

THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

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

September 24, thru October 1, 2017

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 8:15 am Chapel Service
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:15 am Choir Practice
10:30 am Traditional Service
3:00 pm Confirmation Class
2:00 pm JMM @ Medina Meadows
Sing-a-Long
7:00 pm JMM @ WRMC

Mon 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm **New Member Classes**

Tues

Wed 10:30 am Quilters
6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

Thurs 7:00 pm **Congregational Council**

Fri

Sat

Sun **NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING**
New Members Join!
8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:15 am Choir Practice
10:30 am Traditional Worship
12:00 pm 4TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
2:00 pm JMM @ Evergreen
4:30 pm Youth Group

HURRICANE RELIEF OFFERING

Thanks to your generosity, so far we collected \$600.00! We will continue to accept donations through the end of September and the Mission Team will also be making a donation on behalf of our church. You can make a check out to the church and mark hurricane relief in the memo line.

Upcoming Youth Events:

***September 24** – Confirmation Class 2:00-3:30
***October 8** – Confirmation Class 3:00-4:30
***October 15** – Youth Group 4:30-6:00
***October 22** - All Church Hayride at Boyert's
5:30-9:00 pm
***October 29** – Possible Rake-n-Run
(Depending on leaves)

Worship Highlights: 8:30, 9:00 & 10:00 am

Scripture - Matthew 15:32-39

"Appetizers" - Rev. Luke Lindon

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given by Pete & Alice Metzloff in honor of loved ones.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Our second and final class is 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! **Just bring a dish to share for dinner.**

Remaining series dates are Thursdays, 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

CROSSROADS UPDATE

We will begin to assemble our crossroads wall as soon as we collect a few more crosses. Mr. Carl Jesse has agreed to create our wooden signage which will be made from a piece of one of our original organ pipes.

Perhaps once you visually see what we are trying to accomplish, you will be able to obtain a suitable piece to add to our collage. If you are unable to locate a special cross, you may contribute funds that would be earmarked "UCC Crossroads" and the committee will search the antique shops or commission artisans to create a piece for the wall.

We need a large variety of crosses, big or small, wooden, ceramic, clay, wire, jeweled, lace, tapestry, woven, floral, carved, mosaic, metal, painted, quilted, beaded, shells, origami, or whatever else you can think of. We have a very large space to fill.

Thank you to those who have contributed; to those who have a work in progress; and to those who have let it slip their minds over the summer but still have a good idea of what they intend to do. Faithfully and respectfully, Jan Coleman

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.

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.

CANDY BAR DONATIONS NEEDED!

The Evangelism Team is collecting fun size candy bars. We will pass out the candy bars during Falloween on the Square. Falloween is Trick-or-Treating around the square at all the participating locations on and directly around the square for the little ones!

Last year, we ran out way too early and missed passing out our treats (with the church name on it), for half the evening. This is why we need your help! There will be a Pumpkin basket set up in the East room for candy donations. The cutoff date for this is October 16th. Falloween is on October 21st.

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

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. New directories will be available on October 1st.

4TH Annual Bicentennial Golf Outing Fund Raiser

Bunker Hill Golf Course
3060 Pearl Rd., (Rt. 42) Medina, Ohio
OCTOBER 1, 2017

Registration 12:00 pm
Sunday Tee Off Time 1:00 pm
Dinner only at 6:30 pm

The final week of preparation for our Golf fundraiser is upon us. **Please make your reservations by Wednesday September 27th**. The church office number is 330-725-4559. The church office closes at 3pm. After 3pm call Cheri Ingraham at 330-723-3355. **The raffle baskets and Silent Auction will be held between services on Sunday September 24th** for those who can't attend on the Sunday October 1st and want to participate.



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

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

Help is needed to construct 36 FALL season-themed crafts for our church membership. This craft is for Reverse Trick or Treat event held by Circle of Caring in mid-October. No special skills are required. Craft Makers Group will provide glue guns and craft kits. CMG will convene at 9:00 am September 29th at Alice Metzloff's house, 468 Halifax Lane, Medina. The Harvest is plenty, but the workers are few. Interested? Please contact Alice Metzloff at 330-242-3602 (cell) OR lamalsblugown@gmail.com. (e-mail).

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

GOSPEL GALLEY

by Alice Metzloff



The day...August 24, 2017. The time...8:15 - 8:30 p.m. The place...Lake Erie in Ashtabula, Ohio. :I was sitting on the bottom deck steps of our neighborhood access to the beach by myself, I heard the waves breaking onto the shore, the trees and vegetation above me on the cliff rustling, and an occasional sea gull calling out as it was locating minnows to eat.

Envision yourselves sitting in my spot. Now I ask you to think about the children's book written by author Eric Carle, entitled..."Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What do you see?" Now...LOOK, AGAIN, at the picture just a bit more closely: PEOPLE...PEOPLE...WHAT DO YOU SEE? Do you see JUST ONE particular aspect of the photo...Clouds? Waves? Sand? The light of the Sun on the water as it is setting? HMMMMMMMMMMMM...Ask yourself is there more to this picture than on first glance? I say ...OH, YES!

Take another REALLY CLOSE GOOD look at the clouds that are above the sun. Do you see anything more than just clouds? I DO! To me...this picture is perfection in stating the

message, "God is always within reach and is daily reaching out to me, to us, and speaking to us, calling us into a relationship with him that is as real and tangible as the sun, clouds, water, and sand pictured!

Sing the lyrics of the Christmas Advent song "Do You Hear What I Hear". We ALL KNOW the tune, "Said the shepherd boy to people everywhere..."Do you hear what I hear?" "Do you see what I see?" "Do you know what I know?" Those with eyes that see, let them see. Those with ears that hear, let them hear. Those with the knowledge, let others know. GOD IS... PAX UM MO BISCUM Peace Be With You.

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*****