

THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

JANUARY 14, 2018

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

January 14 thru January 21, 2018

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:15 am Choir Practice
10:30 am JMM @ Brookdale South
10:30 am Traditional Worship
11:45 am Caring Team
1:00 pm JMM @ Elmcroft
3:00 pm Confirmation Class & Mentors

**Mon CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
FOR MLK DAY**

1:00 pm Breadmakers
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Tues

Wed 10:30 am Quilters
6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
7:00 pm Discipleship & Education Team
7:30 pm Worship Team

Thurs

Fri

Sat

Sun 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
11:45 am Bicentennial Planning Meeting
2:00 pm JMM @ Medina Meadows
4:30 pm Youth Group

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you requested offering envelopes they are available on the table in the East Room

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Mark your calendars now!

Our Annual Budget Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 28th** immediately following the 10:30 service.

Worship Highlights: 8:15, 9:00 & 10:30 am
Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 & Exodus 33: 12-23
“Mountaintop”
Rev. Luke Lindon

Altar Flowers: The flowers on the altar are given by the DeSario Family in honor of Joe DeSario's Eagle Court of Honor.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- *Jan. 14 – Confirmation Mentor Meeting 2:30
- *Jan. 14 – Confirmation Class with Mentors 3:00-4:30
- *Jan 21 – Youth Group 4:30-6:00
- *Jan 26 – Confirmation Class to Temple Israel and Lock-In
- *Jan 28 – Confirmation Class 3:00-4:30

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, January 22nd & Monday, January 29th.

Class will be held from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the new Library. New members **will join the church on Sunday, February 4th**. 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are still several Sundays left to sponsor **Altar Flowers for 2018!** This is a wonderful way to honor or remember someone, or to celebrate a special occasion. Please fill in your name and write “church” or “self” to let us know if you would like the church to order the flowers for you or if you will be ordering them yourself. The cost of the flowers ordered through the church office is \$22.50. Also, please write what you would like printed in the Messenger and if you want to claim your flowers after the 10:30 service.

BAKERS NEEDED!!!

The Breadmakers need a few extra pair of hands. They meet every third Monday of the month from 1:00 pm until about 5:00 pm. The team makes and bakes about 20-24 loaves each month. Church members deliver the bread. Those receiving the bread are church members that have had a difficult time due to illness or death in the family, or a great joy such as the birth of a child, as well as visitors that have attended one of our services.

Please consider joining in the fun of making and baking bread for this appreciated service. If you have questions, please contact Pat Hale (330-723-5203), Shirley Krcmar (330-764-3364) or Carolee Rafn (330-052-0258).

CIRCLE OF CARING MEMBERS

Please pick up an updated copy of the Circle of Caring Visitation and Membership list on the table in the East Room. Please call the office (330-725-4559) or Syd Benson with any additions or corrections.

BLANKET+ SUNDAY OFFERING

In 2017, Church World Service (CWS) distributed thousands of blankets around the world. Our church can be part of an even greater response in 2018. We can reach families fleeing their homes, recovering from disaster, and more. Your contributions go a long way to help families in need so please be generous in your support for Blanket+ Sunday on **January 28th**. Thank you!

TIRED OF DARK DAYS AND DISTURBING NEWS?

Pick up a copy of a book which can bring light and hope to this cold season: "Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion." Read the stories between now and Thursday, February 8th, when Pastor Luke will lead a lively review and discussion of how readers were affected. Written by Father Greg Boyle, "Tattoos on the Heart" contains inspiring stories of how ruthless gang members in Los Angeles experienced the transformative power of God's love. Limited number of copies of the book are in the East Room, free and available for checkout/return. The book is also available for purchase on-line in a variety of formats: paperback, e-readers and tablets. This is presented by the "Both Sides of Prison" group.

HOBBY HORSE REGISTRATION

Our church owned preschool will begin registration for the 2018-2019 school year on Monday, January 29th, 2018. You may review our curriculum, classes offered, and fees by visiting our school website at: www.hobbyhorsepreschool.org. If you are interested in scheduling a tour or receiving registration information, please contact our Director, Xanthe Phillips, at the school's phone number, 330-722-1445.

Families that are members or friends of our church may register prior to January 29th by contacting Xanthe or stopping by the Hobby Horse Preschool office during school hours.

Families currently enrolled in Hobby Horse may register beginning January 29th at 9:00am. Siblings of former students may register beginning January 29th at 9:30am. Open Community registration will begin on January 29th at 10:00am.

MISSION INITIATIVES

There are many ways your small gifts may bring blessings throughout the year. Following are projects our church has in progress:

***Cups Café: Sign up to cook the first the Monday of the month for luncheons serving 60-80 at Cups Café.

***Garfield Seven: Sign up to buy and/or deliver fresh foods to seven most needy families whose children attend Garfield School.

***BOGO (Buy One Give One): Purchase and donate items that the SNAP program doesn't pay for. The Item for January is toilet paper. Next time you buy some for yourself, pick up an extra to place in the BOGO box.

PERSONAL HYGIENE BAGS

We are collecting personal care items to place in hygiene bags for students at Garfield Elementary. Items needed include full-sized shampoo, body wash, bar soap, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes. In the case of lotion and body wash, please buy unscented or gender-neutral scented products. Items can be placed in a container found next to the BOGO bin opposite the elevator. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Finley at 440-759-3718. Thank you for your generosity in this new endeavor!

The deadline for submission of articles for NEXT Sunday's *Messenger* is this Sunday at 11:30 am.
*****CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm MONDAY THRU FRIDAY*****

As we ring in the New Year, take a look back at 2017 in the video link: tinyurl.com/UCCMedina2017
Like us on Facebook ([facebook.com/medinaucc](https://www.facebook.com/medinaucc)) and follow us on Twitter and Instagram
(@MedinaU3c) for sermons, articles, and general happenings! Happy New Year!