

# THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

## OCTOBER 22, 2017

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

October 22, thru October 29, 2017

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

<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 @ Medina Meadows Sing-a-long
	3:00 pm	Confirmation Class
	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>ALL CHURCH HAYRIDE</b>
	7:00 pm	JMM @ WRMC

**Mon**

**Tues**

<b>Wed</b>	9:15 am	Hobby Horse Team Meeting
	10:30 am	Quilters
	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Practice

**Thurs 7:00 pm Congregational Council**

**Fri**

**Sat**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Reformation Sunday</b>	
	8:15 am	Chapel Worship
	9:00 am	Gathering Worship
	9:15 am	Choir Practice
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship
	1:15 pm	JMM @ Brookdale North
	1:30 pm	Annual Rake-n-Run

### SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

If you like to eat and would like to support our youth groups at the same time we have just the event for you. On Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 10:30 service, the youth will be hosting a spaghetti dinner to help them raise funds for future mission trips. We will be taking a free will offering and there will be spaghetti, salad, bread and a dessert. If you would like to come, please sign up in the East Room or outside of Fellowship Hall so we can plan accordingly. Thank you so much for your support and we hope to see you on November 12<sup>th</sup>!

### 50+ MEMBERS GROUP PHOTOS

Copies of the 50+ Membership Luncheon Group Photos for those who attended are on a table in the East Room. Each photo is in an envelope with a name on it. Unfortunately, the quality is not as good as in past years. We'll try to do better next year.

**Worship Highlights:** 8:15, 9:00 & 10:30 am

Scripture - Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon: "Zwingli" - Rev. Luke Lindon

**Altar Flowers:** The altar flowers are given by the Stoll's & Huffmans in honor of the harvest.

### HAYRIDE TONIGHT AT BOYERTS!

It's finally here. The annual all church hayride is tonight from 5:30-9:00 pm at Boyert's.

### 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. There is no study this week.**

Remaining series date is Thursday 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)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Want a rewarding experience? The Community Service Center on Broadway is looking for volunteers to assist in their outreach program to the community providing food and clothing. Contact Michelle at 330-725-4690 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday 10-3 for opportunities.

### Upcoming Youth Events:

- \*October 22 – Confirmation 3:00-4:30 pm
- \*October 22 – All Church Hayride at Boyert's  
5:30-9:00 pm
- \*October 29 – High School Parent Meeting  
about Costa Rica Trip 11:30 am
- \*October 29 – Possible Rake-n-Run  
(Depending on leaves)
- \*November 5 – Youth Group or possible  
Rake-n-Run 4:30 – 6:00 pm
- \*November 12 – Confirmation 3:00-4:30 pm
- \*November 19 – Christmas Pageant Practice  
11:30 am
- \*November 26 – Confirmation 3:00-4:30 pm

## **HIGH SCHOOL COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP MEETING**

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**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am**

There will be a meeting for parents and youth who are interested in going to Costa Rica this summer on our mission trip. This is an informational meeting and no commitment is needed at this time. We will be going over dates, paperwork and fundraising ideas. If your youth has an interest, please plan on attending this important meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Stacie Yates.

## **NEW ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

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A new acolyte schedule has been posted. Please have your child sign up for dates that work for them.

## **COFFEE HOUR HOSTS S.O.S. – Mayday – Help!!**

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We need volunteers for Coffee Hour after the 10:30 Service for the rest of October, November and December! Please sign up in the East Room. Coffee hour responsibilities are very minimal. The Gathering has the coffee prepared. All that is asked is to present juice, donut holes, mini-cupcakes, cookies, etc. and perhaps some fruit, like grapes. Some volunteers cut up cheese to serve with crackers. You can do a simple assortment or mix of any of these. We are not serving meals – just a light snack to enjoy as you chat with friends. Any questions, please phone Becky Weber at 330-725-8545. Thank you...

## **GREETERS NEEDED**

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A warm smile, friendly greeting and a handshake are all you need to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. Families, individuals, or youth of our church can participate in this outreach. It only takes a half hour of your time and means so much to people entering the church for worship. Please sign up to greet before the 10:30 service on the sheet in the East Room.

## **COMMUNITY HUNGER OUTREACH**

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On October 4, 2017 the Akron Beacon Journal printed a chart showing the percent of people in Ohio who are struggling to make ends meet. This was based on information provided by the United Way.

Medina County, with a population of 66,769 total households, had 28% of households below poverty or were struggling. Medina City, with 10,090 households, had 11% below the poverty level and 31% below the ALICE threshold.

ALICE stands for "Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed." ALICE households are the working poor.

While Medina County had one of the lowest overall percentages of households in the state living in poverty or struggling at 28%, it still means that there are people who need our help.

The donations of time, money and food stuffs from the UCC allow our church to help our neighbors who are in need.

## **HEALTHY COOKING DINNER**

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"Healthy Restaurant Dining" is the theme of our next Healthy Cooking Dinner. All are invited to attend on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Gary Quesada, owner of Main Street Café, is our speaker. Gary will tell us about his pursuit of healthy eating; for himself, his restaurant menu and his own adventures eating out. For our dinner, we'll each cook one recipe and then also enjoy more that others prepare. Recipes and sign up will be offered in the East Room on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. Come join us!

## **FALL MONEY JARS**

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This is the third year UCC has distributed money jars to collect money for the 450 seniors that Feeding Medina County provides monthly staples, fresh vegetables, fruit and meat. According to Laura Toth, Director of the Medina Office of Older Adults, reduction of funding is impacting the OOA's ability to provide meals for the growing population of senior citizens in Medina County. The money jar collection will be used to provide holiday meats for the seniors served by FMC. Money jars will be collected on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY**

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**We are asking a favor...**

Our Church Council and the Stewardship Committee are asking a favor of you. We are asking you to pray about our Annual Stewardship Campaign that is coming up in November. Prayer for Christian giving is powerful. And we plan NOT to just hand out pledge cards. Stewardship is more than talking about funding.

The campaign is an invitation to embrace the active ministry that we share. We lift up the Word. We lift up our loving relationships as Believers. And especially, we celebrate the gifts of a generous God.

Why not pray that our efforts to fund our church's mission be driven by a deep commitment to give more than we know? Annual Stewardship campaigns are about much more than money. Stewardship honors generosity. Prayer is such a blessing! Please pray for success. Together.

## **WELCOME AREA ANGEL TREE**

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Last year we began our collection of beautiful and unique angels for our welcome area Christmas tree. Those which have been donated have been carefully wrapped and stored for this year's Advent season. The contributor's names were added to each ornament. We plan to continue adding to our collection from those who were not able to participate last year.

A collection box will be in the library along with a sheet to add your name and brief description. These should be submitted BEFORE our "Hanging of the Greens" which will take place November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Our congregation has been touched and blessed by "angels" like you. Any questions? Please contact Jan Coleman.



## CROSSROADS UPDATE

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

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 as 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

## GOSPEL GALLEY

Submitted by Linda Turek

### Beginning the Day

*I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day;  
I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.*

*Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task.  
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.  
He answered, "You didn't ask."*

*I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, gray and bleak;  
I wondered why God didn't show me,  
He said, "But you didn't seek."*

*I tried to come into God's presence; I tried all my keys at the lock,  
God gently and lovingly chided,  
"My child you didn't knock."*

*I woke up early this morning and paused before entering the day;  
I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.*

*Anonymous*

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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\*\*\*\*\*