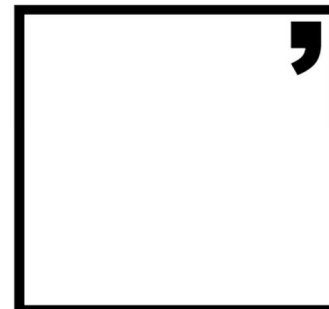


Can anything good come out of there?



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“WELCOMING, LOVING, SERVING, WHERE GOD HAS NO LIMITS”

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love” – Peter Scholtes/arr. Charity Book Putnam
Cathy Fafrak, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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 (written by Joanna Harader and posted on Spacious Faith. <https://spaciousfaith.com/>)

Leader: Jesus comes along side us and calls us by name:

People: “[*your name*], follow me.”

Leader: A simple call. A hard call.

People: **Because following requires leaving.**

Leader: And we look around to see who else Jesus could be talking to.

People: **And we look around to see the trappings of the life we know.**

Leader: It’s hard to leave our nets and walk away from the lake.

People: **But we have come this far,
to this place,**

where we can listen and be transformed.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Come Shepherds Rise”

Lorna, Bella & Emerson Lindsley, trumpets

SCRIPTURE John 1:43-52

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

Pastoral Prayer

SERMON "Can Anything Good Come Out of There?"

Rev. Luke Lindon

HYMN

"God of Love, We've Known Division"

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2020

Beach Spring, attr. B. F. White;
harm. Christopher Gage

1. God of love, we've known di - vi - sion and we've seen its aw-ful cost.
2. Turn us, Lord, from what di - vides us— fear that drives us far a - part,
3. May we all, in con-ver - sa - tion, speak the truth and lis-ten well.
4. You have chal-lenged us to good-ness; you have shown a kind-er way.

We have strug-gled as a na - tion, and there's much that we have lost.
greed that leads to great in - jus - tice, ra - cist ways that break your heart.
May we hear, a - cross this na - tion, sto - ries oth - ers have to tell.
It's your love that now in - spires us as we seek a bet - ter day.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/2. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn.

We have been a house di - vi - ded— and, di - vi - ded, we can't stand.
 May we seek what brings to - ge - ther— hearts that bear each oth - er's pain,
 May we learn from oth - er cul - tures and be blessed by their world - view;
 May we end our harsh di - vi - sion; may we stop the hate and fear.

May our na - tion be u - ni - ted; give us peace through - out this land.
 care and mer - cy toward our neigh - bors, love that wel - comes stran - gers in.
 May we serve with one a - noth - er— lov - ing oth - ers, lov - ing you.
 Make us one, Lord, as a na - tion; may we be u - ni - ted here.

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OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Offering Invitation

No matter where you are on life's journey. No matter if you have great faith or no faith, you can be an agent of love and hope through how you give of your time, talent, and treasure. Thank you for being the church, whether you know it or not. Let us now sing the doxology to our God, from whom all blessings flow.

Doxology *(Thomas Ken, 1674; adapted)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below;
 Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter: One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, you are the giver of all gifts, and have given us life. What are we to do with such a gift? We yearn for your voice. We shall still listen for your still speaking voice. Your voice:

- in our mentors and elders
- the voice of our passionate youth
- in the babble of our babies
- in the small silences throughout our day
- in your first testament of creation.

Thank you for calling to us and for your love of all creatures on your good earth. Thank you for the gifts you have given to each of us. In your Many Holy Names, we pray. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Leader: Nothing is impossible with God.

There is no place you can go,
 There is no place you have to be from...
 no end of the earth you can run,
 where God cannot find you.

There is nothing on earth or beyond death
 that can separate you from the love of God
 in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 You are forgiven.
 You are loved.
 You are reconciled to God.

Go and live with the love of God.
 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" – Martha Sobaje

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"



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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

JANUARY 17, 2021

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

January 17, 2021 thru January 24, 2021

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 10:00 am Online worship only

Mon CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
In observance of MLK, JR. DAY

7:00 pm Community Service for
MLK Jr. Day

Live Stream from Cornerstone Chapel
Go to www.cornerstonechapel.org or follow
the link from our [facebook page](#)

Tues 10:00 am Gift Card Orders Due

Wed

Thurs

Fri

Sat

Sun 10:00 am Online worship only
12:00 pm Mission Team Meeting

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Would you like to join our church family!? Join us for our next virtual new member class! The next class will be held: **Monday, February 1st. Class will be held through a zoom call beginning at 7 pm.** New members will join the church on **Sunday, February 14th.** Please contact the Church Office at 330-725-4559 or office@uccmedina.org if you are interested.

FORECASTING 2021

In order to best forecast 2021 budgets the church is still in need of at least 23 more pledges. Thank you to the 150 people who have already turned in their pledge cards for 2021! Blank cards are available on the table in the Welcome Area or on the website. Click on “Give Online Here” and download your own copy.

Worship Highlights: 10:00 am Live Stream Only

Scripture: John 1:43-52

Sermon: “Can Anything Good Come Out of There?”
Rev. Luke Lindon

Altar Flowers: We have lots of Sundays available if you would like to sponsor the flowers. Please call the church office to sign up.

BLANKET SUNDAY 1/24/21

Have you ever been through a big storm? The kind where you're glued to the weather channel, getting that terrifying text alert or hearing community sirens as you strategize the safest place in your house? Families in western Ohio experienced that gripping fear when 15 tornadoes touched down overnight. And after the tornadoes finally let up, neighbors stepped out to a world that was broken. The destruction left a traumatic mark; even now, many families haven't been able to move back into their homes. But they aren't alone, and they aren't forgotten. Your gift to CWS Blankets today proves it, as did the gifts of thousands like you last year. In a matter of days, they were distributing blankets and supplies to those who lost everything. It signaled to a hurting community that someone cared about them. That Christ's love comforts and heals. That we find light together in our darkest times. Will you give generously to CWS Blankets on January 24th to set that in motion for future needs? You'll signal your love to families who are desperate for a healing embrace.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you requested offering envelopes, they are now available on the table in the New Library. If you have not yet turned in a pledge card, please consider doing so as soon as possible. Thank you!

GIFT CARD ORDERS

Plan ahead now for Special Occasions and place your Gift Card order soon. Please see the Yellow Retailer List in the rack 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, also available in the rack near Fellowship Hall and return to Kelly or Stacie with payment.

Due to the office being closed for MLK, Jr. Day, the next order will be a day later and due on Tuesday, January 19th at 10:00 am.

GIVING FROM THE HEART

A gift to the Endowment Fund

January chilly snows give way to February bright red hearts of Valentine's Day.

A reminder of loving and giving—and a time to focus on the return of the

ENDOWMENT FUND GIVING TREE

What is a Giving Tree? The GIVING TREE is a stout evergreen tree with cheerful hearts attached to the soft boughs. Each HEART has a reminder to folks to select a HEART off the tree and keep it as a reminder to make a gift to the Endowment Fund. The church family have been generous. The Endowment Fund has funded projects and programs for the church—all lovingly given.

Some of the projects and efforts supported by Endowment over the past few years include:

Trips to Costa Rica
Crossroads Display in the Hallway
New Furniture for the East Room
Support for the Operating Budget
Our wonderful Historical Marker
Bicentennial Memories
Portable Sound System
Ladies & Girls Spring Tea

Now is the time for the spirit of the heart to be made real in our church. Please stop by the Welcome Area and take a HEART. Keep it as a reminder to give generously from your heart. The cheerful giver within you will rejoice!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Living the life of your dreams starts with a solid financial plan. Join our virtual *Financial Peace University class* and learn to dump debt and build wealth. You won't even have to leave home. Visit fpu.com/1127951 to sign up for our class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace. Class starts **Thursday, January 21, 2021.**

FIDGET BLANKETS OF LOVE MINISTRY COLLECTING ITEMS

Tuesday, January 19th – Sunday January 31st

FBOLM will be collecting various items for placement on Fidget Blankets created for our church membership who are homebound, shut-in and in residential care facilities.

Items can include anything that makes a noise or has sound and/or motion, fabric or trim with tactile, textural features, and decorative fabrics with color, pattern and designs.

ITEMS need to be safe-to-handle, NON-TOXIC, UNBREAKABLE with NO SHARP EDGES OR POINTS and NO GLASS.

**Dimensions: Maximum 8" x 3",
minimum 1" x 1"**

Donations can be dropped off at the church during office hours.

Interested in a Fidget Blanket for a loved one? Contact the church office and leave a message for our Visitation Pastor, Karen Brocco-Kish.

For questions and inquiries about Fidget Blankets, contact Alice Metzloff at 330-242-3602 or iamalsblugown@gmail.com.

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

The Annual Budget Reports will be ready and posted on line on **Friday, January 29th**. We will also have a few printed copies available for those wanting a printed version. We will be voting by phone and or email as well as having paper ballots available. All votes will need to be in by **Friday, February 5th**. Full details will be available soon on how to view the reports and place your votes!

HOBBY HORSE PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for 2021-2022

Our church owned preschool will begin Registration for the 2021-2022 school year on Monday, January 25, 2021. You may review our curriculum, classes offered and fees by visiting our website at <http://www.hobbyhorsepreschool.org/> . If you are interested in scheduling a tour or receiving registration information, please contact our Director, Jennifer Vilimonovic, at 330-722-1445.

Families that are members or friends of our church may register prior to January 25th by emailing Mrs. Vilimonovic at director@hobbyhorsepreschool.org.

Families currently enrolled in Hobby Horse may register beginning January 25 at 9:30am.

Siblings of former students may register beginning January 25 at 10:00am

Open Community registration will begin on January 25 at 10:30am.

Please feel free to share this with others who may be interested in our school.

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

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Known and Loved

**O Lord, you have searched me and known me.*

My God, you see and understand all that I am.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;

you discern my thoughts from far away.

You know even my most hidden thoughts.

You search out my path and my lying down,

and are acquainted with all my ways.

When I work, when I sleep, you are with me.

Even before a word is on my tongue,

O Lord, you know it completely.

When I speak, you know what I'm going to say before I do.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

You are everywhere, even right here with me!

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

I cannot imagine how you think or feel or create. You are so vast.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

And yet, you are close by, too. Always giving birth, always making new.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

You even made this sacred body that I call home.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,

intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

You know how I was made because you made me!

In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,

when none of them as yet existed.

You write the past, you sculpt the future.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

I cannot weigh or measure you, God,

I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

I come to the end—I am still with you.

I only know that wherever I am, you are too. And that is enough.