

THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

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

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February 11 thru February 18, 2018

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun FOUNDER'S DAY

- 8:15 am Chapel Worship
- 9:00 am Gathering Worship
- 9:15 am 3rd Grade Bible Class
- 9:15 am Choir practice
- 10:00 am Parent meeting for
Middle School Mission Trip**
- 10:30 am Traditional Worship
- 10:30 am JMM @ Brookdale South
- 11:45 am Mission Team**
- 11:45 am Caring Team**
- 1:00 pm JMM @ Elmcroft
- 3:00 pm Confirmation Class
- 3:00 pm JMM @ Brookdale N (Hymn Sing)

Mon Leave for Costa Rica Mission Trip

- 10:00 am **GIFT CARD ORDERS DUE**
- 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Tues 8:00 am Men's Fellowship at P.J. Marley's

- 9:00 am Women's Breakfast Group
at Eat-n-Park

Wed 10:30 am Quilters

- 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
UCC Sanctuary**

Thurs

Fri MEDINA ICE FESTIVAL 16TH – 18TH

Sat 9:30 am Jail Tour

Sun SCOUT SUNDAY

- 8:15 am Chapel Worship
- 9:00 am Gathering Worship
- 9:15 am Choir Practice
- 9:15 am 3rd Grade Bible Class
- 10:30 am Traditional Worship
- 11:30 am Youth Group Soup Cook-Off
Fundraiser**
- 11:30 am **Women's Book Group Meeting**
- 2:00 pm JMM @ Medina Meadows
- 4:30 pm Youth Group

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

Hebrews 12:1-13

“So Great a Cloud of Witnesses”

FOUNDER'S DAY MESSAGE

Altar Flowers:

Altar flowers are donated by Elly Aberegg in memory of her brothers, Walter & Bill Hess.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, February 14th – 7:00 PM
@ UCC, CONGREGATIONAL – SANCTUARY
“Flame & Ash”

SCOUT SUNDAY

Since Founder's Day took over Transfiguration Sunday, we're going to celebrate Transfiguration on Scout Sunday, February 18th. All scouts are invited to wear their gear (uniforms and sashes) to worship. The sermon will have a nature focus, reminding us how spending time in nature (God's first testament) can help us see the world a little differently.

WANTED: SOUP YOUTH SOUP COOK-OFF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

The youth will be hosting a Soup Cook-Off on February 18th immediately following the 10:30 service. We are now looking for people who would like to enter their favorite soup! A prize will be awarded for the best soup along with the Golden Ladle Award! If you have a soup you would like to enter, please sign up outside of Fellowship Hall. There will also be salad, bread and desserts. We hope you will plan on joining us on this day for some yummy soup, great fellowship and friendly competition!

KNOW WHAT YOU EAT

Rescheduled healthy cooking dinner

Happily we have been able to reschedule our Healthy Cooking Dinner to February 16th at 6:30 pm. Dr. Sara Perry, C.D. from Whole Body Health has very generously and luckily agreed to speak to our group. Her chosen topic is “Eleven Principles of Good Nutrition.” We're keeping the recipes already chosen. With apologies for the necessary change, we're still sure to have an evening of fine food, fellowship and information on February 16th. FYI, Dr. Sonnie is working on his schedule to find a later date for an opportunity to join us.

JAIL TOUR SAT. 2/17, 9:30-11 AM

See what our County Jail looks like on the inside, and hear a corrections officer explain what a typical day is like.

- We will walk through common areas
- Hear corrections officers describe their work
- No interactions or viewing of incarcerated individuals
- Opportunities to ask questions during the tour, discussions afterwards

If you'd like to be a part of this tour and discussion, please sign up in the hall by the kitchen so we can have an estimate of how many people might be in the tour.

MISSION INITIATIVES

There are many ways your small gifts may bring blessings throughout the year. Following are projects our church has in progress:

***Cups Café: Sign up to cook the first Monday of the month for luncheons serving 60-80 at Cups Café.

***Garfield Seven: Sign up to buy and/or deliver fresh foods to seven most needy families whose children attend Garfield School.

***BOGO (Buy One Give One): Purchase and donate items that the SNAP program doesn't pay for. **The current items are Chicken Noodle soup, Laundry detergents, Dishwashing liquids and bar soaps.** Next time you buy some for yourself, pick up an extra to place in the BOGO box.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Anyone interested in a women's book club is invited to participate in a meeting in the chapel, Feb. 18th at 11:30 am immediately after the 10:30 am church service to discuss a meeting time, day, etc. The ongoing Tuesday evening group has had some difficulty with attendance and would like to explore if there is a better time and date that would suit more women. Please join us if you have any interest or if you are interested but cannot attend the meeting, contact Pam Branscome (440-724-8114) or Jill Linek (330-723-3537).

PERSONAL HYGIENE BAGS

We are collecting personal care items to place in hygiene bags for students at Garfield Elementary. Items needed include full-sized shampoo, body wash, bar soap, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes. In the case of lotion and body wash, please buy unscented or gender-neutral scented products. Items can be placed in a container found next to the BOGO bin opposite the elevator. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Finley at 440-759-3718. Thank you for your generosity in this new endeavor!

GIFT CARD ORDERS

Plan ahead now for Special Occasions and 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.

**The next order will be due on
Monday, February 12th at 10:00 am.**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

All men of the church are invited to our fellowship breakfast at P.J. Marley's on Tuesday, February 13th at 8:00 am. No reservations are needed and this would be a good time for new members of our church to be involved.

LENTEN SOUP DINNER

Soup Makers Needed for the Lenten Soup Dinner March 7th

We will again be hosting one of the Lenten dinners on March 7th prior to the Lenten Worship. Dinner begins at 6:00 pm. We are in need of volunteers to make soup. There is a sign-up sheet on the table by the kitchen.

LENTEN DINNER & WORSHIP SERIES

Lent is almost here! We will continue the tradition of partnering with First Christian and other Medina churches in the ministerial group as we journey together through Lent. **We will share in a light meal at 6:00 p.m. and then worship together.**

This year's theme: Parables.

***Ash Wednesday, Feb 14:** Medina UCCC: Imposition of the Ashes with First Christian Church

***Feb. 21:** St. Matthew Lutheran

The Parable of the Great Judgment (sheep and goats) – Matthew 25:31-46

***Feb. 28:** First Christian Church

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector Luke 18:9-14

***March 7:** Medina UCC, Congregational

The Parable of the Sower – Matthew 13:1-23

***March 14:** Medina UMC

***March 21:** Medina Presbyterian

The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

***March 29:** Maundy Thursday

Worship at First Christian Church at 7:00 pm

VALENTINE VISITS

Make someone's Valentine season special! The craftmakers have created "Love is in the Air" kite door hangers for our older members and friends of the church. PLEASE pick up one or more of the crafts displayed in the East Room. Each kite has the name, phone number and address of an older member or friend of the church. Please call the person to arrange your visit sometime before February 14th. If you have any questions, please contact Syd Benson at 330-725-5540.

Upcoming Youth Events:

***Feb. 11 – 3rd Grade Bible Class – 9:15-10:15**

***Feb. 11 – Parent Meeting Middle School
Mission Trip – 10:00 am**

***Feb. 11 – Confirmation Class – 3:00-4:30**

***Feb. 18 – 3rd Grade Bible Class – 9:15-10:15**

***Feb. 18 – Soup Cook-Off Fundraiser 11:30 am**

ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS

Next Sunday, February 11th at 10 am, there will be a Parent Meeting for the Middle School Nehemiah Mission Trip. The trip will be on Friday, March 9th through Saturday, March 10th.

SAVE THE DATE

LADIES & GIRLS TEA

April 28, 2018

12-2 pm

INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



MEDINA CITY SCHOOLS BOOK FAIR:

The 2018 Medina Community Scholastic Book Fair will be held Friday, February 16th from 2-8pm, and 10am-5pm on Saturday, February 17th at Garfield School in the Media Center at 234 S. Broadway Street. Proceeds will go towards getting books and resources for the library at Garfield Elementary!

Today We Celebrate Founders' Day!

Today we remember and contemplate that moment 200 years ago when a few pioneer souls entered into covenant with God and with each other to bring this, our congregation into being.

Today we celebrate the legacy of our Endowment Fund, which supports the mission and long-term ministry of our Church. We will also take home a special floral remembrance.

Today we listen to those who benefit from this year's Endowment Fund earnings who will tell us how the Fund supports their efforts to further the church's ministry and create a better world.

Today we cast our votes that will guide the Planning Committee's efforts to craft our Bicentennial Year, which begins with a festive worship service on Sunday, February 17, 2019. This bulletin includes a Bicentennial insert with ten ballot stickers. On the wall of the corridor that leads to the Fellowship Hall are "voting stations" for each of the Committee's top twenty ideas. After worship, please look for those voting stations and place your ballots on the ten ideas that are most important to you. Then join us for some special Founders' Day refreshments!

Bicentennial Tidbits

Medina February 18, 1819

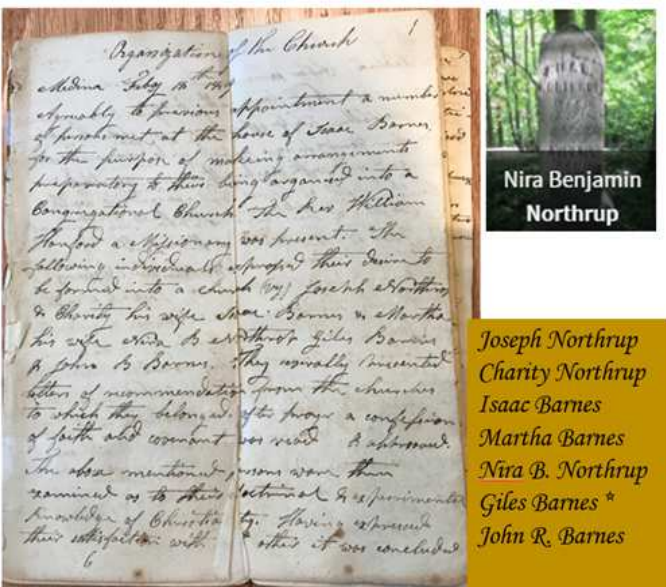
Agreeably to previous appointment a number of persons met at the house of Isaac Barnes for the purpose of making arrangements preparatory to their being organized into a Congregational Church...

These seven met near Weymouth. They were all from Litchfield County, Connecticut.

*Giles Barnes and Eliza Northrup were married 3/20/1818, this being the first marriage in the Township.

Nira B. Northrup – As a deacon, he refused to pass the fermented wine being used in communion, prompting a rule change; he was instrumental in getting Rev. John Shipherd (Elyria) released by the Presbytery* to found the school that became Oberlin College.

(*Until 1845, Congregationalists and Presbyterians were in a form of Union.)



Nira Benjamin Northrup

Joseph Northrup
Charity Northrup
Isaac Barnes
Martha Barnes
Nira B. Northrup
Giles Barnes *
John R. Barnes

Jesus taught them to pray, “Our Father in heaven, your name is holy. May your kingdom come...”

Jesus taught us that God is a father who loves us deeply, and who is holy – distinct from any other person and worthy of great reverence. That’s how we approach God.

Then Jesus instructs us regarding our first prayer request – “your kingdom come”.

What is this “kingdom”? It certainly is important to Jesus. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us to seek first the kingdom of God.

The philosopher/theologian Dallas Willard once said the Kingdom of God is just God doing things. That make sense. God, who created everything, doesn’t really need any human to crown him.

So what does God do, and what does he want his children/subjects to do? Well, there are the two great commandments – Love God with all we have and are, and love others as much as we love ourselves.

Then there’s the further instructions of Jesus: Be careful how we think and speak about each other. Forgive each other. Be Good Samaritans. Give generously. Feed the hungry. Visit the sick. Clothe the naked, and much more.

Imagine for just a moment that we did that. Wouldn’t that be great? Well, that’s God’s will. So let’s always pray *first* that God gets his way: that his “kingdom comes”.

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

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