

THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

MARCH 25, 2018

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

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March 25 thru April 1, 2018

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun PALM SUNDAY

- 8:15 am Chapel Worship
- 9:00 am Gathering Worship
- 9:15 am Choir Practice
- 10:30 am Traditional Worship
Palm Parade**
- 2:00 pm JMM at Medina Meadows
Sing-a-long
- 7:00 pm JMM @ WRMC

Mon 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Tues

Wed 10:30 am Quilters
6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

Thu 7:00 pm **Maundy Thursday Service
@ First Christian Church**

Fri **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON
7:00 pm Good Friday Service**

Sat 1:00 pm **Easter Egg Hunt @ First
Christian Church**

Sun **EASTER He Is Risen!
No F.I.S.H.**

- 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service
@ Spring Grove Chapel**
- 8:15 am Chapel Worship
- 9:00 am Gathering Worship
- 9:15 am Choir Practice
- 10:30 am Traditional Worship
- 2:00 pm JMM @ Evergreen

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, APRIL 2ND.**

EASTER OFFERING – APRIL 1ST

The Mission Leadership Team thanks you for your continued support of special offerings this year! The **Wolff Fund** was created for Recruitment and Funding for Theological Education. Through this fund, financial assistance is given to members of the Ohio Conference who will be attending UCC seminaries and entering ministry in our denomination. The Fund was established by UCC ordained minister, Rev. Richard Wolff and his wife, Rachael, a church educator. Please give generously on April 1st to this special offering to ensure the education of future UCC ministers

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

Mark 1:1-11 - **Rev. Sue Tamilio, Guest Preacher**

Rev. Sue Tamilio is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She earned her B.S. in Psychology from Salem State University and her M.Div. and MACM degrees from Methodist Theological School in Ohio. She is currently pursuing a D.Min – specializing in Leadership for Transformational Change – through the joint Trinity Lutheran Seminary/Methodist Theological School in Ohio doctoral program.

Born and raised in Beverly, MA, Sue and her three children – Sarah, Jay, and Thomas – have called Lakewood, OH home since 2008.

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are donated by the Fodor Family in memory of Sherry Fodor and by Hope Wilder in memory of Don, John & Paul Wilder

Holy Week

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

MARCH 29TH - 7:00 pm
At First Christian Church
4797 Sharon Copley Rd.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

MARCH 30TH - 7:00 pm
UCC, Congregational

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
AT NOON MARCH 30TH**

EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 31ST – 1:00 PM
First Christian Church
4797 Sharon Copley Rd.

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 1ST, 2018

- 7:00 am**—Sunrise service Spring Grove Chapel
- 8:15 am**—Worship in the Chapel at UCC
- 9:00 am**—Gathering Worship-Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 am**—Traditional Worship-Sanctuary

Upcoming Youth Events:

- *March 25 – Palm Sunday Parade @ 10:30 am**
- *March 31 – Easter Egg Hunt @ First Christian Church–1:00pm**
- *April 1 - NO FISH & NO YOUTH GROUP**

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 31st

1 pm at First Christian Church

It's almost time for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at First Christian Church! Come and see the sea of colors as the grounds of First Christian Church are covered with plastic eggs filled with goodies. The egg hunt is for 1 year olds through the 5th grade. There are different egg hunts for different age groups. Bring your own baskets to collect all your eggs. Mark this date on the calendar and join the fun!

EASTER CANDY NEEDED

We need candy to fill our eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. If you are willing to donate a bag of candy it would be greatly appreciated. There is a box in the Welcoming Area marked "Easter Candy Donations" where you can put your donations. The only requirements are that the **candy must be individually wrapped (no jellybeans), that the candy is able to fit into an egg and NO chocolate candy** that could melt if it gets warm enough the day of the hunt (and we hope it will). **Donations are needed by Sunday, March 25th.** Thank you for your help.

SENIOR SERVICE DAYS

Are you a senior citizen and in need of yard clean-up, leaf raking, light home repairs, grab bars, handrails and other accessibility modifications? Rebuilding Together is offering assistance at no charge to those who qualify through its network of community organizations and volunteers in 2018. To be considered, call 330-552-8555, ext. 2103. **The deadline is April 1st.** Volunteers are also needed to serve throughout Medina County and may contact Paul Holm at 330-690-9568. Flyers are available in the hall by the kitchen for those interested.

CHILDREN OF INMATES

8TH ANNUAL EASTER BAG PROJECT

You are invited to participate in our church's effort to share encouragement and comfort to children whose parents are incarcerated in Medina County Jail. We have nearly 100 children to reach this year! Filled and decorated bags need to be returned for a blessing on Palm Sunday, **March 25th.** We are also looking for volunteers to help deliver the bags to families on Saturday, March 31st. A sign-up sheet to help with this effort is on the table in the hall next to the kitchen. During this season of re-birth and hope, let us share the good news of new life with an outpouring of love and kindness to Medina County children. Questions? E-mail Jeannine at jmw597b@yahoo.com or call the church office (330-725-4559).

EASTER EGG FILLING PARTY

March 28th @ 6:00 pm

First Christian Church

On Wednesday, March 28th there will be an egg filling "party" at First Christian Church to get ready for our annual egg hunt with them. If you are willing and able to help, **meet us at 6:00 pm at First Christian Church.** It is a lot of fun and you know the saying, "Many hands make light work!" If you have any questions, please see Stacie Yates.

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are still several Sundays left to sponsor Altar Flowers for 2018! This is a wonderful way to honor or remember someone, or to celebrate a special occasion. Please fill in your name and write "church" or "self" to let us know if you would like the church to order the flowers for you or if you will be ordering them yourself. Also, please write what you would like printed in the Messenger and if you want to claim your flowers after the 10:30 service. The cost of the flowers ordered through the office is \$22.50.

OGHS THANKS YOU!

Thank you to all who gave so generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. We collected \$918.00. Your gifts will help provide aid and relief to our neighbors affected by poverty, war, and natural disasters, locally and globally. Thank you!

CROSS WALL

Our collage of crosses for the walkway to Fellowship Hall is finally coming together. We were excited to lay out over 100 crosses that you have generously donated.

We are in the process of selecting an accent color as the background for this display. We are also looking at track lighting to enhance the entire area. Our anticipated goal will be to have this close to completion by Easter.

If you have a cross that you still wish to contribute... please bring it to the church office by Wednesday, March 21st. If you don't have a cross for the collection you have the option of making a monetary donation for the crosses that have been commissioned by local artists. Please designate to Crossroads Fund.

We are truly excited to see this finished project. Thank you for your support.

Jan Coleman & Design Team

VOICE OF HOPE SPEAKER

Thursday, April 12th at 7 pm

Jason Masony, one of 150 selected speakers for the Cancer Society in our country, will share his experiences and tips during his talk entitled, "A cancer journey through the eyes of a caregiver". Circle of Caring is sponsoring Jason's powerful story which will be given in Fellowship Hall. Plan to attend and invite others to learn about the Relay for Life and the services that American Cancer Society has to offer. Through faith, love and hope we can defeat this horrible disease.

REFUGEE UPDATE

The Fazilli's baby is now 7 months old and growing! Little David could use clothing in a 12 month size, and of course, DIAPERS! The basket is under the stairs. Thank you!

UCC BOOK CLUB

The group's next book is "Manhattan Beach". We will **meet at 7:30 pm** on April 10th at Jill Linek's home. **(Please note the new time!)** Her address is 4210 Irondale Dr. Please call her to confirm if you are coming (330-723-3537).

LADIES and GIRLS TEA

April 28, 2018

All ladies and girls are invited to attend the Tea this year on Saturday, April 28, 2018. It will be held from 12-2 pm in our Fellowship Hall. As in the past the menu will include soup, tea sandwiches, fruit, pastries and sweets. It is truly a lunch. This year there will be an \$8 charge for the ladies but no charge for girls under the age of 12. Please sign up in the East Room or near Fellowship Hall and pay at the door. Feel free to invite family, friends, neighbors, etc. The deadline for sign-ups will be April 20th and since this is a popular event, please do so as soon as possible.

Historic women will be the topic for our program this year and it will be in line with the bicentennial celebrations of Medina.

Once again we will be asking to borrow teacups and, rest assured, we will be sure that they will be returned to the correct owners after the tea. If you have questions please contact:

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Becky Weber @330-725-8545 or radweb70@zoominternet.net,
Darlene Bagley-Fazekas@330-241-5840 or darlenefazekas@gmail.com

Bicentennial Tidbits



... Pastor turnover ...

Between 1819 and 1866 we had 13 pastors; the average tenure was only about two years. Most were young, seeking the experience of a first flock on the frontier. But Medina was considered so primitive, most went back to Connecticut.

The exception was William Hanford, who conducted the first Congregational service in that first log cabin. He also approved the 1819 covenant of the founding seven individuals. He was actually a missionary employed by the Connecticut Missionary Society, starting in 1813. He really got around, founding several other area Congregational Churches. He served as the founding pastor in Hudson, Ohio from 1815 until 1831. **SPOILER**
ALERT: He have a very famous parishioner there.

Bicentennial Tidbits

... Our link to the start of the Civil War...

William Hanford's Hudson Church was where John Brown eventually came out for abolition in 1837, saying at the end of a particularly rousing meeting that he promised before Almighty God to devote the rest of his life to the abolition of slavery. After being captured by U.S. Army Colonel Robert E. Lee after his 1859 abortive raid at Harpers Ferry, Virginia, John Brown was one of only three people ever convicted and then actually executed for treason against the United States of America.



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*****