

ALIVE  
ON THE  
SQUARE



MEDINA  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST. CONGREGATIONAL





Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,  
We are the old - who yearn for your face,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Not in some heav - en, light-years a - way, But



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,  
We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
Now is the King - dom, now is the day.



Gath - er us in - the lost and for - sak - en,  
Gath - er us in - the rich and the haugh - ty,  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,  
Gath - er us in and hold us for ev - er,



Gath - er us in - the blind and the lame;  
Gath - er us in - the proud and the strong;  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Gath - er us in and make us your own;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,  
Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
Gath - er us in - all peo - ples to - geth - er,



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
Give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## A BLESSING FOR OUR CITY

Leader: Gracious Mystery, we gather to worship you

**People: and ask blessing on our city.**

Leader: For our unique shops and businesses.

**People: For our law enforcement and those in the line of duty.**

Leader: For our city government, the mayor's office,

**People: our council and all officials.**

Leader: For our courthouse,

**People: May justice flow like mighty waters.**

Leader: For our community and those passing through

**People: for the cars and noisy tractor trailers and motorcycles.**

Leader: For your creation and our city parks,

**People: the birds and wildlife.**

Leader: Thank you for Medina.

**People: For our ancestors and all the blessings you have given us.**

Leader: May you guide our church to bless and serve this amazing city.

**People: May we be as Christ to our neighbor as we pray the prayer you taught us saying, 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.**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Stacie Yates

## SPLATTER PAINT #1

### MEDITATION

"Beautiful Together"

Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

## SPLATTER PAINT #2

### \*HYMN

*CCLI Song #26997  
Peter Scholtes*

### "They'll Know We Are Christians"

Gateway Band

ST. BRENDAN'S Irr.

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Vs. 1: We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;

And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

Vs. 2: We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (Chorus)

Vs. 3: We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. (Chorus)

Vs. 4: All praise to God, from whom all things come;  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. (Chorus)

## OFFERING

*There are offering baskets on either side of the gazebo. You can place your offering there now or at the end of the service. You can also give through our Realm app or text-to-give by texting 73256 and following the prompts. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!*

## \*CLOSING HYMN

### "Go, Make a Difference"

Gateway Band

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Go make a dif - frence. \_ We can make a dif - frence. \_

Go make a dif - frence in the world. \_ Go make a dif -

- frence. \_ We can make a dif - frence. \_ Go make a dif -

- frence in the world. \_

1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see the love of God for you and me.  
We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen.  
Go make a difference in the world. **(Refrain)**
2. We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need, the face of God for all to see.  
We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace.  
Go make a difference in the world. **(Refrain)**
3. So let your love shine on, let it shine for all to see. Go make a difference in the world.  
And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.  
Go make a difference in the world. **(Refrain)**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: My beloved, may this worship remind you that you are a beautiful mess,  
**People: We are beautiful together.**  
Leader: We have been created for community.  
**People: We have been created for blessing.**  
Leader: May this season be a blessing to us all,  
**People: As we seek to welcome, love, and serve our neighbors.**  
Leader: And who is your neighbor?  
**People: Everyone!**  
Leader: Having been blessed to be a blessing, go! For this service has ended  
**People: And our LUNCH now begins! Amen!**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**"I Thank God"**

Gateway Band

Maverick City

CCLI #7169680

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Vs. 1: Wandering into the night. Wanting a place to hide this weary soul, this bag of bones,  
And I try with all my might, but I just can't win the fight. I'm slowly drifting, a vagabond.  
And just when I ran out of road, I met a man I didn't know, And He told me that I was not alone.

**Chorus: He picked me up. He turned me around. He placed my feet on solid ground.  
I thank the Spirit. I thank the Savior. Because He healed my heart. He changed my name  
Forever free, I'm not the same. I thank the Spirit. I thank the Savior. I thank God!**

Vs. 2: I cannot deny what I've seen. Got no choice but to believe.  
My doubts are burning like ashes in the wind. So, so long to my old friends: burden and bitterness.  
You can just keep it moving (Hey), hey No, you ain't welcome here.  
From now 'til I walk the streets of gold, I'll sing of how You saved my soul,  
This wayward son has found his way back home.

**He picked me up. He turned me around. He placed my feet on solid ground.  
I thank the Spirit. I thank the Savior. Because He healed my heart. He changed my name**

*\*Those who are able please stand*

**"MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY"**

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# THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

## AUGUST 28, 2022

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

Live streaming of the Sanctuary service is available at [www.uccmedina.org/live](http://www.uccmedina.org/live)

August 28, 2022 thru September 4, 2022

### **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**Sun** 10:00 am **ALIVE ON THE SQUARE**  
ONE SERVICE ONLY

**Mon**

**Tues** 7:00 pm Bible Study

**Wed** 10:30 am Quilters  
6:30 pm Bell Choir rehearsals begin  
7:00 pm Gathering Band rehearsal  
7:30 pm Adult Choir rehearsals begin

**Thurs** 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

**Fri**

**Sat**

**Sun** 8:15 am Chapel Worship  
9:00 am Gathering Worship  
10:30 am Traditional Worship  
4:30 pm Men's Group

## **ALIVE ON THE SQUARE ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP TODAY!**

Come one, come all, and bring a friend to "Alive on the Square" for worship **TODAY at 10 am!** The Kiwanis will be serving a picnic lunch (burgers, hot dogs, baked beans) after the service, and you will get to hear our new choir director, Jennifer Cochran, and her band "Gateway". Rev. Luke has an activity for all to participate in called the "Mess Fest" so come in clothes you don't mind getting dirty. And lastly, **don't forget to bring your lawn chair.** (In case of rain, worship will be in the sanctuary and lunch will follow the service in Fellowship Hall

**Worship Highlights: 10am ONE SERVICE ONLY!**

Meditation: "Beautiful Together"  
Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

**Communion Table:** The flowers are given by Jeff and Diane Welday in honor of their anniversary.

## **DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OPERATION HOMES**

Our first day to have guests at our Church is September 5<sup>th</sup> so we need your help! We are looking for gently used...

**Sheets (queen size or larger), Fitted sheets (queen size or larger) and standard pillowcases**

We also needed...

**Travel size toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, travel size shampoo, socks**

Please place items in the bin across from the elevator.

We are still looking for volunteers! If you are interested and haven't received an informational packet, please reach out to Nick North at 330-421-7163.

## **SUNFLOWERS AND PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE**

**Our thoughts and prayers with Ukraine – Love is grown where seeds are sown...**

The Caring team distributed sunflower seed packets in early Spring. We are interested how they turned out? If you planted your seeds, please consider posting a photo on Facebook or send them into the office to be shared on the kiosks!



## **\*THE 50+ YEAR LUNCHEON HAS BEEN POSTPONED\***

Our previously planned luncheon for 50+ members was to take place October 8<sup>th</sup> but will be postponed because of continued Covid concerns.

Covid is still with us and despite our eagerness to be done with Covid...it seems Covid isn't really done with us...especially with those who are most vulnerable. Recognition is in the planning stages.

We look forward to our next 50+ member celebration and hope to plan for Spring.

## **NEW MEMBER CLASSES**

Join us for our upcoming New Member classes! We believe anyone is welcome to gather with us, but there is something special about making a deeper commitment to contribute to what God is doing in and through Medina UCC – and these classes are a great place for us to cast this vision, hear your story, and help you take the next step to commit to calling UCC your church home.

Join us for our next New Member classes on Monday September 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the new library. New Members will join the church on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

You may contact the church office at 330-725-4559 or register here through [REALM](#).

## **CIRCLE OF CARING GREETING CARDS OUTREACH**

Circle of Caring is very pleased to announce the return of the Greeting Card Table Outreach after a two-year hiatus due to Covid. The Greeting Card Outreach is about keeping in touch each week with our most senior-aged (80+) church membership and our church family-at-large by sending greeting cards of Happy Birthday (80+), Get Well, Thinking of You, and Sympathy. These cards are signed each week by YOU, their church family. **Each week's cards are on display on the table in the East Room. It doesn't matter which service you attend; you are highly encouraged to stop by the table and sign the cards every Sunday.**

## **COOKING FOR CUPS CAFÉ**

There are still 2 open slots on **Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**.

You can cook individually or get a few people from your circle of friends to split the workload. The meals should serve 60 people. They can be delivered hot or cold (to be reheated) at 10:00 am on the day. Cups politely requests no soup as they already get plenty of soup donations. The church will reimburse you if you bring in your receipts.

If you would like to cook for one of the open days or need help getting the food to Cups Café on the drop off date, contact Dan Daubner.

## **BELL CHOIR & ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN THIS WEEK**

Calling all ringers and potential hand-bell enthusiasts! We'll have our first rehearsal on **Wednesday evening, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary!** I'm looking for a few folks to meet me at 6:00 to help set up the tables and the bells!

Calling singers 18 and above! We will have our first choir rehearsal on **Wednesday evening, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:30-8:30 PM in the Chapel!** I'm looking for a few choir members who are not bell-ringers to help empty the folders from last year, while I work with the hand-bell choir.

Please email me at [jenniferhcochran1@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferhcochran1@gmail.com) (that will change in September to a UCC Medina email address) if you can help set up bell tables and/or clean out choir folders.

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Calling all children, teenagers, and parents! We will have an informational meeting on **September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am** so we can talk about the plan for the Children & Youth Choir. I'm excited to see the talent of our young people at UCC Medina! We'll have some donuts and juice on hand for all, we'll talk a bit, sing a bit, and get energized about bringing some great music to our services from the kids and teens of the church! The Children & Youth choir will meet regularly on Sundays and sing bi-monthly to start out, building up to a musical offering once a month! Please email me with any questions at [jenniferhcochran1@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferhcochran1@gmail.com).

## **PLAN TO ATTEND OUR CANDIDATE SUNDAY-WE NEED YOUR VOTE!**

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On September 18<sup>th</sup>, we'll have **CANDIDATE SUNDAY!** You'll finally get to meet the candidate for our Associate Pastor of Youth and Mission position. They will preach at each service, and we'll vote to accept this candidate following each service. More information will be made available, including a possible meet-the-candidate night.

## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST RETURNS!**

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Starting on Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> we will resume our breakfasts at 7:30 a.m. the first Thursday of every month. It will be at Buehlers on River Styx. All men of the church are invited. No reservations are required.

## **ABOUT THE GATEWAY BAND**

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**Gateway Band** was the "house-band" for the Mostly Jazz Mass at Trinity Cathedral for almost twenty years. When they perform, they bring a special brand of jazz-gospel fusion to every church service. They're a talented and versatile group of musicians who are comfortable performing contemporary liturgy, jazz standards, gospel, pop, rock, musical theater, country and more. They have performed for many events including greater Cleveland area church and temple services, concerts, weddings, funerals, and many diverse secular events. Performance venues of note include the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway, Cleveland Playhouse, Legacy Village, Willoughby Fine Arts Association, Cuyahoga County Board of DD Adults Activity Centers, Fox 8 News, numerous elder care facilities, area bars and bistros. Out of town venues have included St. John the Divine and The Chapel Wall Street in New York City, St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo New York, and St. Barnabas in Falmouth, Massachusetts.

## **Pick a Date to Host Coffee Hour after the 10:30 am Service**

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Coffee Hour will resume on **Sunday, September 11th after the 10:30 am service.** Please pick a date and consider hosting Coffee Hour by signing up on the calendar by the East Room Hallway. Never done before? No worries! A week prior to your coffee hour date, you will receive a letter specifying your hosting responsibilities, plus a Care Team member will call you to ask if you should have any questions. A Care Team member will be available on the Sunday you host. Hosting is to be simple with coffee, tea, punch, and your choice of pastries, donut holes, or cheese and crackers. Coffee Hour is meant to entice people of all ages to stay and mingle with each other. It's good old-fashioned hospitality, welcoming long-term members and new visitors alike. So would you please consider hosting one Sunday?

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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**

Luke 14:1, 7-14

## Open Table

The Little Pantry Movement is based on the Little Library movement. Where the little libraries made books available to neighbors and passers-by, the little pantry makes available non-perishable food and hygiene items for anyone who might be in need. The motto of the loosely organized movement is "Take what you need, give what you can." The mini pantry movement is a grassroots, crowdsourced solution to immediate and local need. Whether a need for food or a need to give, mini pantries help feed neighbors, nourishing neighborhoods.

Emmaus United Church in the Northern Virginia community of Vienna has a Little Free Food Pantry on their property. In September 2020 the Emmaus Youth Group received a \$500 service grant from a local organization to build a Little Free Pantry, a project that was chosen by the Emmaus Youth Group members. Over the course of 3 weekends, the Youth Group members gathered to construct and install the Pantry. The Youth Group checks and stocks the Pantry weekly, but anyone can check it throughout the week and restock it from a bin of donations left in a public place.

Suggested personal care donations to the Emmaus Little Food Pantry are items like hand sanitizer, face masks, individually wrapped toothbrushes, small size toothpaste, socks, first aid supplies, soap/shampoo, brushes and combs.

Of course, food donations are the mainstay of the pantry and include nonperishable food items with pull tabs or other easy-to-open and single serve containers. Suggested items are jerky, canned/packets of meat, canned ready meals (pasta, chili), nut and seed butter (single serve or small size preferred), canned fruit/fruit cups, peanut butter & other snack crackers, dried fruit, trail mix, nuts, granola/protein/breakfast bars, single serve cereal, single serve shelf stable milk, juice boxes, canned vegetables, canned soup, and water bottles.

Jesus welcomed all to an open table. A Little Free Pantry is one example of an open table that you and your community can co-create with Christ in your area. If you are curious about how you could create a Little Free Food Pantry on your church property, check out <https://emmausucc.org/> or <https://www.littlefreepantry.org/>