

THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

JULY 2, 2017

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

July 2, thru July 9, 2017

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 31st General Synod – Baltimore MD.
July 2nd – 4th
8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
10:30 am Traditional Worship
2:00 pm JMM @ Evergreen

Mon

Tues



Wed 10:30 am Quilters

Thurs

Fri

Sat 10:00 am Weekender Bags Pick up

Sun Senior High Mission Trip – Wash. D.C.
8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
10:30 am Traditional Worship
10:30 am JMM @ Brookdale South
11:45 am Caring Team
1:00 pm JMM @ Elmcroft

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

Matthew 10:40-42 and Acts 1:6-11

“Politics from the Pulpit” – Rev. Luke Lindon

Altar Flowers: are donated by John & Joan Walschon in memory of John's mother, Bette Robertson.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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!

COMMUNION

The bread being served during Communion today was baked by the loving 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

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.

EOA/WRA 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.

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 23, 2017 from 11:30a.m. to 2 p.m.** for a celebration luncheon. Invitations will be mailed out early in September. If you would like to help with the luncheon... put this date on your calendar and contact the office, Becky Weber, or Sue Dean.

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.

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
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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.

Upcoming Youth Events

*July 9-14 – High School Mission Trip to Washington D.C.



CROSSROADS TO FELLOWSHIP

We are launching a new campaign to collect crosses as a permanent display along the hallway leading into Fellowship Hall. This wall has been left vacant since the removal of the coat rack.

We need your help in providing a cross or maybe a few, for the creation of a collage of crosses. These can be unique, traditional, handmade, store bought, picked up from your world travels, or perhaps a family heirloom that you would like to have displayed in our wall of crosses. A polite reminder that our Protestant tradition depicts an empty cross to remind us of the good news of the resurrection.

We have photos from a church in Texas that will show you the examples of what we are anticipating for the transformation of our blank wall space. Your cross can be dropped off in our church office and saved by the design team until we have enough to begin our wall display and collection. Please provide your name and perhaps a brief description of the history of your cross. We intend for this project to be ongoing as we have a very large wall space to cover. We thank you for your participation. Any questions can be directed to Jan Coleman. Faithfully, your design team.

"WE WILL CHERISH
THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

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.

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.

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)

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*****