

THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

MAY 13, 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

May 13, 2018 thru May 20, 2018

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun MOTHER'S DAY

Friend's in Need Offering

- 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 Caring Team
- 2:00 pm JMM @ Elmcroft

- Mon** 6:30 pm Hobby Horse Graduation
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm New Member Class

- Tues** 6:30 pm Hobby Horse Graduation

- Wed** 10:30 am Quilters
7:00 pm Discipleship & Education Team

- Thu** Last Day of Hobby Horse Preschool

- Fri** 6:00 pm **Healthy Cooking Dinner**

Sat

Sun New Members Join

Last Day of F.I.S.H.

- 9:15 am Choir Practice
- 10:00 am ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
& ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING TO FOLLOW**
- 11:30 am **Mission Team**
- 2:00 pm JMM @ Medina Meadows
- 4:30 pm Youth Group -
End of Year @ Lisco's**

Upcoming Youth Events:

- ***May 20 – End of the Year Youth Group Picnic**
4:30 – 6:00 pm at the Lisco's home.
- ***June – 3-Summer F.I.S.H. begins**
- ***June 4-8 – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**
9:00-12:00
- ***June 16-23 – High School trip to Costa Rica**

VBS MEETING

Sunday, May 20th – 12:00 pm

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in helping with VBS. We will meet at Don Tequila's at 12:00. The back room will be reserved for us.

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

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

“Dedication” - Rev. Luke Lindon

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are donated by Dennis & Allayne Reese, honoring Mothers, past and present.

**THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE SERVICE
OF WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM ON MAY 20th**

**Followed by
THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Would you like to become a member of our church family? Join us for our next new member class! The next class will be held:

Monday, May 14th. Class will be held from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the new Library. New members **will join the church on Sunday, May 20th**. Childcare is provided if needed. Please contact the Church Office at 330-725-4559 if you are interested and let us know if you will be in need of childcare.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

We are still looking for people to help with Vacation Bible School! This year VBS will be June 4-8. Our theme this year is Rolling 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for Vacation Bible School has started. Forms are located outside of Fellowship Hall. They are also available on our church website. Deadline for registration is May 21st. Questions? Please see Stacie Yates.

THE FLAMINGOS ARE COMING

The High School youth group is getting ready to do a "fun" fundraiser. They have decided to do the Flamingo Fundraiser. Our High School Youth Group did it in 2014 when they traveled to Costa Rica so we decided that every time the youth travel to Costa Rica, the flamingos would appear. This is how it works...we have beautiful, pink flamingos that will be looking for yards to visit. If you would rather not be visited by the flamingos, then you can buy flamingo insurance for \$25. This will ensure that the flamingos never come to your house. If you do not purchase the insurance, then you may end up with them in your yard. If they do end up in your yard, it will cost \$15 to have them removed. For an additional \$10 you may choose who to send them to next (as long as they do not have flamingo insurance). **We are continuing to sell the insurance today, May 13th after worship services.** Today is your last chance to buy the insurance. So, if you don't want to be visited by pink flamingos, then buy your insurance today! If you don't, you may end up with these beautiful birds in your yard for a visit.

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

SUPER SUMMER FOODS

On May 18th at 6:30 pm, Medina County Gazette food columnist, Phyllis Molnar, will again speak to our Healthy Cooking Dinner. Phyllis has selected the theme and recipes that feature all the wonderful foods of summer. Sign-up and recipe selection will be available in the East Room today, May 13th. All are invited. Choose one recipe you'd like to cook. Bring it to the dinner and enjoy the feast plus Molnar's lively and wise talk. What a fun way to pick up some grand ideas for your whole summer's dining!

SUMMER MUSICIANS WANTED

Summer is approaching and the choirs will be taking time off from singing and playing for the 10:30 service. We need people who can provide special music during the summer services. If you sing, play an instrument, do interpretive dance, or want to combine forces into a small group to enhance our summer services, we would appreciate it. There is a signup sheet in the East Room for all of the Sundays of the summer. If you have questions, or need assistance, please contact Jim Kiser to make arrangements.

ENDOWMENT FUND QUILT RAFFLE

The Endowment Fund is sponsoring a Quilt Raffle to support the growth of the Endowment Fund for the future of our church. Tickets are \$1.00 each. The drawing will be held on May 20th, and the winner need not be present to win. This beautiful quilt, a floral cross stitch, is available for viewing in the East Room. It was quilted by our own Quilters Group that meets each Wednesday. Tickets are available every Sunday and also in the Church office.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

The **Friends in Need Fund** was established by the Mission Leadership Team in 2003 to provide financial assistance to Medina UCC members with basic living expenses. Please give generously to help our church family members. On Mother's Day, we usually have asked for donations to the Amanda Fund. However, due to the generosity of so many, the Amanda Fund is well funded at this time. The Mission Leadership Team has found that the Friends in Need Fund is in need of additional support, so we are seeking your donations for the Friends in Need Fund this Mother's Day. The Amanda Fund continues to be available to provide assistance with medical bills and other related costs that arise due to pressure put on families during hospitalizations of their children. Please pass this information along to your friends and family, or make your need known by sending a written request to Mission Leadership Team – Amanda Fund, 217 E. Liberty Street, Medina 44256.

DONATIONS

For the Nehemiah Mission Center Spring Cleaning. We need some items that you may be parting with!!

- Drapes and Sheets (ALL SIZES)
- Towels and washcloths
- Toys and games (with all parts)Books
- Clothing: babies through teen
- Clothing: female juniors, women's, plus, and MATERNITY
- Clothing: men's casual and dress clothes (all sizes)
- Underwear (all sizes male and female)
- Socks (all sizes)
- Long socks for men

Collection continues through May 20th.

Donations can be put in room 9/10 (downstairs). There will be paper marked "Nehemiah Donation" with a roll of tape. Please tape a paper to your donation!

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING – MAY 20TH

Strength the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

BOGO & FOOD GATHERING FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

The items most needed right now for the BOGO Box are TOWELS. They can be new or gently used.

In order to not have so many "boxes" for different donations... **you may also place any other food donations for Community Services Center in the BOGO Box as well.** All the donations are going to the same place, so please use the large BOGO Box by the stairs, adjacent to the elevator.

"GARFIELD FAMILY" DONATIONS ARE STILL TO BE PLACED IN THE "GARFIELD BINS" ON THE BACK SIDE OF THE STAIRS IN THE WELCOME AREA. PLEASE HAVE YOUR DONATIONS HERE NO LATER THAN THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE DELIVERY DATE.

APRIL FINANCIAL REPORT:

	APRIL	YTD	Annual Budget	YTD as a % of Budget
Income:	\$27,583	\$104,987	\$343,085	30.6%
Expense:	\$29,638	\$112,680	\$356,589	31.6%
Net Income (Loss)	(\$2,055)	(\$7,693)	(\$13,504)	

- Total Sunday School Offerings thru April 30th are \$12.00
- Thank you for keeping your 2018 Pledge current
- As of April 30th \$145,947.90 from 57 pledges outstanding for the "Building for the Next 100 Years" Capital Campaign
- Automatic Withdrawal Options are available for your weekly, monthly or even quarterly contributions; contact Kelly for form to complete.

GOSPEL GALLEY

Let's Celebrate

by Linda Turek

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:7-8

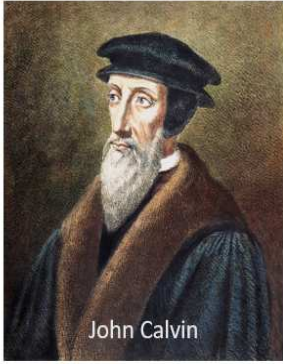
Mother's Day has been a celebration in the United States honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society since 1912.

Mothers are not the same. They come in all shapes and sizes. We may call them mother, mom, ma, mama, mommy, mummy, mammy, mum, and mamma. They have different ways of managing a home, and how they raise their children. But no matter the differences, they love during the best and worst of times. Every mother needs velcro arms and a teflon heart!

Reflecting on all a mother is, she deserves this day of celebration. All the tears they wipe away, bandages they apply, secrets they keep, and so much more. Mothers can become weary and need lots of help and encouragement—the kind that comes from family, friends, and especially the kind that comes from God.

Take some time today and let mom know how much you celebrate the influence she has had in your life. And thank God for giving her to you.

Bicentennial Tidbits

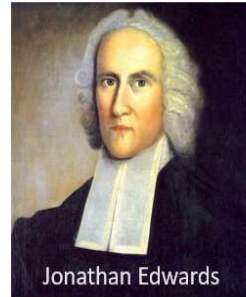
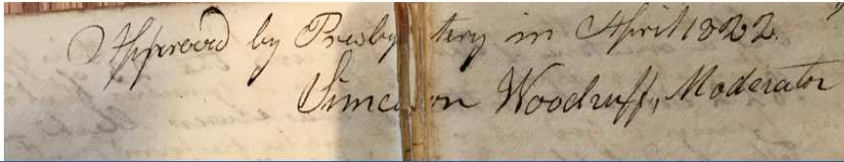


John Calvin



Congregationalists and Presbyterians had a common origin in Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion* (1559). Under the Plan of 1801 developed by Jonathan Edwards, the denominations were united for missionary purposes on the frontier, such as at Medina. This Plan lasted for about 25 years, during which the Presbyterians obtained some 2,000 churches in the Middle-West which had been founded by the Congregational missionaries. [Source: *Saga of a Village Church*]

Our 1819 organizational "Articles" were approved by the Presbytery, apparently after three years of deliberation:



Jonathan Edwards

"It is strictly enjoined on all their missionaries to the new settlements, to endeavor, by all proper means, to promote mutual forbearance and accommodation, between those inhabitants of the new settlements who hold to Presbyterian and those who hold the Congregational form of church government."

(Source: 1st article, the 1801 Plan of Union)

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*****

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