

# THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

## OCTOBER 29, 2017

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

October 29, thru November 5, 2017

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

<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
<b>Mon</b>	
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Reformation Day</b>
<b>Wed</b>	10:30 am Quilters
	6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
	<b>7:30 pm Worship Team</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	6:30 pm BASIC: Educational Study Series – Final Q & A
<b>Fri</b>	6:30 pm Healthy Cooking
<b>Sat</b>	9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am Gathering Band
<b>Sun</b>	<b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS</b>
	8:15 am Chapel Worship
	9:00 am Gathering Worship
	9:15 am Choir Practice
	10:30 am Traditional Worship
	1:30 pm Rake-n-Run
	2:00 pm JMM @ Evergreen

### GREETERS NEEDED

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.

### 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>!

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

Scripture - Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon: "Luther" - Rev. Luke Lindon

**Altar Flowers:** The altar flowers are given by the church in recognition of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

### LAST ONE... 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 date is this Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**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)

### Upcoming Youth Events:

- \*October 29 – High School Parent Meeting about Costa Rica Trip 11:30 am
- \*November 5 – Rake-n-Run 1:30 pm
- \*November 19 – Christmas Pageant Practice 11:30 am
- \*November 26 – Confirmation 3:00-4:30 pm

### NEW ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

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

### HIGH SCHOOL COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP MEETING TODAY

**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.

## **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...

## **HEALTHY COOKING DINNER**

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“Healthy Restaurant Dining” is the theme of our next Healthy Cooking Dinner. All are invited to attend this Friday, 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 today, October 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 meals for the seniors served by FMC. Money jars will be collected on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **LIBRARY SHOP AND DROP**

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The Hunger Mission Team is reaching out to children in our community who need a snack at the library after school. There is financial support for this mission. All we need you to do is shop for snacks and drop them at the Medina Library. If you would like more information or would like to sign up to help, please contact Maureen Walker at [Rini72@zoominternet.net](mailto:Rini72@zoominternet.net).

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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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.

## **JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY**

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Someone said that “...Life is just a bowl of cherries”. But we would like to think that life is more than just cherries, complete with the pits! Life is a journey! Our spiritual walk with God is a special journey. It is a way to walk side by side with a loving Father who guides and leads us to places we have never been.

The same is true of the journey to Christian generosity where we walk together to find a means to support what we care about—our church! We need to show our grateful response to the blessings of each day. Gifts from God are sacred. So is our giving response to those gifts.

You are invited to come on a journey—a Journey to Generosity. Come and be open-hearted in your spirit of giving to the Stewardship Program for our church. How wonderful to known as a *generous* person!

## **LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT**

### **...THANK YOU CARDS**

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For Thanksgiving this year, your help is needed to provide personalized thanks to individual staff and officers of the Medina Police Department. Thank you cards and suggested short messages can be found on tables outside of services today.

Please take one or two cards, write a short message here or at home then return by the 19<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Luke will bless them on that Sunday and deliver them to the Police Department prior to Thanksgiving, 11/23.

Medina’s police and staff members work long hours in a highly-regulated and reviewed profession. From office staff to dispatchers and officers of all ranks, each one contributes to our community’s safe and welcoming character. How often do they hear a simple “Thank you” from the people they serve and protect?

This is a project from “Both Sides of Prison.” For more information, contact the church office or Jeannine Murray at 330-241-5629 or [jmw597b@yahoo.com](mailto:jmw597b@yahoo.com).

## **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.



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## 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 Colema

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## ENDOWMENT FUND

The Endowment Fund Committee is pleased to announce that the Endowment Fund will soon be able to award allocations for funding for various church projects that qualify. This distribution of funds for a worthy cause will be the second issue of dollars from the Fund and we are excited! There is a simple guideline of how an activity/project/item qualifies for a funding grant. If you are interested in applying for a grant, please contact the church office for the Endowment Grant Application and Information packet. Further questions, please contact Jane Langol at 330-725-5311.

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## SERMON COPIES

Transcripts of the sermon will be available Sunday mornings in the East Room for those who are hard of hearing. Please only take one to follow along during the services. Sermons will continue to be available Monday morning for general distribution.

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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\*\*\*\*\*