

# THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

## AUGUST 5, 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](http://uccmedina.org)

August 5, 2018 thru August 12, 2018

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>Sun</b>	8:15 am Chapel Worship
	9:00 am Gathering Worship
	10:30 am Traditional Worship
	1:15 pm JMM @ Evergreen
<b>Mon</b>	Cook for Cups
	7:15 pm Evangelism Team
<b>Tues</b>	
<b>Wed</b>	10:30 am Quilters
<b>Thu</b>	GARFIELD DELIVERIES
<b>Fri</b>	
<b>Sat</b>	
<b>Sun</b>	8:15 am Chapel Worship
	9:00 am Gathering Worship
	10:30 am Traditional Worship
	10:30 am JMM @ Brookdale South
	3:00 pm JMM @ Brookdale North – Hymn Sing

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

Matthew 7:24-27 and Ephesians 4: 1-16

Rwanda – “Thy Kingdom Come”

Mr. Mark Armstrong

**Altar Flowers:** The altar flowers are given by Jan and Gene Febus in honor of their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

### COMMUNION

The bread being served during Communion today was baked by hands of our Breadmakers' Ministry.



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*"And though we are many, we all eat from one loaf of bread, showing that we are one body."*

Corinthians 10:17

### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

August 19<sup>th</sup> will be the "Blessings of the Backpacks!" Bring along backpacks and we'll bless them and put a tag on the packs. If you can't make it, we'll have tags available to pick up afterwards.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars now for  
the 11<sup>th</sup> annual

**ALIVE ON THE SQUARE**

Worship & Picnic

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.**

Plan to join us and bring your family and friends! All are welcome!

### SPECIAL OFFERING

**HOBBY HORSE PRESCHOOL  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND 8-19**

The Hobby Horse Scholarship Fund is very important to our school because it allows us to provide tuition assistance to families who may be struggling financially. All children should have the opportunity to attend preschool, and we strongly believe that the education that they receive at Hobby Horse Preschool will prepare them for better success in Kindergarten. We thank you, in advance, for your generous donations!

### 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BICENTENNIAL GOLF OUTING FUND RAISER

Bunker Hill Golf Course  
3060 Pearl Rd. (Rt. 42) Medina, Ohio  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

**Sunday Tee Off Time 1:00 pm  
Dinner only at 6:30 pm**

There will also be a silent auction, basket raffle and 50/50 raffle!

Pick up a flyer in the church, call the church office or visit us on [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/uccmedina) or our church [website](http://uccmedina.org) for registration and information. If you have more questions please contact the church office at: [office@uccmedina.org](mailto:office@uccmedina.org) or 330-725-4559.

Deadline for registration is September 16<sup>th</sup>.

### WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Book Club meets Tuesday, August 14 at 7:30 at Pam Branscome's (6480 Livia Lane, 440-479-6814).

The book is Madeline Albright's book on *Fascism*. Fascinating! The discussion promises to be stimulating! September's book is "The Edge of Chaos". Please come to the August meeting with ideas for what you'd like to read next.

## COSTA RICA MISSION

Our church has been building "Mercy Homes" in Costa Rica since 2009 and since that time has built over 20 houses. Other churches and groups, inspired by our example, have built nearly 30 others. We hope to continue building in 2019. The simple houses are constructed in five days and are gifted at the end of the week to a family selected by a local mission team. We invite you to participate with us in building for the poorest of the poor. No experience is necessary....just a willingness to work with the following benefits:

- A wonderful feeling from helping others
- The ability to bless a family with a safe, comfortable environment to live in
- An opportunity to strengthen your faith by doing God's work
- Establishing relationships, making long-lasting friends with your team and the people of Costa Rica.

We are having an informational meeting in the church library on

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 6:30 p.m.**

For more information please call Kent or Judy Daugherty at 330-722-5380

## COME JOIN YOUR HEARTS AND VOICES AS ONE

### And/or build your upper body strength

Did you know that singing in a choir not only gives individuals a feeling of harmony, both spiritually and musically, but also physically? A recent Swedish study has found that when you sing in a choir both breathing and heart rate variability becomes synchronized when the group is singing together. **Why not try it out on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Chapel? That is when the adult choir begins** rehearsals for the fall and Christmas season. It is also "Alive on the Square" day, but we will be done by 9:40 so we have time to get over to the service. We are not singing for this service.

In addition, if you want to work on your upper body strength, you could try out the bell choir. Ringing can give you a good workout for your arms and upper body, not to mention the spiritual and musical harmony you will enjoy in the group. **The bells will begin rehearsals for the fall and Christmas season at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.** Note the new starting time as this will allow us to rehearse and also be done in time for the new Wednesday night study that will start at 7:30 pm sometime in the fall.

I encourage you to grow spiritually, musically, and physically by joining one or both of the choirs. If you have any questions, let me know. I look forward to seeing you in the choirs!

Jim Kiser, Music Director

## CABIN FEVER

To celebrate our church's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary we'll recall our original log cabin in the area of Bagdad, OH. A diorama is being planned which will enable our church members (especially the youth) to participate by constructing a miniature log cabin depicting our first home. While there are no pictures or drawings of our first church there will be a contest to create your vision in the diorama with a church cabin. Construction specifications will be forthcoming in the fall but be thinking about how things might have looked 200 years ago.

## NEEDED: BIKES and DRIVERS

Our Community Outreach Missions, thanks to your many generous contributions, are sailing along this summer. We do, however, have a couple real needs. One is for food delivery drivers on Thursdays. The other is for used children's size bikes for kids wanting to go to the library to spend enriched time during their summer days. Please just stop by our sign up table in the lower entry and we'll answer any questions and schedule your help. Thank you, Jane Greinke.

## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

### S.O.S. – Mayday – Help!!

We need volunteers for Coffee Hour after the 10:30 Service for August and September! Please sign up in the East Room. Coffee hour responsibilities are very minimal. The Gathering has the coffee prepared. All that is asked is to present juice, donut holes, mini-cupcakes, cookies, etc. and perhaps some fruit, like grapes. Some volunteers cut up cheese to serve with crackers. You can do a simple assortment or mix of any of these. We are not serving meals – just a light snack to enjoy as you chat with friends. Any questions, please phone Becky Weber at 330-725-8545. Thank you.

## DONATE ONLINE!

Stewardship and generosity is a spiritual practice 24/7/365. We give of our time, talent, and treasure to things we believe further Christ's mission in the world.

To further our reach in the world, the church can now accept donations through Facebook. Visit our Facebook page and click the blue "Donate" button at the top right of the page if you feel so led! This is another way we want to make giving easy and inspire generosity in others.

Thank you for all that you do in stewarding your time, talent, and treasure for God's Beloved Community!



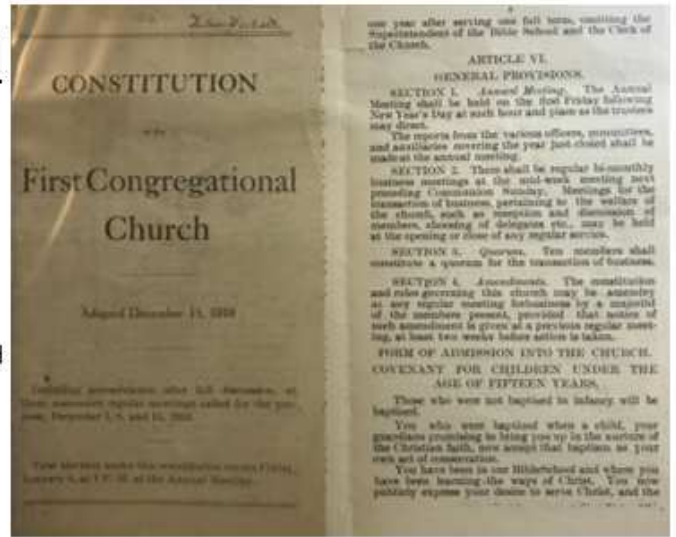
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# Bicentennial Tidbits

H. Samuel Fritsch was our 26<sup>th</sup> pastor; serving for seven years, from 1911-1918. He published a sermon entitled "Christ and Evolution" in response to the Darwinian controversy of the time.

Under his pastorate, our Constitution was modernized to eliminate what to us today would seem to be rather odd language, as we will see next week.



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## GOSPEL GALLEY

## Writing a Letter

by Dave Weber

Why write a letter? Isn't all communications to businesses, family, and friends through email, Instagram, Facebook, etc.? I'm not sure, but someone said the stores still sell stationery, envelopes and note cards. Gee, I thought those were almost as extinct as 8 track tapes!

In Scripture, of course, letter writing was the way of communicating the Good News in addition to oral tradition. Take Paul, for instance. His letters include a total of 14 main letters within the New Testament. Scholars say there are more, but I guess they ended up on the editor's cutting room floor. Clearly, Paul was the consummate letter writer. Each letter is a greeting, a gospel lesson, a note of moral support and/or admonition to early churches.

Over the years, I've written hundreds of letters. These included letters to my loving fiancée (now wife), family members, friends, acquaintances, and political leaders. I really enjoyed the process of writing even if it was just a short thank you note. It gave me pause to mull over ideas, ponder relationships, share ideas etc. But somehow, I fell out of practice. I have lots of reasons that are really excuses.

Recently, I responded to a note from a dear friend and former member of our congregation. She had written a thank you letter for my (and the team's) Gospel Galley Meditations. She said that she looked forward eagerly to reading them each week. They often strike a chord within her and give her food for thought for the upcoming week. She included an update on her children who were in my Senior High classes and youth groups, as well as news of grandchildren.

So she motivated me to write a letter in return. From the thinking over of what to say, to the actual writing (yes, it was cursive!), to dropping it in the mail, the process renewed my affection for letter writing. While I am certainly no Paul, letter writing can be a refreshing and sometimes powerful personal experience. Actually, I intend to sit down and write a few notes to people whose lives have touched mine in some significant way. I hope they are a way to be in touch and bring up thoughts of our personal bonds.

So, when was the last time you were inspired by Paul? Come on now, you can do it! Pick up a pen and just sit in a quiet space to let it all flow out. Perhaps, it will be simple prose. Perhaps, it will be a message in poetry. Regardless, I'm sure the U.S. Post Office still sells stamps.