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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 “Give Me Jesus” – arr. Douglas Wagner 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 “If I Had a Hammer” written by Lee Hays / Pete Seeger)

Leader: If we had a bell

People: **We’d ring it in the morning**

Leader: We’d ring it in the evening

People: **All over this land**

Leader: We’d ring out danger

We’d ring out a warning

People: **We’d ring out love between my brothers and my sisters,
All over this land.**

*OPENING HYMN

“Set My Soul Afire”

Words and Music by
Eugene M. Bartlett

CCLI Song # 26409

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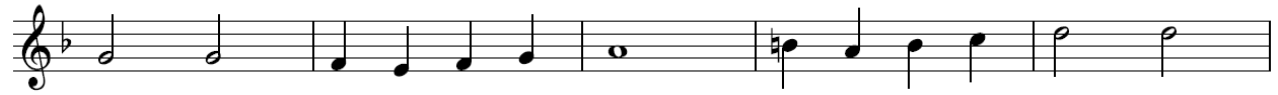
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1. Set my soul a - fire, Lord, for Thy Ho - ly Word;
 2. Set my soul a - fire, Lord, for the lost in sin;
 3. Set my soul a - fire, Lord, in my dai - ly life;



Burn it deep with - in me, let Your voice be heard. Mil - lions grope in
 Give to me a pas - sion as I seek to win. Help me not to
 Far too long I've wan - dered in this day of strife. Noth - ing else will



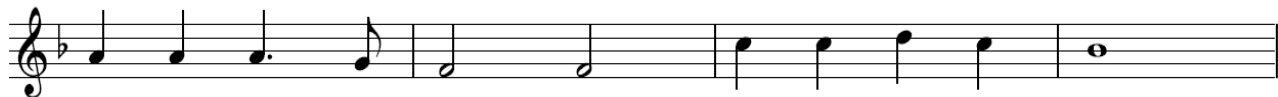
dark - ness in this day and hour; I will be Your wit - ness,
 fal - ter, nev - er let me fail; Fill me with Thy Spir - it,
 mat - ter but to live for Thee; I will be Your wit - ness



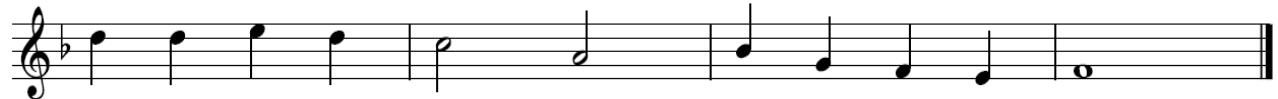
fill me with Thy pow'r. Set my soul a - fire, Lord, set my soul a -
 let Thy will pre - vail.
 as You live in me.



-fire; Make my life a wit - ness of Thy sav - ing pow'r.



Mil - lions grope in dark - ness, wait - ing for Thy Word;



Set my soul a - fire, Lord, set my soul a - fire.

***CONFESSION** (inspired by 60s protest songs, various artists)

Leader: There's something happening here

People: **What it is ain't exactly clear**

Leader: But this land is your land,

People: And this land is my land.

Leader: And that land that I live in

People: Has God on its side.

Leader: But where have all the flowers gone?

People: Long time passing.

Leader: We're so darn tired,

People: We've forgotten why we're fighting, hating, and that we're our brother's keeper.

Leader: Lord, forgive us.

People: For our apathy. Our hard-heartedness. Our distrust in your ways.

Leader: Assure us again that we shall overcome.

People: We shall overcome,
We shall overcome, some day. Amen.

***ASSURANCE**

Leader: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

People: And we believe that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***PRAISE RESPONSE**

"We Shall Overcome" (vs. 1)



1. We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver - come,



we shall o - ver - come some - day! Oh, deep in my



heart I do be - lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day!

WORDS: Afro-American spiritual
MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. by William Farley Smith, 1986
Adapt. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

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SPECIAL MUSIC

"How Can I Keep From Singing?" – arr. By Andy Beck
Tracy Gabrielsen & Kellie Johns, soloists

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

"Be Still, My Soul"

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
 Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
 leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
 in ev - ery change God faith - ful will re - main.
 Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven - ly friend
 through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.

WORDS: Katharina von Schlegel, 1752; trans. by Jane Borthwick, 1855 (Ps. 46:10)
 MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. from *The Hymnal*, 1933

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SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:49-53

Dorothe Edinger, Liturgist

SERMON

"The Disturbers" a sermon by The Rev. Truman Whitaker.
 Preached on May 29, 1960. Given by the Rev. Luke Lindon

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Offertory Invitation

Leader: Disturb us, O Lord.

People: **May we be disturbers for your Beloved Community. Wake us up, so that we might give the gifts we carry.**

Offertory Music "Psalm" – Gordon Young

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)

O Lord, we thank you for the generosity of your people. For all the ways that we give. A kind word of hope or consolation. Unbidden phone calls, texts, and emails. Prayers to you on behalf of others in the middle of the night. For marching, crying out, and trying to tell the stories of others. For all the ways your people give to you and one another, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

"Help Us Accept Each Other"



1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept-ed us;
2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us, and bring us to be - lieve
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1974 (Jn. 15:12)
MUSIC: John Ness Beck, 1977

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***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** "Jubilant Recessional on Ein' Feste Burg" – Janet Linker Cathy Fafrak, Organist

"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"

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+ * Those who are able are asked to please stand

***Ushers:** Dick Christy, Darlene Fazekas, Julie Gilliland, Ron Greinke*

******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 21, 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 21, 2019 thru July 28, 2019

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

Mon

Tues

Wed 10:30 am Quilters

Thu

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 @ Medina Meadows
Sing-a-long
7:00 pm JMM @ WRMC

PASTOR LUKE OUT FOR A WEEK

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TUESDAY - AUG. 6TH

The church staff will be off site all day on a Staff Planning Retreat and tour of Avon UCC. Please make note that the church office will be closed on this particular day only.

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

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

Luke 5:49-53

The Disturbers, a sermon by The Rev. Truman Whitaker. Preached on May 29, 1960.

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Altar Flowers: Flowers are donated by Carolee Rafn in memory of her husband, Don Rafn.

STUFF THE BUS DONATIONS

Please remember to return your donations to “Stuff the Bus” with school supplies for students here in Medina County. There is high demand for dry erase markers, Fiskars scissors, highlighters, hand sanitizers and all sizes of Ziploc bags.

**Items are due to the church by
Wednesday, July 24th!**

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.**

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. **Sign-up sheets are in the East Room and outside the kitchen.**

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 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 15th, the total amount raised is \$700. Deadline for donations is July 28th.**

**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! **There are 2 Sundays remaining: August 4th and September 8th.**

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!

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH
SUMMER NEEDS**

With children home for the summer, some of our outreach projects have even greater needs. The Community Services Center has asked us to continue giving **toilet paper** and **bar soaps** but also added **liquid dishwashing gel**, **liquid laundry detergent** and **jellies** (peanut butter and jelly sandwiches—basic for kid survival) to the CSC most needed list. Please put these items in the gray BOGO bin across from the elevator. Yes, kids also keep coming to the library during their summer vacation. There are many blanks in our summer library Shop and Drop program. Kindly call Maureen Walker if you are able to help with these needs, 330-321-4944. Many thanks for your generous caring and contributions!

BOOK GROUP

"Educated" is a story about a girl growing up in a survivalist family in Idaho who somehow overcomes her family situation to go on to become highly educated. A powerful memoir! Join us on Tuesday, August 13th at 7:30 pm in the East Room. Anybody can come; you don't have to be a part of the book group—there's no roll call! Just pick up a copy of the book in the office, sign out on the sheet, and join us for an interesting discussion!

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

Today, July 21 2019, is the SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST...the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples-Apostles. *What was happening on this Sixth Sunday?* Apostles and Disciples were healing...reaching out to others establishing new churches throughout their "known world" in the counties/cities of Italy/Rome, Achaia/Corinth, Galatia/Ephesus and Colossae, Macedonia/Philippi and Thessalonica, Egypt, and everywhere in between. We read a compilation of "Post-Pentecost" called THE NEW TESTAMENT through recorded letter writings of Paul in the Books of Acts, Romans, Corinthians (1st and 2nd), Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians (1st and 2nd), and through the personal letters written by Timothy (1st & 2nd), Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, Peter (1st and 2nd), John (1st, 2nd, 3rd), and Jude. Though written over 2000 years ago they are very relevant to us today in this 21st Century secular world! Why? Though we have "advanced" technologically, socially we are still dealing with the exact same issues that the Apostles had to deal with as they were becoming the Early Christian church! Issues of heresy, injustice, morality and persecution.

So what does this mean for us, today? Just as the Apostles were commissioned by Jesus, each day as soon as we step out of our front doors and go about "our daily routines" we are commissioned to: **TEACH** others to know Jesus/God. **LIVE** Christ in our communities and neighborhoods. **ACT** and **REACT** Christ in adverse situations. **BE CHRIST** to others in need. When we pray and ask Jesus for help, we are given the Holy Spirit who endows us with the capability and capacity to teach, live, act/react and be!

So, this JULY...Journey forth. Unite. Lucidly-shine bright. Yclept-be called...be named.

Bicentennial Tidbits





**United Church of
Christ, Congregational
Medina, Ohio**

Please join us for an Old Fashioned
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
to help celebrate our
175th Anniversary
Sunday, July 10, 1994 Noon - 4:00 p.m.
Uptown Park on The Square
(In case of rain, our celebration will be in the Church at 217 E. Liberty St., Medina)

FOOD

25[¢] ice cream
50[¢] hot dogs
25[¢] popcorn
25[¢] pop
75[¢] sloppy joes or coney

ENTERTAINMENT

Games for All Ages
Calliope Music
Stringalongs
Old Phoenix Stage Coach Rides

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175th ANNIVERSARY DINNER		
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 20, 1994 BUCKEYE HIGH SCHOOL	12:00 NOON
PROGRAM		
INVOCATION AND GRACE		DR. DONALD NICHOLS
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS		JAN COLEMAN
TRADITIONAL HYMN	"I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD"	
TIME CAPSULE		
SNIP-ETTE OF HISTORY		PEG KLEIN
SILLY SONG	"UP IN THE PULPIT"	
REMARKS		REV. MR. RICHARD WOLFF
YOUTH CHOIR	"GOD IS GREAT"	
REMARKS		REV. MR. JERRY BAKER
TRADITIONAL HYMN	"ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME"	
SNIP-ETTE OF HISTORY		PEG KLEIN
EXCERPTS FROM MINISTERS AND FAMILIES OF OUR PAST		DR. DON
TRADITIONAL HYMN	"REJOICE THE LORD IS KING"	
HISTORY OF THE LIBRARY AS SEEN FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF A BOOK		
<small>WRITTEN AS REMEMBERED BY DORIS NARAGON NARRATION AND DRAMATIZATION BY SHIRLEY HICKS</small>		
SILLY SONG	"SUNDAY SCHOOL"	
SNIP-ETTE		PEG KLEIN
HISTORICAL REMINISCING		CARL JESSIE BETTY ZARNEY
SILLY SONG	"COVERED DISH SUPPER"	
HISTORICAL REMINISCING		DR. BOB FENN JAN COLEMAN
SILLY SONG	"OUR CHURCH IS VERY FINE"	
CLOSING REMARKS		
TRADITIONAL HYMN	"GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN"	
BENEDICTION AND "GOD BE WITH YOU"		REV. LESLIE MOLLIN
- QUINSEPTUACENNIAL -		

The 175th Anniversary was celebrated by a dinner and program at Buckeye High School in February 1994, as well as through an ice cream social for the entire community on the Square during the summer.

As you can see from the dinner program, a number of historical snippets were presented.

Unfortunately, none of the silly songs seem to have been recorded for posterity.

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*****

Luke 10:38-42

Word and Work

Martha speaks:

"I knew the minute I saw Jesus that what he'd been trying to say was true. He would not be with us much longer. This might be the last time he visited my home, ate at my table. This might be the last time that I could give him what he needed and appreciated: a hot meal, cool water, warm company. The knowledge of it plunged a knife into my heart. As he crossed the threshold, I felt my knees go weak, felt the keening of the funeral procession already beginning in the back of my throat. Better to keep busy than to have him see me like this. My hands in the dough, cutting the dates into pieces just so, cooking the fish just as he liked it. I flew around the house. I knew that doing something – anything – was the only way to keep myself from the truth of the loss that lay ahead."

Mary speaks:

"I knew the minute I saw Jesus that what he'd been trying to say was true. He would not be with us much longer. I had never seen the depth of sorrow I saw in his eyes that day, although he was as kindly gracious as ever. As he settled in the house, the others gathered around as always, asking questions or reaching out for healing or just offering a raucous welcome. I was immediately curious about this new sorrow that I saw in him, that I felt reflected in my own heart. Where did it come from? Where would it lead him? I felt I just had to know more. Maybe if I understood, I could meet him in that place. Maybe if I knew more, I could help him somehow. So I knelt at his feet as close as I could. I absorbed every word he spoke, drank in every movement. Soon, the flurry and bustle of the room faded, as I focused on his face, his voice."

We imagine what Jesus' friends, the sisters Mary and Martha, might have felt when they saw him soon after he predicted his own death to his disciples. Mary and Martha each sense Jesus' grief, and each feels their own. Martha distracts herself from her feelings and is able to channel her emotions into hospitality; Mary stays present and curious to her emotions, but is unconcerned with her own physical needs, as well as those of her guests.

These are two ways to respond to strong emotions. There are many others. Take a few minutes to share with a friend or spiritual guide or in a journal how you respond when grief enters your home and sits down at your table. Now consider your response. Is that how you'd like to respond? Or is there another way that feels more authentic for you? Ask Jesus to help you meet your emotions the way you would most like to.