

THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

JUNE 25, 2017

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

June 25, thru July 2, 2017

WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sun** 8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
10:30 am Traditional Worship
11:45 am Both Sides of Prison Meeting
2:00 pm JMM @ Medina Meadows
Sing-a-long
7:00 pm JMM @ Western Reserve
Masonic Home
- Mon** 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- Tues**
- Wed** 10:30 am Quilters
- Thurs** 9:15 am Hobby Horse Team
- Fri**
- Sat** 31st General Synod – Baltimore MD.
9:30 am Gathering Band
10:00 am Car Wash – Senior High
Youth Group
10:00 am Weekender Bags Pick up
- Sun** 31st General Synod – Baltimore MD.
8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
10:30 am Traditional Worship
2:00 pm JMM @ Evergreen

Worship Highlights: 8:15, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Matthew 10:24-39

“Dark Things” – Rev. Luke Lindon

Altar Flowers: are donated by Jane & Ron Greinke in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

CAR WASH

Saturday, July 1st
10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Thank you to everyone who brought their cars to the church last Saturday so the youth could wash them. We made \$287 to help get them to D.C. On Saturday, July 1, the High School Youth Group will be having another car wash from 10 am -1 pm in the church parking lot. Bring your dirty cars and let the youth make them shiny clean and help them get to D.C.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mark your calendars now for the annual
ALIVE ON THE SQUARE

Worship & Picnic

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27TH @ 10:00 a.m.

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

SUMMER F.I.S.H.

Our theme this year for Summer F.I.S.H. is Superheroes. Summer F.I.S.H. is for youth who are 3 years old thru students entering 3rd grade in the fall. All youth who are entering 4th grade-12th grade should stay upstairs and worship. Regular F.I.S.H. will begin again in September.

Upcoming Youth Events

- *July 1 - High School Car Wash Fundraiser
10-am – 1 pm
- *July 9-14 – High School Mission Trip to
Washington D.C.

EOAWRA NEWS

The Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates has been called by the Penn NE Conference to be their Conference Minister. She will begin her new position on September 1, 2017. Bonnie has served our two associations as our Associate for Congregational Vitality and Development with joy, expertise and innovation. During her time here, she developed our Coaching Program, has overseen several church mergers and new church starts and worked closely with the search committees of many local congregations as they called new pastoral leadership, such as our search for Rev. Luke. Her work with our Church Vitality Team led them to be in collaborative ministry with the Ohio Region Disciples of Christ. Her quest for excellence and her deep love of the local church has served us well. There will be a time of farewell for Bonnie in August to provide opportunity for you to personally thank her for her service and wish her well in the next chapter of her ministry in the United Church of Christ.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE REFUGEE FAMILIES

Thanks for all your contributions! For now, the family has the basics. We are no longer accepting clothing, kitchen basics or furniture. As of right now, the greatest need is for:

**DIAPERS
WIPES
ONESIES**

We'll let you know as other needs arise. If you have something you think is of use, please call Pam Branscome at 440-479-6814.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

We meet Tuesday, July 11th at Barb Rosen's home, 975 Bayberry Drive, Medina. 330-725-0902. Please let Barb know if you plan to attend. brosen@zoominternet.net
The book we are reading is *Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead.

GREETERS NEEDED

A warm smile, friendly greeting and a handshake are all you need to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. Families, individuals, or youth of our church can participate in this outreach. It only takes a half hour of your time and means so much to people entering the church for worship. Please sign up to greet before the 10:30 service on the sheet in the East Room.

BRAINSTORMING MEETING FOR BOTH SIDES OF PRISON: JUNE 25TH, 11:45 AM

"Both Sides of Prison" seeks to address the effects of the Criminal Justice System on everyone who is touched by it: families and friends of both the convicted and victims. People who are also affected can include emergency providers, attorneys, officers of the courts and jails and many more. How can we demonstrate Christ's love where matters of justice and injustice are at odds and people feel stressed by what they see and experience? "Both Sides of Prison" hopes to add more activities for the coming year so we may better serve as a pipeline of Christ's love and comfort. Your ideas on ways to expend opportunities to serve are welcome at our 11:30 am, June 25th meeting. Questions? E-mail jmw597b@yahoo.com, or call the church office: 330-725-4559.

Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. (NIV Hebrews 3.13)

NEOSOM Open House

The Northeast Ohio School of Ministry will be holding an Open House on Thursday, July 20, 2017 from 5-8 pm at the Association Support Center (960 Portage Trail) in Cuyahoga Falls.

This time of Information, Food, and Fellowship is for members of the local church to learn more about the Educational Opportunities offered by the Eastern Ohio and Western Reserve Associations. Whether a member is interested in learning more about becoming involved in the ministry/leadership of the church, or just wants to be the best Sunday School teacher they can be ... this program is for you!!

The event will be catered by Ernie's Catering, and the evening will close at 7:30 pm with a time of prayer. No need to make reservations.

Missed a sermon? Want to revisit it? Check out the sermon archive on our website:

<http://www.uccmedina.org/sermons/>

Visit us on Facebook here: [facebook.com/uccmedina](https://www.facebook.com/uccmedina)

SERMON COPIES

Printed copies of Luke's sermons will be available on the table in the kitchen hallway if you wish to read the sermon, or take a copy to a Circle of Caring person during your visit.

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

Submit articles to: office@uccmedina.org Or: messenger@uccmedina.org

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