



The Messenger

Mogadore United
Methodist Church

January 2026

Dear Mogadore Family,

Psalm 86:11 says, "Teach me Your way, Lord, that I may rely on Your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name."

This awesome prayer acknowledges that our hearts can be broken by worldly distractions. By asking for an "undivided heart," we seek a singular focus on God's truth. When our inner lives are undivided, we stop wavering and begin to walk in the steady confidence of His faithfulness, honoring His name with every single heartbeat.

Teach me Your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name."

Let's make this our LIFE resolution!

Sincerely,

Pastor Dave



Treasurer's Report

Balance in General Fund as of January 1, 2025		44,383.29
January Offerings	13,351.88	
January Disbursements	8,400.83	4,951.05
February Offerings	8,939.91	
February Disbursements	8,601.69	338.22
March Offerings	13,058.58	
March Disbursements	8,824.94	4,233.64
April Offerings	14,472.93	
April Disbursements	7,567.39	6,905.54
May Offerings	7,469.17	
May Disbursements	10,034.05	(-2,564.91)
June Offerings	9,393.07	
June Disbursements	10,503.98	(-1,110.91)
July Offerings	8,036.24	
July Disbursements	7,167.47	868.77
August Offerings	10,672.48	
August Disbursements	7,257.19	3,415.29
September Offerings	7,086.52	
September Disbursements	7,727.40	(640.88)
October Offerings	8,486.26	
October Disbursements	9,051.21	(-564.95)
November Offerings	11,019.80	
November Disbursements	13,037.09	(-2,017.29)
Ending Balance November 30, 2025		58,196.86

Our November offerings of \$11,019.80 were a little above normal for the month, and our November disbursements of \$13,037.09 were well above normal. The disbursements did include our semi-annual church insurance, as well as some donations from our outreach 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 service, offerings can be mailed to the church, or to my home address of 13523 Iris Ave. NW, Mogadore, OH 44260.

- Barry

January Birthdays

January 19	Jan Ramsey
January 21	Lynn Straight, Ariana Crockett
January 24	Kathy Cullison
January 26	Josh Soles
January 31	Karen Mullet, Michele Straight



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United Women of Faith and Circles

United Women of Faith, all over the world including Mogadore, will be starting the year with the new theme of "Map Our Way Forward." Our first meeting of the year will be our **Pledge Service**, led by Kathy Lang, and that will be on January 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The UWF pledge service for 2026 is a transformative event that encourages members to reflect on their financial support for women, children, and youth through their Pledge to Mission. And yes, there will be a map to explore. Devotions will be led by Barb Skye, but we still need a hostess for this meeting if anyone would like to volunteer!

Naomi Circle will meet at the home of Carol Groh on January 19th at 6 p.m.

Rebecca Circle will enjoy a salad luncheon on January 14th at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Deep Appreciation to everyone who helped brighten someone else's holidays!

Thanks to all who decorated the angel trees, the sanctuary, and fellowship hall. To everyone who helped with the Advent pot-luck dinner. To the folks who provided 200 boxes of facial tissue for the Open M holiday basket drive. To those of you who provided over 100 articles of winter-warmth (mittens, etc.) for Somers Elementary School students. To those who led the weekly advent-candle lighting. To the ushers, greeters, and media technicians. To our gifted musicians and singers. To the prayer warriors who lifted their hearts to the Lord on behalf of others. To everyone who contributed to our \$1,250 donation toward the school's Christmas gift/food drive. Especially to the dedicated volunteers who spent time at Haven of Rest, Open M, or visiting the sick and shut in. **Your loving outreach is an inspiration and blessing to us all. May the Lord bless you and keep you throughout 2026!**

Ten Bible Verses for the New Year to Encourage Your Faith!

1. The steadfast Love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23
2. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17
3. But one thing I do; forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal... Philippians 3:13-14
4. Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. Proverbs 16:3
5. Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing... Isaiah 43:18-19
6. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind... Romans 12: 1-2
7. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. Colossians 3:2
8. So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12
9. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all... James 1:5
10. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Matthew 6:33



How About Some Biblical New Year's Resolutions?



Meditate

When we read the Bible, our spirits are saturated with the truths of God . Meditating on God's word show us how to live and where to keep our focus. The world seems constantly in turmoil, but God does not change. Meditating on scripture helps us turn off the daily distractions so that we can discern the will of God in our daily lives and make good decisions. Get in the habit of having daily devotions!

Attend Church Regularly

Many Christians feel they don't need to attend church to worship God. But one of the purposes of the church is to fellowship with othe believers and encourage one another. We are stronger together, and we were meant to live as a community and not in isolation. In church, we can share each other's burdens, pray for each other, and celebrate the good times! Say no to Satan when he says "stay home from church!"

Be Transformed

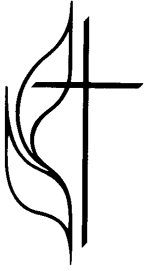
As humans, we long to belong somewhere, so it is easy to blend in with a group. When we are conformed to the world, we become like those around us, but we should not be conformed to the world's standards. We are transformed daily by the renewing of our minds, which requires meditation on the Word. Try a Bible Study!

Seek Wisdom

Wisdom is more than knowledge. There are plenty of people walking around with multiple college degrees, yet they do things that aren't very wise! How do you get wisdom? You get it from God—He gives freely to anyone who asks! King Solomon could have asked God for anything, yet he asked for wisdom, which led him to be one of the richest and most powerful kings in history! Need more resolutions - try **Pursuing Holiness, Forgiving Freely, and Being Without Offense!**

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy New Year! Church Office will be closed	2	3 Quilting
4 Sunday School, 10 AM Choir Practice, 10-10:45 Holy Communion	5 Exercise Class @ 10 AM	6	7 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Bible study @ 10:45-12PM	8 Fred's Discus- sion Group, 10 AM	9	10
11 Adult Sunday School 10 AM Choir Practice 10 - 10:45	12 Exercise Class @ 10 AM	13	14 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Bible study @ 10:45-12:PM Quilting Rebecca Cir.	15 Fred's Discus- sion Group, 10 AM	16	17
18 Adult Sunday School 10 AM Choir Practice 10 - 10:45	19 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Naomi Circle, 6 pm, Carol G. Newsletter Deadline	20	21 NO EXER- CISE CLASS Bible study @ 10:45-12:PM Quilting	22 Fred's Discus- sion Group, 10 AM	23	24
25 Adult Sunday School 10 AM Choir Practice 10-10:45	26 Exercise Class @ 10 AM	27 UWF Pledge Service, 6:30 Fellowship Hall	28 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Bible study @ 10:45-12:PM Quilting Girl Scouts, 6	29 Fred's Discus- sion Group, 10 AM	30	31



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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