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# UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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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.*

**RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**PRELUDE** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” – William Runyan/arr. Fred Bock Jerry Mason, Guest 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** (based on James 5: 13-20)

Leader: Let’s do a check-in...

People: **Are any among you suffering?**

Leader: Then let us pray.

People: **Are any cheerful?**

Leader: Then let us sing songs of praise.

People: **Are any among you sick?**

Leader: Then let us turn to each other for God's healing touch.

People: **The prayer of faith will save us**

Leader: And God will lift us up.

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**“Amazing Grace” (vs. 1-4)**

WORDS: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; vs. 5, anonymous

MUSIC: *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. Edwin O. Excell (1851-1921)

NEW BRITAIN

C.M.

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re-lieved;  
 3 The Lord has prom-ised good to me, his word my hope se-cures;  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares I have al - read - y come;  
 5 When we've been there ten thou-sand years, bright shin - ing as the sun,  
 I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 how pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the hour I first be-lieved!  
 he will my shield and por - tion be as long as life en-dures.  
 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

**\*CONFESSION** (Written by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing - [www.stephenmfearing.com](http://www.stephenmfearing.com))

- Leader: God of Endless Mercy, we have often been swallowed up by our greed and selfishness,  
**People: desiring that which we do not have, filling our lives with things that do not save us.**  
 Leader: We have often been swept away by the floods of our own making,  
**People: polluting your creation, neglecting to be faithful stewards of the earth.**  
 Leader: We have often attacked one another and led lives of violence,  
**People: sending missiles instead of accepting refugees, ignoring your commandments.**  
 Leader: Lord have mercy, for we have sinned and fallen short of your glory.  
**People: Christ have mercy, for we are broken and need your salvation.**  
 Leader: Lord have mercy upon us and hear us as we pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**People: Amen.**

**\*PRAISE RESPONSE** "Amazing Grace" (vs. 5)

**ANTHEM** "All for Thee" – Words by Francs R. Havergal; Chancel Choir  
 Music by Henri A. Cesar Malan; Choral Setting by Jack Schrader

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns, Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"



1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing thy grace;



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;



Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of thy re - deem - ing love.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758 (1 Sam. 7:12)  
MUSIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

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SCRIPTURE John 1: 1-18

Nick North, Liturgis

SERMON "RE: Church, The Word"

Rev. Luke Lindon

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Offering Invitation

God sent his only son. Jesus promised us to be with us until the end of the age through the Holy Spirit. To such love, we in turn gather our time, talent, and treasure to bless the world in the name of Christ.

\*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

Living Word, help us imagine what else would change today if we dared demand it of love.  
If we didn't stop where the rules ended, were no longer bound by common sense or right and  
wrong or justice and fairness, and who deserves what. If we expected life for all, and heeded  
your commands. Amen.

\*SENDING SONG

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel-ling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;  
3 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less let us be;



fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.  
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.  
let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;  
Take a - way the love of sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga be;  
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,  
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,



vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: May you love God with your whole heart, mind, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself.

**People: Upon these rests the whole law and prophets.**

Leader: May you seek the Living Word,

**People: and keep free from making our sacred stories an idol.**

Leader: May you feel the presence of the Spirit,

**People: Living as we were created to be God’s people in our fragmented world.**

Leader: For the healing of the world.

**People: For peace with our neighbors. For wholeness of mind and spirit within ourselves.**

Leader: Go from here to be a blessing 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** “God of Grace” – arr. Paul Manz Jerry Mason, Guest Organist

**MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY”**

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\* Those who are able are asked to 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 **Maureen Walker.*****

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# THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

## OCTOBER 14, 2018

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

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October 14, 2018 thru October 21, 2018

### **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**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

**Mon** 10:00 am GIFT CARD ORDERS DUE  
1:00 pm Breadmakers  
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

### **Tues**

**Wed** 9:15 am Hobby Horse Team  
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  
**11:30 am Pastor's Bible Study for All**  
**11:45 am Mission Team**  
2:00 pm JMM @ Medina Meadows  
**5:30 pm All Church Fall Hayride  
@ Boyert's Farm**

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

Scripture: John 1:1-18

“RE: Church, The Word” - Rev. Luke Lindon

**Altar Flowers:** The altar flowers are given by Becky & Dave Weber in memory of their parents.

### **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 31<sup>st</sup> and available for pick up on November 4<sup>th</sup>. [office@uccmedina.org](mailto:office@uccmedina.org) or 330-725-4559

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

\***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 pm

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

\***November 4** – Rake-N-Run (1:30-5:00)

### **WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB**

Due to a small number of women who took a copy of this month's book, we cancelled this month's Tuesday meeting. Please return your book to the church office so it can be returned to the library. Our next selection is Lincoln in the Bardo; it is in the office ready for pick up NOW! Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Information on where we will meet will be forthcoming. A cute Tinkerbell tote bag has been floating around the group for some time. It is now in the office, as no one has claimed it. If it belongs to you, hurry on in and claim it before it “disappears”. See you in November!

## FALL CRAFT DELIVERIES

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Our craft group has created fall crafts for our homebound and nursing home members and friends. The crafts are on a table in the East Room. Each has the recipients' name, address and phone number on the back. Please call the person and arrange a time for a friendly visit during which time the craft may be delivered. Thank you for taking some time to brighten someone's day. Questions? Call Syd Benson 330-725-5540.

## CHURCH SERMON SERIES

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## 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>.

## THANKS AND GOD BLESS

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I am well established in a lovely senior facility and enjoy being close to my son. I do miss Medina and my friends and thank many people for the notes and cards that have been forwarded to me.

-Arlene Higgs

## LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

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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

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**Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

One of the most anticipated events of the year is just around the corner. The annual fall hayride is on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 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

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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.**

## **OUR BICENTENNIAL HISTORIC MARKER IS ON THE WAY!...**

**(AND ALMOST AS QUICKLY AS IF IT WERE BEING DELIVERED BY OXCART IN 1819!)**

On Founders' Day 2018, our congregation voted on a number of possible ways to celebrate the church's bicentennial in 2019. The #1 option (by a considerable margin) was to commemorate the occasion with an official Ohio Historical Marker. But obtaining such a marker is not a matter of simply cruising over to the local Big Box store to pick one up. The business of obtaining an official marker entails a long and involved application process which we began soon after the Founders' Day vote. The application required an extensively-footnoted *Statement of Significance* to demonstrate the historical basis for our church's marker. This required a great deal of research; a task made enjoyable because of Pete Metzloff's prior efforts to meticulously organize and archive the church's original--and irreplaceable--founding documents. Copies of this *Statement* are available on the table by the kitchen for those who wish to read it. The application was sent to Columbus in June. Then began a season of waiting and hoping that our application would make the grade. On October 1<sup>st</sup>, we received official word that our application had been approved and that we could look forward to erecting and dedicating the marker in the summer or fall of our bicentennial year.

## **COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP**

Did you know you have the ability to change someone's life? Did you know you can make a profound impact on a family in less than 5 days? You can – by joining the Costa Rica mission team and their work with Mercy Homes Ministries. Right now, we have enough team members to build one house. However, for the past 5 years we have been able to provide two houses. We'd like to do at least two this year, but we need more people. The need is great and the families are deserving! We are going a little earlier than usual this year. The dates for the 2019 build are January 19-27. If you are interested in going please feel free to call/email Judy Daugherty at 330-772-5380 or [jdaugherty@zoominternet.net](mailto:jdaugherty@zoominternet.net), or contact Tammie McGivern at 330-285-9599 or [tamohio1@aol.com](mailto:tamohio1@aol.com) for more information.

## **IT'S A PAINTING PARTY**

A Painting Party to benefit the Medina UCC Mission trip to Costa Rica will be Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 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](mailto:jdaugherty@zoominternet.net), Tammie at 330-285-9599 or [tamohio1@aol.com](mailto:tamohio1@aol.com), or the Church Office at 330-725-4559.

## **CIRCLE OF CARING MEMBERS**

If you were unable to attend the October 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. There is also a present need for deodorant.



# THANK YOU FOR A FUN AND SUCCESSFUL 5 YEARS BICENTENNIAL GOLF FUNDRAISER

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For Five Years, Cheri and Arnold Ingraham have hosted an annual golf outing at their beloved Bunker Hill Golf Course. They have raised a lot of money for our renovation, but more than that, they have inspired us to be community. Our committees donated baskets and worked together to raise funds. Our church members and friends sponsored tees and games on the course for the golfers to have fun with. In short, they drew us closer as a community.

A community that laughs together, plays together, works together, and dreams together. I am so thankful for the Ingraham's work and tireless dedication for five years. I'm thankful for a church that goes along with such big dreams.

Thank you Cheri, Arnold, and the staff at Bunker Hill. Thank you for all who golfed and sponsored a tee. Thank you for all who are the church here on the Square, looking forward to our next 200 years.

God Bless.  
-Luke

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## GOSPEL GALLEY

by Linda Turek

*"For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment."*  
James 2:13

Recently I heard "everyone we meet is fighting a battle we know nothing about...**BE KIND.**"

Life gets so busy. We get so wrapped up in ourselves that it is easy to lose sight of the fact that our neighbors are busy and have "stuff" they are dealing with. The "stuff" could be a family issue, health concerns, too many commitments, financial obligations...the list is endless. It is easy to judge another's demeanor (attitude) based on where we are in our journey. "Why isn't he talking?" "Why does she look so grouchy?" "Can't he/she at least acknowledge I'm in the room?"

I know I need to make that extra effort to not prejudge someone based completely on outward appearances. Rather than judging, offer a smile, a word, a touch, a thankyou...**BE KIND.**

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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\*\*\*\*\***

Mark 10:17-31

### **What Must I Do?**

When the rich young ruler asks Jesus his question he's asking for all of us. What should we do, Jesus? How should we be welcoming? How should we be creating a just world? How should we embody love? What can we do to broaden our welcome and show our love for neighbor? You wouldn't think that anything as dry sounding as the Church Building and Loan Fund could help us answer that question, but it can. Here's how it did that for one church in Portland, Oregon.

Hillsdale Community Church United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming church and knew that unless their building was accessible to all there were those in the community who would not feel welcome. And without that welcome, worship was not comfortably open to all. So, they set about to fix that. It was the UCC Church Building and Loan Fund that helped them figure out how to make their 1960s-era building accessible through some planning, technical advice and assistance in mounting a capital campaign. Church Building and Loan Fund will also help churches with loans for such projects.

Hillsdale did a huge amount of work, putting in an elevator, updating restrooms, redoing the office space and raising \$25,000 more than they needed. All the time, Church Building and Loan Fund was there cheerleading and encouraging and helping them with the process. Now the church has an air of welcome that shows their openness to the whole world, and a sense of accomplishment in their partnership with a fund that works for all of us.

If your congregation wants to know what it can do to show its love of neighbor and expand its welcome, think about putting a call into the Church Building and Loan Fund and find out what might be possible to make your church an accessible building open to all (216-736-3834 or [infocblf@ucc.org](mailto:infocblf@ucc.org)).