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“WELCOMING, LOVING, SERVING, WHERE GOD HAS NO LIMITS”

Please take a moment to sign the attendance pads, (located at the end of each pew) so that you know who is worshipping near you and you may greet them by name.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE “We Bow Down” – Twila Paris/arr. Lloyd Larson

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

*VISIONING PRAYER

by Sharon Alberson

God, help us to be welcoming. God, help us to be loving.
God, help us to see that serving you can lead us to
A place full of grace with no limits where we can be free...
To open our hands, welcoming. To open our hearts, loving
To be more than church on Sunday, to live in the light from above;
To celebrate in service and love.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**)

Leader: Welcome to this place:

People: where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,

Leader: where heaven and earth embrace in peace,

People: where God has been, is, and always will be.

Leader: Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:

People: where we find God's love,

Leader: where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,

People: where the Spirit teaches us new songs.

Leader: Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

People: where we bring our hunger, and find food;

Leader: where we bring our brokenness, and find healing;

People: where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.



1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)** (written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**)

We will not find that needed justice in our apathy;
we will not find that elusive wholeness with our quarreling;
we will not find our hoped for unity with our doctrines;
we will not find our misplaced love with our hating;
we will not find that rest we crave in our overflowing planners;
we will not find the peace you offer in our well nursed grudges.
But we will find you in the brokenness of the Bread and in the breaking of our hearts;
we will find you when we drain the Cup, refill it with our gifts, and offer it to a little child;
we will find you when we squeeze closer together, making room at the Table for all your people.
Help us to find you, God in Community, Holy in One, already operating in our lives. Amen.

***PRAISE RESPONSE** "The Church's One Foundation" (vs. 5)

ANTHEM "How Beautiful" – Twila Paris; Arr. by Lloyd Larson Alleluia Ringers

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Stacie Yates

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

BAPTISM – Jack Ryan Jodway

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spir-it's sign;
With this wa-ter God has sealed you un-to love and grace di-vine.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Question to the Congregation

I commend to your love **Jack Ryan Jodway** whom we receive as a child in the family of God. Through your lives and example, will you support these parents in their desire to guide **Jack** in the knowledge and love of God and of our savior, Jesus Christ?

People: In joyful response to God's grace, we promise our love, our support and our care.

'Borning Cry" Jim Kiser, Soloist

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

People's Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE

"We Are the Church"

I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to -
 geth - er! All who fol - low Je - sus,
 all a - round the world! Yes, we're' the church to - geth - er!

WORDS: Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh, 1972
 MUSIC: Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh, 1972

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SCRIPTURE

Mark 10: 2-16

Brooke Davis, Liturgist

SERMON

"re: Church: Sacrament"

Rev. Luke Lindon

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Offering Invitation

We will now gather this morning's offering.

Offertory Music

"Sketch" – Henry Kihlken

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

***Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

We cannot escape your love, Holy One. We can deny you, we can go to the heights and depths and you are already there. We cannot divorce ourselves from you. May these offerings go to our neighbors whom we would rather not encounter or think about. Those we try to divorce ourselves from:

The poor.

The prisoner.

The addict.

The mentally ill.

Those unfairly stigmatized.

May these gifts be a blessing. May our lives be a blessing. May we remember our baptism and your table and our unity. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. You do not need to be a member of the United Church of Christ to partake in the Holy Sacrament

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***SENDING HYMN**

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"



1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual
4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us



Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each
in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

WORDS: John Fawcett, 1782

MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845

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***BENEDICTION**

- Leader: What God has joined together, let no one separate.
- People: **We are bound by the waters of baptism. We are bound by the invitation to the table.**
- Leader: No matter what.
- People: **No matter what.**
- Leader: Yet sometimes the most loving thing is distance.
- People: **The tie that binds stretches, but never breaks.**
- Leader: My hope is that you go from here more whole than you walked in, reminded of the global movement and of your kith and kin in the far flung corners of the world. Go in peace and in the blessings of the Triune God, for this service has ended.
- People: **And our service now begins. Amen!**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be with You"**

**God be with you 'til we meet again; By His counsels guide uphold you;
 With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you 'til we meet again.**

*** POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" – arr. Michael Helman Cathy Fafrak, Organist**

"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"

*All who are able please stand.

Ushers: Dick Christy, Darlene Bagley-Fazekas, Pete Benson, Ron Greinke

*****Please join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall following the service*****

Today's coffee hour is hosted by *Dave and Becky Weber and Tammie McGivern.*

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GARFIELD HYGIENE PROGRAM

We are continuing our programs to supply Garfield students with needed hygiene products. Presently there is a need for ankle socks to fit kindergarten thru 5th grade. There is also a present need for deodorant. Please put donations in the box marked "Hygiene Supplies" by the bottom of the stairs.

CIRCLE OF CARING MEMBERS

If you were unable to attend the October 4th meeting, please pick up an updated copy of the Circle of Caring Visitation and Membership list in the wall rack by the kitchen and drinking fountain. There have been many changes to our lists. Please call the office (330-725-4459) with any additions or corrections.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Our last breakfast meeting until spring of next year will be on Tuesday, October 9th. Please join us at 9:00 am at Eat-n-Park for our final breakfast of the season!

IT'S A PAINTING PARTY

A Painting Party to benefit the Medina UCCC Mission trip to Costa Rica will be Saturday, November 10th from 1-3:00 pm at the church. Create your own masterpiece under the instruction of Connie Kramer from Art Break. All are welcome. Enjoy soft drinks & snacks while painting. The cost is \$50.00. For tickets, contact Judy at 330-722-5380 or jdaugherty@zoominternet.net, Tammie at 330-285-9599 or tamohio1@aol.com, or the Church Office at 330-725-4559.

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*****

THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

OCTOBER 7, 2018

**“WELCOMING, LOVING, SERVING, WHERE GOD HAS NO LIMITS.
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October 7, 2018 thru October 14, 2018

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun	Neighbors in Need Offering
	8:15 am Chapel Worship
	9:00 am Gathering Worship
	9:15 am Choir practice
	10:30 am Traditional Worship
	11:30 am Hunger Outreach Meeting Leaders only
	11:30 am Pastor's Bible Study for All
	3:00 pm JMM Hymn Sing @ Brookdale North
	4:00 pm Youth Group
	7:00 pm World Communion Sunday Service on the Square (Cool Beans – rain site)
Mon	
Tues	8:00 am Men's Fellowship at P.J. Marley's
	9:00 am Women's Breakfast Group @ Eat-n-Park (Last gathering until spring)
	7:30 pm Women's Book Group
Wed	10:30 am Quilters
	6:15 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study for All
Thu	Garfield Deliveries
Fri	
Sat	
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 Pastor's Bible Study for All
	3:00 pm Confirmation Class

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

Scripture: Mark 10:2-16

“re: Church: Sacrament” - Rev. Luke Lindon

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given by Paul & Kelly DeSario in honor of their 22nd wedding anniversary.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED (NIN)

“Neighbors in Need” is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. This year's theme is “Love of Neighbor”. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. “Neighbors in Need” grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

NEW DIRECTORIES

We have decided to go ahead and print new directories since we are not doing a pictorial directory until spring. Please contact Cindy in the church office with any updates to your address, phone, email etc. no later than October 28th. New directories will be printed on October 31st and available for pick up on November 4th.
office@uccmedina.org or 330-725-4559

Upcoming Youth Events:

- *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 – Youth Group Outing –
Alien Golf 12:00 pm
- *October 28 – Confirmation Class (3:00-4:30)
- *November 4 – Rake-N-Run 1:30-5:00

CHURCH SERMON SERIES



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.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to work with children on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 pm in the children's section of the Medina County Library. You would help with homework, serve a few snacks, play games and create a bond with children in our community! Please contact Maureen Walker at 330-321-1192 for more details! Thanks for all you do!

SIGN UP NOW!! HAYRIDE AND FALL FUN AT BOYERTS

Sunday, October 21st

One of the most anticipated events of the year is just around the corner. The annual fall hayride is on Sunday, October 21st at Boyert's from 5:30-9 pm. The cost for the evening is \$10 for 7 years old and up and \$6 for 6 years old and under. This includes a dinner (hot dogs, chips, apples and apple cider), hayride, pumpkin, s'more's and lots of other great fall fun. You need to sign up for this event and pay in advance. There is a signup sheet outside of Fellowship Hall. Make checks payable to Medina UCC and put "Hayride" in the memo. You can give your money to Stacie Yates or you can place it in her mailbox in the church office. We had a great time last year and are looking forward to another great year. Sign up now!!

BOOKS FOR MEDINA COUNTY JAIL

Thank you to those who gave books last month to our collection for the Medina County Jail. About 4 dozen books were delivered to the jail, where Susan Jarvis, Chaplain at the jail, will add them to the library there. "Both Sides of Prison" will continue through the winter to collect your used inspirational or motivational **SOFT-COVERED (i.e. paperback) books**. You can drop them into the box outside of the kitchen by the water fountain. At the end of each month, a volunteer from "Both Sides of Prison" will take them to the jail. Thank you!

50+ MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON GROUP PHOTOS HERE NOW

The group photos taken at the 50+ Luncheon on 9/22 are now available for pick up. Please pick up your copy in the East Room. They are in envelopes with your name on them.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO KEN SMITH FOR TAKING THIS BEAUTIFUL PHOTO AND SENDING IT TO THE NEWSPAPERS.

Mark 10:2-16

Enfolding Love

What were you doing in fifth grade? In Orange County, North Carolina there is an embodiment of Love of Children and Love of Neighbor and she's in 5th grade. She is a member of the Hillsboro United Church of Christ. Instead of Christmas presents last year she asked for blankets and socks for people in the local homeless shelter. She's been doing this kind of thing since she was seven years old. For her seventh birthday she got 71 coats delivered to the shelter. This year she's headed to a family shelter to read to the children.

Maya's mom is a single mother and when asked where Maya developed her boundless love, her mom says it was the church that helped raise her. How much more love our churches could share if we raised all our children this way. Maya sees that she has enough for her life and the joy she takes in giving is palpable to all who see her.

Love of Neighbor should be that visible. It is the way Jesus is resurrected into the world, through the church, through the way we raise our children, through how we show love.

Dorothee Soelle, was a theologian and Professor at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She wrote a poem about Jesus needing us called *Not Without You*. This is an excerpt:

*Help him
that's what faith is
he can't bring it about
his kingdom
couldn't then couldn't later can't now
not at any rate without you
and that is his irresistible appeal*

This is a good way to think about our campaign for "A Just World" and "Three Great Loves." We are the expressed love of Jesus to the world. We are his hands. When we read in the Gospels that Jesus said we should receive the Realm of God like a child, we can imagine the love of Maya and the tears of joy she sheds because people who were cold are now warm.

You can read more stories like Maya's, and get a tool kit about the Three Great Loves Campaign by going to 3greatloves.uccpages.org.