Neighbors*.

Ministry plans for 2025: If you have any ideas for new outreach ministry you would like to see us pursue, or think we might want to consider changing the scope and focus of what we are already doing, please contact Pastor Dave or Russ Hull. We'd love to hear your thoughts.

Thanks to all of you for your prayerful support of these important ministries.

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Holy Com- munion	9	10	11 Rebecca Cir- cle will meet @ 1 PM @ Olive Garden	12	13	14
15	16 Naomi Circle will meet @ 6 PM @ San Marino Ital- ian Restau- rant	17	18 Quilt Guild will meet	19	20 Open M Meet at church to carpool @ 7:30 AM	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve candlelit service @ 7:30 PM	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26	27	28
29	30	31	1 New Year's Day Office Closed			

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Bible Study @ 10 AM	8 Rebecca Circle will meet @ Michele Acord's home	9	10	11
12	13	14 Bible Study @ 10 AM Executive board meeting @ 11 AM	15	16	17 Open M Meet at church to carpool @ 7:30 AM	18
19	20 Naomi Circle will meet @ Carol Groh's home	21 Bible Study @ 10 AM	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Bible study @ 10 AM	29	30	31	



Church Staff:

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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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