

# THE PILGRIM MESSENGER SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

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

September 3, thru September 10, 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  
2:00 pm JMM @ Evergreen
- Mon** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- Tues** 6:45 pm Alive Now Group Study
- Wed** 10:30 am Quilters  
6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice  
7:15 pm Worship Team
- Thurs**
- Fri**
- Sat** 9:00 am Confirmation Class  
Ropes Course  
9:00 am Stephen Ministry Introduction  
10:30 am Gathering Leadership  
Team Meeting
- Sun** RALLY DAY – F.I.S.H. kick-off  
Youth Group Registration  
Before and after worship  
9:00 am Choir Practice  
10:00 am INSTALLATION SERVICE  
For Rev. Luke Lindon  
ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
10:30 am JMM @ Brookdale South  
11:45 am Caring Team  
1:00 pm JMM @ Elmcroft

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

## 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!

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

Matthew 16:21-28

“Foretelling” – Rev. Luke Lindon

**Altar Flowers:** The altar flowers are given by Bob & Linda Fenn in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

## LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING HURRICANE RELIEF

The UCC National is offering a matching grant for disaster kits to help with the recovery from Hurricane Harvey. Check out the whole thing here: ([http://www.ucc.org/disaster\\_2017\\_matching\\_grants\\_for\\_cws\\_kits\\_home\\_page](http://www.ucc.org/disaster_2017_matching_grants_for_cws_kits_home_page))

We will be taking a loose-change offering today to help out.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

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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.

## CROSSROADS UPDATE

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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

## BASIC: EDUCATIONAL SERIES

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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

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**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.

## Upcoming Youth Events:

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\***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 Boyert's  
5:30-9:00 pm

\***October 29** – Possible Rake-n-Run  
(Depending on leaves)

## RALLY DAY!

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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

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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.

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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.

## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

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Our next meeting is 7:00, Tuesday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at Pam Branscome's house, located at 6480 Livia Lane. Please let her know if you are coming. 440-479-6814.

Mary Olson, at the library, thinks she will have enough copies of "The Gentleman from Moscow" available by our meeting that we can read it next. See you on the 12<sup>th</sup>!

## 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

## **CHANGE JAR = STAPLES**

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Take one of our "Holiday Coin Jars" and set it on your kitchen table and offer change each day to remind you of the senior citizens among us. Jars are available in the East Room and will be collected on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. The change will provide meat and other "staples" for our Medina County Seniors, through Feeding Medina County.

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

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Men's Fellowship group has their monthly breakfast (2nd Tuesday of every month) at PJ Marley's, meeting at 8 AM. The next breakfast is Tuesday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. All men are welcome.

While we don't have formal programs we do have the opportunity to socialize with each other and share our stories. Please join us. If you wish to be included in our meeting notice emails let Pete Benson know.

[sydandpete.benson@gmail.com](mailto:sydandpete.benson@gmail.com)

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

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Interested in learning about Stephen Ministry? Avon Lake UCC is hosting a half-day introductory workshop 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)

## **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>

## **YOU STILL HAVE TIME!!!**

### **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  
6:30 pm**

**Dinner only at**

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. Registration forms 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\*\*\*\*\*