

# THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

## AUGUST 19, 2018

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

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August 19, 2018 thru August 26, 2018

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>Sun</b>	8:15 am	Chapel Worship
	9:00 am	Gathering Worship
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship
	11:45 am	Mission Team
	11:45 am	Both Sides of Prison Planning Meeting
	2:00 pm	JMM @ Medina Meadows
<b>Mon</b>	10:00 am	<b>GIFT CARD ORDERS DUE</b>
	1:00 pm	Breadmakers
	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
<b>Tues</b>		
<b>Wed</b>	10:30 am	Quilters
<b>Thu</b>	7:00 pm	Congregational Council
<b>Fri</b>	10:00 am	Naragon's Memorial Service & Luncheon
<b>Sat</b>	4:00 pm	Jazz Under the Stars (ORMACO) Rain Site
<b>Sun</b>		<b>ALIVE ON THE SQUARE ONE 10 AM WORSHIP</b>
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal Begins
	2:00 pm	JMM @ Medina Meadows Sing-a-long
	7:00 pm	JMM @ Western Reserve Masonic Home

### ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Mark your calendars

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!

### 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!

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

I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Rev. Luke Lindon

**Altar Flowers:** The altar flowers are given by Medith Davis in memory of Bob Davis.

### \*\*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 on August 19th! You will find the envelopes in the pews or you can get one from the ushers if you wish to donate.

### IN MEMORIAM

Doris and Elwood Naragon left this life together; we will memorialize them together on Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am at UCC, Congregational church. Luncheon will follow at the church.

### Upcoming Youth Events:

\*September 8 – Confirmation Class Ropes  
Course 9:00 am

\*September 9 – Rally Day for F.I.S.H.

\*September 16 – Youth Group Kick-off (4:00-6:00)

\*September 23 – Confirmation Class (3:00-4:30)

\*October 7 – Youth Group (4:00-6:00)

\*October 14 – Confirmation Class (3:00-4:30)

\*October 21 – All Church Hayride at Boyert's 5:30-9:00pm

\*October 28 – Confirmation Class (3:00-4:30)

## RALLY DAY!

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It's hard to believe that the school year is starting. When school starts we know that the start of F.I.S.H. will be close behind. We will kick off our year of F.I.S.H. on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. We will have a special treat, play some games, meet our teachers for the year and see where our classrooms will be. Make sure to mark this important date on your calendar. We are looking forward to another great year.

## YOUTH GROUP KICKBALL KICK-OFF

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The first day of youth group will be Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 pm. If you are of youth group age (3<sup>rd</sup> grade-12<sup>th</sup> grade) mark this day on your calendar. We will be having it at Hubbard Valley Park. Bring a friend to join in on the fun! You will be getting an email with more detailed information. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## TEACHERS NEEDED FOR F.I.S.H.

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It is time to get ready for F.I.S.H. to start up again. I am looking for people who would be willing to teach the young kids in our church. We have an easy to use curriculum. Are you willing to be part of a team and teach once a month? That is all you would have to do. If it is something you are interested in or if you have any questions, please contact Stacie Yates.

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

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Bunker Hill Golf Course  
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 at the church, call the church office or visit us on [facebook](#) or our church [website](#) for registration and information. Deadline for registration is September 16<sup>th</sup>.

## COME JOIN YOUR HEARTS AND VOICES AS ONE

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Choir practice begins 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.

The Bell Choir 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 sometime in the fall.

## COIN JARS NOW AVAILABLE

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It is time again for our change collection that provides funds to Mobile Meals (county wide) to benefit the seniors in our community. It is truly amazing how all those coins can add up to provide some much needed food for our food insecure seniors. Coin jars are due by Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.

## COLLECTING BOOKS FOR MEDINA COUNTY JAIL

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Thinning out your book collection? Some of your motivational and inspirational books may provide just the guidance and encouragement prisoners can use to start a new chapter in their lives. Bring your paperback copies of religious and inspirational church and leave marked box kitchen. The Prison" ministry they're taken to County Jail.



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## BACK TO SCHOOL MISSION

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As the children get ready to go back to school there are some children that are in need of help through the Community Services Center. They are asking right now for donations of new or gently used children's clothing from toddler up to women's sizes 5 & 6. They are also in need of new underwear for the children. If you feel inclined to donate, please place your items in the BOGO box by the elevator.

## CHURCH SERMON SERIES

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This fall class series will remind us of why the liturgy is the way it is and help us go deeper into our worship service. Liturgy means, "the work of the people." This series seeks to show that we are more than a church on Sunday, but we ARE the church.

Class will be held Sundays following the 10:30 service in the Fellowship Hall and Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. starting September 16<sup>th</sup>.

"August"...when capitalized, refers to the eighth month of the calendar, and, like July, honors Julius Caesar **Augustus**. "august"...uncapitalized, comes from the Latin *augere* meaning **to increase, exalt**. It can also mean **inspiring awe, admiration, reverence; majestic, imposing; of high birth or rank; venerable, eminent**.

"August" is going to community fairs, the "dog-days" of summer with hot temps and many sweltering high-humidity nights, cicadas singing in the trees, lightning bugs flashing in the grass, and sipping ice-cold lemonade on the front porch, deck, or stoop.

"august" is how we acknowledge GOD. Psalm 68:34-35 states, "Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power is In the skies. You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary; the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!"

"august" is how we acknowledge JESUS when we read New Testament writings. The Gospels tell of His high ranking birth taking place in a lowly stable, His ministry continuing to be told in the book of Acts, and His admiration and reverence in the letters of encouragement and commitment that Paul writes to the early churches.

This august month of August, may we be:

**A**we-inspired, **U**nited in faith, **G**iving and forgiving, **U**nified in love, **S**teadfast, **T** rue.

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## CABIN FEVER

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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.

## 4 KEYS TO MEMBERSHIP

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Our fall new member classes will be held Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and New Member Sunday is September 30<sup>th</sup> at whatever service our new members attend.

I LOVE new members! I love old members too... and people in general come to think of it. The most frequent question I get is about belonging. "How do I get involved here? How do I belong here?" I think about it in terms of four key areas. Those "4 keys" to being part of our faith family are:

Service, Giving, Worship, and Small Groups.

Read more about these on the Pastors Blog here:

<http://www.uccmedina.org/4keystomembership/>



# Abolition!!!

The Compromise of 1850 admitted California to the Union as a free state. Slavery would be permitted in the territories of Utah and New Mexico. Slave trading was prohibited in Washington DC and a tough new version of the Fugitive Slave Act created a political firestorm in the North, including Ohio and Medina.

## 5) The Fugitive Slave Act

ALL citizens  
MUST help  
capture  
runaway slaves  
or face jail time  
& \$1000 fine  
\$1000 in 1849 =  
\$30,000 in 2009



# Bicentennial Tidbits

We had our own split in 1851 over abolitionism and slavery. The splinter group was called the Free Church of Medina.

The radical minority got possession of the church and locked the majority out. There was undoubtedly indiscretion on both sides. Finally in 1851 affairs reached such a state that it was apparent that some different mode of settlement must be adopted. This led to the appointment of a joint committee with power to arrange for a settlement of property rights and separation of the two factions. After full consultation a report was brought in to the effect that the majority should pay the minority \$1,000 for their interest in the property, assume all the debts of the society, retain the name of the "First Congregational Church," and that the minority should take letters and form a new organization. This report was adopted by both parties, and the minority, consisting of about one-third of the membership, withdrew and formed "The Free Church of Medina."

*(Source: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History of the First Congregational Church, 1894, by Rev. J. R. Nichols)*

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

Please submit articles to the church office at [office@uccmedina.org](mailto:office@uccmedina.org)

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