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NO MORE TEARS

ALL SAINTS DAY



October 29, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

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- *During the 10:30 service, Jesus Vibes Sunday School is available for ages 3-8th grade*

“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 “Shall We Gather At the River?”- Robert Lowry/arr. Joel Raney Cathy Fafrak, Piano

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO REMEMBER

Since its earliest days, the church has set aside a day to remember the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us in faith.

Stretching across the centuries and around the globe.

However hard it might seem to follow the way of Jesus,

in our own time and place,

This day is a day

to remember that we are not alone.

Glory be to the Father,

And to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever will be.

Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

William W. How, 1864, alt.

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.with Alleluias

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906



1. For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2. Thou wast their rock, their for-tress, and their might: their
3. O blest com - mun - ion, com - pa - ny di - vine!
4. And when the strife is fierce, the con - flict long,
5. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



1. thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 2. strength and sol - ace in the well - fought fight;
 3. We live and strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;
 4. steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,
 5. gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



1. name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 2. thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true light.
 3. yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 4. and hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 5. sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Jesus, our Christ, your saints come from every nation and every tribe. Such is the beauty of your kingdom, where every race and people are honored and recognized as being made in your image. Help us live lives of peace and reconciliation that pay homage to the diversity of your great cloud of witnesses. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "When the Saints Go Marching In" - Trad. /arr. John Rutter/adapted, Jennifer Cochran
Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Lorna Lindsley & Jeffrey Miller, trumpets

SCRIPTURE Revelation 20:11 – 21:6 (N.T. pg. 244) John Kavouras, Liturgist

MESSAGE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY OF GOD 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

HYMN

"No More Tears"

W.J. Baltzell, 1888

1. I am wait - ing by the riv - er - side, and my
 2. Oh, I seem to catch the break - ing dawn on the
 3. Far a - way be - yond the shad - ows drear of this
 4. How I long to be with Christ at home, in the

heart has wait - ed - long; Oft I think I hear the
 hill - tops of the - blest! Where the heart is free from
 wea - ry vale of - tears, there the tide of bliss is
 man - sions bright and - fair! For I know in heav'n no

mu - sic sweet of the an - gels' wel - come song. No more-tears,
 toil and pain, and the wea - ry are at rest.
 sweep - ing on thro' the bright and change - less years.
 sin is found, nei - ther grief or tears are there.

no more tears, in that land of an - cient sto - ry; No more-tears,
 no more - tears, when we meet a - gain in glo - ry

RITUAL FOR REMEMBERING ALL THE SAINTS

Lighting a candle is an act of defiance.

Lighting a candle is a prayer for courage.

Lighting a candle is a step toward God.

God of the universe, you formed nuclear explosions and hung them in the void.

We light a candle.

We light them to remember those who have gone home to you.

We light them to remember your word is a lamp to our feet.

A guide to our path home to you.

We are to walk each other home.

As the candle flames dance, may we admire their beauty and warmth.

May we recall those who have died and their beauty and warmth and how they shined while they were among us.

Names are read

In this still place, we shall light the candles in memory and in love.

When the air moves, the candles dance.

Breathe in us Holy Spirit; blow away our hesitation.

We want to dance with you and our ancestors. Amen.

Congregational remembrance

***PRAYER FOR PARTING** (UCC Book of Worship page 258-259)

God, whose ever lasting love for all is trustworthy,

help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care.

The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears,
our hopes and disappointments.

Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions,
until that time to come

when we are completely one with you and with each other.

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

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Soon and Very Soon"

Words & music by André Crouch

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1. Soon and ver - y soon, we are going to see the King;
2. No more dy - ing there, we are going to see the King;
3. No more cry - ing there, we are going to see the King;



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no more cry - ing there, we are going to see the King.



lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

Triune love, you were with us at the beginning of time

Stay with us till the end of time.

You were with us when our lives were formed.

Remain with us till the end of life.

You were with us at the rising of the sun.

Be with us when the day is done.

*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 “For All the Saints” – setting, Wilbur Held

Cathy Fafrak, Organist

“MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY”

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******Please join us in Fellowship Hall after the service***

for an All Saints Brunch to benefit the Youth Mission Trip***

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How You Can Give to UCC, Congregational...

There is an offering plate by the East Room and by the tower doors if you feel led to deposit your envelope or an offering there. 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!

REMEMBERING WITH LOVE - MEMBERS

October 2022 – October 2023

Name	Birth	Death
Helen Wright Farnham	March 25, 1931	November 15, 2022
Judy Dawson	May 17, 1942	November 28, 2022
Elizabeth Mason	May 10, 1948	December 31, 2022
Jeanne Carolyn Kuehn	November 9, 1931	January 21, 2023
Virginia Jeandrevin	February 9, 1937	February 13, 2023
Josh Olin	July 1, 1971	February 18, 2023
Donald R. Canfield	May 28, 1937	March 31, 2023
John Root	February 17, 1933	April 26, 2023
John T. Jeandrevin	May 23, 1932	May 12, 2023
Allan Edward Ratz	December 19, 1934	June 10, 2023
Nancy C. Baker	June 3, 1938	July 15, 2023
Elaine V. McCarroll	March 8, 1952	October 7, 2023

Other Loved Ones Deaths *October 2022 – October 2023*

Linda J. Christian	Sister of Fran Largen	October 1, 2022
Genevieve (Jennie) Linek	Mother of Ron Linek	October 30, 2022
Jeannette E. Pettit	Daughter of Pete & Alice Metzloff; Mother of Sahara, Maxine & Hayden Pettit	November 7, 2022
Dolly A. Cairns	Aunt of Lori Ciulla Glover	November 25, 2022
Frances (Fran) Hanners	Aunt of Jack Stoll	November 26, 2022
Franklin Elvin Reese	Brother of Dennis Reese	November 28, 2022
Rev. Robert Lahr	Father of Michelle Colón	December 18, 2022
Birch Hall	Son of Virginia Hall, Brother of Megan Harbath	February 6, 2023
Carol Hartman	Aunt of Mark Muranko	February 15, 2023
Richard Aberegg	Husband of Elly Aberegg	March 6, 2023
Dixie Geddis	Sister of Judy Daugherty	March 14, 2023
Eric W. Olson	Son of Earle Olson	April 5, 2023
Kendra Mackenbach	Niece of Joan Walschon	May 11, 2023
Lawrence "Tinker" Good	Husband of Mischa Good	June 28, 2023
Caroline Wolfram	Mother of Uwe Wolfram	June 28, 2023
Randy Rice	Brother of Brad Rice	July 11, 2023
Helen Haden	Great aunt of Vicki Marty	July 17, 2023
Loren "Blue" Lindon	Father of Luke Lindon	July 22, 2023
Charles H. Fawcett, Sr.	Brother of Carole Fawcett	August 24, 2023
Andrea Mislosky	Great niece of Carole Fawcett	September 26, 2023
Robert W. Leget	Husband of Joellyn Leget	September 26, 2023
Keith Michal	Father of Scott Michal	October 8, 2023
Elva Michal	Mother of Scott Michal	October 12, 2023
Robert Warfel	Brother of John Warfel	October 15, 2023
Nancy Bader	Former member	October 18, 2023
Terry Yancer	Husband of Karen Yancer	October 24, 2023
Elinor Benson Tyler	Sister of Pete Benson	October 24, 2023

THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

OCTOBER 29, 2023

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Live streaming of the Sanctuary service is available at www.uccmedina.org/live

October 29, 2023 thru November 5, 2023

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun 10:00 am Children’s Choir rehearsal
10:30 am All Saints Service
10:30 am Teen Church
11:30 am All Saints Day Brunch
2:00 pm The last Trekking Through
Autumn @ Alderfer-Chatfield
Wildlife Sanctuary
6100 Ridge Rd., Medina
4:30 pm Podcast Talkback

Mon **Operation Homes**
2:00 pm Afterlife Bible Study
6:30 pm Women’s Bible Study
7:00 pm Afterlife Bible Study

Tues **Operation Homes**

Wed **Operation Homes**
10:30 am Quilters
6:00 pm Gathering Band rehearsal
6:15 pm Bell Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm Choir rehearsal

Thurs **Operation Homes**

Fri **Operation Homes**

Sat **Operation Homes**

Sun **Operation Homes**
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

8:15 am Chapel Worship
9:00 am Gathering Worship
10:00 am Children’s Choir rehearsal
10:30 am Sanctuary Worship
4:30 pm Youth Group
4:30 pm Men’s Group

Worship Highlights: 10:30 am

Scripture: Revelation 20:11 – 21:6

Sermon: “No More Tears” - Rev. Dr. Luke
Lindon

Communion Table: The communion table
flowers are given by Pete & Alice Metzloff in
memory of their daughter, Jeannette Pettit.

ALL SAINTS SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE TODAY

October 29, 2023

Today we will remember those people who have passed away this past year. By having the time of remembrance during a worship service, we encourage family members and others to come and share this time together. During the worship service, the names of the members of Medina UCC who have passed away between October 2022-October 2023 will be read. For each member a candle will be lit and a chime will ring. We will also read the names of family members and loved ones who have passed away during this year.

ALL SAINTS DAY BRUNCH

Following our one service at 10:30, the teens going on this summer’s mission trip will serve brunch in Fellowship Hall. An assortment of fruits, casseroles, and pastries will be served. Donations appreciated!

DONATION OF THE MONTH

November's donation of the month will be supplies to fill Church World Service Emergency Cleanup Buckets, which will be assembled during youth group on November 19th. Our goal is to fill 20 buckets! It is important that the supplies are exactly what CWS has asked for, so please check the description of each item on their official website before buying.

<https://cwskits.org/assemble-kits/emergency-cleanup-buckets/>.

Please sign up to donate by following this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8eexp6>. Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to open our amazon wish-list, where you can purchase items from the list and have them sent directly to the church!



HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Thanks to all who came to learn about our trip to the Appalachia Service Project, June 9th-15th. If you or your youth would like to go on the trip with us, please register through Hudson UCC (who is partnering with us on this trip) by **October 31st**, and pay the \$75 deposit to reserve your spot on the trip, at this link:

<https://www.hudsonucc.org/youth/asp/>

ENDOWMENT FUND REQUEST TIME

The Endowment Fund Committee is pleased to announce that applications are available to apply for funding for special projects and improvements for operating year 2024. Each Fall, Endowment provides financial support from the Endowment Fund earnings to underwrite mission trips, property and grounds improvements, outreach projects and any additional items not covered within your Team Budget. Copies of the Grant Application Form are available in the Church Office, East Room and Fellowship Hall. Deadline for submission: Friday, November 17, 2023. Questions? Contact Matt Yates at 330-321-9679 or Kelly Charnley at 330-421-3313.

TEEN CHURCH TODAY

On the last Sunday of each month, teens in 8th grade and up can head to the youth room during the entire 10:30 service for quality time, snacks, and conversations that are just for them.

LEFTOVER CANDY?

Are you wondering what to do with all that leftover Halloween candy you always have? The Mission Team will be collecting all your candy and treats throughout November. We plan to make goodie bags with the candy and distribute them to various groups in our community over the next few months. Thank you!

WE NEED YOUR POP TABS!

Just a reminder that we collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald Houses of Northeast Ohio. We will take any tab (pop, soup can, beverage, pet food, canned fruit and vegetables) in any color or size. There is a container in the Welcome Area in which to put your tabs. Thanks for collecting!

TREKKING THROUGH AUTUMN FINAL HIKE

Hike with your church friends one last time on a Sunday afternoon at the County Park! The hike will leave promptly at 2 pm. No RSVP required, rain or shine except if storming. Contact Kate Lindon with questions:

katewlindon@gmail.com.

10/29: Alderfer-Chatfield Wildlife Sanctuary,
6100 Ridge Rd., Medina
(no pets; turn in award sheet here)

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 am – 3 pm MONDAY THRU THURSDAY; FRIDAY 9 am -12 pm

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Matthew 22:34-46

The Compassionate Life

People ask Jesus questions for a variety of reason. Sometimes they want to seek answers or ideas. They want to know more about themselves and their place in Christ's kin-dom. They want to hear Jesus' teachings and stories. And sometimes, they just want to trick Jesus, or trip him up. They want to ask him a question with no answer.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him.

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

After this exchange, Jesus asks a question that those gathered cannot answer, about the nature of humanity and divinity. Question and answer exchanges are part of living and loving. On this Higher Education Sunday, we honor those institutions connected with the United Church of Christ where questions are welcome not as a barrier to faith, but as a sign of it.

There are 48 educational institutions related to the United Church of Christ, including academies, colleges, universities, and seminaries. They span the United States. Each is independent, self-governing, and fully accredited.

Each institution expresses partnership with the church. Closely related schools participate as full members of the UCC Council for Higher Education. Others are historically related, which means they recognize a past relationship with the church but are not full members of the Council.

These institutions provide opportunities to explore moral values, the importance of social responsibility, an ethic of service, and the ability to think critically. Many have campus ministries that are ecumenical and interfaith. Each embodies the UCC ethos where God is Still Speaking (<https://www.ucc.org/about/higher-education/>).