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RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE “Petite Prelude, Op. 43, No. 1” – Glière/arr. David Sarandon Cathy Fafrak, Organist

***LENTEN INTROIT** Welsh Folk song, arr. Hugh Davies from Psalm 107

mf (unison) (div.)

Praise the Lord, for he is good; for his mercies ever sure

from e - ter - ni - ty have stood, to e - ter - ni - ty en - dure.

(unis.) (div.)

Let his ransomed people raise songs of their Redeemer's praise. A - men.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Inspired by “Dreams” by Fleetwood Mac)

Leader: Now here I go again, I see the crystal visions

People: I keep my visions to myself, it's only me

Leader: Who wants to wrap around your dreams and,

People: Have you any dreams you'd like to sell?

Leader: Dreams of loneliness,

People: Like a heartbeat, drives you mad in the stillness of remembering, what you had,

Leader: And what you lost

People: and what you had

Leader: and what you lost

People: Let those who have been weeping go home from here with shouts of joy because of our mindfulness in this hour.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Nearer, My God, to You"



1 Near - er, my God, to you, near - er to you. I'll bear the
2 When I am wan - der - ing as Ja - cob did, and in the
3 Let Ja - cob's lad - der fill the sky a - bove, and an - gels
4 Then, wak - ing from the night to morn - ing air by Beth - el's



cross as Christ calls me to do and pray each day a - new:
deep - est night the path is hid, my dreams will bring me, too,
car - ry down the faith and love to keep this goal in view:
stone, I'll know you heard my prayer, and how my yearn - ing grew:



1-4 Near - er my God, to you, near - er my God, to you, near - er to you.

Sarah Flower Adams, daughter of a well-known English editor, was a successful actress in London. During her short life she wrote prose and poetry for religious publications, a five-act drama, and a children's catechism.

Tune: BETHANY 6.4.6.4.6.6.6.4.
Lowell Mason, 1856

***OPENING PRAYER** (Thom M. Shuman. Posted on Prayers4Today)

Leader: because we have preserved our joy in manna jars

People: for the long winter of despair, storing them in the dark corners of our souls,
we have forgotten its gritty taste;

Leader: because we have put a tight lid on our joy,

People: and put it in the back of the pantry, we have forgotten how it can tickle our noses;

Leader: because we are so busy

People: prattling pious platitudes about the poor, the least, the lost,
we ignore your words which anoint them as your children;

Leader: because we have put up the shutters and storm doors

People: to keep your future from sneaking in, we have missed the sweet breeze carrying
your hope to us;

Leader: because we are who we are,

People: restore us, Holy Grace, and make us a fragrant offering to the world. Amen.

***PRAISE RESPONSE**

"For the Fruits of All Creation"

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 For God's gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.

This text was written in response to a request for a new harvest hymn for an existing tune. After its publication in England in 1970, it became popular in many countries and can be found set to various tunes.

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS 8.4.8.4.8.8.8.4.
Welsh traditional melody
 Musical Relicks of the Welsh Bards, Dublin, 1784
 Harm. L. O. Emerson, 1906
 For another harmonization, see 82

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ANTHEM

**"Sanctuary" – Words & Music by John Thompson
 Arr. with additional text and music by Lloyd Larson**

Chancel Choir

Congregation:
 (on cue)

Words and Music by
 JOHN THOMPSON
 & RANDY SCRUGGS

Lord, pre - pare me _____ to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
 ho - ly, tried and true; _____ with thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a
 liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for _____ you.

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"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"



Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spir-it's sign;



With this wa-ter God has sealed you un-to love and grace di-vine.

Question to the Congregation

I commend to your love **Reagan Lynn Storch** whom we receive as a child in the family of God. Through your lives and example, will you support these parents in their desire to guide **Reagan** in the knowledge and love of God and of our savior Jesus Christ?

People: In joyful response to God's grace, we promise our love, our support, and our care.

"Borning Cry" - Harry Buch, Soloist

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

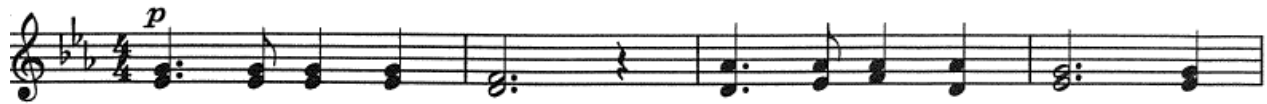
Joys and Concerns, Silent Prayer, Morning Prayer

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

From Psalm 143

George Whelpton (1897)



Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; in -



cline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. A - men.

Leader: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,

People: **we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations,**

Leader: "The LORD has done great things for them."

People: **The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**

Leader: Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

People: **May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,**

Leader: carrying their sheaves.

GLORIA PATRI **Glory be to our Maker, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

SERMON "Not the Same Old Psalm and Dance: Those Who Dream"

Rev. Luke Lindon

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Offering Invitation

Lord, restore the fortunes of others through this offering of goodwill and charity.
In your many holy names, we collect this morning's offering.

Offertory Music "Adagio from Organ Symphony No. 4" – CM Widor/ed. VD Thompson

***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**

Loving God, how lavishly you pour out the costly gift of your grace upon us.
Fill our homes and our lives with the fragrance of your love, so that we may show your glory
and serve your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SACREMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. You do not need to be a member of the United Church of Christ
to partake in the Holy Sacrament*

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving



1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

***BENEDICTION** (from a Mexican Proverb)

Leader: You may feel buried by worry, stress, and grief. Go ahead and be buried.

People: **For we are seeds!**

Leader: What is sown in tears,

People: **Shall be reaped with shouts of joy.**

Leader: Go from here buried!

People: **For we are an Easter people and resurrection shall surely come!**

Leader: Go and sprout and grow and most importantly

People: **Dream.**

Leader: For the kingdom of heaven belongs to those such as you.

People: **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** "Toccatina in G Minor, No. 3" – Pachelbel/ed. CH Trevor Cathy Fafrak, Organist

"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"

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*All who are able please stand.

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

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

*Today's coffee hour is hosted by the **John and Kathi Kavouras.***

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

APRIL 7, 2019

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

Live streaming of the Sanctuary Service is available at uccmedina.org

April 7, 2019 thru April 14, 2019

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun	5th SUNDAY OF LENT 8:15 am Chapel Worship 9:00 am Gathering Worship 9:15 am Choir practice 9:15 am 3rd Grade Bible Class 10:30 am Traditional Worship 11:30 am Hunger Outreach Meeting (Project Leaders only) 4:00 pm Youth Group 4:00 pm High School Cook for Cups
Mon	Cook for Cups 1:30 pm Circle of Caring Meeting
Tues	8:00 am Men's Fellowship at P.J. Marley's 2:00 pm Bible Study: Book of Luke 7:30 pm Women's Book Group
Wed	10:30 am Quilters 12:00 pm Ladies Lenten Luncheon 6:00 pm Lenten Dinner & Worship “The Beatitudes” @ United Methodist 6:00 pm Youth Bell Choir 6:30 pm Youth Choir 6:45 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thu	Garfield Deliveries
Fri	1:30 pm JMM @ Evergreen
Sat	
Sun	PALM SUNDAY 8:15 am Chapel Worship 9:00 am Gathering Worship 9:15 am Choir Practice 10:30 am Traditional Worship Palm Sunday Parade 11:30 am 3rd Grade Bible Class 3:00 pm Confirmation Class 3:00 pm JMM @ Brookdale North Hymn Sing

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

Psalm 126

“Not the Same Old Psalm and Dance:
Those Who Dream” - Rev. Luke Lindon

Altar Flowers: In honor of the baptism of
Reagan Lynn Storch.

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

EASTER LILY ORDERS

It's time to order your Easter Lily! If you would like to place a lily on the altar in honor or memory of someone, please fill out a yellow order form found on the table near the kitchen (or you may ask an usher for a form) and return it to the church office no later than April 8th.

Upcoming Youth Events:

- *April 7– Bible Class 9:15-10:15
Youth Group 4:00 – 6:00
- *April 14 –Bible Class Presentations and Rehearsal 11:30
Confirmation Class 3:00-4:30
- *April 17 – Stuff Easter Eggs @ First Christian 5:30
- *April 20 – Easter Egg Hunt at First Christian 1:00
- *April 21 – **NO F.I.S.H. & NO YOUTH GROUP**
Happy Easter!
- *April 28 – Bible Sunday
Confirmation Dinner & Rehearsal 6:00

ANNUAL LENTEN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

The Annual Lenten Women's Fellowship Luncheon will be held Wednesday, April 10th at 12 noon in Fellowship Hall. Please come and join us for this special event and bring a dish to share. Rev. Pam Branscome will be our speaker and will extend communion.

HELP NEEDED!

Help is needed to operate the video and/or sound consoles. If you would like to help once a month or as a sub, we could use the help. Our video streaming averages 15 to 20 viewers each week. Our video streaming has been viewed in 90 cities, in 18 states and China! But, don't be intimidated, we will offer training and assistance. If you can help with this valuable service, please contact the office or Matt Yates.

EASTER CANDY NEEDED

We need candy to fill our eggs for the Easter egg hunt. If you are willing to donate a bag of candy it would be greatly appreciated. There is a box in the welcoming area where you can put your donation. The only requirements are that the **candy must be individually wrapped (no jelly beans), that the candy is able to fit into an egg and NO CHOCOLATE CANDY** that could melt if it gets warm enough the day of the hunt. Thank you for your help.

ACTION – ACT

"ACTION – ACT In Our Neighborhood" is a new Action group that is forming to help address needs in the Church community as well as our neighboring communities. We need your help. We would like to have a list of volunteers that would be willing to help when a need is identified. We don't know the needs or when they'll arise but when Action is needed we could then call on a large group of church volunteers to assemble a small team to address the task at hand. There is a sign-up sheet on the table near the kitchen. Signing up for this list doesn't commit you to helping, it only commits you to receiving a call/email/text when help is needed.

TICKET SALES... TICKET SALES... TICKET SALES... LADIES AND GIRLS TEA

Please plan to **purchase your ticket(s) for the Ladies and Girls Tea** which will be held on Saturday, April 27th from 12-2pm. The luncheon will begin in the Fellowship Hall and will be followed by a Tea Talk. The World of Tea program will be presented by certified Tea Specialist, Sue Swain, of Secret Tea Society. You will learn about the origins of the world's most consumed beverage, tea. It will also be fun to learn the difference between tea categories – white, green, oolong, black, and herbal blends. Join us to enjoy the aroma of tea as it will surely brighten up your lovely April day!

Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for girls under 10 years of age. Sales will begin on Sunday, March 31st in the East Room after the services. You may also purchase a ticket from the church office after March 31st. **Tickets must be purchased by April 15th.** Please contact Beth Hari, Becky Weber, or Darlene Bagley-Fazekas if you have questions.

ALL CHURCH MEMBERS INVITED TO HEAR REV. WENDLING

Monday, April 8th at 1:30 – East Room

Circle of Caring is sponsoring Rev. Dennis Wendling, full-time Chaplain at Medina Hospital, as a speaker who will talk about how to support people in the hospital and what he does as a hospital chaplain. Bring your own questions about hospital visitations or Circle of Caring. Refreshments will be served. Call Syd Benson with any questions at 330-725-5540.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's hard to believe, but it is time to start thinking about Vacation Bible School. This year VBS will be June 10-13. Our theme this year is "To Mars and Beyond" and it will be tons of fun! As always, many hands make light work. We are in need of people to help make sure it is a success. If you are interested in helping out with VBS, please see Stacie Yates or sign up in the Crossroads Hallway.

REMINDER - PLEASE RETURN ALL DECORATED BAGS FOR CHILDREN TO THE EAST ROOM

Return filled & decorated bags to the East Room by **Palm Sunday, 4/14**, when they'll all be blessed.

IMPORTANT: keep the slip of paper with the child's name and ID number on the bag, so we can be sure the bag is delivered to the correct address!

Anyone who can help deliver the Easter bags to a couple of families, please look for the sign-up sheet in the hallway near the kitchen. The more people who volunteer, the fewer stops each driver will have. There are usually just 2 or 3 stops per route, all in Medina County.

Thank you to everyone who is participating in our church effort to share encouragement and comfort to children whose parents are incarcerated in Medina County Jail.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 20th

1 pm at First Christian Church

It's almost time for our annual Easter egg hunt at First Christian Church! Come and see the sea of colors as the grounds of First Christian Church are covered with plastic eggs filled with goodies. The egg hunt is for 1 year olds through the fifth grade. We have different egg hunts for different age groups. Bring your own baskets to collect all your eggs. Mark this date on the calendar and join the fun. Please make sure to be there by 1:00 or you will miss it!

GOSPEL GALLEY

by Linda Turek

PAUSE. LISTEN. SEE.

How hard it is for us to do these things. We get caught up in "ourselves" and do not fully appreciate all that God has put before us; for us. I know I have referred to my dog previously, but I have learned so much from him. For instance, the SNOW we had at the end of March. Seriously, what was that all about? But Beau was as excited as a child with a new toy. He just plowed right through it; tail wagging (you could almost see the joy on his face). Watching him I realized that I should be glad to be part of a new day. That gladness translated into a comforting feeling. A day with gladness and praise can be lived with so much more energy and fullness. Randy Pausch in his book "The Last Lecture" states that "...complaining does not work as a strategy. We have finite time and energy. Any time we spend whining is unlikely to help us...and it won't make us happier." Pause, listen, see, and be at peace.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2019

March 13th – April 10th

FINAL WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICE

6:00 PM Dinner & Lenten Worship

"BEATITUDES"

April 10 – United Methodist Church
4747 Foote Rd.

April 10th – **Women's Fellowship Lenten Luncheon 12pm – 2pm**

April 14th – **Palm Sunday** – Palm Parade –
10:30 am

April 18th – **Maundy Thursday**
UCC, Congregational – 7:00 pm

April 19th – **GOOD FRIDAY** – OFFICE CLOSURES
@ NOON

April 19th – **Good Friday Service** – 7:00 pm
UCC, Congregational, Fellowship Hall

April 20th – **Easter Egg Hunt**
First Christian Church – 1:00 pm
4797 Sharon-Copley Rd.

April 22nd – **Easter Monday** – OFFICE CLOSED

Easter services: April 21, 2019

7:00 am Sunrise – **Spring Grove Cemetery Chapel**

8:15 am - **UCC Chapel**

9:00 am - **Fellowship Hall**

10:30 am - **Sanctuary**

GARFIELD FAMILY FOOD DONATIONS

Thank you all for continuing to purchase food for our Garfield Families. Please remember when you bring in your **produce to place it in the refrigerator**. Also, if you purchase bread or anything in advance be mindful of the use by date. Some of the things that have come in early have gone bad very quickly.

Thank you again for your continued support.

COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER NEEDS

Currently, the Community Services Center's most needed items are TOILET PAPER and BAR SOAPS. Please place your kind donations in the BOGO bin across from the elevator. Thank you. -Community Outreach Ministry

BICENTENNIAL TIDBITS AND NARRATIVE VIDEOS NOW ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE

To view some of our History, from the home page, click on the Bicentennial banner, then select either TidBits or Narratives and view! A big thank you to Kate Lindon for creating the web page!

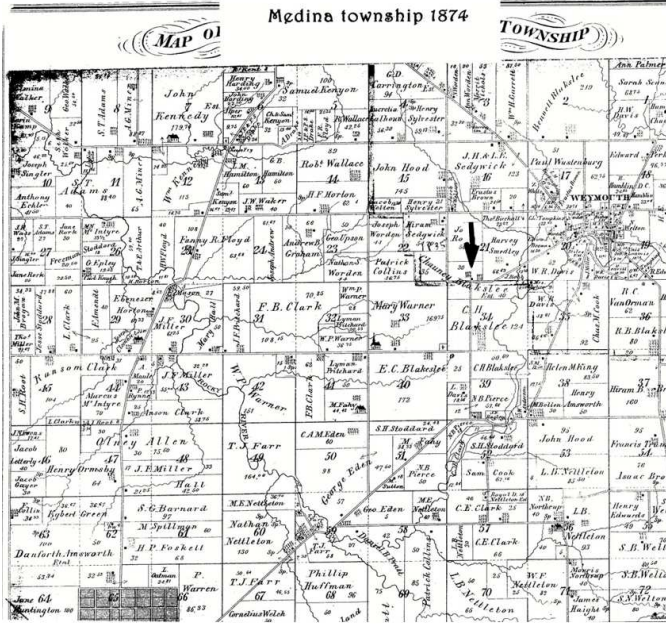
APRIL 14th COFFEE HOUR

The April 14th coffee hour will honor our congregation's ongoing, generous and faithful support of the COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY projects. All are invited to share this recognition of our efforts to help Medina neighbors.

**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*****

Bicentennial Tidbits



Our friends at St. Paul's have shared with us some photos from a 1937 celebration of the 120th anniversary of the joint original log cabin church, including a map of the exact location in Bagdad. Note that a well preserved Rev. Roger Searle arrived for his share of the ceremony on horseback. The event was carried by a live radio broadcast on WGAR.



32 STATIONS GET PROGRAM

St. Paul's Builders' Day to Go Over NBS Blue Network

BROADCAST FROM CEREMONY SITE

Pageant to Depict Arrival of Settlers at the First Service

The celebration of St. Paul's 120th anniversary, Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, will put the entire village in the national spotlight via radio. Elaborate arrangements have been completed for a colorful program with an Episcopal vesper service, which will be picked up by radio station WGAR, Cleveland, and broadcast over an NBC network from Denver to the Atlantic seaboard. Thus, every city, town, village and hamlet and ships at sea in this eastern area will be the potential

MEDINA, OHIO, THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1937

St. Paul's Observed Builders' Day Saturday

Despite the wind, cold and snow many people journeyed over to Weymouth to the Eugene Clark farm, to attend the "Builders' Day" program carried out by St. Paul's Episcopal church last Saturday.

The program, broadcast over a wide hookup through radio station WGAR, Cleveland, started promptly at four o'clock and was carried out in complete detail as outlined in last week's Sentinel.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather, there were many horse drawn rigs and persons dressed in old time costumes, which attracted much attention. The service was as near the same as that used 120 years ago by the Rev. Roger Searle, and was read by Rev. J. P. Breerton, with Rt. Rev. Warren Lincoln Rogers, Bishop of Ohio, delivering the sermon.

Music was furnished by the St. Paul's choir under direction of the choirmaster, F. O. Hobart. Officiating at the microphone of the mobile broadcasting unit, P. C. Hopkins announced the various parts of the service and an added feature was his description of the many horse drawn vehicles and the people dressed as in olden times. Following the service at the replica of the original log church, which was erected through the efforts of Messrs. Elihu Blakely and Forest W. Clark, both descendants of original settlers in the vicinity and lifetime members of St. Paul's, a supper was served in the parish house in Medina by the ladies of the Weymouth Community church, which is presided over by Rev. Mr. Breerton.

Photo by Sidney F. High

This is the log replica of the first Episcopal church erected in Medina county on the Eugene Clark farm, northeast of town, where the second of a series of services was held Saturday by members of St. Paul's marking the 120th anniversary of the church. Rev. Philip Breerton, the rector, is reading the lesson. On his right stands Rt. Rev. Warren Lincoln Rogers, Bishop of Ohio, who delivered the sermon. A photograph of the choir appears on page 2.

Isaiah 43:16-21

Something New

Exodus and Exile: the most momentous experiences in ancient Israel's life. In each hour of need, God heard the cry of the people and sent prophets--Moses in Egypt, and prophets like Isaiah to the people in Babylon. For Israel, exile was being lost, homesick, divided, unmoored, rootless except for memory. It must have been hard to resist the temptation to settle down, fit in, sell out, and forget the story that had held them together. After all, what good had all that done them? Into that heartache and doubt stepped a poet-prophet to sing a new song about ancient things, and the new thing that the God of old was about to do.

General Synod 32

You're invited to the United Church of Christ's Thirty-Second General Synod that will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 21-25, 2019!

The theme for the 32nd General Synod is based on the scripture Matthew 5:16 "In the same way let your light shine before others . . ."

"When we light just one candle in the darkness, it illuminates dimly, but when many candles are lit, and all let their lights shine, together we can bring brightness to the world." — The Rev. Franz Rigert, Wisconsin Conference Minister.

Always an extraordinary event in the life of the Church, delegates and visitors will experience dynamic workshops, generative plenary sessions, inspirational worship, engaging youth activities, special banquets, and luncheons. Delegates will conduct the business of the denomination and set priorities for our ministries. Keynote speakers will offer illumination and insight into challenges that face our congregations and communities. And delegates and visitors alike will stand up for issues that demand a faithful witness, worship together, and participate in local community service projects.

Find out more at www.synod2019.org and plan to attend.