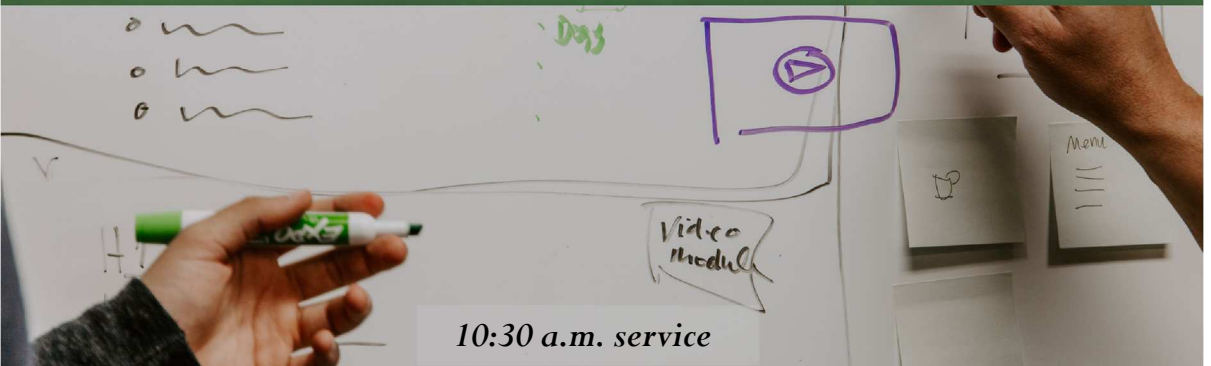




# PROJECT

*October 17: Scope*

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

*Please take a moment to sign the friendship pads, (located at the end of each pew) so that you know who is worshipping near you and you may greet them by name.*

*\*Those who are able please stand*

### RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE “Petite Prelude, Op. 43, No. 1” – Reinhold Glière/arr. David Saradon Cathy Fafarak, Pianist

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

### \*OPENING HYMN

### “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1996), alt.

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

John Hughes (1873-1932)



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn your Christ, as -  
3 Heal your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your power; crown your an - cient Church's sto - ry, bring its  
sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us—free our  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo-rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 glo - ry\_ ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Creator God, you are a prolific artist,  
**People: You paint the sky with a million colors,**  
 Leader: The autumn forests explode in a million colors.  
**People: The stunning diversity of trees,**  
 Leader: And birds, bugs, flora and fauna.  
**People: Creator God, you are a fount of new ideas and endless inspiration,**  
 Leader: Inspire us again in this worship, as we gather as your people; your community.  
**People: A hive of helpful bees abuzz with excitement to greet you and one another  
 in this worship. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 11:1-9

Pete Metzloff, Liturgist

**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

Pastoral Prayer

**SERMON**

"PROJECT: Scope"

Rev. Luke Lindon

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

## Offering Invitation

Leader: Holy One, this is our brain.

People: This is our brains on ideas. Keep inspiring your church with new ways to welcome, love, and serve. We give our time, talent, and treasure to you in this moment, you 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

Gracious Mystery, you have given us so many things. Thank you for the wide array of cultures, experiences, art, literature, poetry, and the diversity of your church universal. Guide all we offer and our next steps to build your kingdom here. May your will be done in us and through us. We give you thanks and praise in your many names. Amen.

## \*CLOSING HYMN

## "O Spirit of the Living God"

Henry H. Tweedy, 1935

FOREST GREEN CMD

Trad. English melody; arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

1. O Spir - it of the liv - ing God, thou  
2. Blow, wind of God! With wis - dom blow un -

light and fire di - vine, de - scend up - on thy  
til our minds are free from mists of er - ror,

church once more, and make it tru - ly thine.  
clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee.



Fill it with love and joy and power, with  
 Burn, wing - ed fire! In - spire our lips with  
 righ - teous - ness and peace; till Christ shall dwell in  
 flam - ing love and zeal, to preach to all thy  
 hu - man hearts, and sin and sor - row cease.  
 great good news, God's glo - rious com - mon - weal.

**\*BENEDICTION** (by Matt Cutler, Australia, found here: <https://worshipwords.co.uk/benediction-around-creativity-matt-cutler-australia/>)

Leader: So ...May you be awoken.

People: **Awoken to the universe and galaxies of beauty and creativity –**

Leader: And to the Creative energy alive in you –

People: **creating, living, longing and loving.**

Leader: And may you, with Christ as your guide,

People: **live alive in this very universe**

Leader: as a witness to the goodness and creativity of God.

People: **We shall go with this Good News to our neighbors, our community, and to the ends of the world! Thanks be to you, our God! 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** "In Christ There Is No East or West" – arr. Gilbert M. Martin Cathy Fafarak, Organist

**"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"**

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# THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

## OCTOBER 17, 2021

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

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October 17, 2021 thru October 24, 2021

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Sun** 8:15 am Chapel Service  
9:00 am Gathering Worship  
9:45 am Choir warm-up  
10:30 am Traditional Worship  
**11:45 am Caring Team**  
5:00 pm All Church Pumpkin Fest and  
Movie Night

**Mon** 6:30 pm Women’s Bible Study

**Tues** 7:00 pm Bible Study

**Wed** 10:30 am Quilters  
6:30 pm Bell Practice  
**7:00 pm DELTs Meeting**  
7:00 pm Gathering Band Rehearsal  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

**Thurs**

**Fri**

**Sat**

**Sun** 8:15 am Chapel Worship  
9:00 am Gathering Worship  
9:30 am Bell Choir warm-up  
10:30 am Traditional Worship  
2:00 pm Confirmation Class  
4:00 pm All church Hayride

### NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

The new church directory is printed and ready for you to pick up. They do include our new members who joined last Sunday as well.

They are in the East Room and in Fellowship Hall. Please note the information on the inside cover regarding future church directories.

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

Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9

Meditation: “PROJECT: Scope”  
Rev. Luke Lindon

**Communion Table Flowers:** The flowers today are given by Alan Parkhurst in honor of our church family

### PUMPKIN CARVING TODAY

**OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> - 5:00 PM**

Join us for pumpkin carving, s’mores and a family-friendly outdoor movie! What movie you ask? Well, after carving we’ll sing pumpkin carols! All ages welcome! Please bring your own pumpkins.

### FALL FLOWERPOTS

The fall flowerpots are up around the Medina square, including our church’s happy hiker! Thanks to Melissa Bilikam, Karen Zuehlke, and Kaitlyn Stevenson for assembling our display. You can find it on Liberty in front of Swine BBQ. Let’s welcome, love, and serve on this journey of life together!

### COIN JARS FOR SENIORS

Last year our Coin Collection Jars were cancelled because of Covid-19. This year we will be collecting your spare change again to purchase meat for seniors living in high rises in Medina County. Feeding Medina County will handle distribution. The jars will be in the East Room for pick-up. Please take a jar and add your name to the sign-up sheet. We encourage all three services to help provide for our seniors during the Christmas holidays. **Jars will be collected on November 28th.**

## JESUS VIBE

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There are some exciting things going on downstairs on Sunday mornings during church. Jesus Vibe is our new Children's Ministry program that is replacing F.I.S.H. The children are studying the same sermon series as the adults are upstairs. They are using their creativity to create ways to share what they have learned with each other and the church. Their final projects will be shared with the church during the church service. They may be doing a live performance and/or creating a video to share with the church. Their first project will be shared on Sunday, October 24. Stay tuned for more details!

## COSTUME PARADE

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**Sunday, October 31**

Since Halloween is on a Sunday this year, we thought it would be fun if we had a costume parade. We are inviting the children to wear their costumes to church and we will have a parade so they can show off their costume. We cannot wait to see all the great costumes!

## THE LAST MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSION

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We'll round out our Trinity of Book Studies with a book about SERVE on **November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** Sara Miles great book ***Take This Bread*** will be the subject of the night.

These events are one night only. I hope you'll join us in Fellowship Hall for these events. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register.



## WITCHES BREW SCAVENGER HUNT

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Check out our marquee facing the square—we're part of Main Street Medina's

Witches Brew Scavenger Hunt today! Thanks to Ellen Nolan for setting up the cute display. All entries are due at 4 p.m. today, 10/17 at Keller Meats on S. Court St. Get the entry form and other info: <http://tinyurl.com/MedinaWitchesBrew>

## “YOU GOT THIS” PERIOD PACKS

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In order to mitigate financial instability and social stigmas around menstruation, we are going to build emergency “You Got This” period packs for AI Root & Claggett Middle Schools. If we can build enough, we will distribute to Black River Middle School, our most economically challenged district in the county. These kits will be built with our junior high youth, and any will parents/volunteers on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. at the church (inside/outside weather permitting).

These kits will contain pantliners, pads, tampons, Ziploc bags, body wipes, and & an encouraging card in a zipper bag. Church members who are interested in donating may do so by leaving items in the collection box in the Welcome Area, or church member Ellen Nolan's front porch (607 S. Court St), or by direct mailing via this Amazon wish list. Amazon wish list (you can use this for guidance purposes only or direct ship donations) [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2AQDBL8LYNRX1?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2AQDBL8LYNRX1?ref=wl_share)

Preferred products: Always Radiant FlexFoam Teen Pads, Regular Absorbency; U by Kotex Click Compact Tampons, Regular Absorbency; U by Kotex Barely There Thin Panty Liners, Light Absorbency OR Always Radiant Pantyliners, Regular Unscented; Summer's Eve Feminine Cleansing Wipes (OR ANY COMPARABLE **individually wrapped** product), & quart sized Ziploc bags.

## FINANCIAL PEACE CLASSES COMING IN JANUARY VIA ZOOM!

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Never worry about money again with *Financial Peace University!* It's the proven plan to help you master budgeting, beat debt, and live the life of your dreams. Through nine lessons rooted in biblical wisdom, you'll learn from Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts. And now, you can try Financial Peace free for 14 days! Visit [fpu.com/1141840](http://fpu.com/1141840) to sign up and learn more. Class starts **Thursday, January 20, 2022.**



# **SIGN UP NOW!!**

## **HAYRIDE AND FALL FUN AT RICHARDSON'S FARMS**

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**Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

One of the most anticipated events of the year is just around the corner. It is the same event at a new place. Our friends at Boyert's made the decision to no longer offer hayrides at their farm, but have no fear, we will be able to continue our fun tradition at Richardson's. The annual fall hayride is on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at Richardson Farms from 4:00-7:00-pm. The cost for the evening is \$9 for preschoolers, \$10 for ages 6-15 and \$11 for adults. This includes a dinner (hot dogs, chips, apples, and apple cider), hayride, pumpkin, smore's and lots of other great fall fun. We would love to have some chili also, so if you are willing to bring a crockpot of chili, please let Stacie Yates know or mark it on the signup sheet. **You need to sign up for this event and pay in advance.** There is a signup sheet in the Crossroads Hall upstairs. You may also [CLICK HERE](#) to register and pay online or call the church office. 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. Hope to see you there!

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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**

# Hobby Horse Preschool

Money earned from this sale will help fund new air conditioning and security cameras for the preschool. We will earn 35% - 40% profit on every item we sell.

**Sale Dates:** October 15 - October 29

**Delivery:** November 18 Pickup will be in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

For every 15 items a participant sells, you will receive one FREE product from this brochure. I would like my FREE item(s) to be: \_\_\_\_\_  
(funded by Stoller).

*Be sure to check out the ONLINE ONLY products!*

Thank you for your part in making this a success!

**Link to Register to use  
Online Store:**

[bit.ly/hobbyhorse21](http://bit.ly/hobbyhorse21)

**You will get your sharable link after  
you register.**



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October 17, 2021  
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost  
*Children's Sabbath/Laity Sunday*

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Mark 10:35-45

**Great Service**

Dear Brother Jesus,

We follow you as closely as we can. We listen as carefully as we are able. We believe that we understand what you are asking of us.

But here's what's still hard, Jesus. Even though we pay attention, even though we pray, we still want to know who is first and who is last, we still want to know who is in and who is out, we still want to know who is important and who is unimportant.

We follow. We listen. We believe.

It's funny because, of course we'd like it to be we who are first. And in. And important. But more even than being the exalted ones, we want to know who the exalted ones are. We want to follow you, but we are both excited and comforted by the world's hierarchy. It's a relief to know, even if we cannot be the best, that somewhere there is a best.

But then, we follow. We listen. We believe.

Jesus, all the ways you speak in parable and mystery, of all the water-into-wine and walk-on-water miracles you perform, of all the healing, of all the times that people sat down with you and got up with their hunger fed, their thirst quenched, this is the hardest to understand.

But this is the truth of what you proclaim. There is no in or out. There is no first or last. There is no worthy or unworthy. There is just a big circle of love and abundance, in which all are welcome, and all are equal. All are beloved and all are accepted. All are needed and all are held.

Jesus, we follow. We listen. We believe. Help us, as we honor children today, as we celebrate the gifts of all of your ministers, ordained or not. Help us to live as we see, as we hear, as we believe.

In your many strong names we pray, Amen.