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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** “They’ll Know We Are Christians” – Peter Scholtes 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** (based on Psalm 40:9-10)

Leader: Who are you?

**People: I am [SAY YOUR NAME HERE].**

Leader: Peace be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: May our names and stories mix during this worship series.

**People: May our worship proclaim God’s saving acts in this great assembly;**

Leader: Do not seal our lips, LORD,

**People: Do not conceal your love and your faithfulness from this great assembly.**

Leader: As we are called to worship, let us speak our collective name. Who are you?

**People: We are church.**

Leader: Welcome to worship.

\*OPENING HYMN

"Bring Many Names" (vs. 1-4)



1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in  
2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the  
3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child, feel - ing all the  
4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly pierc - ing



par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.  
won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:  
strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:  
e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:



Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names! great, liv - ing God!  
Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!  
Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!  
Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!

The author states that aspects of the divine are revealed in our maleness, femaleness, youth, and age in a moving, growing matrix of life in God. The tune Westchase was composed especially for this text.

Tune: WESTCHASE 9.10.11.9.  
Carlton Young, 1989

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\*CONFESSION (written by Rev. Mindi and posted on her Rev-o-lution website. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>)

God of Light, we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light.

We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune.

We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious by following rules.

We follow the fading light of personal salvation.

Forgive us for not seeking the true Light of Your love for all the world.

Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus, who commanded us to love one another.

Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice, in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed.

In the name of Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.

**\*PRAISE RESPONSE**

**"Jesus Calls Us"**

1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our  
life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his  
sweet voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice sound - eth, say - ing, 'Chris - tian, fol - low me!'".

WORDS: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1852 (Mt. 4:18-22)  
MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1874

GALILEE  
87.87

**ANTHEM** "How Majestic Is Your Name" – Michael W. Smith; arr. Tom Fettke & Thomas Grassi

**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

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of  
 Cal - va - ry, Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me  
 while I pray, take all my guilt a - way,  
 O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!

WORDS: Ray Palmer, 1875  
 MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1831

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SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 49:1-7 and John 1:35-50

Dorothe Edinger, Liturgist

SERMON

"Know Your Name"

Rev. Luke Lindon

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

**Offertory Invitation** (From the Goo Goo Dolls, "Name")

If you could hide beside me

Maybe for a while

And I won't tell no one your name.

May we collect our offering for those whose names we know, and those whom we don't.

**Offertory Music**

"Lamb of God" – Twila Paris; setting, John Carter

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)**

God of many names, we give to you this day. We give our treasure for the upkeep of our building and our missions. We give our time together in community to strengthen the ties that bind. We give you our whole lives so that your will may be done, and heaven can kiss earth. Bless all that we give in this moment. In Jesus' name. Amen.

\*SENDING HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign"

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 72)  
 MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793

DUKE STREET  
 LM



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2. To Je - sus end - less prayer be made, and end - less  
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; all pris - oners  
5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom spread from  
prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
leap and loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -  
cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

#### \*BENEDICTION

Leader: May you be known as ROCK!

People: Because we don't always understand Jesus, yet he can still build off of that.

Leader: May you be known as one in whom there is no deceit!

People: May our truth be spoken not just in our speech, but with our very lives.

Leader: May you know your name.

People: Invited.

Beloved.

A Child of God.

Leader: This day and everyday. In the blessings of the Most High. Go! 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 "Trumpet Tune in D Major" – David N. Johnson 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, Pete Benson*

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

*Today's coffee hour is hosted by **Maureen Walker***

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# THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

## JANUARY 19, 2020

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MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY!”**

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January 19, 2020 thru January 26, 2020

### **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sun** 8:15 am Chapel Worship  
9:00 am Gathering Worship  
9:15 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 am Traditional Worship  
**11:45 am Caring Team**  
4:00 pm Youth Group – Make Valentines

**Mon** **MLK, Jr. Day**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**Tues** 10:00 am GIFT CARD ORDERS DUE  
**2:00 pm Tuesdays @ 2:00 pm**  
Bible Study

**Wed** 10:30 am Quilters  
6:15 pm Youth Bell Choir practice  
6:45 pm Adult Bell Choir practice  
6:45 pm Youth Choir practice

**Thurs** **Garfield Deliveries**  
**7:00 pm Congregational Council**  
**7:00 pm Financial Peace University**

**Fri** 1:30 pm JMM @ Evergreen  
6:00 pm Confirmation Trip to Temple Israel

**Sat** 5:00 pm All Church Board Game Night

**Sun** **Blanket Sunday Special Offering**  
8:15 am Chapel Worship  
9:00 am Gathering Worship  
9:15 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 am Traditional Worship  
**11:30 am ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING**  
**12:00 pm ALL CHURCH**  
**POTLUCK BRUNCH**  
2:00 pm JMM @ Medina Meadows  
Sing-a-long  
3:00 pm Confirmation Class  
7:00 pm JMM @ WRMC

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

Scripture: Isaiah 49:1-7 & John 1:35-50

Sermon: “Know Your Name” - Rev. Luke Lindon

**Altar Flowers:** The altar flowers are given this week by the Josh & Ellen Nolan in honor of “Nora making us parents!”

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON  
MONDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> IN OBSERVANCE  
OF MLK DAY**

### **BLANKET SUNDAY ~ 1/26/20**

Church World Service (CWS) has distributed thousands of blankets around the world in 2019. Your congregation can be part of an even greater response in 2020. You will reach families fleeing their homes, recovering from disaster and more. Share blankets, warmth and comfort with your neighbors. Your contributions go a long way to help families in need so please be generous in your support for Blanket+ Sunday. Thank you!

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

**1/26/20 at 11:30**

The annual reports are ready for your early review. If you would like to look one over before next Sunday's meeting you may pick up a copy in the East Room or in the wall rack by the church office. The proposed budgets will be available next Sunday.

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

\*January 19 – Youth Group 4:00-6:00

\*January 24 – Confirmation Trip to Temple Israel  
6:00 pm in church parking lot

\*January 26 – Confirmation 3:00-4:30

## **POTLUCK BRUNCH**

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**Sunday, January 26, 2020 – 12 pm**

Good eats, good fellowship, good times! Come join your church family for our inaugural Potluck Brunch following the church's annual meeting. Stop by the table set up in the Crossroads to sign up for what you would like to share. Any questions, see Darlene Fazekas

## **GARFIELD STUDENT NEEDS**

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We are working to support the Garfield students. The following items have been requested: **Full size toothpaste and deodorant.** Please help us to meet their needs. Place items in the bin at the bottom of the staircase.

## **HELP WITH GARFIELD FAMILIES SIGNUP**

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We are looking for a few good souls to man the Garfield Families food table on Sunday mornings. You should be there from 10:00 to 10:25 am to assist those signing up for donations. There will be a sign up list on the Garfield table by the elevator. Thank you, Kathy Goodwin.

## **CALLING ALL LOUSY BOWLERS!!!**

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It doesn't matter if you bowl a 200 or a 20. We will bowl on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays opposite the youth group meetings @ 2PM in Medina Lanes. The league will start January 26<sup>th</sup> for 8 sessions. We need 20 people or 5 teams to start! A team consists of 4 people, sign up yourself or with a friend and you can be assigned to a team.

The fee will include a Lousy Bowler T-shirt and free games to bowl during the week. **Signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the East Room hallway.** If you are interested or have questions please contact me at [PEDESARIO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PEDESARIO@GMAIL.COM) or text me @ 330-591-5868. All ages welcome, no bumpers. An official email will be sent out with fees and other details when we meet our goal of teams.

## **BOARD GAME NIGHT**

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**Saturday, January 25, 2020 – 5-9 pm  
in Rooms 9 & 10**

Come challenge fellow board game enthusiasts for a Saturday night of fun, skill and strategy. Bring your favorite game or come and try a new one. Pizza & drinks will be provided... bring a snack to share! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please see Jim Kiser.

## **HAVE WE OVERLOOKED ANYONE?**

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Do you know any older church member or friend of the church who might enjoy visits from a Circle of Caring member? If so, please call the church office (330-725-4559) or Syd Benson (330-725-5540).

## **HOBBY HORSE REGISTRATION**

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Our church owned preschool will begin registration online for the 2020-2021 school year on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. You may review our curriculum, classes offered, and fees by visiting our school website at: [www.hobbyhorsepreschool.org](http://www.hobbyhorsepreschool.org). If you are interested in scheduling a tour or receiving registration information, please contact our Director, Xanthe Phillips, at 330-722-1445.

**Families that are members or friends of our church may register prior to January 26<sup>th</sup> by contacting Xanthe or stopping by the Hobby Horse Preschool office during school hours.**

Families currently enrolled in Hobby Horse may register beginning January 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. Registration for former families and Open Community Registration will begin online at 10:00am on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. This will be done by going to our website and clicking on the "Register" tab.

## **PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CURRENT CHURCH DIRECTORY!**

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Kathy Goodwin has a new email address, different from the one printed in the Pictorial Directory. Please use this email to contact her:

**kag717653@gmail.com**

## **SUGGEST HOW WE CLOSE OUR BICENTENNIAL YEAR**

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Our 365 days of celebration began on Founder's Day 2019, and concludes on Founder's Day, February 23, 2020. On that Sunday our choir will premiere a specially-commissioned anthem with an easy-to-learn melody (hint, hint) and we will place a time capsule in a very well-remembered location as our fond bequest to a future generation who unlocks it 25 years from now.

What will they discover in that time capsule? For starters, a stack of archive-quality "Memory Cards" currently being collected by Jan Coleman, also a copy of our most recent photo directory, along with our congregational portrait taken last summer.

What else will our descendants discover? You are invited to submit your suggestion for that *One Item* which will lead them to being delightfully-flabbergasted and react with some familiar utterances: "Oooh..." and "Ah-ha!" and "Huh??" and [*gasp/sigh...*] "Awwwww..."

In early February we will post the results and conduct a congregational poll to prioritize your ideas. The "Bicentennial Time Capsule Suggestion Box" now in the East Room, is ready and waiting to receive your suggestions.

-Harry Buch (Mr. Bicentennial Guy)

## **BICENTENNIAL "TIME CAPSULE"**

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The yearlong observance of our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary will culminate on Founders Day with the ceremonial dedication/deposition of the Time Capsule. Memory Cards are available near the drop off collection box (not the actual time capsule box) in the East Room. Members are asked to fill out this form with pertinent family information, as well as favorite memories, stories, or experiences that connect you to this church. They are printed on non-acetone paper so that the ink will not fade after the first 25 years. Please do not simply discard this form. Fill it out and drop into the box. Cards will be collected through the last week of January.

## **CIRCLE OF CARING MEMBERS PLEASE HELP WITH THE TIME CAPSULE PROJECT**

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Please take a Time Capsule form with you when you make your visits and help the person you visit fill out the form so it can be turned in the last week of January. Crafts will be available for delivery on January 26<sup>th</sup> so you could take a form with you when you deliver the crafts that last week in January.

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## **SENIOR SPOT**

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Doctors are urging every senior to wear a medical alert device. "Seniors are just one fall away from being put in a nursing home". One product, FastHelp™, connects to local 911 services and has no activation fees or service contracts. FastHelp™ is available online and should also be in stores later this year.

## **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

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Are you a home caregiver who:

- Is caring for someone with Alzheimer's or another form of memory loss (dementia?)
- Is not sure how to work through behaviors that can be challenging or frustrating?
- Is experiencing stress and/or isolation and not sure who to turn to for help?

Join us for a brief informational presentation followed by a group discussion where you can share and benefit from other's experiences!

WHERE: Brookdale Medina South Assisted Living, 100 High Point Dr. Medina – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Every Month 6-7 pm. RSVP Suzanne Sparks 330-714-2041m or [suzanne.mcleod@brookdale.com](mailto:suzanne.mcleod@brookdale.com)

If you asked anyone that has ever been on one of the Costa Rica mission trips, “what was the most moving moment of your trip?” you’d consistently get the same answer. I believe pretty much everyone would say, “The Dedication.” On day 5 (after the house has been built) we usually spend the morning doing last minute finishing projects and then the fun starts! In the early afternoon, the family, neighbors, past home recipients and locals that help the mission teams all gather for the Dedication Ceremony – the moment the family formally receives their new home. Prior to us coming down, the family chooses a bible verse that means something special to them. During the week the artistic team members choose a roughhewn wood slab as a canvas on which to decorate and paint that bible verse. The Dedication includes the team hanging the bible verse over the door of the new home and Maximo (a very gifted speaker) giving a wonderful message and also gifting the family bibles. Maximo encourages the family to speak and this almost always has us in tears. To turn the celebration from serious to joyous we present the family with some of the other gifts we have for them: sheets, dishes, kitchen utensils, etc. The celebration continues with a community meal, cake, and a very fun toy give away to the local kids. It is a wonderful way to end 4 days of very hard work. Just a note – in our last write up we had said we were going to have a sign-up sheet for items the family needed. I apologize that that didn’t happen. We decided that the best approach would be to ask for donations to purchase these items for the family once we are in country. On January 26<sup>th</sup> Luke will bless our team for the mission work and a basket will be available for donations. Also, donations can be sent directly to the church office.

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## Bicentennial Tidbits

The new entrance wing renovations left us with a blank wall where some very unattractive coat racks used to be. Many people donated crosses to form a most attractive display.



MEDINA COUNTY CHURCHES PRESENTS

HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

*"No Division – One in Christ"*

Monday - January 20, 2020 @ 7 pm.

***Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Robert Meyer – Pastor of Wayne Presbyterian church***

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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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](mailto:office@uccmedina.org)**

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

John 1:29-42

### All That We Are



This is the symbol of the United Church of Christ. More than a logo, our symbol imparts the meaning not only of all that we are in the present day as a denomination, but all that we yearn to be in the future.

At the top of the symbol is a crown. By the use of the crown, we remind ourselves that Christ is the ruler, the head of all, greater than any earthly power or authority.

Below the crown is a cross. The cross reminds us of Christ's suffering in solidarity with the pain of victims of violence in all times and places. For many, the cross is a reminder of the redemptive power of life over death, and salvation over the powers of evil.

Below the cross is an orb divided into three parts, reminding us of Jesus' command to go out into the world in all directions, witnessing to his life-giving power.

Encircling these symbols are the words "That They May All Be One." (John 17:21). The words remind us of our history as a union of different Christian traditions. And it calls us to activism in the present. In the UCC, it is our calling to engage in ecumenical relationships that seek to heal the broken unity of the Body of Christ. And the words also call us to the future, to the time envisioned by Christ when "all may be one."

"Ecumenical relations help us to learn from the spiritual traditions of other churches. They help us to serve the world more effectively in God's name. They remind us that while we are proud of the diversity of the Protestant traditions that have joined in our united church, there is an even greater diversity in the Body of Christ that can make us whole."\*

### Prayer for Ecumenical Sunday

*Christ – Remind us again and again that we who share your name share a oneness that goes beyond doctrine or creed. Give us wisdom, courage and curiosity to move into the world, ready to witness to the miracle of your work in our lives, even as we learn from our brothers and sisters in faith. In your name we pray, Amen.*

\**Ecumenical and Interfaith Partners*. Accessed July 24, 2019. <https://www.ucc.org/ecumenical>