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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 “Praise to the Living God” – arr. Jeffrey Blersch 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 (from *The Times They Are A-Changin'* by Bob Dylan, 1963)

Leader: Come gather 'round, people
People: **Wherever you roam**
Leader: And admit that the waters
People: **Around you have grown**
Leader: And accept it that soon
People: **You'll be drenched to the bone**
Leader: If your time to you is worth savin'
People: **Then you better start swimmin'**
Leader: Or you'll sink like a stone
People: **For the times they are a-changin'**

*OPENING HYMN “Praise to the Living God”

Curtis Beach, born into a family of several generations of ministers, was educated at Harvard University, the Boston University School of Theology, and the University of Southern California. A minister in the United Church of Christ, Beach authored The Gospel of Mark: Its Making and Meaning.

Tune: **DIADEMATA S.M.D.**
George J. Elvey, 1868

1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
 2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
 3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
 4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;
 Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
 shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.
 yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.

Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
 Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till
 God toils wher - e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
 In these tu - mul - tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
 hu - man - kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
 deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
 we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

***OPENING PRAYER** (from the Galla People, Ethiopia. Found in *Prayers Encircling the World*)

O God, you have prepared in peace the path I must follow today. Help me to walk straight on that path. If I speak, remove lies from my lips. If I am hungry, take away from me all complaint. If I have plenty, destroy pride in me. May I go through the day calling on you, O Lord. Amen.

***PRAISE RESPONSE**

"Pass It On"

1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire go - ing,
and soon all those a - round can warm up in its glow - ing;
that's how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per-i-enced it:
you spread God's love to ev - ery - one, you want to pass it on.

WORDS and MUSIC: Kurt Kaiser, 1969

PASS IT ON
Irr.

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SPECIAL MUSIC

"Because All Men Are Brothers" – music adapted & words by Tom Glazer

"He Ain't Heavy...He's My Brother" – Bob Russell & Bobby Scott

Sung by Nick North

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

"He Touched Me"

1. Shack- led by a heav - y bur- den, 'neath a load of
 guilt and shame, then the hand of Je - sus touched me,
Refrain
 and now I am no long-er the same. He touched me. O he
 touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul! Some- thing
 hap- pened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.

WORDS and MUSIC: William J. Gaither, 1963

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HE TOUCHED ME
Irr. w. refrain

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 9:1-10 and Psalm 12

Ashley Bonsell, Liturgist

SERMON

"Imagination and Innovation"

Rev. Luke Lindon

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Offering Invitation

The Lord will protect us and we will protect others through what we offer this morning.

Offertory Music

"Voice of Melody" – Burton Lawrence

Cathy Fafarak, 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** (from *Blowin' in the Wind* by Bob Dylan, 1963)

Leader: Yes, 'n' how many times must a man look up

People: Before he can see the sky?

Leader: Yes, 'n' how many ears must one man have

People: Before he can hear people cry?

Leader: Yes, 'n' how many deaths will it take till he knows

People: That too many people have died?

Leader: The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind

People: The answer is blowin' in the wind... and maybe part of it is in our time, talent, and treasure... Spirit come and renew us and use us to bring the kingdom closer. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Unison



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing, the
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

peo - ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave. The ser - vice is
tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

end - ed, O now be ex - tend - ed the fruits of our wor - ship in
shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of

all who be - lieve. The seed of the teach - ing, re -
each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with

cep - tive hearts reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for
your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this



God and for all. God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u -
life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -



nite us to work for God's realm and to an - swer the call.
giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

Omer Westendorf, author of numerous hymns, compiler of several hymnals, and founder of World Library Publications, included this hymn in People's Mass Book, 1964, the first vernacular Roman Catholic hymn and service book to implement the decrees of Vatican II.

Tune: THE ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11.D.
Welsh folk melody
Harm. Leland Sateren, 1972
Descant, The New Century Hymnal, 1993

***BENEDICTION**

***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** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" – arr. Gerhard Krapf Cathy Fafrak, Organist

"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"

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* Those who are able are asked to please stand

Ushers: Dick Christy, Julie Gilliland, Ron Greinke, Pete Benson

*****There are no hosts for Coffee Hour today.**

If you would like to help, please sign up in the East Room***

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

JULY 14, 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

July 14, 2019 thru July 21, 2019

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 8:15 pm Chapel Worship
9:00 pm Gathering Worship
10:30 am Traditional Worship

Mon 10:00 am **Gift Card orders due**
1:00 pm **Breadmakers**
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

Tues 7:00 pm **Worship Team**

Wed 10:30 am Quilters
7:00 pm **Discipleship & Education
Team (DELTS)**

Thu **Garfield Deliveries**

Fri 1:30 pm JMM @ Evergreen

Sat

Sun 8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
10:30 am Traditional Worship
2:00 pm JMM at Medina Meadows

PASTOR LUKE OUT FOR A WEEK

Pastor Luke will be gone for a week of Doctoral Studies from July 22nd thru July 27th

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Mark your calendars now for the annual
ALIVE ON THE SQUARE

Worship & Picnic

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH @ 10:00 a.m.

Plan to join us and bring your
Family and friends!
All are welcome!

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

Eccles 9:1-10 & Psalm 12
“Imagination and Innovation”
Rev. Luke Lindon

Altar Flowers: Flowers are donated by Elly Aberegg in honor of her sister's birthday.

50+ YEAR MEMBERS SAVE THE DATE!

If you've been a member of our church for 50 years or more, please save **Saturday September 28, 2019 from 11:30 am to 2 pm for a CELEBRATION LUNCHEON.** Invitations will be mailed out early in September.

*If you haven't yet been here for 50 years and want to help with the luncheon...put this date on your calendar and contact the office, Becky Weber, or Sue Dean.

STAFF PLANNING RETREAT

The church staff will be holding their bi-annual planning retreat at the beginning of August. If your team or group has a date or special event that needs scheduled on the calendar, **please submit your dates to the church office no later than August 1st.**

GREAT FOR ANY SHOPPING!

Please support the youth and purchase gift cards. Many vendors and denominations are available. See the Yellow Retailer List on the table near Fellowship Hall or visit www.glscrip.com and click on the Retailer List on the left side to view or print your own list. Complete a Green Order Form, available near fellowship hall and return to Kelly or Stacie with payment.

The next order date is July 15th by 10 am.

Contact Kelly if you have any questions.

STAYIN' ALIVE

Our newly-planted trees and bushes need water- especially in hot weather. Sign up at the table by the kitchen to take a turn for a week. Just fill the buckets and water the bushes. Questions? Call the Zuehlke's, Pam Branscome or Harry Buch.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 MEDINA UCC HOMECOMING PICNIC AT BUNKER HILL

Gathering and Games: 4:00-5:00

Fully Catered Dinner: 5:00-6:00

The Entertainment: 6:00-7:00 or whenever

And what's the entertainment? YOU! If you have a musical talent to share, join us in a talent show/hootenanny. Cathy is available if you need an accompanist. We will make sure there are mics and speakers so everyone can be heard. Kids and amateurs are welcome! Do you play an instrument? Sing? Can you do a magic trick? Get together with a friend to work up an act or perform on your own. There's no shortage of talent in our congregation, so this will be FUN! Interested? Pam Branscome is coordinating. 440-479-6814. There will be a sign-up sheet later in the summer.

DENISON AVE. UCC IN NEED

An article in the June 2nd edition of the Plain Dealer highlighted the good mission work of the Denison Ave. United Church of Christ. They offer the Second Life Thrift shop, dance classes, meals, Bible study, most Sunday's a free community lunch after services, and monthly food pantry...the list goes on. They serve about 5,000 people (1,300 families) in the area and their congregation only numbers 40! The church is looking for support to complete repairs to the exterior of the building or face \$5,000/day fine for non-compliance to a citation. According to the article (posted on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the Sanctuary) they are looking for at least \$57,000. Please give prayerful thought to donating to this need. Funds from our Mission Team budget will match donations by our congregation. **As of July 7th, the total amount raised is \$450.**

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Women's Breakfast Group will begin meeting again on the second Tuesday of every month, starting on September 9th. Details to follow soon!

BICENTENNIAL CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

The ornaments will be available for purchase in the church office during the week during office hours: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. The price is \$20. We will also have them for sale on the 1st Sunday of the month, from August 4th through December 1st.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

Thank you to those who have signed up to host a Coffee Hour! **We have no one signed up from now until the end of September!**

Please consider hosting a Sunday after the 10:30 service in the future. Sign-up sheets are in the East Room. Please remember this is supposed to be a snack with coffee or punch. Doughnut holes, cheese and crackers, fresh fruit or anything you like may be served. **KEEP IT SIMPLE.** Thank you!

GOSPEL GALLEY

Linda Turek

Oh, what a beautiful morning, oh, what a beautiful day...

There have been so many wonderful things to celebrate in the past month: dedication of our historic marker, Medith & Earle Olson's wedding, Carol Brenneman's 100th birthday, and it stopped raining! And let's not forget the 4th of July, the birthday of our country.

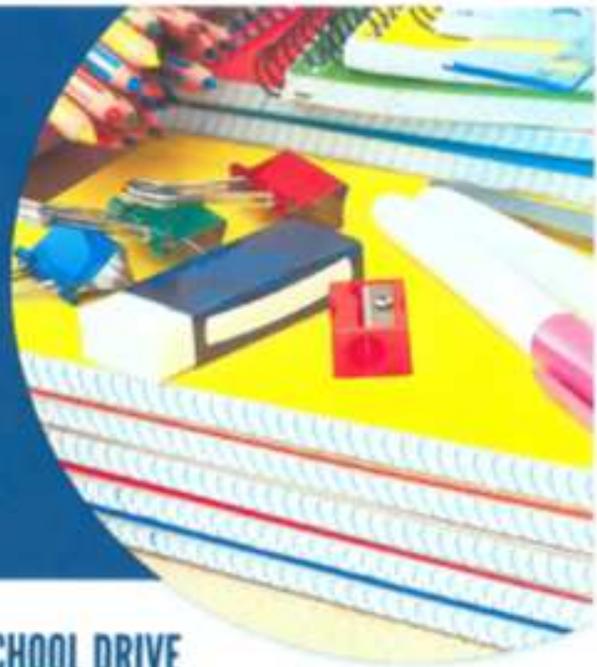
Watching life outside my patio door is revealing that in a short time we will have new little birds, rabbits, and, yes, chipmunks. And the sky so blue and the magic of clouds. If you let your mind go free, you might see a clown, a hippo, a giant panda or the traditional cotton candy, or...so much for us, because He loves us! Thanks be to God.

Motto for the month: *Attitude of gratitude.*

UNITED WAY OF MEDINA COUNTY

STUFF THE BUS!

Help local children in need be prepared for their first day of school.



MEDINA COUNTY'S LARGEST BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

SCHOOL SUPPLY SHOPPING LIST:

High Demand

Dry Erase Markers

Fiskars Scissors

Hand Sanitizer

Highlighters

Ziploc Bags: All Sizes

These are the general items that we would like to focus on. Regular School Supplies are always needed as well.

Thank you for your generous support!

ALL DONATIONS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN JULY 24th!

ALL DONATED SCHOOL SUPPLIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED THROUGH THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

- Highland Local Schools Administration
- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (Brunswick)
- Zion Lutheran Church (Buckeye)
- Salvation Army (Medina & Wadsworth)
- Cloverleaf PTO (Cloverleaf)



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Bicentennial Tidbits

Our organ has 2,111 functional pipe in 39 ranks, with 34 stops. About half of these are at least 100 years old.

There was a major rebuild of our organ from 1992 through 1994 by a Mr. Carl W. Emerson of Ohio City, a craftsman who specialized in early organ restorations. The project cost over \$130,000 and was coordinated by Betty Lynham. Over 1000 wooden and metal pipes were distributed to church member who took them home to clean and repair them using Murphy's Oil Soap!

Emerson also designed the "new" oak pipe cases that showcase the few large visible elements of the organ. The scrollwork designs are based on elements from uncovered walls in the original 1882 sanctuary. Wherever possible, original or previous re-build pipes and reeds were used, but these represented only about 25% of the 1994 project. There had been another rebuild in 1910, which had been less successful. Dr. Stanbury Nichols, the town dentist and an active member of the congregation, would crawl into the pipe room and use his older dentist's drill drive belts and even dental floss to make repairs. Other major rebuilds occurred in 1930 and 1960. The present console is from the 1960 rebuild. At the conclusion of the 1994 project, a Mr. Richard Heschke, professor of Organ at Concordia College in New York, performed a recital to put the rebuilt organ through its paces.

**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*****

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Rebecca Rosen, Nursery Supervisor

Xanthe Phillips, Director of Hobby Horse Preschool

Luke 10:25-37

Caring Neighbors

The Good Samaritan story reminds us that Christ calls us to draw a wider circle as we bring compassion, healing, and hope to others. The 3 Great Loves initiative is giving congregations across the denomination a forum for sharing stories about the way that they are practicing being Good Samaritans.

Congregations like Spring Creek UCC in Rockford, IL. Since December 2015, the congregation has provided household goods and supplies to ten families moving from homelessness into an apartment through their Adopt An Apartment Initiative (AAA). "The generosity of the congregation in donating items has been outstanding and we are very grateful to our dedicated group of volunteers who have helped to transport the items and clean & stage the apartments," the congregation reports.

Hadwen Park Congregational UCC, Worcester, MA reaches out to LGBT people escaping from countries where it is illegal and dangerous to be themselves. These asylum seekers are unable to work or receive public assistance while awaiting asylum, so the congregation gives them a shared apartment, food, cell phone, a small stipend, help finding medical care and legal representation. The asylum seekers are also into the church community for spiritual care and a sense of community and friendship. The congregation has supported as many as two dozen asylum seekers at a time.

Zion United Church of Christ, in Hubbard, Iowa has extended their definition of neighbor to include those living 2000 miles away. The rural congregation is demonstrating love of neighbor by collecting over 1,100 needed items for two UCLA Mobile Health Clinics for the homeless living in Los Angeles. Zion UCC has provided travel sized bottles of shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, as well as underwear, flashlights, shoes, and many other necessary and much needed items to their neighbors.

These congregations, and many others, are redrawing the lines of what it means to be a neighbor, drawing the circle ever wider. How is your congregation a Good Samaritan? Tell your story!

3 Great Loves is the United Church of Christ's denomination-wide storytelling initiative. Telling the story of how we are living out God's love and expressing love of neighbor, children and creation, 3 Great Loves demonstrates how our denomination lives out the love of God and creates a just world for all.

Visit www.3greatloves.org and share how you are living out God's love. And use the hashtag #3greatloves when sharing on social media. No action is too small, and no story is too insignificant to share.