

THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

APRIL 8, 2018

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

Live streaming of the Sanctuary Service is available at uccmedina.org

April 8, 2018 thru April 15, 2018

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
11:30 am 3rd Grade Bible Class
11:45 am Caring Team
1:00 pm JMM @ Elmcroft
3:00 pm Confirmation Class
3:00 pm JMM Hymn Sing @ Brookdale N.

Mon 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Tues 8:00 am Men's Fellowship
@ P.J. Marley's
9:00 am Women's Breakfast Group
@ Eat-n-Park
7:30 pm Women's Book Group

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

Thu 7:00 pm **Circle of Caring Meeting**
“Voice of Hope” speaker

Fri
Sat
Sun 8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:15 am Choir Practice
10:30 am Traditional Worship
11:30 am 3rd Grade Bible Class
11:45 am Mission Team
2:00 pm JMM @ Medina Meadows
4:30 pm Youth Group



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Pastor Luke on his “official” 1st year anniversary with our congregation on April 10th!

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).

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

Matthew 18:21-22

“Barriers” - Rev. Luke Lindon

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are in honor of Diane & Brian Howard's 42nd anniversary.

CONSIDER JOINING THE BICENTENNIAL TEAM

Medina UCC's Bicentennial Planning Group has entered a new chapter in its work, and now begins its first round of volunteer recruitment. Many proposals scored high in the Founders' Day vote, but their success will depend on the effort of volunteer help. In the Fellowship Hall look for a table display featuring several of the project proposals. If any of these proposals spark your interest, please add your name to that proposal's volunteer list, and the Planning Group will thank you for your willingness to participate.

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. Before Jason speaks, Syd Benson will talk briefly about the Circle of Caring activities. Plan to attend and invite others to learn about the Relay for Life and the services that American Cancer Society has to offer as well as learning how you can become involved in the Circle of Caring.

ANNUAL REPORT TIME!

Teams, Committees and Leadership of the church are being asked to write up their **Annual Reports** to be presented at the **May 20th Annual Meeting immediately following ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP at 10:00 am.** The **due date for your report will be no later than Monday, April 30th.**

Please email or drop off your reports to me in the church office. Please try to limit your reports to one page for the purpose of space limitations. I appreciate all your efforts in **getting these to me on time.** Please email to: office@uccmedina.org or uccoffice@zoominternet.net.

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!

Upcoming Youth Events:

- *April 8 – 3rd Grade Bible Class – 11:30 am
- *April 8 – Confirmation Class – 3:00-4:30 pm
- *April 15 – 3rd Grade Bible Class – 11:30 am
- *April 15 – Youth Group – 4:30-6:00 pm
- *April 21 – Dine to Donate at Courthouse Pizza
- *April 22 – Bible Sunday
- *April 22 – Confirmation Class – 3:00-4:30 pm
- *April 29 – Confirmation Dinner and Rehearsal 6:00 pm

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated candy for our annual Easter egg hunt. We had a great turnout for the hunt and the children enjoyed finding all the candy filled eggs! Thank you also to everyone who helped stuff the eggs. Many hands make light work!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Making Dough Fundraiser
Saturday, April 21st
Courthouse Pizza

We already have dinner planned for you on Saturday, April 21st. On this day, our High School Youth Group is having a fundraiser at Courthouse Pizza right on the square. Plan on eating pizza this day and our youth will make 25% of the net sales. There will be fliers available for you to take in when you purchase your pizza to make sure the proceeds go to our youth. Thank you for your support!

BIBLE SUNDAY

Sunday, April 22nd

Join us on Sunday, April 22nd as six very special third graders receive their very own Bible. They have worked very hard for this day and are excited about receiving their Bible. Please join us to help them celebrate this very special day.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's hard to believe, but it is time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School. This year VBS will be June 4th-8th. Our theme this year is "River Rampage" and it will be tons of fun! As always, many hands make light work. We are in need of people to help make sure it is a success. If you are interested in helping out with VBS, please see Stacie Yates.

SPRING CRAFTS READY FOR DELIVERY

"Look! It Is Spring!" crafts made by the craft group are available for pick-up in the East Room. Each craft has the name, phone number and address of an older member or friend of the church on it. Please call the person and arrange a time for your visit. Call Syd Benson (330-725-5540) with any questions.

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:

Beth Hari @ 330-242-1807 or ewbh48@gmail.com,

Becky Weber @330-725-8545 or

radweb70@zoominternet.net,

Darlene Bagley-Fazekas@330-241-5840 or

darlenefazekas@gmail.com

EASTER OFFERING THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who donated to the Easter Offering, that will be forwarded on to the Wolff Fund. Thanks to your kind and generous giving we were able to collect \$987.00 for Theological Education.

ENDOWMENT FUND QUILT RAFFLE

The Endowment Fund Committee is sponsoring a QUILT RAFFLE to benefit the Endowment Fund. The queen-size quilt is lovely! This year's selection features a floral cross-stitch design in fresh, spring colors and it was quilted by the *Quilters* group that meets every Wednesday. The *Quilters* are generously donating their time and fine arts quilting talent to present this beauty. The quilt will be on view in the East Room during the next few weeks. Tickets are available in the East Room or from the church office.

Tickets for the quilt are \$1.00 each. Drawing for the quilt will be Sunday, May 20th. The winner need not be present to win.

So- give to the future of the church while you enjoy something beautiful. You could be the winner!

SAVE THE DATE!

The 5th Annual Bicentennial Golf Fund Raiser will be held on **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**. Registration will be at noon and Golfers Tee Off at 1:00 pm. Bunker's Grille will serve a delicious steak dinner at 6:30 pm.

Details will follow. Please mark your calendars and plan on participating in this fun Bicentennial Event.

Blessings, Arnold and Cheri Ingraham

Imagining Church Revitalization



Press Start



LVL Games, Inc

CHURCH VITALITY

This past fall, Pastor Luke was asked to give a presentation at South Euclid United Church of Christ on vitality. He will give this presentation during our coffee hour following the 10:30 a.m. worship on April 15th and 22nd. It's interactive, informative, and thought provoking. Join us! All ages!

CROSSROADS – NEW UPDATE

We hope that you have had an opportunity to take a look at the newly installed Crossroads to Fellowship Hall. It is truly a work of art and a beautiful addition to our previously boring hallway. Many thanks to all who donated crosses for the display and to those who helped with the logistics of making this happen. Those who helped with the collage arrangement included Cheri Ingraham, Jane Greinke, Bonnie Shuman, Judy Daugherty and myself. It is interesting to note that this group represented a cross-section from each of our 3 services.

A very, very special THANK YOU to Terry Rhodes who spent countless hours of his time and talent meticulously hanging our crosses. A wide variety of attachments were required due to the uniqueness of the individual items.

Others in the community who contributed to our display with their donation included Jim Cook, who painted the wall, Standard Welding and Steel Products, who fabricated the aluminum "Crossroads" sign, and Medina Powder Coating, who painted the sign. We thank them as well. The new lighting system has been ordered for this hallway. We anticipate its arrival and installation within the next few weeks.

I intend to provide a master "legend" of the crosses in the near future. We will need help in identifying a few of the missing donor names; those details will follow soon.

We also have 4 crosses that we did not display due to our Protestant tradition that our cross depicts an "EMPTY" cross. If you donated a cross with Jesus, you may pick it up in the church office.

The wall is a blessing to behold. Thank you for the positive feedback with your comments.

With gratitude, Jan Coleman

GOSPEL GALLEY

"Put Down That Phone"

by Linda Turek

"Little children, keep yourselves from idols." – 1 John 5:21

My, oh my, how we have become so attached to this manmade device. It seems to control us, direct us, and has made us so unaware of what is going on around us. We can't go anywhere without it; should we forget to pick it up going out the door, we find ourselves going into a panic when we discover it isn't there.

By concentrating so much on that phone, we are really losers in not drinking in what God's creation has and is to us. Face to face verbal conversation **and** connections within our world are diminishing, And when our time is consumed on the phone, do we have time for God? How often do we bow our heads to our smartphones **vs.** bowing our heads to God?

Are you up for a challenge? Put down that phone for a day (or maybe a couple hours) and communicate with the world around us and the great Mystery that created it all.



Bicentennial Tidbits

A “recent” break in what is surely Medina’s oldest Cold Case File ...

Our “ancient documents” were returned anonymously in an envelope dated in 1920.

“The corner stone was laid in July [1833] by Pastor Barnes. Considerable ill feeling was provoked because some claimed that Masonic ceremonies were used.

The stone and its contents were stolen the next night. The stone was concealed in a brush heap about forty rods away and discovered the next day. It was returned but not replaced and the contents were never found.”

(Source: Sarah Eddy - remarks on the 90th Anniversary)

Organization of the Church
Medina July 18 1833
According to previous appointment a number
of people met at the house of Isaac Barnes
for the purpose of making arrangements
preparatory to their being organized into a
Congregational Church. The Rev William
Stanford a missionary was present. The
following individuals expressed their desire to
be formed into a church (viz) Joseph Matthews
& Charity his wife Isaac Barnes & Martha
his wife Ebenezer Gyles Barnes
& John B Barnes. They respectively presented
letters of recommendation from the churches
to which they belonged after prayer a confession
of faith and covenant was read & approved.
The above mentioned persons were then
examined as to their doctrinal & experiential
knowledge of Christ by having expressed
their satisfaction with. & after it was concluded
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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*****