



The Messenger

Mogadore United
Methodist Church

April 2026



A beautiful meal. A beautiful Savior.

What comes to mind when you think about Easter? Honey-glazed ham or a roasted leg of lamb with garlic and rosemary? Scalloped potatoes, baby carrots, buttery dinner rolls? Steamed asparagus with a squeeze of lemon and shaved parmesan? Yes! **But FIRST, thanks be to God who promised light will ALWAYS overcome the dark.**

Sincerely,

Pastor Dave

Treasurer's Report



Balance in General Fund as of January 1, 2026		\$54,724.95
January Offerings	\$11,257.12	
January Disbursements	\$9,678.58	\$1,578.54
February Offerings	\$12,092.49	
February Disbursements	\$8,012.45	\$4,080.04
Ending Balance February 28, 2026		\$60,383.53

The February offerings of \$12,092.40 were surprisingly high considering the lower attendance due to the poor weather conditions. The February disbursements of \$8,012.45 were about normal for the cold weather conditions we experienced. 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

Are You Spring Cleaning?

If you are cleaning out closets, drawers, garages, basements, etc. please know that you can bring those things to church that you no longer need and Russ Riggin will take them to the **Kenmore Free Store** on Tuesdays! Your unwanted items may help those who are in need! Thank you in advance!!

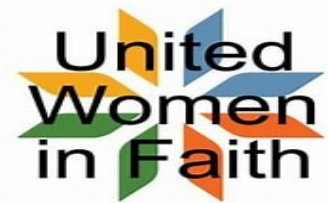


April Birthdays

April 1	Fran McClary, Abigail Shultz
April 8	Gabe McInturff
April 10	Leslie Crockett
April 12	Hailey Straight
April 16	William Grubb
April 17	Abbey Straight
April 18	Bette Sawicki
April 22	Crystal Lansinger
April 24	Abby Rick
April 25	Aiden Roman
April 28	Julie Lasky
April 29	Debbie Grubb
April 30	Greenlee Lange

April Anniversaries

April 6 Dave & Kathy Cullison



United Women in Faith News

Our meeting on April 28th will be a work night. We need to **plan** for our May treat distribution to shut –ins and take a good look at the kitchen for cleaning and donation or disposal of unused items. Work sessions will then be scheduled! Everyone's participation is essential for our projects to succeed. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lynn Straight will provide devotions, and Lynn and Barb Skye are our hostesses.

United Women in Faith Sunday will be April 26th. Each year, this service is held to focus on and celebrate the work that is done by UW Faith, women who are driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. Providing the message will be our guest speaker, Julie Carneal, CEO of Open M.

Naomi Circle will meet on April 20th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Kathy Lang will serve as hostess.

Rebecca Circle will meet April 8th at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Fran McClary.



Hallelujah!

He is Risen!

Hallelujah! He is Risen!
Hallelujah for the Son!
Hallelujah He died and rose again
Praise God new life's begun.

Hallelujah for the father
Hallelujah for the son
Hallelujah our home's in heaven
Praise Him three in one.

He's the One and Only Father
Of the One and Only Son
He's the Spirit deep within me
And I'm singing a new song.

Hallelujah He conquered death
Hallelujah He conquered hell
Hallelujah I am born again
Praise the Father of us all.

By Patricia Adderley

The Legend of the Dogwood Tree

When Christ was on earth, the dogwood grew
To a towering size with a lovely hue.
Its branches were strong and interwoven
And for Christ's cross its timbers were chosen.

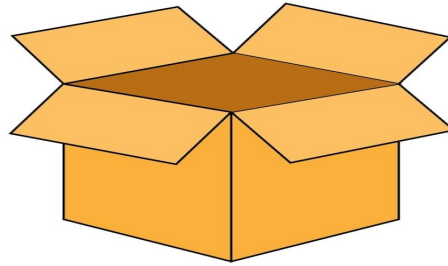
Being distressed at the use of the wood
Christ made a promise which still holds good:
"Not ever again shall the dogwood grow
To be large enough for a tree", and so.

Slender and twisted it shall always be
With cross-shaped blossoms for all to see.
The petals shall have bloodstains marked brown
And in the blossom's center a thorny crown.

"All who see it will think of Me,
Nailed to a cross from a dogwood tree.
Protected and cherished this tree shall be
A reflection to all of My agony."



The Fault Box



Have you heard this story? It's a good one! A couple that had been married for 15 years began having more than usual disagreements. They wanted to make their marriage work and agreed on an idea the wife had. For one month they planned to drop a slip in a "Fault Box." The box would provide a place to let the other know about daily irritations.

The wife was diligent in her efforts and approach. She wrote on the slips for her husband: leaving the jelly top off of the jar, wet towels on the shower floor, dirty socks not in the hamper, on and on until the end of the month.

After dinner, at the end of the month, they exchanged boxes. The husband read the slips his wife had written about how he irritated her, and he reflected on what he had done wrong. Then the wife opened the box of slips that her husband had written about how she had irritated him. They were all the same. The message on each slip was..."I love you!"

So what is the spiritual meaning of this story? It reminds us of the profound truth that even in the midst of disagreements and daily irritations, the foundation of any enduring relationship is rooted in the unconditional love that binds two souls together. It invites us to reflect on the transformative power of love as a guiding force in navigating the complexities of marriage and fostering deeper connections with our partners.

In the sacred journey of marriage, every disagreement, every irritation, serves as an opportunity for growth, healing, and spiritual transformation. By embracing the power of love, communication, and forgiveness, we honor the sacred covenant of marriage and create a space for deeper connection, intimacy, and harmony to flourish.

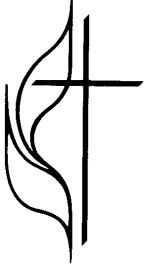
Ask God today to help you remember that at the heart of it all, love is the guiding light that illuminates our path and brings us closer to the divine essence within ourselves and our partners.

Have you ever heard that when the best artists make mistakes, they don't erase them or start over? They incorporate those mistakes into their artwork and make them beautiful. You probably would like to do the same—take your regrets and mistakes and transgressions and paint them into something special. Yes, the world is chaotic and things may seem to happen for no reason at all. But maybe all the mishaps and messes have microscopic kernels of beauty to be found in them, if only we choose to look at them. We might not believe that everyone can “choose happiness,” but we all can choose love, self compassion, and growth. However difficult it may be, with every mistake comes a choice. We can choose to seek the beauty and potential in our mistakes. We can make this choice the moment the mistake is made or years afterwards. In any case, we shouldn't rip up the canvas or erase the past because of one bad choice, or a bit of bad luck, or even years of mistakes. It would be very difficult to create a canvas so riddled with mistakes that it may be deemed worthless or irredeemable. Whether mistakes happen for a reason or not, **they will happen**. We will never be ready for them and they may unsettle our lives. They may be so big that the entire picture forming on the canvas will be forever changed. More mistakes may follow, and the canvas of our lives may be unrecognizable. But we can stop looking at mistakes like they are something to be erased, or forgotten, or even fixed. The truth is mistakes don't control or change lives. **WE DO!** Ask God to help you use **His great power** to help you turn the mistakes of your life into a masterpiece. After all, **HE** is the master designer!!



April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Bible study @ 10:45-12PM	2 Fred's Discussion Group, @ 10 AM Maundy Thurs. Service, 7 PM	3 Good Friday Service, 7 PM	4
5 Happy Easter No Communion Breakfast, 9:15 Sunday School, 10 AM Choir Practice, 10-10:45 AM	6 Exercise Class @ 10 AM	7	8 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Bible study @ 10:45-12PM Quilting Rebecca, Circle	9 Fred's Discussion Group, @ 10 AM	10	11
12 Adult Sunday School 10 AM Choir Practice 10 - 10:45 AM	13 Exercise Class @ 10 AM	14	15 NO EXERCISE CLASS Bible study @ 10:45-12:PM Quilting Guild	16 Fred's Discussion Group, @ 10 AM	17 MTN, 7:30	18
19 Adult Sunday School 10 AM Choir Practice 10 - 10:45 AM	20 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Naomi Circle NL Deadline	21	22 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Bible study @ 10:45-12:PM	23 Fred's Discussion Group, @ 10 AM	24	25 Post Resurrection Men's Breakfast, 9 AM
26 UWF Sunday Adult Sunday School 10 AM Choir Practice 10 - 10:45 AM	27 Exercise Class @ 10 AM	28 UWF Work Night, 6:30 Fellowship Hall	29 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Bible study @ 10:45-12:PM	30 Fred's Discussion Group, @ 10 AM		



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 Worship Leaders

Church Staff:

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Church: (330) 628-1232

Accompanist: Susan Riffin

Choir Director: Noah Whetstone

Custodian: David Smith

April 5

Dave Cullison

April 12

Russ Hull

April 19

Barry Rudy

April 26

UWF Sunday



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