

THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

AUGUST 20, 2017

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

August 20, thru August 27, 2017

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
	11:30 am	Confirmation Parent Meeting
	11:45 am	Mission Team
	2:00 pm	JMM @ Medina Meadows Hymn Sing
Mon	10:00 am	GIFT CARD ORDERS DUE
	1:00 pm	Breadmakers
Tues		
Wed		Hobby Horse Staff Day
	10:30 am	Quilters
Thurs	7:00 pm	Congregational Council
Fri		
Sat	6:00 am	Jazz Under the Stars (Rain Site)
Sun	9:00 am	Choir Practice
	10:00 am	ALIVE ON THE SQUARE ONE SERVICE AT THE GAZEBO
	2:00 pm	JMM @ Medina Meadows Sing-a-Long
	7:00 pm	JMM @ Western Reserve Masonic Home

NEXT SUNDAY!

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!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

September 3rd will be the "Blessings of the Backpacks!" Bring along backpacks and we'll bless them and put a tag on the packs. If you can't make it, we'll have tags available to pick up afterwards.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

It has been a while since we have updated and printed a new church directory, so we will be printing new ones by the beginning of October.

In an effort to have an updated directory, **please notify the office with any telephone, address or email changes no later than September 25th**. Please call or email: 330-725-4559 or office@uccmedina.org. Thank you.

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

Genesis 45:1-15

"Joe" – Rev. Luke Lindon

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given by Dick & Dorie Christy in honor of their anniversary.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Would you like to become a member of our church family? Join us for our next new member class! The next classes will be held:

Monday, Sept. 18th & Monday, Sept. 25th.

Class will be held from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the East Room. New members **will join the church on Sunday, October 1st**. Childcare is provided if needed. Please contact the Church Office at 330-725-4559 if you are interested and let us know if you will be in need of childcare.

COME AND “MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD”

Today, August 20th the Chancel Choir begins rehearsals at 9:15 am and will sing on August 27th for Alive on the Square. We meet in the Chapel. On Wednesday, September 6th the Bell Choir will begin rehearsals at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. I encourage anyone who is interested in participating in either or both groups to join us for rehearsal. If you have any questions, please contact me, Jim Kiser.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Dear UCC Congregational, my name is Joe DeSario and I need your help. In order for me to earn my Eagle Scout Award, I have to complete a community project. For my eagle project, I have decided to collect and retire old, ripped or worn American flags. I will place a box that is decorated as an American flag near the main entrance of the church. Please place any flag you would like properly retired into this box so it may be retired with respect and honor.

I will also be holding a flag retirement ceremony for anyone in the congregation who wants to come and participate. The location will be at my troop's campground and the date, time and location will be announced at a later date in the messenger. Upon completion of the ceremony, grommets will be given to veterans and anyone currently serving our country as a symbol of appreciation and thanks for your service.

Thank you for helping honor our American flag, our military and our country through my Eagle Scout project.

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 11:30 a.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.

CROSSROADS UPDATE

We are receiving some unique crosses for our hallway wall. If you are unable to locate a special cross, you may contribute funds to purchase or commission a cross to be donated to our collage. Please earmark your donation "U.C.C. Crossroads." Currently, we only have 15 crosses which have been bubble-wrapped until we have enough to begin hanging. Please look around your home, antique stores, or travel kiosks for a cross contribution. Thank you! – Jan Coleman

REFUGEE FAMILY

Thank you SO MUCH for your ongoing generosity for the Fazili family from the Congo.

All deliveries have been met with smiles and hugs and thanks. Our next immediate need is for shoes for the six who will be starting back to school who range in age from 7-20. (Alenga is in Dayton working on a GED and carpentry certification program.) If you wish to help with this project, you may write a check to the church with "Refugee Family" in the memo line and I will work with Rev. David Loar to take the kids shopping for new shoes that fit. Again, THANKS! Pam Branscome

BASIC: EDUCATIONAL SERIES

It's part potluck, community improv, theater, and Bible study! This is an all church event... All are welcome!

Series dates are Thursdays, 9/14, 9/21, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, and 11/2.

6:30-7 p.m. will be a potluck dinner
7-8 p.m. will be the Bible study

Childcare will be available. For more information, check www.uccmedina.org/basic

WHERE THERE'S TEA THERE'S HOPE

On Wednesday, **September 13th** we will be traveling to The Islamic Center of Cleveland (6055 West 130th St. Cleveland) to join in an interfaith dialogue. Their goal is to build bridges of faith by focusing on our similarities and celebrating our differences. Come help us break through the stereotypes over a cup of tea... Registration is at 6:30 and the program is from 7 – 9pm. **We will meet at church at 5:30 pm** to carpool. **Please sign up in the kitchen hallway if you plan to attend.** If you have questions please see Pastor Luke.

ORDER YOUR GIFT CARDS TODAY FOR BIRTHDAYS OR EVERY DAY!

Plan ahead now for Special Occasions and place your Gift Card order soon. Please see the Yellow Retailer List on the table near Fellowship Hall or visit www.glscrip.com and click on the Retailer List on the left side to view or print your own list. Complete a Green Order Form, also available on the table near fellowship hall and return to Kelly or Stacie with payment.

The next order date will be
Monday, August 21st at 10:00 am

Darden gift cards include Olive Garden, Longhorn, Bahama Breeze, Seasons 52 and Yard House. As of **July 28, 2017**, Red Lobster/Darden Cards will no longer be accepted at Red Lobster Restaurants as Red Lobster will no longer be a part of the Darden multi-brand.

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

	JULY	YTD	Annual Budget	YTD as % of Budget
Income:	\$29,613	\$191,526	\$338,829	56.5%
Expense	\$29,864	\$189,336	\$348,387	54.3%
Net Income (Loss)	(\$251)	\$2,190	(\$9,558)	

- Total Sunday School Offerings thru July 31st are \$330.00.
- Please try to keep your 2017 giving current during the summer months.
- Automatic Withdrawal Options are available for your weekly, monthly or even quarterly contributions, contact Kelly for a form to complete.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017
ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
10:00 a.m.

We will have one service of worship as we install our new Senior Pastor, Rev. Luke Lindon. Please join us for this special celebration!

AN EVENING WITH MARTIN LUTHER: EVOLUTION OF OUR FAITH

Join Pastor Luke as a lead up to our October 500 sermon series at this event put on by our kin at Zion Lutheran Church.

Protestant Reformation 500th Anniversary

Performed by Rev. Al Staggs, actor.

Saturday, September 16 @ 7:00 pm

Medina Performing Arts Center
851 Weymouth Rd., Medina

\$10.00 General Admission Students Free

Tickets available online at: www.zionvc.org

Sponsored by Zion Lutheran Church, Valley City

CONFIRMATION PARENTS MEETING AUGUST 20th

Will you be in eighth grade this fall? Will you be the parent of an eighth grader?

If so, please plan to attend an **Introduction to Confirmation** meeting on **Sunday, August 20th, at 11:45 am**

At this meeting we will discuss the purpose and goals of confirmation, and we'll explore what this process is all about. We will also review the schedule for our upcoming confirmation year and get to know each other.

If you cannot attend the meeting but you plan to participate in confirmation this year, or if you have any questions, please contact Stacie Yates.

4th Annual Bicentennial Golf Outing Fund Raiser

Bunker Hill Golf Course
3060 Pearl Rd. (Rt. 42) Medina, Ohio

OCTOBER 1, 2017

Sunday Tee Off Time 1:00 pm

Dinner only at 6:30 pm

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

Registration - 12 pm

Putting Contest – 12 pm

Shotgun Start – 1 pm

Cocktail Hour – 5 pm

Dinner – 6:30 pm

There will also be a silent auction, basket raffle and 50/50 raffle!

If you have more questions or need another flyer, please contact the church office at: office@uccmedina.org or 330-725-4559.

Flyers will be available soon!

Deadline for registration is September 8th.

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*****