



The Messenger

**Mogadore United
Methodist Church**

October 2026

To be continued.

October 15 marks the end of our Prayer Challenge. Let's do it again! A second reading will free us to absorb deeper truths and spiritual nuances we might have missed. God is slowly doing something great within us. Be convinced...round two will have an amazing impact on us and the ones we love!

Sincerely,

Pastor Dave



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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)
June Offerings	\$8,460.64	
June Disbursements	\$7,866.55	\$594.09
July Offerings	\$8,356.69	
July Disbursements	\$9,945.59	\$ (-1,588.90)
August Offerings	\$11,384.12	
August Disbursements	\$7,898.61	\$3,485.51
Ending Balance August 31, 2026		\$60,389.40

Thanks to a five Sunday month, our August offerings of \$11,384.12 were a little above normal, and our August disbursements of \$7,898.61 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

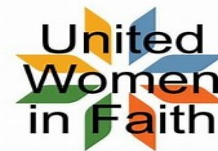


Oct. 6 Lucas Soles
 Oct. 8 Kathryn Roepke
 Oct. 10 Don Whitmer
 Oct. 13 Joe Smith
 Oct. 16 Seth Seibel
 Oct. 23 Cheryl Rudy
 Oct. 28 Wesley Peak
 Oct. 29 Joyce Starkey
 Oct. 30 Zoey Straight



Oct. 9 Tony & Lisa Seibel
 Oct. 26 George & Sue Thomas
 Oct. 28 John & Bette Sawicki

United Women in Faith and Circles



The Mogadore UWFaith will meet on Oct. 27th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Naomi Circle will provide our program. Devotions will be by Kelly Rick and Carol Groh and Kelly will provide refreshments.

The East Ohio Conference UWFaith Annual Celebration will take place on Oct. 24th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Otterbein UMC in New Philadelphia. Katie Peterson will discuss the Mission Barn and its work.

We are selling **soup** again! Quarts of assorted soups will be available for \$8 before and after church on Sunday, October 18th.

Save the date: UWFaith's annual holiday gathering will be held Sunday, December 6th. This year, we'll try something new: a luncheon immediately after church with the theme "Golden Moments."

Naomi Circle will meet on Oct. 19th at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Bette Sawicki.

Rebecca Circle will meet on Oct. 14th at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Joyce Hull.

**As we begin the month of October,
here are some thoughts:**



“As the leaves fall, so do the illusions that bind us to the material world.”

The falling leaves of autumn remind us that much of what we cling to is fleeting. Just as the trees shed their leaves, we must release the illusions of materialism and ego. True freedom lies in recognizing the impermanence of worldly attachments and turning toward spiritual truths that offer lasting fulfillment.



“In the quiet of autumn, God's presence is felt not in grandeur, but in stillness.”

Fall's calm and slowing down invites us to experience the divine in stillness. It teaches that God's presence isn't always found in extraordinary events but often in the quiet moments of reflection, where peace and clarity emerge from within.



“The beauty of autumn lies in its surrender, teaching the soul the grace of letting go.”

Autumn's fading beauty is a reminder that there is grace in surrendering what no longer serves us. It's in this letting go that we make room for new growth and possibilities, aligning ourselves with life's cycles of transformation and renewal.

"The wind of autumn carries whispers of eternity, reminding us that change leads us home."

As the winds blow in the fall, they remind us of life's constant movement and change. Yet, in this change, there is a deeper truth: each transition, each ending, ultimately leads us closer to our true spiritual home, where the soul finds rest in eternity.



"The soul finds peace in autumn's balance, where light and dark dance in perfect harmony."

Fall symbolizes a balance between light and dark, day and night, life and death. This balance is a reflection of our inner journey, where peace is found by embracing both the joys and challenges of life, recognizing that both are necessary for growth.



"Autumn teaches that even in loss, there is beauty, and in surrender, there is strength."

The loss of leaves in autumn may seem like death, but the season shows us there is beauty in the process of letting go. Spiritually, we learn that surrendering control or attachments is not weakness but a path to deeper strength and renewal.

October Outreach Focus

-by the Outreach Team

Our monthly Mission focus begins with **Church World Services. CWS** was born in the wake of the devastation of World War II. Seventeen Christian denominations came together “to do in partnership what none of us could hope to do as well alone.”

In its early days the CWS family mobilized more than 11 million pounds of food, clothing, and medical supplies for war-torn Europe and Asia. In the United States, they began to welcome refugees who were looking to start new lives in safety, resettling more than 100,000 refugees in the first 10 years.

Over the decades, the specifics of their programs have shifted and evolved, and their family have grown. But the foundation of collaboration and welcome has remained unshakable. CWS proudly serves as the toolbox that neighbors near and far use to build healthy, dignified, and safe lives.

Their Core Values are Justice, Hope, Belonging, Collaboration, and Integrity.

Their 2025 accomplishments include assisting over 1/4 million people at home and throughout the globe, providing food rations; shelter, water and sanitation services, blankets; and personal hygiene kits following humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters.

The Mogadore connection involves our church’s participation in the annual **CROP Walk**, designed to provide sustainable assistance around the world, while retaining 25% of the proceeds to assist local food security initiatives. **Our congregation has been among the leaders in the number of participants and funds raised for over 30 years!**

*** *You can help by walking with us on October 11, praying for the walkers, and making an extra donation with your usual Offering — specifying the amount to go to CROP.**

This month also includes **World Communion Sunday**, when every Christian Church around the world holds communion on the same day. This celebration is designed to remind us of Jesus' prayer for unity among believers.

As we celebrate our unity, let us also celebrate the Pastor and staff who help to provide the glue that binds us together in Christ's love; Pastor Dave, Susan Riffin, Noah Whetstone, and Dave Smith. We truly appreciate their selfless dedication and support.

Special events include **World Communion Sunday**, Oct. 4th, **Mountain of Food**, Friday, October 16th, **PB&J construction**, Sunday, Oct. 18th, and the **Mogadore Football playoff dinner** at a time yet to be determined.

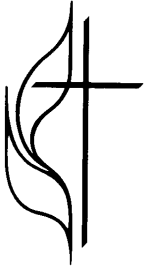


Our weekly prayers will focus on the world Christian community, CROP walkers and recipient communities, the pastoral family, and our hard-working staff. Let's continue to keep prayer as one of our top daily priorities!

Let's also offer thanksgiving and praise to our loving God for all the blessings we receive as we try to live out our mission of following the example of Christ, demonstrating His love and service through everything we do!

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Fred's Discussion Group @ 10 AM	2	3
4 World Communion Sunday Choir Practice 9:55 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM	5 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Young Men's Bible Study	6	7 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Bible study @ 10:45-12 PM	18 Fred's Discussion Group @ 10 AM	9	10
11 Choir Practice 9:55 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Crop Walk 1:00 PM	12 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Young Men's Bible Study	13	14 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Bible study @ 10:45-12:PM Rebecca, 1:00 Joyce Hull's	15 Fred's Discussion Group @ 10 AM	16 MTN FOOD, 7:30	17
18 Choir Practice 9:55 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM UWF Soup PB&J Sand.	19 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Young Men's Bible Study	20	21 NO EXERCISE CLASS! Bible study @ 10:45-12 PM Quilt Guild	22 Fred's Discussion Group @ 10 AM	23	24 UWF EOC Celebration 9:30—3:00 Otterbein UMC, New Philadelphia
25 Choir Practice 9:55 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM	26 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Young Men's Bible Study Newsletter Deadline	27 UWF Annual Celebration, 6:30 Fellowship Hall	28 Exercise Class @ 10 AM Bible study @ 10:45-12:PM Girl Scouts	29 Fred's Discussion 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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Custodian: David Smith

October Worship Leaders

Oct. 4 Dave Cullison

Oct. 11 Kathy Lang

Oct. 18 Barry Rudy

Oct. 25 Frank Kohout



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