

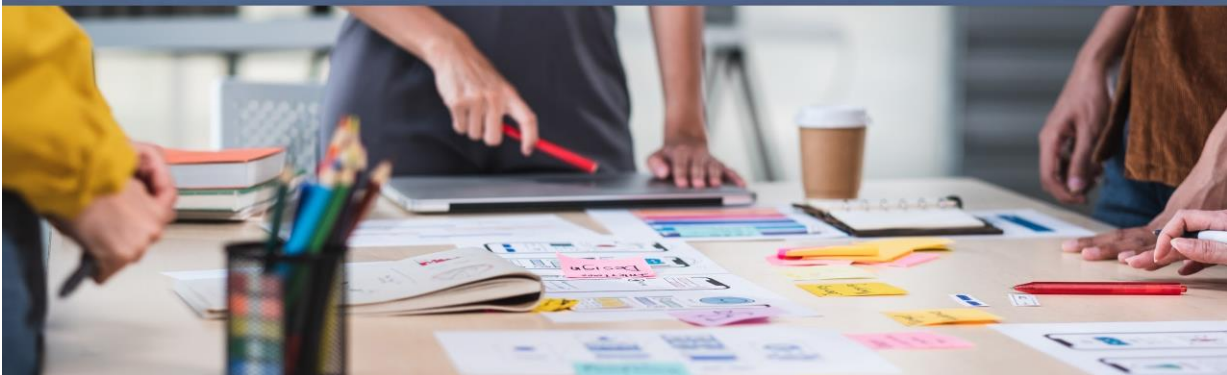


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“WELCOMING, LOVING, SERVING, WHERE GOD HAS NO LIMITS”

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.

**Those who are able please stand*

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE “For the Beauty of the Earth” -arr. Marilyn Reimer Cathy Fafrak, Pianist
(In the style of J.S. Bach’s *Musette* from *English Suite No. 3*)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (The Salem Covenant of 1629, from *The Creeds and Platforms of Congregationalism* by Williston Walker, page 116)

Leader: We covenant with the Lord and one with another,

People: **and do bind ourselves in the presence of God to walk together in all his ways as he is pleased to reveal himself unto us in his blessed word of truth.**

ANTHEM “Lacrymosa” from The Requiem by W.A. Mozart/arr. Russell Robinson Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Luke 12:13-21 Julie Gilliland, 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 (written by David Long-Higgins, in the 10/25/21 Heartland Conference newsletter)

Leader: O God, reorder my life
People: **With your piercing love**
Leader: Cutting away every growth
People: **choking the breath you give.**
Leader: Reorder my thinking
People: **Giving first place to you**
Leader: Too often an afterthought
People: **if even any thought at all.**
Leader: Yes, Love, reorder my heart
People: **Too often consumed with blinding selfishness**
Leader: Preventing me from seeing the gift of you in others
People: **Beautiful and already present. Amen.**

SERMON

"PROJECT: Bid"

Rev. Luke Lindon

HYMN

"Take My Life, God, Let It Be"

1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

Offertory Invitation (UCC Book of Worship, page 550)

Leader: Remember the words of Jesus:

People: It is more blessed to give than to receive.

*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 (UCC Book of Worship, page 551)

God, we present these offerings that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries in the days ahead that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

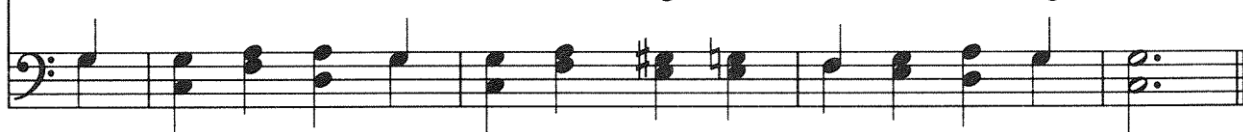
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm-y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.



***BENEDICTION**

Leader: May you go in peace.

People: God’s justice is our peace.

Leader: May you walk in the ways of Christ,

People: Acknowledging him in all our ways.

Leader: May you be guided by the Holy Spirit,

People: and the fire of inspiration on our lips.

Leader: One God both now and forever,

People: Amen!

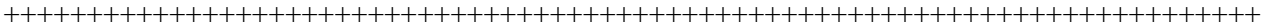
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “God Be with You”**

**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 “Toccatà in e minor” – Johann Pachelbel**

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

“MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY”



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THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

OCTOBER 31, 2021

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MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY!”**

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October 31, 2021, thru November 7, 2021

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun REFORMATION SUNDAY

8:15 am Chapel Service
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:15 am Choir rehearsal
10:30 am Traditional Worship

Mon Cook for Cups

7:00 pm Evangelism Team

Tues 7:00 pm Bible Study

Wed 10:30 am Quilters
6:30 pm Bell Practice
7:00 pm Gathering Band Rehearsal

Thurs

Fri

Sat 12:00 pm **Gene & Jan Febus
Celebration of Life**

Sun DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
9:15 am Choir rehearsal
10:30 am Traditional Worship
3:00 pm Creggane – Irish Folk Music
Concert
4:30 pm Youth Group

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

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

Sermon: “PROJECT: Bid

Communion Table Flowers: The flowers today are given by Earle & Medith Olson in honor of their loved ones.

**DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS
BACK ONE HOUR NEXT SATURDAY @ 2 a.m.!
YOU WILL BE LATE FOR CHURCH!**

COSTUME PARADE

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!

JESUS VIBE

PRESENTING ...NEHEMIAH!

Jesus Vibe is our new Children' Ministry program that is replacing F.I.S.H. The children are studying the same sermon series as the adults upstairs. They are using their creativity to create ways to share what they have learned with each other and the church. Enjoy the story of Nehemiah as told by our church youth at

<http://tinyurl.com/MedinaNehemiah>

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR GLASSES?

We have quite a collection of sunglasses & reading glasses (cheaters) in the church office. If you have lost any, please check out the office to see if any of them belong to you!

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. **Please feel free to turn in your jars early if they are filled!** We encourage all three services to help provide for our seniors during the Christmas holidays. **Jars will be collected on November 28th.**

THE LAST MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSION

We'll round out our Trinity of Book Studies with a book about SERVE on **November 15th 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.

FINANCIAL PEACE CLASSES COMING IN JANUARY VIA ZOOM!

Planning for the future is hard when you're still paying for the past! Listen-there's a better way! In *Financial Peace* University, you'll learn how to beat debt, and make a plan for the future. Interested? Sign up for this class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace at fpu.com/1141840. Class starts **Thursday, January 20, 2022.**

IRISH MUSIC CONCERT

Creggane performs November 7th @ 3 pm

Are you a little bit Irish? Do you like Irish Folk Music? Joins us for a concert of traditional Irish music in our Sanctuary. "Creggane" will perform with fiddle, flute, tin whistle, harp, bouzouki, guitar and bodhran. Suggested offering is \$15. Kids are free. Help support gigging musicians!

"YOU GOT THIS" PERIOD PACKS

In order to mitigate financial instability and social stigmas around menstruation, we are going to build emergency "You Got This" period packs for Al 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 14th 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) <http://tinyurl.com/PeriodPacks>

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.

REQUESTS FOR APPLICATION

The Endowment Fund Committee is pleased to announce that applications are available to apply for funding for worthy projects and improvements for operating year 2022. Each fall, Endowment provides financial support from the Endowment Fund assets to underwrite mission trips, property and grounds improvements, outreach efforts, etc. Copies of the application are available in the Church Office, East Room and Fellowship Hall. Deadline for submission: Monday, November 29, 2021. Questions? Contact Jane Langol at 330-813-1367.

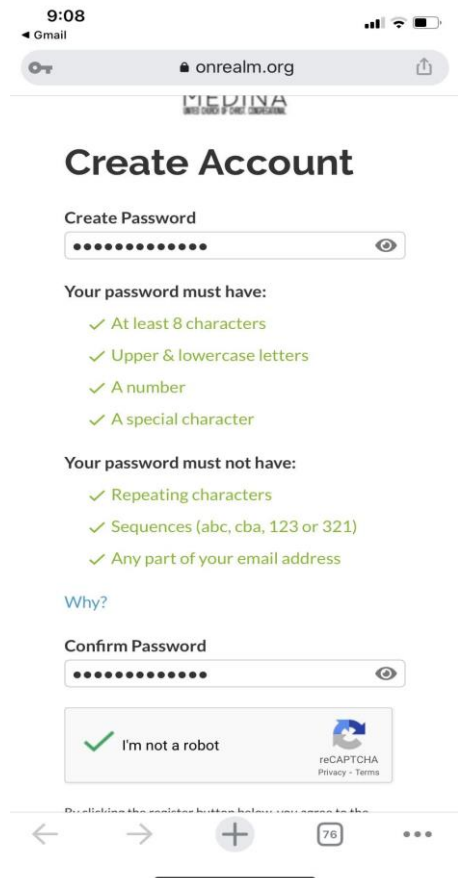
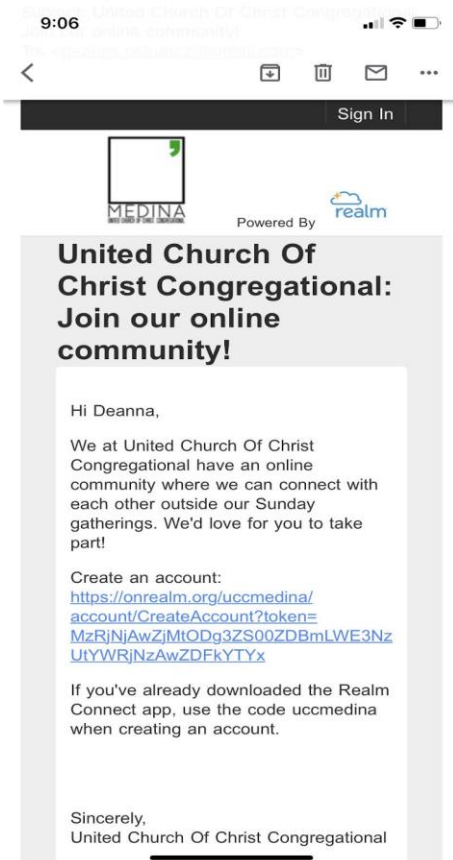


To sign up for Realm for the Medina United Church of Christ, here are the steps:

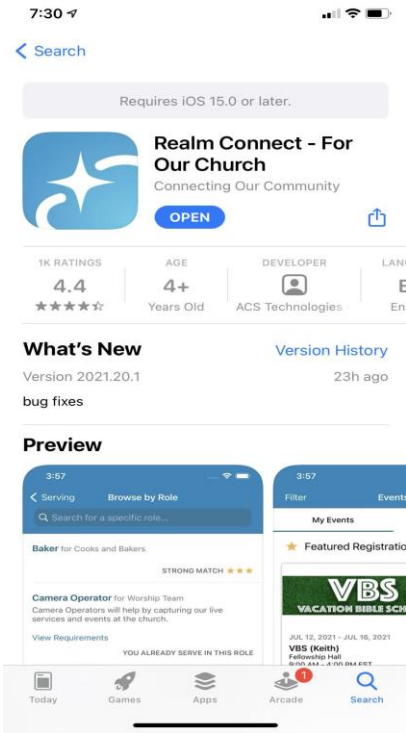
1. Email the office at office@uccmedina.org to ask for an invitation to sign up for Realm.

2. When you get the email, click on the link to create a password.

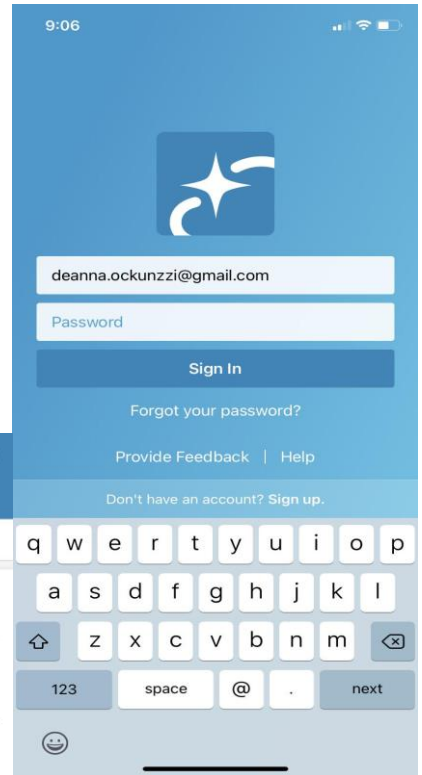
3. Create and confirm your password when you get to the Realm site.



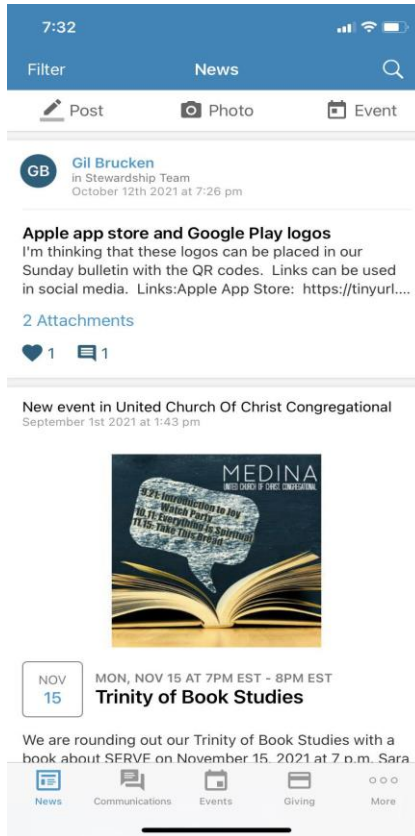
4. Download the Realm app for iOS or Android.



5. Enter your email address and password on the app's login screen.



6. Check out all the Realm has to offer: church news, events, teams, groups, directory, chat with other members and groups, giving, and more!



7. Go to your own profile: "√" check 'opt into directory'. Make sure you set your own Privacy Settings so that people will only see the information about you that you want them to see.



Congratulations to Dick & Dorie Christy!

They are the 2021 Recipients of the Tom Evans Award.

They are pictured here with son and daughter-in-law, Bill & Reneé Christy

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

October 31, 2021
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
UCC Higher Education Sunday/Reformation-Reconciliation Day

Ruth 1:1-18

Wherever You Go

Today is Reformation Sunday when Protestants celebrate the ancestors in faith who created the first waves of Reformation that continue to be felt today.

A lesser-known reformer to many is Caspar Schwenckfeld von Ossig (1489-1561), a German Reformer. Church historians have generally ignored Schwenckfeld; maybe because of his many disagreements with Martin Luther. Luther, in one of his letters (December 6, 1543), spoke of Schwenckfeld as "the poor simpleton" who was "possessed of the devil." Schwenckfeld refused to retaliate or to make public the feud between himself and the famous reformer. He just kept preaching his understanding of scripture as critical but not literal for understanding the Spirit's work, his insistence on the oneness of all baptized believers, and his belief in the beautiful humanity of the service of communion.

Banished because of pressure from both Catholics and other Protestants, Schwenckfeld lived for many years in exile. He depended on friends, who circulated his writings and provided him refuge until his death on December 10, 1561. Schwenckfeld remained a bachelor and his followers were all "spiritual heirs" who were attracted to his reforming spirit of "The Middle Way," between literal biblicism and blind sacramentalism.

Waves of persecution threatened the Schwenckfelders with extinction throughout the 1600s, and by the mid-1700's only one alternative remained: leave everything and escape. On July 29, 1734, forty families began the journey to Pennsylvania and a new life. The descendants of those forty families still worship in Schwenckfelder UCC churches in Palm, Lansdale, Norristown, and Philadelphia, and proudly carry on the philosophy and thinking of Caspar Schwenckfeld.

This information adapted from Hidden Histories of the UCC which is searchable online at ucc.org.