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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 “It Is Well With my Soul” –setting, J. Ness Beck/trans. J. Linker 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 UCC Book of Worship, p. 502)

Leader: The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

People: The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.

Leader: The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

People: Spirit of the living God, come to us and transform our lives by your power!

*OPENING HYMN

“It Is Well With my Soul”

WORDS: Horatio G. Spafford, 1873
MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss, 1876

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1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way,
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,
3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!
4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,

when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my
 let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re -
 My sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re -
 lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is
 gard - ed my help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own
 cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the
 sound, and the Lord shall de - scend, e - ven so, it is

Refrain

well with my soul.
 blood for my soul. It is well with my soul,
 Lord, O my soul! It is well with my soul,
 well with my soul. It is well with my soul,
 it is well, it is well with my soul.

CONFESSION (from UCC Book of Worship, p. 503)

- Leader: We admit to you, God of our life,
People: That our celebration of your love and peace is often an empty ritual.
 Leader: Through the Spirit you offer us life,
People: But we cling to the ways of death.
 Leader: Through the Spirit you offer us freedom,
People: But we cling to our chains.
 Leader: Through the Spirit you offer us unity,
People: But we continue to build walls between ourselves and others.
 Leader: Through the Spirit you offer us power,
People: But we shrink away in fear and doubt.
 Leader: Forgive us, O God. Allow us to touch the risen Christ
People: That all our doubt and fear may be overcome.
 Leader: Let us sing and dance with joy,
People: Truly celebrating your presence.
 Leader: Let us move with courage into the world
People: With the word of your love. We pray in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

ASSURANCE

Leader: People of God, take heart and hear!
The Spirit is here in healing power.
Your sins have been forgiven long ago.

People: **We take peace and rise in the new life of the Risen Christ. Amen!**

PRAISE RESPONSE

"World Peace Prayer"

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to
truth, from des - pair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to
peace; let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our
world, let peace fill our u - ni - verse.

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ANTHEM "This Cup of Grace" – by Mark Patterson

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

"Come to the Table"



1. Come to the ta - ble of peace. Come to the ta - ble of
 peace. This is God's ta - ble; it's not yours or
 mine. Come to the ta - ble of peace.

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SCRIPTURE

Romans 14:10-12 and Matthew 18:21-22

Dorothe Edinger, Liturgist

SERMON

"The Table of Peace"

Rev. Luke Lindon

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Offertory Invitation

There is no way to peace. Peace is the way. Let us offer our gifts to the Prince of Peace.

Offertory Music "Peace" – Edward Broughton

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 (Ikoli Harcourt Whyte, Nigeria: *Prayers Encircling the World*. Page 235)
 Our need, please God, is true peace in the world.
 Peace of mind, yes that's what everyone prays for.**

**What is our state in the world?
 Come and see how people are destroying the world,
 Without seeking what is in your heart, without seeking what is in your mind.**

**Yes, if we seek peace, God will grant us peace.
 It is peace that encourages our heart; and making peace that is the guarantee of hope. Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

WORDS: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson
 MUSIC: Sy Miller and Jill Jackson; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1987
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WORLD PEACE
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Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with
me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was
meant to be. *With God our cre - a - tor,
chil - dren all are we. Let us
walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.
Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment
now. With ev - ery' step I take, let
this be my sol - emn vow: to take each mo - ment and
live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: Our Brother Francis of Assisi asked that you, O God, make him an instrument of your peace.

People: Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

Leader: Where injury, pardon;

People: Where there is despair, hope;

Leader: Where there is darkness, light;

People: Where there is sadness, joy.

Leader: Go from here as instruments of God!

**People: And we will find that it is in giving that we receive,
Pardoning that we are pardoned,
In dying that we are born to eternal life.**

Leader: Go and find these things at God’s table of peace which has been set in the world.
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** “For the Healing of the Nations” – setting, Paul Manz Cathy Fafrak, Organist

“MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY”

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*Those who are able please stand

Ushers: Dick Christy, Darlene Fazekas, Julie Gilliland, Pete Benson

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

Today’s coffee hour is hosted by Don & Marilyn Canfield.

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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

**“WELCOMING, LOVING, SERVING, WHERE GOD HAS NO LIMITS.
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September 22 thru September 29, 2019

WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sun** 8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:15 am Choir Practice
10:30 am Traditional Worship
2:00 pm JMM @ Medina Meadows
Sing-a-long
3:00 pm Confirmation Class
7:00 pm JMM @ Western Reserve
Masonic Home
- Mon** 9:00 am “Hope for the Future”
Art Exhibit, 9-3:00, Mon. thru Fri.
6:30 pm Women’s Bible Study
7:00 pm New Member Class
- Tues** **2:00 pm Bible Study – Book of Luke**
- Wed** 10:30 am Quilters
6:15 pm Youth Bell Choir Practice
6:45 pm Youth Choir Practice
6:45 pm Adult Bell Choir rehearsal
- Thu** 7:00 pm Congregational Council
- Fri** 1:30 pm JMM @ Evergreen
3:00 pm Ohio Conference Annual Gathering
- Sat** **8:00 am Ohio Conference Annual Gathering**
11:00 am Confirmation Class help
With luncheon
11:30 am 50-Year Member Luncheon
- Sun** 8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:15 am Choir Practice
10:30 am Traditional Worship
1:15 pm JMM @ Brookdale North

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

Romans 14:10-12 and Matthew 18:21-22

“The Table of Peace” - Rev. Luke Lindon

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are donated by the Metzloff family in memory of loved ones.

CHECK OUT THE NEW BULLETIN BOARDS IN THE EAST ROOM HALLWAY

Thank you to Harry Buch and his lovely assistant, Pam Branscome, for making the East Room Hallway a little more visually appealing!!! The new bulletin boards are lovely!

All signups for all church activities are to be posted on the new, smaller bulletin board in the East Room hallway. This includes flowers, greeters, liturgists, coffee hour and special activities during the year. All church information and upcoming activities will be posted on the larger bulletin board. Please do not put newspaper articles on these boards. Newspaper clippings and community activities may be posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen. New informational racks will be coming soon and will be installed near the name tag boxes by the church office. Questions? Contact the church office.

NOISY COIN OFFERING THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the noisy coin offering that benefited Innocent, the young man we sponsor from Uganda. Due to the generosity of our church family we collected \$251 to help support him. Thank you so much for your support.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Would you like to join our church family!? Join us for our next new member class! The next classes will be held: **Monday, September 23rd & Monday, September 30th**. Class will be held from **7 pm – 9 pm** in the New Library. New members **will join the church on Sunday, October 6th**. Childcare is provided if needed. Please contact the Church Office at 330-725-4559 if you are interested and let us know if you will be in need of childcare.

GOSPEL GALLEY MEDITATIONS SETS SAIL IN OCTOBER!

In honor of, and in memory of Dave Weber, Gospel Galley Meditations is being made ready to launch on Sunday, October 6th.

Dave's legacy and vision for this worship ministry is to bring the "Gospel" (Word of God) via the "GALLEY" (vessel/the Pilgrim Messenger, propelled by many writers) through "Meditations" (messages of hope, inspiration, knowledge and insight and more) to others.

WRITERS ARE NEEDED. Interested? A signup sheet for October will be on the board in the East Room hallway. Alice Metzloff is coordinating and will contact you with details. GOD IS STILL SPEAKING!

RETURN OF TUESDAYS AT TWO BIBLE STUDY

It's back! An afternoon bible study for those who don't like to drive in the dark! We'll be diving into the book of Luke. No experience necessary. Come & join us anytime! Meetings are every Tuesday at 2 pm except for the 1st Tuesday of the month.

LOOKING FOR WRITERS/RESEARCHERS

We are looking for help in writing and researching short Church History Narratives. Examples of previous narratives can be seen on the church website under the Bicentennial Banner by clicking on "Narratives". If you would like to try your hand at authoring some narratives, please call either Rev. Harry Buch or Terry Rhodes for information.

CIRCLE OF CARING MEETING

Monday, October 7th

1:30 pm in the East Room

All members and anyone who would like to find out more about Circle of Caring, please come and share refreshments and ideas for growing our outreach. What is Circle of Caring? It is a group of friendly visitors who enjoy calling on older members in their homes or in residential facilities. It is also a resource group for those who are already visiting older friends and family members. We visit, share ideas and offer encouraging words and ways to help everyone to continue to feel valued.

FEEDING GARFIELD FAMILIES

A new school year has begun and the UCCC is ready to mitigate food instability for families at Garfield Elementary. As the church brings in food from our weekly donation lists we need helpers to check deliveries on Wednesday night and emergency shop if anything has not arrived for Thursday deliveries. This is a GREAT age inclusive volunteer opportunity for anyone who is passionate about feeding the hungry, for families with young kids who like to put checkmarks on lists, and for high school youth who want a meaningful way to complete service hours, and anyone who has a family member involved with Wednesday night music rehearsals. More information and sign-ups can be found electronically (check church social media) **OR** in person at the Garfield food sign-up table. Thank you for feeding the kids in our community! Ellen Nolan ellenknolan@gmail.com

COIN JARS NOW AVAILABLE

It is time again for our change collection that provides funds to Mobile Meals (county wide) to benefit the seniors in our community. It is truly amazing how all those coins can add up to provide some much needed food for our food insecure seniors. **Coin jars are due by Sunday, October 27th**. Pick up your jar in the East Room today!

SIGN UP NOW!! HAYRIDE AND FALL FUN AT BOYERTS

Sunday, October 27th

One of the most anticipated events of the year is just around the corner. The annual fall hayride is on Sunday, October 27th at Boyert's from 5:00-8:00 pm. The cost for the evening is \$12 for 7 years old and up and \$8 for 6 years old and under. This includes a dinner (hot dogs, chips, apples and apple cider), hayride, pumpkin, s'more's and lots of other great fall fun. You need to sign up for this event and pay in advance. There is a signup sheet hanging on the board in the East Room hallway. Make checks payable to Medina UCC and put hayride in the memo. You can give your money to Stacie Yates or you can place it her mailbox in the church office. We had a great time last year and are looking forward to another great year. Sign up now!!

Upcoming Youth Events:

- ***September 21** – Confirmation 3:00-4:30
- ***October 6** – Youth Group 4:00-6:00
- ***October 13** – Confirmation Class 3:00-4:30
- ***October 20** – Youth Group 4:00-6:00
- ***October 27** – Confirmation Class 3:00-4:30
Annual All Church Hayride
5:00-8:00 pm
- ***November 3** – Rake-N-Run 1:30-5:00

CHAOS IN THE PARKING LOT!

Please be aware that Hobby Horse Preschool has begun a new pickup routine. Parents will be using the Welcome Area while waiting for their children to be released from classes. Dismissals are at 11:15 am and 2:45 pm each school day. Please be aware of increased traffic and parking issues during these times.

HURRICANE RELIEF OFFERING

The hurricane destruction in the Bahamas has been devastating and the people are in dire need of everything as a result. The UCC National Office has a fund for hurricane relief. The Mission Team is requesting anyone who is interested in donating to this fund to put their donation in the offering plate or send it to the church office designating on the check that it is for hurricane relief. The Mission Team will match the amount donated up to \$1000.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds supports the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. Please consider giving to this fund on October 6th.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT

We will host the judged photographic exhibit "Hope for the Future" August 24th-September 30th. This show, presented by the Cleveland Photographic Society, is open to the public during church office hours (Mon-Fri from 9-3) and on Sunday mornings (Church member Jen Cockrell's photography has been selected to be on display). 10% of the sale of each photograph will be donated back to the church. Invite your friends and family to check out the show!

50 YEAR MEMBERS

Those who have been members of our church for 50 years or more will be honored at a luncheon on Saturday, September 28th from 11:30 am to 2 pm.



Constance Anderson '64
Lois Anderson '64
Bruce Bauer '53
Donald Canfield '50
Marilyn Canfield '65
Dave Chase '59
Richard Christy '66
Doris Christy '66
Barbara Clark '55
LaVonne Clement '58
Jan Coleman '61
Rhea Curtis '69
Ruth Ann Dunn '55
Tom Evans '44
Pat Farkas '69
Edward Farnham '64
Helen Farnham '64
Gene Febus '65
Jan Febus '65
Robert Fenn '55
Ruth Gifford '49

Ralph Goodwin '62
Mary Beth Goodwin '62
Barb Grimm '65
John Grimm '65
Arnold Ingraham '54
Elmira Jack '67
Carl Jessie '60
Faye Jessie '60
Marilyn Koehler '41
Joyce Komjati '48
Richard Komjati '44
Joellyn Leget '69
Anitra Lilly '63
Jill Linek '61
Ron Linek '62
Charles Masi '46
Nancy Masi '54
Katherine Murray '64
Marilyn Neidert '64
Richard Neidert '64
Elaine Nichols '55

William Nichols '54
Alan Parkhurst '69
Pat Rickard '50
Betty Riegger '38
David Riegger '41
Jane Riegger '42
John Root '45
Stuart Root '56
Harold Sickels '69
Linda Sickels '69
Alberta Taylor '50
Elaine Taylor '69
Jean Thornburg '41
Jim Thornburg '59
Robert Tollafield '61
Lloyd Vaughn '57
Vivienne Vaughn '66
Deborah Waldron '66
Hope Wilder '40
Robert Wilder '67
Betty Zarney '36

Bicentennial Tidbits – 2005

Here is the program from a rather posh capital fund-raising event from fourteen years ago:

<p><i>Committees</i></p> <p>EVENT COORDINATOR: Jan Holt MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Dave Weber</p> <p>GOURMET MEAL: Chef Eric Whyard & UCC Gourmet Cooking Group</p> <p>SERVERS: Zanthe Phillips and UCC Youth Fellowship</p> <p>MUSIC: Keith Holliday</p> <p>SILENT AUCTION: Cindy Farnham, Chairperson Sue Bennett, Cynthia Hankin, Barry Jones</p> <p>DECORATING: Pat Montgomery, Designer Vicki Marty, Chairperson</p> <table border="0"><tr><td>Betsy Agey</td><td>Andy Anderson</td></tr><tr><td>Lynette Burke</td><td>Dorie Christy</td></tr><tr><td>Jan Coleman</td><td>Cynthia Hankin</td></tr><tr><td>Carl Jessie</td><td>Stephanie McClung</td></tr><tr><td>Mary Jane McGinnis</td><td>Alice Metzloff</td></tr><tr><td>Deb Waldron</td><td>Trudy Walker</td></tr></table> <p>TICKET SALES: Sue Green, Chairperson Betty Lynham, Stephanie McClung</p> <p>TECHNICAL PRODUCER: Terry Rhodes</p> <p>PHOTOGRAPHY: Tom Usher</p> <p>PROGRAM / PRINTING: Holly Fawcett / Galley Printing</p> <p>CLEAN UP: Dick Christy, Chairperson Dave Edinger, Dan Marty, Ron McHenry UCC Confirmation Class:</p> <p>BLESSING: Pastor Ted</p> 	Betsy Agey	Andy Anderson	Lynette Burke	Dorie Christy	Jan Coleman	Cynthia Hankin	Carl Jessie	Stephanie McClung	Mary Jane McGinnis	Alice Metzloff	Deb Waldron	Trudy Walker	 <p><i>Music Under the Stars</i></p> <p><i>Saturday, March 5 2005</i></p> <p>Sponsored by the Medina United Church of Christ, Congregational to benefit Capitol Improvements</p>	<p><i>Program</i></p> <p>6:00 - 6:45 pm (East Room)</p> <p>The Divertimento Quartet Becky Holliday, violin; Keith Holliday, viola Sage Lewis, cello; Alicia Tremmel, violin</p> <p>~~~~~</p> <p>8:00 - 9:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>After Dinner Program</p> <p>A LITTLE PRAYER.....by Evelyn Glennie Marimba soloist, Paige Sinclair</p> <p>BACH SONATA IN C..... J.S. Bach Largo Allegro Violin soloist: Mary Kay</p> <p>ROMANZE D'AMORE.....Traditional Classical Guitar Soloist: Charlie Kay</p> <p>BACHIANAS BRASILERIAS.....Heitor Villa-lobos Mary Kay, violin; Charlie Kay, classical guitar</p> <p>THIS IS THE MOMENT from Jekyll and Hydeby Leslie Bricusse & Frank Wildhorn Vocal soloist, Josh Ludwig</p> <p>I'M NOT THAT GIRL FROM WICKED: The Musicalby Stephen Schwartz Vocal soloist, Rachel Ludwig</p> <p>STRING QUARTET K458.....by W.A. Mozart The Cleveland Institute of Music Young Artist String Quartet - Julia Holliday, violin; Allison Lint, violin; Allison Elder, viola; Corie Lint, cello</p> <p>HE LOOKED BEYOND MY FAULTS COUNT ON GOD Vocal soloist, Charlie Bell</p> <p>VARIOUS SELECTIONS & STYLES OF PRAISE / WORSHIP The Gathering Band</p>
Betsy Agey	Andy Anderson													
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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*******

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Prayerful Living

This week, we are invited to pray for leaders. Strong leaders cast a vision for the community, so that the community can follow the vision, not the leader. Insightful leaders empower others to explore and use their gifts. Compassionate leaders are able to understand the concerns of those they lead without getting drawn into anxiety or drama. Faith-filled leaders seek to understand God's will for themselves and their communities as they make decisions large and small.

Some few people are born leaders, but most people need to grow into leadership. Some leaders become strong, insightful, compassionate and faithful through mentoring or training. In the scripture reading for today, Paul reminds us that praying for our leaders is one of the ways we can help guide them. We can, and should, still ask our leaders hard questions and, when necessary, call them to account. But whether we follow their lead or dig in our heels, the first step is to pray. This week, try adding the leaders in your life to your prayer time, and see how it changes them, and you.

Monday: Pray for leaders of your congregation. Pray for pastors, officers, deacons, lay leaders and teachers.

Tuesday: Pray for leaders of your community, county or city. Pray for elected leaders as well as leaders in local advocacy and activist groups.

Wednesday: Pray for leaders of the nation. Pray for elected officials in the three branches of national government – judicial, legislative, presidential. Pray for the senior staff members in these branches.

Thursday: Pray for leaders of the world. Pray that world leaders understand that we are one global family so they can make good decisions about immigration, climate, economics and other issues that transcend borders.

Friday: Pray for the future leaders being formed now. Pray for children and youth who are making their voices heard, and for those who have no voice yet.

Saturday: Pray for yourself as a leader. Pray to be strong, insightful, compassionate and faith filled. Pray to be shown opportunities where your unique gifts and skills might be used to lead.

Sunday: Today is Sabbath day. Pray for adequate rest for all leaders.