

THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 2, 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

September 2, 2018 thru September 9, 2018

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun	8:15 am Chapel Worship 9:00 am Gathering Worship 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Traditional Worship 2:00 pm JMM @ Evergreen
Mon	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED Cook for Cups
Tues	7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting
Wed	10:30 am Quilters 6:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thu	Garfield deliveries
Fri	
Sat	9:00 am Confirmation Ropes Course
Sun	RALLY DAY/F.I.S.H. Kick-off/ Youth Group Registration 8:15 am Chapel Worship 9:00 am Gathering Worship 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am JMM @ Brookdale South 11:30 am Memorial Gifts Committee Meeting 11:45 am Hunger Outreach Meeting (Project Leaders only)

TEACHERS NEEDED FOR F.I.S.H.

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? If it is something you are interested in or if you have any questions, please contact Stacie Yates.

YOUTH GROUP KICKBALL KICK-OFF

The first day of youth group will be Sunday, September 16th from 4:00-6:00 pm. If you are of youth group age (3rd grade-12th grade) mark this day on your calendar. We will be having it at **River Styx Park, 8200 River Styx Rd., Wadsworth, 44281**. 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!

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

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

“What Comes Out” - Rev. Luke Lindon

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given by Marlee Winters in memory of her parents Dorothy and Glenn Waugh.

COMMUNION

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

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

Corinthians 10:17



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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 5:30-9:00 pm
- *October 28 – Confirmation Class (3:00-4:30)

RALLY DAY!

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 9th. 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.

5th ANNUAL BICENTENNIAL GOLF OUTING FUND RAISER

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](https://www.facebook.com/uccmedina) or our [church website](http://uccmedina.org) for registration and information. Deadline for registration is September 16th.

COIN JARS NOW AVAILABLE

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 28th.

COME JOIN YOUR HEARTS AND VOICES AS ONE

The Bell Choir will begin rehearsals for the fall and Christmas season at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, September 5th. 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 in mid-September.

CULTURE OF PEACE PROPHETIC WITNESS TEAM

From our Eastern Ohio Association: The Culture of Peace Prophetic Witness Team invites you to Reconciling Faith and Politics on Saturday, October 3rd from 9:30 am – 12 pm at Bethany UCC (1235 Broad Blvd., Cuyahoga Falls). How do we live with the tension between faith and politics? How do we talk about it without offending and hurting one another? Additional details soon. Please mark your calendars!

GARFIELD FAMILIES UPDATE

Beginning the first week in September, the Community Outreach Mission is going to be serving several additional families bi-weekly with food assistance. We will continue with our current 7 families bi-weekly and assist another group of families on the alternate week. The donation sign-up sheets will therefore look the same for two weeks in a row. We are also excited to report that the Sandridge Food Corporation is donating foods that we can distribute to our families. **Thanks to all of you** who make this mission happen; by donation or driving or sitting at the donation table. THANK YOU!!! If you would like to become involved with this mission, see Jackie, Linda or Darlene. We would love to talk with you.

LOG IN TO 1819, OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR

Think about Medina two hundred years ago and what our church would have been like. Logs cut from the forest north of our square created our first church building.

We are asking parishioners, especially the youth, to have fun creating models of our log cabin or a wagon to travel to the church. The cabin would need to be 3-4 inches high, not including the roof and steeple. The cabin would need to have a footprint of seven by nine inches (7" x 9"). You may construct a model using items such as sticks, Lincoln Logs, popsicle sticks, Legos, or even pretzel sticks.

Getting to our first church would be by horse or wagon. Horses and feed are provided but instead of a cabin you might like to construct a wagon. It should be one to one and a half inches tall (1"-1½").

A typical cabin site is depicted in the diorama displayed by the entrance. Your creations should be finished by December 31st, stored at home and later displayed in Fellowship Hall for our congregation to cast votes.

If there are any questions, contact Pete Benson at 330-725-5540. The *workhorses* on this project are Eve Lindon and Ruby Gabrielsen.

THE 50+ YEAR MEMBERS SAVE THE DATE!

If you have been a member of our church for 50 years or more, please save Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a celebration luncheon. Invitations will be mailed out soon. If you would like to help with the luncheon... put this date on your calendar and contact the office, Becky Weber or Sue Dean.



CHURCH SERMON SERIES

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 at 7:30 p.m. starting September 16th.

4 KEYS TO MEMBERSHIP

Our fall new member classes will be held Monday, September 17th and 24th at 7 p.m. and New Member Sunday is September 30th 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 Pastor's Blog here:
<http://www.uccmedina.org/4keystomembership/>

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE KITCHEN!

Since we have had a few meals at the church lately, we are getting quite a collection of your dishes and pans! Thank you so much to all who have prepared food for these meals. Please take a look in the kitchen and see if you may have left anything there that belongs to you. The counter space is getting covered up again! Anything left in the kitchen by the end of September will be donated. Thank you!

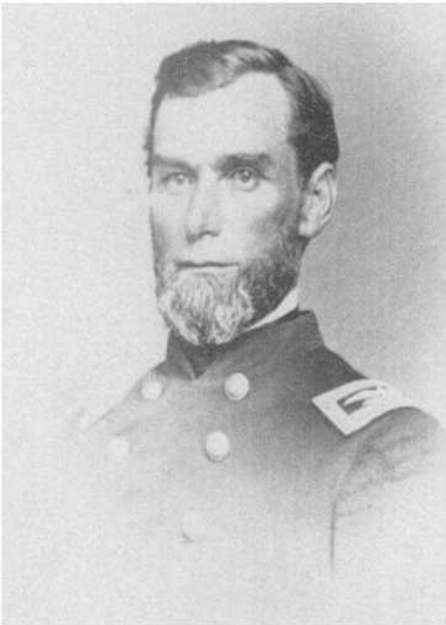
MMA SPONSORS: Muslim Speakers, Masroor & Simee Malik

**Monday, September 10, 2018 – 7:00 pm –
in Fellowship Hall @ Medina Presbyterian Church
FREE & Open to the Public**

For more information: Henry Pearce, Medina Presbyterian Church, (330) 723-1000

A group of local churches participating in the Medina Ministerial Association has announced that it will sponsor a talk by two representatives of the Muslim community in Northeast Ohio. The couple, Masroor and Simee Malik of Solon, will speak in Fellowship Hall of the Medina Presbyterian Church on Monday, September 10th at 7:00 PM.

The two will speak on the theology and history of the Muslim faith, and on their own experiences as Muslims in American Society. Following their talk, members of the audience will be invited to ask questions and explore areas of common concern between the two faiths.



Bicentennial Tidbits – Civil War & H. G. Blake

Honor Roll

CIVIL WAR VETERANS

(The following are the names we were able to obtain. It is quite possible there may be omissions).

Frederick Beckwith, 166 Reg.	Elliott McDougall, 42 Reg.
H. G. Blake, Col., 166 Reg.	George Redway, Capt., 102 Reg.
N. S. Bostwick, 166 Reg.	Robert Rood, 166 Reg.
Albert Bowman, 42 Reg.	William Sipher, 166 Reg.
Smith Egbert, 166 Reg.	Gaylord Thomson, 166 Reg.
H. P. Foskett, Capt., 42 Reg.	George Thomson, 166 Reg.
Milo Hobart, 42 Reg.	James Welch, 8 Reg.
George Kennedy, 166 Reg.	Joseph Welch, 8 Reg.

Of these, Milo Hobart, George Kennedy and Joseph Welch would now be represented by gold stars, having died in the service.



H. G. Blake was elected to the Ohio House of Representatives for 1846-7 and was President of the Ohio Senate in 1848. He then served in the U.S. Senate from 1859 to 1863, where he initially attended Senate sessions armed with a pistol for self defense, due to his reputation as an abolitionist. He joined the Union Army to command the 166th Ohio Infantry in May 1864. Although the regiment only existed for 100 days, it saw service in the defense of Washington D.C., helping to repulse an attack by Confederate Jubal Early's army in July 1864 at Ft. Stevens. In later years, he founded the Old Phoenix Bank and was instrumental in getting railroad service to come to Medina.

COLLECTING BOOKS FOR MEDINA COUNTY JAIL

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 books to church and leave them in the marked box outside of the kitchen. The "Both Sides of Prison" ministry will see that they're taken to the Medina County Jail.

WE CAN ONLY USE **PAPERBACK BOOKS** AT THE JAIL
PLEASE, NO HARD COVER BOOKS

Here are some examples of what we are looking for:

1. Christian fiction
2. Mysteries, adventure, detective series, etc. written by popular authors (Grisham, Clancy, Connolly, Sparks, Clark, etc.)
3. Self-help books
4. Westerns by Louis L'Amour ALWAYS
5. Sci-fi and fantasy (but not Star Trek... those are outdated)
6. Biographies of athletes and war heroes
7. History books by Shaara, Gingrich, etc.
8. PLEASE... no Romance novels

If you have any of the following Christian books in paperback only,
we could really, REALLY use them!

1. Any of the *Left Behind* series books by Tim LaHaye
2. *The Lies Women Believe* by Nancy Leigh DeMoss
3. *Lord Foulgrin's Letters* by Randy Alcorn
4. *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel
5. *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren
6. Peter Marshall books: *The Light and the Glory*, *From Sea to Shining Sea*, *Sounding Forth the Trumpet*

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

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