



The Messenger

Mogadore United
Methodist Church

July 2026



Enduring Truth

Throughout history God has revealed Himself through people who walked by faith, even in the founding of America on July 4, 1776. Our challenge is to stay close to Jesus. Jesus is Lord and His truth sets us free. Let's keep to the unchanging standard of the Lord. Here's to keeping His message alive!

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
March Offerings	\$9,166.55	
March Disbursements	\$8,751.88	\$414.67
April Offerings	\$7,277.80	
April Disbursements	\$7,818.43	(-540.63)
May Offerings	\$9,067.99	
May Disbursements	\$11,426.86	(-2,358.87)
Ending Balance April 30, 2026		\$57,898.70

The May offerings of \$9,067.99 were a little below normal for a five Sunday month, and the May disbursements of \$11,426.86 were well above normal due to our semi-yearly insurance premium of \$3,775.00 and our outreach donation of \$1,000 to the Park U.M. Church for the Zimbabwe project. 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

Save The Date—July 12th

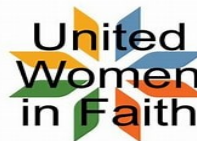
After the Sunday service, we will be making Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches down in the Fellowship Hall for the Kenmore Free Store to hand out to the community during their Tuesday and Saturday openings. We will make 300 sandwiches, so we need your help!! Thank you in advance!

July 1 Addison Peak
 July 5 Keane Crockett
 July 8 Betty Gallo
 July 19 Samantha Hambright
 July 24 Kristina Shultz
 July 25 Dale McInturff



July 10 Dan & Vicki Crawford,
 Barry & Cheryl Rudy
 July 11 Russ & Susan Riggin
 July 16 Dale & Cheryl McInturff

United Women in Faith and Circles



Hi, ladies. Hope you are all enjoying the beautiful summer weather!

There is no general meeting this month. Mission u will be held at Mt. Union July 17-18.

Naomi Circle is taking a break this month.

Rebecca Circle will be travelling to Berlin Reservoir for a picnic at Brenda Morris's at 1:00 p.m. on July 8th.

Looking ahead, next month is our annual picnic at Wingfoot Lake Park. Mark your calendars for August 25th at 5:30 p.m.

United Methodist Conference Summary — 2026

By Michele Acord

Greetings from Bishop Hee-Soo Jung and the 398 churches of our 57th Annual Conference. The theme this year was Abundant Grace from the Gospel of Matthew 14:13-21.

Over our days in session, we had 32 speakers. Each day began with worship, and our presenters were from very diverse backgrounds: a Lakota American Indian to guest speakers from Korea and the Philippines. Since our theme was Abundant Grace, the sermons leaned in on not what you don't have, but what you have, and how to trust that through God it will be more than enough (i.e. Mark 6:32-44 and the loaves and fishes) We need to place trust over fear, covenant over isolation, and abundance over scarcity.

During the **evening sessions**, there was one new ordination and an emphasis on the ministry of laity being recognized by the church. Global ministry commissioned two pastors to serve Kenya and Cambodia. We also commissioned deacons, deaconesses, and home missionaries, as well.

The **afternoon sessions** started with a new initiative. It was developed in response to the bishops urging the development of 100 new faith communities by 2030. The initiative is called the 5 Pillars. It includes building relationships, shared mission, discipleship, multiplication and emerging leaders.

Basically, this is **developing someone's dream** (i.e. bilingual church service—could be ASL), coffee shop, greenhouse, kids' night out, paws/pray, free store, distributing meals, groceries, service the neurodivergent population (autistic, Alzheimer's, dyslexic, hearing impaired, & physically disabled). Sometimes as laity, we serve our people by doing these things and building community. We don't see it as needing credit for addressing needs, but we need to share some of these ideas both failures and successes.

Business Session/Reports from the Advance Programs

These are programs or missions through MUMC that donors can designate fund giving. We have over 50 advances in our district; i.e.

M, Nehemiah Mission, Heart 4 the City, Ohio Guidestone, Flat Rock, Westside Community House, as well as Ohio disaster response, immigration ministries, youth service fund, Ohio Episcopal Area Camps, Ohio disability collaborative, UMCOR, farmer to farmer in Liberia, Zimbabwe Africa University, Native American ministries, and Nomads missionary service to name a few.

***Camp Ministry Celebrating 80 years!**

New Leadership and focusing on building relationships and sustaining long term facilities like Aldersgate, Wanake, and Asbury. They are budgeted \$130,000 this year for infrastructure updates but asked for and receive motion for a major financial campaign in support of the camp ministry.

***Special recognition** for the 70-year anniversary of Women in the Ministry Role, 4 awards were given to outstanding women.

Finance

Fundamentally more supportive and strengthening of the local church.

- Reduce apportionments
- No increase in 2027 budget
- Reduce pension obligations
- Pastor compensation raises by 3%
- Healthcare increase by 3%
- Distribution of apportionments 1.4 million goes to connectional ministries like the previous Advance programs
- Offering 4—\$3,500 grants through your district super

Disaffiliation Funds

- Interest rate 3.63% on investments
- These funds will be available to use after the criteria is developed by the end of this year.

Must go through the district superintendent for these funds.

Trustee Report

Sales of two churches: Rogers UMC \$80,000; University Circle UMC #1.2 million. Sadly, five churches are closing in 2026: Elyria Zion, Lewisville, Redeemer North Hill, University Circle, and Windham UMC (three from Northern Waters).

10 Resolutions

- All approved except one that sanctioned Palestine
- Most have to do with peace and justice, equal rights, disapproving of cruel treatment of asylum seekers, incompatible teaching/voicing against Jesus' teaching, disability support, & help for substance abuse.
- Support FAML—giving local pastors a vote on church constitutional matters.

****A special thanks to Barry Rudy for providing that “beyond delicious” strawberry cream cake that you shared with our congregation on Father’s Day! We appreciate you always thinking of others!**



Mogadore United Methodist Church Reaching Out!

Mid-year seems to be a good time to reflect upon our ministry and mission, and to remind ourselves that though we may be few, we are still making significant contributions to God's kingdom work. Our congregation reaches out to others in many diverse ways; hospitality, volunteerism, financial support, visitation, encouragement, and prayer.

Our hospitality includes a variety of weekly, twice-weekly, monthly, and annual events. AA meetings, Girl-Scout meetings, the Quilter's Guild, and exercise group, popsicles for the Memorial Day Parade, football playoff dinners, joint pot-luck meals with Park UMC, and the annual Music Booster's pancake breakfast, plus occasional special events.

Our congregants volunteer at Open M, Haven of Rest, the Kenmore Free Store, and the Socially Responsible Seat Shop in Kent (ask Frank!)

We provide financial support to OPEN M, OPEN M Christmas in July projects, Hope Landing, Heifer International, Flat Rock Home, United Methodist Committee on Relief, Crop Walk, Ellet Good Neighbors, Park UMC Missions, Kenmore Free Store by making PB & J sandwiches, Mogadore Music Boosters, drop-in requests for help with food, gas, and utility bills, plus two annual Christmas Drives;: Mogadore Schools *Adopt A Family*, and Open M's *For the Love of Children* and *Food Basket Drive*.

Many of you visit and provide food for our shut-ins, hospitalized friends, or folks needing encouragement, PLUS Pastor Dave & Scott Romero's weekly visitation routine. Cards, notes, and phone calls round out the personal touches from this loving church family, AND, of course, our ever-faithful Prayer Warriors.

Because these are challenging times of transition in the United Methodist Church, let's remember the Bishop, the Cabinet, and everyone involved in changes of pastoral appointments.

We might also want to offer prayers of gratitude for reaching 250 years as a nation, and pray for discernment as we try to move closer to reaching the ideals of a more perfect union, keeping in mind Christ's example of what loving our neighbor means.

In heartfelt appreciation of who you are and all you do, a huge thanks!

- Russ Hull

July 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	3	4 Happy 250th Birthday, America!!
5 Holy Communion	6 Exercise Class @ 10 AM	7	8 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Bible study @ 10:45-12PM	9 Fred's Discussion Group, @ 10 AM	10	11
12 PB & J sandwich making after church!	13 Exercise Class @ 10 AM	14	15 NO EXERISE CLASS Bible study @ 10:45-12:PM Quilt Guild	16 Fred's Discussion Group, @ 10 AM	17 MTN FOOD, 7:30	18
19	20 Exercise Class @ 10 AM	21	22 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Bible study @ 10:45-12:PM	23 Fred's Discussion Group, @ 10 AM	24	25
26	27 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Newsletter Deadliine	238	29 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Bible study @ 10:45-12:PM	30 Fred's Discussion Group, @ 10 AM	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.

July Worship Leaders

July 5 **Barry Rudy**
July 12 **Kathy Lang**
July 19 **Russ Hull**
July 26 **Barry Rudy**

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Pastor: David Haydu

Pastor's Cell: (330) 807-2243

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Church: (330) 628-1232

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Custodian: David Smith



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