

September 10, thru September 17, 2017

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun	RALLY DAY – F.I.S.H. kick-off
	9:00 am Choir Practice
	9:30 am Youth Group Registration
	9:30 – 10:00 am
	10:00 am INSTALLATION SERVICE
	For Rev. Luke Lindon
	ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP
	10:30 am JMM @ Brookdale South
	1:00 pm JMM @ Elmcroft
Mon	6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
Tues	8:00 am Men's Fellowship @ P.J. Marley's
	9:00 am Women's Breakfast Group
	@ Eat-n-Park
	7:00 pm Women's Book Group
Wed	10:30 am Quilters
	6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
	6:30 pm Islamic Center Trip
	"Tea Time for Peace"
	(Meet @ church 5:30 pm)
Thurs	6:30 pm BASIC: Potluck & Educational Study Series
Fri	
Sat	7:00 pm An Evening with Martin Luther: Evolution of Our Faith
Sun	Youth Group Registration
	10:00 – 10:30 am
	8:15 am Chapel Worship
	9:00 am Gathering Worship
	9:15 am Choir Practice
	10:30 am Traditional Worship
	11:45 am Mission Team
	2:00 pm JMM @ Medina Meadows
	4:30 pm Youth Group Kick-off Picnic
	@ Lisco's home

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

Worship Highlights: 10:00 am

Selected verses from 1 Corinthians 12

Guest Preacher, Rev. David Andersen

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given by Jim Kiser in memory of Barb Kiser's birthday.

INSTALLATION SERVICE TODAY

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 and reception following.

THANK YOU! HURRICANE RELIEF OFFERING

The UCC National offered a matching grant (up to \$250) for disaster kits to help with the recovery from Hurricane Harvey. Thanks to your generosity, we collected \$380.00 in loose change last Sunday! This means our church will donate \$630.00 for hurricane relief disaster kits. Thank you!!

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.

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

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.

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.

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

CIRCLE OF CARING MEETING

Wednesday, October 4th
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.

***October 22** - All Church Hayride at Boyert's
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 10th**. 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 17th** from 4:30-6:00 pm. If you are of youth group age (3rd grade-12th 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.

CHANGE JAR = STAPLES

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 19th. The change will provide meat and other "staples" for our Medina County Seniors, through Feeding Medina County.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

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.12th. 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



NEIGHBORS IN NEED SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. The NIN offering at UCC Medina is on **October 1, 2017**. This year's theme is "Protect the Sacred. In a Just World, Clean Water is Life."

One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

NIN grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the NIN offering. More information is available at www.ucc.org/nin

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, September 18th 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.

needs of our community neighbors. Now we look forward to exciting new possibilities for sustaining and adding to these missions. All who may be interested are invited to meet on September 13th at 2:00 pm in the library to consider future local hunger projects. Your caring, thoughts and guidance are needed and valued. If you cannot attend the meeting you may still share your ideas with Jane Greinke either via email rgreinke@zoominternet.net or phone 330-725-6821.

YOU STILL HAVE TIME!!! 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
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 or 330-725-4559. Registration forms are now available!

Deadline for registration is September 8th.

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

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WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Our next meeting is 7:00, Tuesday, Sept. 12th 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

HELP WANTED

The Costa Rica Mission Team is currently seeking individuals for our 2018 Mission Trip in Nosara, Costa Rica. No previous experience is necessary....only a desire to help others less fortunate than us and to share the love of Christ with others in another part of the world . Knowing which end of the nail goes into the wood is helpful but not required. All candidates must have a willingness to work, a willingness to make new friends and a good sense of humor.

The job comes with Excellent benefits (but no pay ☺), including:

- a wonderful feeling from helping others
- the ability to bless a family with a safe, comfortable environment to live in
- an opportunity to strengthen your faith by doing God's work
- establishing relationships and making long-lasting friends with your team and the people of Costa Rica

This is a part time job with long hours. The date needed for this position is February 12-21, 2018. To balance the long building days we also offer a Vacation package that includes three wonderful days of rest and relaxation at the end of the work week. You can enjoy the adventures and/or calm surroundings of the oceanside town of Nosara.

All interested parties can gain more information at a meeting on **Sunday, September 24 at 4:00 p.m.** in the church library.

Questions? Contact: Judy Daugherty 330-722-5380 or Vicki Miller 330-294-0681

