

THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

OCTOBER 8, 2017

**“WELCOMING, LOVING, SERVING, WHERE GOD HAS NO LIMITS.
MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY!”**

October 8, thru October 15, 2017

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun	8:15 am	Chapel Worship
	9:00 am	Gathering Worship
	9:15 am	Choir Practice
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship
	10:30 am	JMM @ Brookdale South
	11:45 am	Chain Breaking Faith
	11:45 am	Caring Team
	1:00 pm	JMM @ Elmcroft
	3:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	3:00 pm	JMM @ Brookdale North Hymn Sing
Mon		
Tues	8:00 am	Men's Fellowship @ P.J. Marley's
	9:00 am	Women's Breakfast Group @ Eat-n-Park
	7:00 pm	Women's Book Group
Wed	10:30 am	Quilters
	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Practice
Thurs	6:30 pm	BASIC: Bible Educational Study Series
Fri		
Sat	10:30 am	Gathering Leadership Team Meeting
Sun	8:15 am	Chapel Worship
	9:00 am	Gathering Worship
	9:15 am	Choir Practice
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship
	11:45 am	Mission Team
	2:00 pm	JMM @ Medina Meadows
	4:30 pm	Youth Group

CHANGE JAR = STAPLES

Take one of our "Holiday Coin Jars" and set it on your kitchen table and offer change each day to remind you of the senior citizens among us. Jars are available in the East Room and will be collected on Sunday, November 19th. The change will provide meat and other "staples" for our Medina County Seniors, through Feeding Medina County.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

We are in need of Coffee Hour hosts for October, November and December. Please sign up in the East Room.

Worship Highlights: 8:15, 9:00 & 10:30 am

Scripture - Matthew 21:33-46

Guest Preacher - Rev. Joshua Baird

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given by Paul & Kelly DeSario in honor of their 21st wedding anniversary.

BASIC: EDUCATIONAL SERIES

It's part potluck, community improv, theater, and Bible study! This is an all church event... All are welcome! **Just bring a dish to share for dinner.**

Remaining series dates are Thursdays:
10/12, 10/19, and 11/2.

6:30-7 p.m. will be a potluck dinner
7-8 p.m. will be the Bible study

Childcare will be available. For more information, check www.uccmedina.org/basic

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES

The new directories are printed and ready to pick up! We have had quite a few changes, so please be sure to get your new copy. Also, for anyone visiting one of our homebound people, you may pick one up for them and take it when you visit them next.

Upcoming Youth Events:

***October 8** – Confirmation Class 3:00-4:30

***October 15** – Youth Group 4:30-6:00

***October 22** - All Church Hayride at Boyert's
5:30-9:00 pm

***October 29** – Possible Rake-n-Run
(Depending on leaves)

***November 5** – Youth Group 4:30 – 6:00 pm

CANDY BAR DONATIONS NEEDED!

The Evangelism Team is collecting fun size candy bars. We will pass out the candy bars during "Falloween" on the Square. Falloween is Trick-or-Treating at all the participating locations on and directly around the square for the little ones! Last year, we ran out way too early and missed passing out our treats (with the church name on it), for half the evening. This is why we need your help! There will be a pumpkin basket set up in the hallway near the kitchen for candy donations. The cutoff date for this is October 16th. Falloween is on October 21st.

HEALTHY COOKING DINNER

"Healthy Restaurant Dining" is the theme of our next Healthy Cooking Dinner. All are invited to attend on November 3rd at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Gary Quesada, owner of Main Street Café, is our speaker. Gary will tell us about his pursuit of healthy eating; for himself, his restaurant menu and his own adventures eating out. For our dinner, we'll each cook one recipe and then also enjoy more that others prepare. Recipes and sign up will be offered in the East Room on October 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Come join us!

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

There is now a sign up sheet in the choir room for all children who are trained to be acolytes. Please sign your child up for times that he or she would like to acolyte. Thank you!

GIFT CARDS

Believe it or not... the holidays will soon be upon us! **Plan ahead now** for holiday grocery shopping and gift giving! Place your Gift Card order soon. Please see the Yellow Retailer List on the table near Fellowship Hall or visit www.glscrip.com and click on the Retailer List on the left side to view or print your own list. Complete a Green Order Form, also available on the table near Fellowship Hall and return to Kelly or Stacie with payment.

Due date is, Monday, October 16th by 10 am

The next order will be on Monday, November 13th.



CROSSROADS UPDATE

We will begin to assemble our crossroads wall as soon as we collect a few more crosses. Mr. Carl Jessie has agreed to create our wooden signage which will be made from a piece of one of our original organ pipes.

Perhaps once you visually see what we are trying to accomplish, you will be able to obtain a suitable piece to add to our collage. If you are unable to locate a special cross, you may contribute funds that would be earmarked "UCC Crossroads" and the committee will search the antique shops or commission artisans to create a piece for the wall.

We need a large variety of crosses; big or small, wooden, ceramic, clay, wire, jeweled, lace, tapestry, woven, floral, carved, mosaic, metal, painted, quilted, beaded, shells, origami, or whatever else you can think of. We have a very large space to fill.

Thank you to those who have contributed, to those who have a work in progress, and to those who have let it slip their minds over the summer but still have a good idea of what they intend to do. Faithfully and respectfully, Jan Coleman

SIGN UP NOW!!!

HAYRIDE AND FALL FUN AT BOYERT'S Sunday, October 22nd

One of the most anticipated events of the year is just around the corner. The annual fall hayride is on Sunday, October 22nd, at Boyert's from 5:30-9pm. The cost for the evening is \$10 for 7 year olds and up and \$6 for 6 year olds and under. This includes a dinner (hot dogs, chips, apples and apple cider), hayride, pumpkin, s'mores and lots of other great fall fun. You need to sign up for this event and pay in advance. There is a signup sheet outside of Fellowship Hall. Make checks payable to Medina UCC and put *hayride* in the memo. You can give your money to Stacie Yates or place it in her mailbox in the church office. We had a great time last year and are looking forward to another great year. Sign up now!!

WANTED: A FRIENDLY VISIT!

Church members are needed to deliver fall harvest decorations made by the Craft Group to our homebound and nursing home members and friends. The fall crafts are on a table in the East Room. Each has the recipient's name, address and phone number on the back. Please call the person and arrange a time for a friendly visit during which time the craft may be delivered. Thank you for taking some time to brighten someone's day!

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

We meet next at Barb Rosen's (975 Bayberry) at 7:00 on October 10. The book is "A Gentleman in Moscow". I have returned all the books that were in the office to the library because they had a variety of due dates due to people requesting them from other libraries. If you have a copy and don't make it to the gathering next Tuesday, please return your book directly to the main library. THANKS! The book for November is "Thirteen Reasons Why".

CIRCLE OF CARING MEMBERS

If you were unable to attend the October 4th meeting, please pick up a copy of the updated Circle of Caring Visitation and Membership list on the table in the East Room. There have been many changes since May. Please call the office (330-725-4559) or Syd Benson (330-725-5540) with any additions or corrections.

GREETERS NEEDED

A warm smile, friendly greeting and a handshake are all you need to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. Families, individuals, or youth of our church can participate in this outreach. It only takes a half hour of your time and means so much to people entering the church for worship. Please sign up to greet before the 10:30 service on the sheet in the East Room.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We congratulate Ashley Bonsell's sister and brother-in-law on their wedding. Deza & Brendan were married on Sunday, October 1, 2017 in Charleston, South Carolina. We pray for their new life together along with their 2 year old daughter, Piper.

VISIT FROM OUR COSTA RICA FRIENDS

Manuel Zamora and his wife Ana will be visiting us in Medina during the next couple of weeks. Manuel is part of the Mercy Homes Ministries team that we work with when we do our mission building in Costa Rica. We are very excited to be able to share our church, our city and our country with them.

We will be having an **Open House** on **Sunday** afternoon, **October 15, 2:00-5:00** p.m. at the home of the Daugherty's, 4120 Fox Meadow Drive, Medina. All are invited to come learn a little more about our mission trip to Costa Rica and to welcome Manuel and Ana.



GOSPEL GALLEY.....

by Dave Weber

‘And Jesus wept.’ John 11: 35

This week, our people weep. The people of the world weep. Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Gandhi weep.

Buddha weeps/ Muhammad weeps. Jesus weeps.

When will we ever learn.... when will we live out our lives in peace absent of fear. When will our leaders act to protect us all from this senseless violence? Let your grief pour out. Hug your loved ones. Pray for all those in suffering: Vegas, Puerto Rico, Florida, Houston, Paris, London, India, Israel, Iraq, Boston, Texas, and Sandy Hook..... let your grief pour out....

Yes, Jesus weeps....

The deadline for submission of articles for NEXT Sunday's *Messenger* is this Sunday at 11:30 am.

Submit articles to: office@uccmedina.org Or: messenger@uccmedina.org

*****CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm MONDAY THRU FRIDAY*****