

THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

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

November 5 thru November 12, 2017

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

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

Mon 7:15 pm Evangelism Team

Tues Election Day

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

Thurs

Fri

Sat 10:30 am **Gathering Leadership Team**

Sun STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:15 am Choir Practice
10:30 am Traditional Worship
10:30 am JMM @ Brookdale South
11:45 am **Caring Team**
12:00 pm **Youth Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser**
1:00 pm JMM @ Elmcroft

SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUNDRAISER

Sunday, November 12th

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 12th, immediately following the 10:30 service, the youth will be hosting a spaghetti lunch 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 12th!

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.

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

Scripture - Matthew 23:1-12

Sermon: "Ask" – Rev. Luke Lindon

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

Upcoming Youth Events:

- *November 5 – Rake-n-Run 1:30 pm
- *November 12 – Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser after Church
- *November 19 – Christmas Pageant Practice
11:30 am
- *November 19 – Youth Group 4:30-6:00 pm
- *November 26 – Christmas Pageant Practice
11:30 am
- *November 26 – Confirmation 3:00-4:30 pm
- *December 3 – Christmas Pageant Practice
11:30 am
- *December 3 – Advent Family Fun Night 4:30 pm

COMMUNION

The bread being served during Communion today was baked by the loving hands of our Breadmakers' Ministry. *"And though we are many, we all eat from one loaf of bread, showing that we are one body."*

Corinthians 10:17

NEW ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

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

CONFIRMATION CHANGE

There will be **NO** Confirmation on Sunday, November 12th due to the Spaghetti Lunch.

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.

ADVENT FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Sunday, December 3rd at 4:30 pm

Does good food, fellowship, Christmas music and fun sound good to you? Then you will want to be sure to come to Advent Family Fun Night on Sunday, December 4th at 4:30. The evening will consist of crafts and activities to help kick off the season of Advent. We will also enjoy a pizza dinner together. The cost of the dinner will be \$3 per person. Help us kick off the season of Advent and get into the holiday spirit. If you would like to attend, please sign up outside of Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!

CE CANDLELIGHT WALK BAKE SALE

Calling all bakers! The CE board will once again be hosting a bake sale on Saturday, November 18th from 5-8 pm. Funds collected will be used for supplies and equipment for Christian Education and Youth programming. If you would like to donate a yummy baked good for the bake sale, please sign up outside of Fellowship hall or fill out the insert in the bulletin. Thank you so much for your support.

FALL MONEY JARS

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 19th.

LIBRARY SHOP AND DROP

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.

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.

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.

JOIN IN THE JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY

You are invited on a special trip! A special journey for our church - A JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY! This is the time when we plan for the financial needs of our church so that 2018 is a stable and successful year.

It is time to give generously by making a pledge to the church. Look upon it as a journey to say "thank you" for the gifts God has given to you. We are encouraged to...

- Give First – make it the first check you write each week
- Give Sacrificially – make your pledge a meaningful extension of your wealth
- Give Regularly – be faithful in your giving
- Give Cheerfully – the Lord notices joy and freedom in your generosity
- Give Expectantly – expect to see God's truths alive in our church life

You all have received in the mail a colorful brochure with the Pledge Card attached. Please complete your promise to God by completing the pledge Card. bring it to church on Sunday, November 12th for a special dedication, or mail the card to the church office.

You will want to share...You will want to be generous to God...You will want to know that loving God with our resources shows we are truly "alive" on the Square and "alive" in the world.

WELCOME AREA CHRISTMAS TREE

Once again, our welcome area will be graced by a 10' pre-lit Christmas tree. Like last year, we will trim it with simple ribbon and angel ornaments contributed by the families in our congregation. If you would like to contribute an angel, they can be handmade, a family heirloom, or thoughtfully selected from a store. There will be a collection box in the library where you can place your ornament and a list to write your name, description, and if the ornament is in honor or memory of a loved one. Angels will be added to the tree prior to each Advent Sunday. We will carefully store these angels as we take down the Christmas decorations until next year.

AN EVENING WITH ROB SNOW

Hobby Horse Preschool is pleased to host nationally recognized professional speaker, Rob Snow, who will present "Minimize the Mountain," a humorous, powerful and motivational show about managing through life's biggest challenges.

Rob will speak in our Sanctuary on Thursday, November 16th at 7:00 pm.

He combines his background in comedy and his process for managing through his own challenges in life, including raising a child with special needs, to provide a very funny, very moving, and very inspiring show for all audiences.

This event is free and open to the public; no RSVP required. Donations will be accepted at the door and will go to **Stand Up For Downs**, a charity started by Rob and his wife, Ellen, that raises money for many of the amazing organizations working with the Down Syndrome community.

His book, "What I Should Have Said," will also be available for purchase after the show, and Rob will be available to sign copies. Please join us!

LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT ...THANK YOU CARDS

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 19th. 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.



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

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*****