

# THE PILGRIM MESSENGER AUGUST 27, 2017

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

August 27, thru September 3, 2017

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>Sun</b>	9:00 am	Choir Practice
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>ALIVE ON THE SQUARE ONE SERVICE AT THE GAZEBO</b>
	2:00 pm	JMM @ Medina Meadows Hymn Sing
	7:00 pm	JMM @ Western Reserve Masonic Home
<b>Mon</b>	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
<b>Tues</b>	6:00 pm	Hobby Horse Parent Orientations
<b>Wed</b>	10:30 am	Quilters
	6:00 pm	Hobby Horse Parent Orientations
<b>Thurs</b>		
<b>Fri</b>		
<b>Sat</b>		
<b>Sun</b>	8:15 am	Chapel Worship
	9:00 am	Gathering Worship
	9:15 am	Choir Practice
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship
	2:00 pm	JMM @ Evergreen

## THIS SUNDAY!

**ALIVE ON THE SQUARE  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.**

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

**WORSHIP WITH PICNIC TO FOLLOW  
ALL ON THE SQUARE**

THE CHURCH OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED  
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>  
IN OBSERVANCE   
LABOR DAY

## 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.

## Worship Highlights: 10:00 a.m.

Matthew 6:25-34

*"Seek Ye First"* – Rev. Luke Lindon

**Altar Flowers:** The altar flowers are given by Bob & Becky Marshall in honor of our mother, Pat Rickard and in memory of our father, Ed Rickard.

## 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. 18<sup>th</sup> & Monday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**Class will be held from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm** in the East Room. New members **will join the church on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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.

## 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 25<sup>th</sup>**. Please call or email: 330-725-4559 or [office@uccmedina.org](mailto:office@uccmedina.org). Thank you.

## 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 soon. 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](http://www.uccmedina.org/basic)

## CIRCLE OF CARING MEETING

**Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:30 pm in the East Room**

All members and anyone who would like to find out more about Circle of Caring, please come and share refreshments and ideas for growing our outreach. What is Circle of Caring? It is a group of friendly visitors who enjoy calling on older members in their homes or in residential facilities. It is also a resource group for those who are already visiting older friends and family members. We visit, share ideas and offer encouraging words and ways to help everyone to continue to feel valued.

## 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!

## Upcoming Youth Events:

- \*September 9 – Ropes Course for Confirmation Class 9:00 am
- \*September 10 – Rally Day for F.I.S.H.
- \*September 17 – Youth Group Kick Off
- \*September 24 – Confirmation Class 2:00-3:30
- \*October 8 – Youth Group 4:30-6:00
- \*October 15 – Confirmation Class 2:00-3:30
- \*October 22 - All Church Hayride at Boyerts 5:30-9:00 pm
- \*October 29 – Possible Rake n Run (Depending on Leaves)

## RALLY DAY!

It's hard to believe that the school year has already started. When school starts we know that the start of F.I.S.H. will be close behind. We will kick off our year of F.I.S.H. on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We will have a special treat, play some games, meet our teachers for the year and see where our classrooms will be. Make sure to mark this important date on your calendar. We are looking forward to another great year.

## YOUTH KICK OFF

The first day of youth group will be Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:00 pm. If you are of youth group age (3<sup>rd</sup> grade-12<sup>th</sup> grade) mark this day on your calendar. It will be held at the Lisco's house. You will be getting an email with more detailed information. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## TEACHERS NEEDED FOR F.I.S.H.

It is time to get ready for F.I.S.H. to start up again. I am looking for people who would be willing to teach the young kids in our church. We will be trying a new curriculum this year with the hope of making it as easy as possible for the teachers. Are you willing to be part of a team and teach one time a month? That is all you would have to do? If it is something you are interested in or if you have any questions, please contact Stacie Yates.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Interested in learning about Stephen Ministry? Avon Lake UCC is hosting a half-day introductory worship on September 9, 2017; from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. If we get 4 or more interested, the church will pay the registration cost. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Luke: [luke@uccmedina.org](mailto:luke@uccmedina.org)

## WHERE THERE'S TEA THERE'S HOPE

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On Wednesday, **September 13<sup>th</sup>** we will be traveling to The Islamic Center of Cleveland (6055 West 130<sup>th</sup> 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.

## AN EVENING WITH MARTIN LUTHER: EVOLUTION OF OUR FAITH

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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 500<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.zionvc.org)

Sponsored by

Zion Lutheran Church, Valley City

## ROOTS TOUR

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Pastor Gene McAfee of Faith UCC in Richmond Heights, OH is leading a summer tour (from June 24 - July 9, 2018) to Europe for the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. See the sights and learn the history!

More information can be found here:

<http://www.faithucc575.org/news-1/rootstour>

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bicentennial Golf Outing Fund Raiser

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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

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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](mailto:office@uccmedina.org) or 330-725-4559.

Flyers are now available!

**Deadline for registration is September 8<sup>th</sup>.**

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

Submit articles to: [office@uccmedina.org](mailto:office@uccmedina.org) Or: [messenger@uccmedina.org](mailto:messenger@uccmedina.org)

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