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“WELCOMING, LOVING, SERVING, WHERE GOD HAS NO LIMITS”

Please take a moment to sign the attendance pads, (located at the end of each pew) so that you know who is worshipping near you and you may greet them by name.

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE “Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord” – arr. Carol Tornquist Cathy Fafrak, Organist

***VISIONING PRAYER** by Sharon Alberson

God, help us to be welcoming. God, help us to be loving.
God, help us to see that serving you can lead us to
A place full of grace with no limits where we can be free...
To open our hands, welcoming. To open our hearts, loving
To be more than church on Sunday, to live in the light from above;
To celebrate in service and love.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (written by the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand)

Leader: For many years we have had the mistaken notion that all the problems of the world can be solved with a few dollar bills.

People: In Jesus' time the Pharisees came to ask him if they should pay taxes, and Jesus, looking at a silver coin, asked whose face and name were engraved on it. "The Emperor's," they said.

"Well then, pay to the Emperor what is his" Jesus replied.

Leader: Has God's face ever been on a coin?

People: We are the coin that bears the living likeness of God.

Leader: Giving of ourselves with whatever that may include,

People: is the only legal currency of the kingdom of heaven.

*OPENING HYMN

“When Morning Gilds the Sky”



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a-wak-ing cries,
 2 Does sad-ness fill my mind? A sol-ace here I find,
 3 The night be-comes as day, when from the heart we say,
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can-ti-cle di-vine,



may Je-sus Christ be praised! A-like at work and prayer
 may Je-sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth-ly bliss?
 may Je-sus Christ be praised! The powers of dark-ness fear
 may Je-sus Christ be praised! Be this th'e-ter-nal song



to Je-sus I re-pair, may Je-sus Christ be praised!
 My com-fort still is this, may Je-sus Christ be praised!
 when this sweet chant they hear, may Je-sus Christ be praised!
 through all the a-ges long, may Je-sus Christ be praised!

WORDS: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1828; tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)
 MUSIC: Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

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***OPENING PRAYER (unison) (adapted from Psalm 126)**

We have read how you, our Lord God, restored the fortunes of Zion. You have done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O Lord; provide daily bread for the hungry, listening ears for the lonely, meaningful work for the purposeless, and may those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seeds for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

This we ask in the name of Jesus, our Christ. Amen.

***PRAISE RESPONSE "Amazing Grace"**

WORDS: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; vs. 5, anonymous
 MUSIC: *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; adapt. Edwin O. Excell (1851-1921)

NEW BRITAIN
 C.M.



1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!



I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

ANTHEM

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” – John Rutter

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Stacie Yates

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns, Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Now Thank We All Our God”



I Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
 who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
 who, from our mother's arms, has blessed us on our way
 with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.

WORDS: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
 MUSIC: Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Offertory Invitation

We have been given the gift of life and the opportunity to use our time, talents, and treasure to make our world a better place. Let us now gather our pledges and our offerings.

Offertory Music "Take My Life and Let It Be" – arr. Penny Rodriguez Cathy Fafrak, Organist

***Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication (unison)** (written by Rev. Michael Mair, Minister of St. David's Broomhouse, Edinburgh and posted on the Church of Scotland's **Weekly Worship** website. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>)

**Giving God, We give You thanks and praise for all of Your gifts to us.
 We know that you are the source of every good thing, light and love come from You.
 You have created us, and you continue to breathe life into us through the power of Your Holy Spirit. You have given us so much, and it is because we recognize the gifts You have given to us that we now give to the work of Your kingdom. We now dedicate this offering to the work of Your kingdom here on earth. May this collection be used wisely and diligently, that Your love may be known widely. As we dedicate this offering, we offer ourselves too, for these gifts of money are but tokens of ourselves. Take and use us, that our hands may reach out in service, our feet may walk the difficult path of reconciliation, and that our words may be words of peace. For this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

"To God Be the Glory"

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)
 MUSIC: William H. Doane (1832-1915)

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
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1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done; so loved he the
 2 O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, to ev - ery be -
 3 Great things he hath taught us great things he hath done, and great our re -
 world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er and



tone-ment for sin, and o-pened the life-gate that all may go in.
 tru-ly be-lieves, that mo-ment from Je-sus a par-don re-ceives.
 great-er will be our won-der, our trans-port, when Je-sus we see.

Refrain



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the



Lord, let the peo-ple re-joice! O come to the Fa-ther through



Je-sus the Son, and give him the glo-ry, great things he hath done.

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: Go from here knowing that you are the blessing!

People: **Salt and Light for the world.**

Leader: You have the ability to reflect God's love,

People: **to show the mind of Christ,**

Leader: To be guided by the Holy Spirit

People: **in the sharing of our gifts,**

Leader: in the giving of our time,

People: **In the pledges of support,**

Leader: In the incarnation of the church,

People: **In this time and place, in this current age.**

Leader: We give thanks to our ancestors who have blessed us;

People: **With tradition, with this building, with great stories,**

Leader: And since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: **Let us run the race with perseverance,**

Leader: For this service has ended.

People: **And our service now begins! Amen!**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "God Be With You"**

God be with you 'til we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you: God be with you 'til we meet again.

POSTLUDE "To God Be the Glory" – arr. Lloyd Larson

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"

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*Those who are able please stand

Ushers: Dick Christy, Darlene Bagley-Fazekas, Pete Benson, Ron Greinke

******Please join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall following the service******

Today's coffee hour is hosted by Stewardship Team.

PASTORAL STAFF

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

OCTOBER 28, 2018

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

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October 28, 2018 thru November 4, 2018

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun	STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
	8:15 am Chapel Worship
	9:00 am Gathering Worship
	9:15 am Choir practice
	10:30 am Traditional Worship
	11:30 am Pastor's Bible Study for All
	11:30 am Hunger Outreach Meeting Project Leaders only
	12:00 pm Youth Group – Family Alien Golf Outing
	2:00 pm JMM @ Medina Meadows Sing-a-long
	3:00 pm Confirmation Class
	7:00 pm JMM @ WRMC
Mon	6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
Tues	
Wed	Reformation Day
	10:30 am Quilters
Thu	Garfield Deliveries
Fri	
Sat	8:30 am Associations Annual Meeting
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 JMM Meeting
	1:30 pm Rake-n-Run

COIN JARS DUE TODAY!

Our change collection that will provide funds to benefit the seniors in our community are **due TODAY**. A special thank you to all who participated.

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

Scripture: Psalm 34: 1-8 & Mark 10:46-52

Sermon: “RE: Church: Stewardship”

Rev. Luke Lindon

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given by the Stoll & Huffman families in honor of the harvest.

NEW DIRECTORIES LAST CHANCE!

We have decided to go ahead and print new directories since we are not doing a pictorial directory until spring. Please contact Cindy in the church office with any updates to your address, phone, email etc. no later than October 29th. New directories will be printed on October 31st and available for pick up on November 4th. office@uccmedina.org or 330-725-4559.

SPAGHETTI DINNER_FUNDRAISER

Sunday, November 11th

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 11th, immediately following the 10:30 service the youth will be hosting a spaghetti dinner to help 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 outside of Fellowship Hall so we can plan accordingly. Thank you so much for your support and we hope to see you on November 11th!

Upcoming Youth Events:

- ***October 28** – Youth Group Outing –
Alien Golf 12:00 pm
- ***October 28** – Confirmation Class (3:00-4:30)
- ***November 4** – Rake-N-Run (1:30-5:00)
- ***November 11** – Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
- ***November 11** – Confirmation Mentor Meeting 2:45
- ***November 11** – Confirmation Class 3:00-4:30
- ***November 18** – Christmas Pageant Practice 11:30
- ***November 18** – Youth Group 4:00-6:00
- ***November 25** – Christmas Pageant Practice 11:30
- ***December 2** – Christmas Pageant Practice 11:30
- ***December 2** – Advent Family Fun Night 4:30
- ***December 9** – Confirmation Class 3:00-4:30
- ***December 16** – Christmas Pageant 10:30 service
Confirmands light the Advent Wreath
- ***December 23** NO F.I.S.H. – MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- ***December 30** – NO F.I.S.H. –HAPPY NEW YEAR!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Boxes Due Sunday, November 18th

Can you believe that it is already time to start thinking about Christmas? I know it seems early, but it will be here before we know it. The Discipleship and Education Leadership Team (DELTS) is once again sponsoring the Operation Christmas Child project. You take a shoe box and fill it with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and an assortment of other gifts. The boxes are then given to hurting children around the world. We recommend using plastic shoe boxes so that the children can use them for water, gathering berries or storage. All boxes are due by Sunday, November 18th. If we as a church collect 100 boxes the DELTS will host a special coffee hour at the beginning of December with a hot chocolate bar and other holiday treats. Please see the Operation Christmas Child table in the East Room for ideas to donate. If you have any questions, please contact Stacie Yates at 330-723-7344 or yatesmsla@zoominternet.net. Will you help us take God's love to hurting children around the world? We hope you will. Let's do this!

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Our next selection is Lincoln in the Bardo; it is in the office ready for pick up NOW! Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 13th. Information on where we will meet will be forthcoming. A cute Tinkerbell tote bag has been floating around the group for some time. It is now in the office, as no one has claimed it. If it belongs to you, hurry on in and claim it before it "disappears". See you in November!

CHURCH SERMON SERIES



CE CANDLELIGHT WALK BAKE SALE

Calling all bakers! The CE Board will once again be hosting a bake sale during the Candlelight Walk. Funds collected will be used for supplies, equipment and help for mission 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.

NEW ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

Now you do NOT need to contact the office to get registered—you can do it yourself! Now when you go to <http://uccmedina.org/give> it points to all 3 of our giving options:

- Make a one-time contribution
- Register yourself for recurring giving
- Log in to your profile and update if needed

Current giving is shown and 2019 pledges can also be added. Feel free to contact Kelly 330-725-4559 if you have any questions.

OUR BICENTENNIAL HISTORIC MARKER IS ON THE WAY!...

(AND ALMOST AS QUICKLY AS IF IT WERE BEING DELIVERED BY OXCART IN 1819!)

On Founders' Day 2018, our congregation voted on a number of possible ways to celebrate the church's bicentennial in 2019. The #1 option (by a considerable margin) was to commemorate the occasion with an official Ohio Historical Marker. But obtaining such a marker is not a matter of simply cruising over to the local Big Box store to pick one up. The business of obtaining an official marker entails a long and involved application process which we began soon after the Founders' Day vote. The application required an extensively-footnoted *Statement of Significance* to demonstrate the historical basis for our church's marker. This required a great deal of research; a task made enjoyable because of Pete Metzloff's prior efforts to meticulously organize and archive the church's original--and irreplaceable---founding documents. Copies of this *Statement* are available on the table by the kitchen for those who wish to read it. The application was sent to Columbus in June. Then began a season of waiting and hoping that our application would make the grade. On October 1st, we received official word that our application had been approved and that we could look forward to erecting and dedicating the marker in the summer or fall of our bicentennial year.

IT'S A PAINTING PARTY

A Painting Party to benefit the Medina UCCC Mission Trip to Costa Rica will be Saturday, November 10th from 1:00-3:00 pm at the church. Create your own masterpiece under the instruction of Connie Kramer from Art Break. All are welcome. Enjoy soft drinks & snacks while painting. The cost is \$50.00.

For tickets, contact Judy at 330-722-5380 or jdaughterty@zoominternet.net, Tammie at 330-285-9599 or tamohio1@aol.com, or the Church Office at 330-725-4559.

COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP

Did you know you have the ability to change someone's life? Did you know you can make a profound impact on a family in less than 5 days? You can – by joining the Costa Rica Mission Team and their work with Mercy Homes Ministries. Right now, we have enough team members to build one house. However, for the past 5 years we have been able to provide two houses. We'd like to build at least two this year, but we need more people. The need is great and the families are deserving! We are going a little earlier than usual this year. The dates for the 2019 build are January 19-27. If you are interested in going please feel free to call/email Judy Daugherty at 330-772-5380 or jdaughterty@zoominternet.net, or contact Tammie McGivern at 330-285-9599 or tamohio1@aol.com for more information.

HOBBY HORSE PRESCHOOL

Hobby Horse Preschool children and staff are busy as our school year is in full swing! We currently have 169 children enrolled and we look forward to providing them with a Christian preschool experience that is creative, fun and educational.

We wanted to thank the UCC Congregation for the special offering that was taken for the Hobby Horse Preschool Scholarship Fund. We are overwhelmed by your generosity! We believe that every child deserves to have a preschool education to prepare them socially and academically for Kindergarten. Your generous donations will help to ensure that those families who are struggling financially will not have to miss out on giving their children this foundational opportunity.

We hope that you have the chance sometime to visit our preschool wing and see some of the beautiful artwork that adorns our hallway throughout the year.

JMM PLANNING MEETING

Members of the Joyous Message Ministry (JMM) will meet in the Library on Sunday, November 4th at 1:30 pm to make plans for the future. We are also looking for new team members. If you are interested in attending this meeting and learning more about JMM, please join us that day, or see Nick North with any questions.

“NEW DAY” JAIL CHOIR CONCERT

Saturday, November 10th from 9:00 – 11:00 am

Join us for a very special Thanksgiving-season concert, given by our County Jail’s one-of-a-kind, 30 member women’s choir.

- You will be moved and inspired by the songs and hymns sung by this inmate choir.
- Sign-up is limited to an audience of only 30, so sign up as soon as you can.
- Held in the first-floor public room at Medina County Jail, 555 Independence Dr.

We hope to have a full turnout of 30 people to show our congregation’s support. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table by the kitchen so we can have an estimate of how many people will be attending. Contact the church office with questions.

BOOKS FOR MEDINA COUNTY JAIL

Thank you to those who gave books last month to our collection for the Medina County Jail. About 4 dozen books were delivered to the jail, where Susan Jarvis, Chaplain at the jail, will add them to the library there. “Both Sides of Prison” will continue through the winter to collect your used inspirational or motivational **SOFT-COVERED (i.e. paperback) books**. You can drop them into the box outside of the kitchen by the water fountain. At the end of each month, a volunteer from “Both Sides of Prison” will take them to the jail. Thank you!

GARFIELD HYGIENE PROGRAM

Thank you for the generous contribution of toiletries for the Hygiene Program to assist the children at Garfield School. We are now asking for your contributions of Winter Hats, Gloves and Scarves. Socks are always appreciated. Please place your contributions in the box at the bottom of the staircase.

GOSPEL GALLEY

by Vicki Miller

October is National LGBT Month and National Diversity Month (it’s also National Cookie Month, National Pizza Month and Bat Appreciation Month – if you were wondering). I like to think of October as National “Appreciate Our Differences” Month. This has been a tough couple of years on us as a nation. We’ve been spending so much time discussing, debating and arguing about people that look, act, vote or worship differently than us that no one has the time or energy to even consider appreciating those differences. God gave us a diverse planet with 8.7 million animal species, 391,000 plant species, 4,200 religions/faith based beliefs and 7.6 billion people speaking 6,500 different languages. Like it or not – we are surrounded by diversity. A garden with only red roses would be beautiful, but a garden full of different flowers of varying colors would be brilliant. Our world, either globally or right here in Medina, is a brilliant garden if you are willing to look for more than just the red roses. Engage with someone who is different than you. Facebook friend someone that’s gay, go to lunch with someone that’s not Christian, talk with someone that votes differently than you. Look for the things that make us the same and appreciate the differences. If that is too big of a leap for you right now – start small. It is National Cookie and Pizza month. If you are a pepperoni pizza/chocolate chip cookie fan – have dinner with a mushroom pizza/raisin cookie eater. If you don’t appreciate bats, take me to lunch – I love them.

Sample Official Ballot Marked in Note
Against the Brewers' Home Rule
Proposal and for State
Prohibition

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution	
Yes	ARTICLE XV, SECTION 9a Home Rule on the Subject of Intoxicating Liquors.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Yes	ARTICLE XII, SECTIONS 1 AND 2 Limitation of the Tax Rate and for the Classification of Property for Purposes of Taxation.
No	
Yes	ARTICLE V, SECTION 1 To Extend the Suffrage to Women.
No	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	ARTICLE XV, SECTION 9 Prohibition of the Sale, Manufacture for Sale and Importation for Sale of Intoxicating Liquor as a Beverage.
No	

Remember that you cast only half a dry vote unless you vote on both amendments. Election on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1914.

Bicentennial Tidbits

More on Prohibition and the Anti-Saloon League

How to "properly" vote in the state-wide issue was included in the Church's regular Sunday Bulletin just before Election Day in 1914.



* "The way of the ungodly shall perish." is the small banner on the above "postage stamp" label, used on mail to indicate that a financial donation had been made.

The deadline for submission of articles for NEXT Sunday's *Messenger* is this Sunday at 11:30 am.

Please submit articles to the church office at office@uccmedina.org

*******CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm MONDAY THRU FRIDAY*******

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

Buy Gift Cards for All Your Special Occasions!



The possibilities are endless!!!
Grocery shopping, gasoline,
video rentals, home repairs,
clothing and gift items all the
shopping you normally do can help.

<u>“A Week in A Life” Example:</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Support to Youth</u>
Grocery shopping	\$200.00	\$8.00
Birthday Gift (Macy’s)	\$ 50.00	\$3.50
Treat Family to Dinner	\$ 50.00	\$3.50
Fill up Gas Tank	\$100.00	\$3.00
Trip to CVS Drug Store	\$ 25.00	\$.75
Week’s Total Expenditures	\$425.00	\$18.75

Remember Christmas is just around the corner!

**The next order date is
Monday, November 12th by 10:00 am**

**The last order date before Christmas will be
Monday, December 10th by 10:00 am.**





Candle Light Walk Bake Sale Weekend

November 16 - 17, 2018

Proceeds to benefit needed supplies for
Christian Education & Youth Programming

Needed: Donations of baked goods
(cookies, brownies, pies, pumpkin roll, nut roll, etc.)

Drop off baked goods at church

Fri. Nov. 16th 9am. - 3pm.

****Please package your baked goods for individual sale
in advance**

If you have any questions please contact Stacie Yates (330)723-7344

*Place completed sheet in offering plate or put in the DELT'S mail box.

Thank you!



I am able to donate:

Name & phone #



Make A Joyful Noise unto the Lord



Dear Medina UCC families,

We would like to invite youth in grades 3-8 to be part of our new youth bell choir! No experience is needed. Friends are also welcome to participate! Jim Kiser will lead this group of joyful ringers. Practices will be held from 7:15-7:45 on Wednesday nights.

After youth bell choir, another new opportunity will be offered! Youth choir, under the direction of Tracy Gabrielsen, will practice from 7:45-8:15. Consider being part of one or both choirs.

Practices will begin November 7, every Wednesday (except Thanksgiving week), as the youth prepare to perform for the church during the Children's Christmas pageant on December 16. They will then continue after the new year in preparation for a spring performance.

If your child is interested, please fill out the slip below and put it in the offering or contact Whitney Bixler at whitney.bixler@gmail.com. We look forward to this new children's ministry in our church.



Yes, my child is interested (check one or both):

Youth bell choir. Youth choir

Child's Name _____

Parent's Name _____

Contact phone number _____

October 28, 2018
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
UCC Higher Education Sunday

Mark 10:46-52

Take Heart

Bartimaeus must have gotten asked quite often if there was anything anybody could bring him, or help him across the street, or in some way aid him but only once did the Lord of Life ask him what he wanted. Only once did someone who could change things ask him what he wanted.

What would you say – if asked what do you want by someone who could give it to you?

A person struggling to pay for their education, especially theological education, would know what to ask for. The average Seminarian debt these days hovers between 30 and 40,000 dollars. That's a lot of debt to incur preparing for a career that doesn't have a high salary return. The United Church of Christ has many scholarship funds for Theological students. There are funds for people going into military chaplaincy, funds for disabled students, funds for LGBTQ students, Latino and Latina students, African American students and more. If you know somebody planning to go into ministry who is a member in discernment in the UCC let them know that there is help by going to ucc.org and searching for scholarships.

Many Conferences in the UCC have all manner of scholarships. And congregations, too, have set up a variety of scholarships. In Cloverdale, California they have a scholarship for a graduate of the local High School who is the first in their family to go to college. Heidelberg University in Ohio has a scholarship for members of UCC congregations. Chapman University in Orange, California is another school with scholarships for UCC students. Cable Congregational UCC in Cable, Wisconsin has a small scholarship in the name of a former pastor.

The average monthly student loan payment (for borrower aged 20 to 30 years): \$411 [based on average debt at 39,000 dollars (WSJ: *Test Your Smarts on Student Debt*, March 4, 2018)]. That is a huge amount of debt to follow a recent graduate. Wouldn't it be great to help lessen that burden—to be someone who gives what a person wants? Think about how much Higher Education means to a young person and what kind of a difference even a small scholarship could make. Many churches and conferences have set up funds. Your church probably has a memorial fund for your congregation's future. What about building a different kind of security for the people in your church? What about a scholarship fund for the children of members of your congregation?