

# The First Dinner



ENTERING  
THE  
PASSION  
OF JESUS  
**LENT 2025**

*\*Those who are able please stand*

## RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE "Aria, Op. 51" – Flor Peeters

Cathy Fafrak, Organ

## WELCOME

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

### \*OPENING HYMN

### "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

ST. CHRISTOPHER 7.6.8.6.8.6.8.6.

*Elizabeth C. Cleophane, 1872; alt.*

*Frederick C. Maker, 1881*



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I glad - ly take my stand,  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus with - in my mind I see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land;  
the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of Christ's face;



A home with-in the wil - der-ness, a rest up - on the way,  
And from my griev-ing heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess—  
Con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,



from the burn-ing of the noon-tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.  
the won-ders of Christ's glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather to worship,  
**As Jesus gathered for a dinner party.**  
 May we be so bold to bust down the door,  
**And anoint him with costly perfume.**  
 May this worship be a fragrant offering,  
**To our God, our Christ, our Spirit!**  
 One God,  
**Whom we worship with our neighbor this morning. Amen!**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow” – Lloyd Larson Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURES** Luke 7:36-50 (N.T. pg. 62) & Mark 14:3-9 (N.T. pg. 48) Pete Metzloff, 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

**SERMON**      "The First Dinner"      The Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

## REFLECTION HYMN

*Claudia F. Hernaman, 1873; alt.*

## "Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days"

ST. FLAVIAN C.M.

Day's. The Whole Booke of Psalms, 1562

[illegible]

1 Lord Je - sus, who through for - ty days for us did fast and pray,  
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend, and did the vic-tory win,  
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion - tide,  
4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be past,

The first staff of music shows a sequence of chords in G major. The notes are: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F#5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F#6, G6, A6, B6, C7, D7, E7, F#7, G7, A7, B7, C8, D8, E8, F#8, G8, A8, B8, C9, D9, E9, F#9, G9, A9, B9, C10, D10, E10, F#10, G10, A10, B10, C11, D11, E11, F#11, G11, A11, B11, C12, D12, E12, F#12, G12, A12, B12, C13, D13, E13, F#13, G13, A13, B13, C14, D14, E14, F#14, G14, A14, B14, C15, D15, E15, F#15, G15, A15, B15, C16, D16, E16, F#16, G16, A16, B16, C17, D17, E17, F#17, G17, A17, B17, C18, D18, E18, F#18, G18, A18, B18, C19, D19, E19, F#19, G19, A19, B19, C20, D20, E20, F#20, G20, A20, B20, C21, D21, E21, F#21, G21, A21, B21, C22, D22, E22, F#22, G22, A22, B22, C23, D23, E23, F#23, G23, A23, B23, C24, D24, E24, F#24, G24, A24, B24, C25, D25, E25, F#25, G25, A25, B25, C26, D26, E26, F#26, G26, A26, B26, C27, D27, E27, F#27, G27, A27, B27, C28, D28, E28, F#28, G28, A28, B28, C29, D29, E29, F#29, G29, A29, B29, C30, D30, E30, F#30, G30, A30, B30, C31, D31, E31, F#31, G31, A31, B31, C32, D32, E32, F#32, G32, A32, B32, C33, D33, E33, F#33, G33, A33, B33, C34, D34, E34, F#34, G34, A34, B34, C35, D35, E35, F#35, G35, A35, B35, C36, D36, E36, F#36, G36, A36, B36, C37, D37, E37, F#37, G37, A37, B37, C38, D38, E38, F#38, G38, A38, B38, C39, D39, E39, F#39, G39, A39, B39, C40, D40, E40, F#40, G40, A40, B40, C41, D41, E41, F#41, G41, A41, B41, C42, D42, E42, F#42, G42, A42, B42, C43, D43, E43, F#43, G43, A43, B43, C44, D44, E44, F#44, G44, A44, B44, C45, D45, E45, F#45, G45, A45, B45, C46, D46, E46, F#46, G46, A46, B46, C47, D47, E47, F#47, G47, A47, B47, C48, D48, E48, F#48, G48, A48, B48, C49, D49, E49, F#49, G49, A49, B49, C50, D50, E50, F#50, G50, A50, B50, C51, D51, E51, F#51, G51, A51, B51, C52, D52, E52, F#52, G52, A52, B52, C53, D53, E53, F#53, G53, A53, B53, C54, D54, E54, F#54, G54, A54, B54, C55, D55, E55, F#55, G55, A55, B55, C56, D56, E56, F#56, G56, A56, B56, C57, D57, E57, F#57, G57, A57, B57, C58, D58, E58, F#58, G58, A58, B58, C59, D59, E59, F#59, G59, A59, B59, C60, D60, E60, F#60, G60, A60, B60, C61, D61, E61, F#61, G61, A61, B61, C62, D62, E62, F#62, G62, A62, B62, C63, D63, E63, F#63, G63, A63, B63, C64, D64, E64, F#64, G64, A64, B64, C65, D65, E65, F#65, G65, A65, B65, C66, D66, E66, F#66, G66, A66, B66, C67, D67, E67, F#67, G67, A67, B67, C68, D68, E68, F#68, G68, A68, B68, C69, D69, E69, F#69, G69, A69, B69, C70, D70, E70, F#70, G70, A70, B70, C71, D71, E71, F#71, G71, A71, B71, C72, D72, E72, F#72, G72, A72, B72, C73, D73, E73, F#73, G73, A73, B73, C74, D74, E74, F#74, G74, A74, B74, C75, D75, E75, F#75, G75, A75, B75, C76, D76, E76, F#76, G76, A76, B76, C77, D77, E77, F#77, G77, A77, B77, C78, D78, E78, F#78, G78, A78, B78, C79, D79, E79, F#79, G79, A79, B79, C80, D80, E80, F#80, G80, A80, B80, C81, D81, E81, F#81, G81, A81, B81, C82, D82, E82, F#82, G82, A82, B82, C83, D83, E83, F#83, G83, A83, B83, C84, D84, E84, F#84, G84, A84, B84, C85, D85, E85, F#85, G85, A85, B85, C86, D86, E86, F#86, G86, A86, B86, C87, D87, E87, F#87, G87, A87, B87, C88, D88, E88, F#88, G88, A88, B88, C89, D89, E89, F#89, G89, A89, B89, C90, D90, E90, F#90, G90, A90, B90, C91, D91, E91, F#91, G91, A91, B91, C92, D92, E92, F#92, G92, A92, B92, C93, D93, E93, F#93, G93, A93, B93, C94, D94, E94, F#94, G94, A94, B94, C95, D95, E95, F#95, G95, A95, B95, C96, D96, E96, F#96, G96, A96, B96, C97, D97, E97, F#97, G97, A97, B97, C98, D98, E98, F#98, G98, A98, B98, C99, D99, E99, F#99, G99, A99, B99, C100, D100, E100, F#100, G100, A100, B100, C101, D101, E101, F#101, G101, A101, B101, C102, D102, E102, F#102, G102, A102, B102, C103, D103, E103, F#103, G103, A103, B103, C104, D104, E104, F#104, G104, A104, B104, C105, D105, E105, F#105, G105, A105, B105, C106, D106, E106, F#106, G106, A106, B106, C107, D107, E107, F#107, G107, A107, B107, C108, D108, E108, F#108, G108, A108, B108, C109, D109, E109, F#109, G109, A109, B109, C110, D110, E110, F#110, G110, A110, B110, C111, D111, E111, F#111, G111, A111, B111, C112, D112, E112, F#112, G112, A112, B112, C113, D113, E113, F#113, G113, A113, B113, C114, D114, E114, F#114, G114, A114, B114, C115, D115, E115, F#115, G115, A115, B115, C116, D116, E116, F#116, G116, A116, B116, C117, D117, E117, F#117, G117, A117, B117, C118, D118, E118, F#118, G118, A118, B118, C119, D119, E119, F#119, G119, A119, B119, C120, D120, E120, F#120, G120, A120, B120, C121, D121, E121, F#121, G121, A121, B121, C122, D122, E122, F#122, G122, A122, B122, C123, D123, E123, F#123, G123, A123, B123, C124, D124, E124, F#124, G124, A124, B124, C125, D125, E125, F#125, G125, A125, B125, C126, D126, E126, F#126, G126, A126, B126, C127, D127, E127, F#127, G127, A127, B127, C128, D128, E128, F#128, G128, A128, B128, C129, D129, E129, F#129, G129, A129, B129, C130, D130, E130, F#130, G130, A130, B130, C131, D131, E131, F#131, G131, A131, B131, C132, D132, E132, F#132, G132, A132, B132, C133, D133, E133, F#133, G133, A133, B133, C134, D134, E134, F#134, G134, A134, B134, C135, D135, E135, F#135, G135, A135, B135, C136, D136, E136, F#136, G136, A

Teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.  
O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con - quer sin.  
Yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Christ, with us a - bide.  
An Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. You do not need to be a member of the United Church of Christ to partake in the Holy Sacrament. All bread served is gluten free.*

**Invitation to the Table**

**The Words of Institution**

**Distribution of the Elements**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

*There is an offering plate if you feel led to deposit your envelope or an offering there. You can also give through our Realm app or get the link to give by texting UCCMEDINA to 73256. You can also give through VENMO. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!*

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### Offering Invitation

In our last offering like this for our season,

**May we reflect and write what is on our hearts and minds,**

Knowing that we are being prayed for,

**Believing that God will do something with us and for us,**

Let us pause and reflect on the question....

**Lenten Reflection:** Who challenged you to see/think differently?

*Fill out the card in your bulletin and come forward to offer it up to God. You can also take more time to reflect and make an offering at the end of the service.*

**\*Doxology** (words, Ruth Duck, ©2005, GIA Publications)

**Praise God, the Source of life and birth; Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;**

**Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame; All glory, honor to God's Name! Amen.**

**\*Give Thanks** (From AJ Levine, *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A beginners guide to Holy Week. Leader Guide*, page 41.)

**God of Extravagant Giving,**

**You bless us with the impulse to respond to suffering with care.**

**Like the woman who anointed Jesus, You give costly gifts so that we can know blessings.**

**Help us not to offer you gifts that cost us nothing. Help us to risk being generous,**

**And help us to see your image in the face of everyone we meet. Amen.**

## \*SENDING HYMN

*Jane Parker Huber, 1981.*

### "Called As Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.

*John Zundel, 1855*



- 1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
- 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
- 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
- 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



We re- spond with deep com- mit- ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
Let us fol- low, nev- er fal- tering, rec- on- cil- ing folk on earth.  
Help us bear each oth- er's bur- dens, break- ing down each wall or fence.  
That sur- round each per- son's sor- row with a calm that con- quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar- ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
Men and wom- en, rich- er, poor- er, all God's peo- ple, young and old,  
Words of com- fort, words of vi- sion, words of chal- lenge, said with care,  
Make us part- ners in our liv- ing, our com- pas- sion to in- crease,



E- qual part- ners in our car- ing to ful- fill God's cho- sen end.  
Blend- ing hu- man skills to- geth- er gra- cious gifts from God un- fold.  
Bring new power and strength for ac- tion, make us col- leagues, free and fair.  
Mes- sen- gers of faith, thus giv- ing hope and con- fi- dence and peace.

**\*ANNOUNCEMENTS**

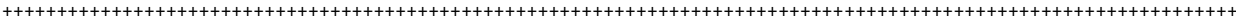
**\*BENEDICTION** (Adapted from AJ Levine, *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A beginners guide to Holy Week. Leader Guide*, p.46.)

Go forth in the name of God,  
**Who blesses us with community!**  
May you give thanks,  
**For the names we have written and the ones who surround us even now,**  
Whose love,  
**Infuses our lives and brightens our days,**  
May we give thanks that we have been blessed  
**not to journey alone.**  
And may we take the risk of blessing as well.  
**In Jesus' name and example, may it be so. 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** "Carillon, Op. 30, No. 4" – Léon Boëllmann Cathy Fafrak, Organ



**\*\*\*Please join us for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall following the service\*\*\*  
Coffee Hour is hosted this week by Alice & Pete Metzloff.**

# THE PILGRIM MESSENGER

## APRIL 6, 2025

**“WELCOMING, LOVING, SERVING, WHERE GOD HAS NO LIMITS.**

**MORE THAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY!”**

Live streaming of the 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary service is available at [www.uccmedina.org/live](http://www.uccmedina.org/live)

**April 6 thru April 13, 2025**

### **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>Sun</b>	8:00 am	Blake Donation List Posted
	8:15 am	Chapel Worship
	9:00 am	Gathering Worship
	9:15 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Class
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Sanctuary Worship
	10:30 am	Jesus Vibes
	11:30 pm	Women's Retreat Follow-Up
	11:30 am	Brass Rehearsal
	11:30 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	4:30 pm	Youth Group

### **Mon Cook for Cups**

8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
5:00 pm	Kids Book Club

### **Tues 7:00 pm Property & Grounds Meeting**

7:00 pm	Worship Team
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### **Wed 10:30 am Quilters**

6:00 pm	Gathering Band Rehearsal
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### **6:00 pm Final Ecumenical Lenten Study at St. Paul's Episcopal**

6:15 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm	Community Engagement Team

### **Thurs 6:30 pm Bible Study**

### **Fri**

### **Sat**

### **Sun PALM SUNDAY**

8:15 am	Chapel Worship
9:00 am	Gathering Worship
9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am	Children's Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am	Blake Food Donations Due
10:30 am	Sanctuary Worship
10:30 am	Jesus Vibes
11:45 am	Mission Team Meeting
11:45 am	Safety Team Meeting
3:00 pm	Confirmation

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

Scriptures: Luke 7:36-50 & Mark 14:3-9

Sermon: "The First Dinner"

The Rev. Dr. Luke Lindon

**Communion Table:** The flowers on the communion table today are given by Patrick & Jennifer Acurio in honor of Abbi and Ethan's birthdays.

## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** A Service of Prayer Stations and Sacrament will take place at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This service will not be livestreamed.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** a holy time for prayer and reflection as we encounter the story anew, pausing to pray and meditate along the way of Christ's journey to the cross. This service will also be at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall and will not be livestreamed.

## **EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**

7:00 am – Sunrise Service at Spring Grove Chapel

8:15 am – UCC Chapel

9:00 am – Fellowship Hall

10:30 am – Sanctuary (Livestreamed)

### **11:30 am – Easter Egg Hunt**

Children should bring their Easter Basket or a bag so they can add a few more eggs to their collection! We will have a quick Easter Egg Hunt in the grass area by the pergola. Hope to see you then!



## **WOMEN'S RETREAT FOLLOW-UP**

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A group will meet today, April 6<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 service to continue the dialog and fellowship from the January retreat. All are welcome!

## **BIBLE SUNDAY - April 27<sup>th</sup>**

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Join us on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> as five very special girls receive their very own Bible. They have worked very hard for this day and are very excited about receiving their Bible. Please join us to help them celebrate this very special day.

## **LENTEN SERIES**

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### **ENTERING THE PASSION OF JESUS**

#### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERIES:**

April 6: The First Dinner

April 13: The Last Supper, with Dr. Greg Carey preaching

April 13 at 4 p.m.: **Guest Speaker: Dr. Carey in the Sanctuary**

## **FINAL ECUMENICAL WEDNESDAY**

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Join us for the final session of our Wednesday Lenten series, along with St. Matthew's and St. Paul's churches on **April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**. This week's topic is "The Last Supper: Risking the Loss of Friends." Please join us at St. Paul's Episcopal, 317 E. Liberty St.

## **APRIL MONTHLY DONATION**

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We will be collecting **laundry detergent** to distribute to Cups Café, Prospect Pantry and other local pantries. Please place your donations for the Mission Team in the marked bins across from the elevator by the Mission table. Thank you for your generosity!

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

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Mark your calendars for the next Men's Breakfast on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at Buehler's River Styx at 8:00 am. Breakfast is always the first Monday of the month, and **all men of the church are invited**. No reservations required. We hope to see you there!

## **EASTER BAGS DUE BACK**

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To those who picked up an Easter Bag last week, make sure you fill the bags with age-appropriate items, **and return by next Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday)** to be blessed. Thanks for helping the Mission Team spread some love to kids whose parents are not able to celebrate Easter with them!

## **EASTER CANDY NEEDED**

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The DELTS will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at church after the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday. We are asking for **individually wrapped** Easter candy donations to stuff the Easter Eggs. There will be a container outside in the welcome area to put your donations in. Thank you in advance! The kids appreciate it!

## **HUGS IN A BOX**

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Our graduated UCC, C students were so touched by our "Hugs in a Box" care packages, we are going to do one more round this academic year: "GOOD LUCK ON FINALS" boxes.

Any unclaimed items can be found on paper lists (near the Blake Family sign-ups). **All donations are due to the church next Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.**

If church members would prefer to donate to defray shipping costs, they can do so via the church Venmo:

<https://account.venmo.com/u/uccmedina> (last four digits of the church phone number is 4559). Type "Hugs in a Box" in the 'what's this for' box.

Thank you! Ellen Nolan & Liz Wolff

## **ANNUAL REPORT TIME!**

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Teams, Committees and Leadership of the church are being asked to write up their Annual Reports to be presented at the May 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting immediately following **ONE SERVICE OF WORSHIP at 10:30 am**. The due date for your report will be Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please email or drop off your reports to me in the church office. Please try to limit your reports to one page. **Also, please inform me as to any changes on your team**. I appreciate all your efforts in getting these to me on time. Please email to: [office@uccmedina.org](mailto:office@uccmedina.org)

## LAST CHANCE FOR EASTER FLOWERS!

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If you would like to order an Easter flower, please plan to take it home after 10:30 worship on Easter Sunday, or plan to deliver it to someone yourself. ***We no longer have a “flower committee” to deliver flowers.*** *An assortment of lilies, tulips, daffodils and hyacinths will be used to decorate the Chapel, Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary for Easter services (type of flower claimed will be on a first come, first served basis).* Flowers are \$10 each. You can order on Realm or by filling out a paper form (can get these from the ushers) and returning it to the office. **The due date is tomorrow, Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

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**June 9-12      9:00 am-12:00 pm**

Registration has begun for VBS 2025! The theme is Road Trip – On the Road with God. Through engaging Bible stories, interactive games, and fun challenges, we will discover that God is always with us. Road Trip VBS is more than just fun, it's a journey of faith, friendship, and unforgettable memories. Registration is available online or you may pick up a registration form in the church office. Registration begins Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and ends Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM PER CHILD...** Registration is not complete until payment is received.

[Click Here to Register Online](#)

[Download registration form here](#)

You may drop off your money to the church office or [pay here now](#). Please contact Stacie Yates with any questions.

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

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Sunday | 217 E Liberty Street

April 13 | Medina, OH 44256

PREACHING: 8:15, 9 AND 10:30 AM

4P.M. AFTERNOON TALK

## MEDINA

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST. CONGREGATIONAL

# JUNK DRIVE 2025

## A Medina UCC Youth Trip Fundraiser

RECYCLE YOUR OLD, BROKEN, & UNUSED TECH TO SUPPORT OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SUMMER TRIP!

PLEASE READ THE LISTS BELOW CAREFULLY BECAUSE WE EDIT THEM YEARLY  
BASED ON WHAT WE CAN RECYCLE TO RAISE FUNDS

### We Can Recycle

Cellphones, Tablets, MP3 players and Smart Watches  
Laptops, Desktops, and All-In-One Computers  
Gaming Consoles and Video Games  
Metal Encased Stereo Receivers  
Small Metal Appliances  
VHS/DVD Players  
Cords and Cables



### We Cannot Recycle

Printers, Fax Machines, and Plastic Analog Phones  
Refrigerators or any items containing refrigerant  
Plastic or Wood Encased Radios and Speakers  
Thermostats or anything containing Mercury  
Vacuum Cleaners and Plastic Appliances  
Marine, Deep Cycle, or Car Batteries  
Humidifiers or Air Conditioners



### Recycling Guidelines

- 1) Please remove your personal data before donating, or let us know if you need help doing so.
- 2) Smart phones and tablets must be unlocked and removed from your personal accounts before donating.
- 3) Please remove disposable batteries (AA/AAA/C/D batteries) from your devices and recycle appropriately.
- 4) We will take CRT/Tube TVs and Monitors for a \$20 donation and LCD Monitors and flat screen TVs up to 55" for \$10. We still want to help you recycle them, but these cost money rather than make it!
- 5) If we can't take your items, you can find an e-waste recycling bin near you at <https://summitrecycle.com/bin-locations/>

### Drop-Off Schedule and Locations

**At Medina United Church of Christ**  
217 E. Liberty St. Medina, Ohio

TUES. APRIL 8, 4:30-6:30PM

SAT. APRIL 12, 8:30-11:30AM

TUES. APRIL 22, 4:30-6:30PM

SAT. APRIL 26, 8:30-11:30AM

**At The Lodi Family Center**  
301 Mill St. Lodi, OH 44254

SAT. APRIL 12, 4:30-6:30PM

TUES. APRIL 15, 4:30-6:30PM

SAT. APRIL 26, 4:30-6:30PM

Questions?  
Call the church office at 330-725-4559  
or email [meghan@uccmedina.org](mailto:meghan@uccmedina.org)



We are excited to partner with  
the Lodi Family Center  
Robotics and Tech Club  
who will help us with  
disassembling computers  
for better recycling!

Isaiah 45:16-21

**Something New**

If someone asked who your favorite prophet was, who would you say? Would it be “the weeping prophet” Jeremiah? Or maybe Hosea? He displayed the redeeming love of God by marrying a prostitute, repeatedly taking her back after many attempts to return to her former vocation. Perhaps it would be Micah, who spoke of a Shepherd King who would lead God’s children. What about Isaiah?

Often referred to as the prophet of Advent, Isaiah makes a rare Lenten appearance with his reminder that God is one who makes all things new — starting with creation, then with the foretold birth of a Mighty Counselor — Jesus — whose death and resurrection opened a path of new beginnings for us.

Hearing Isaiah speak to us in the season of Lent is our invitation to a holy reset. And we love resets, don’t we? The internet is full of promises that by following this plan or that we will have more energy, restful sleep, perhaps even a smaller waistline. We will be better than ever.

Isaiah’s Lenten reset, though, doesn’t involve gimmicks or empty promises. His reset is simply this: Remember once again that God is God and there is no other. That is all we need to bring focus back to our confusing and chaotic days where our Good Friday crosses forever loom on the horizon.

For just as Isaiah says in today’s passage, God had no intention for Jacob’s descendants to seek the Lord in vain. Rather, they would seek AND find. So it is for us today. Seeking the Lord is never an exercise in futility.

There’s been a lot of news lately about the mental health epidemic plaguing all ages. For the young, social media has ironically created a sense of isolation. For the elderly, loss of loved ones and no strong family network is fueling loneliness. Even those who have social supports in place are experiencing an emptiness inside.

Perhaps you or someone you know is experiencing a soul-crushing emptiness right now? If so, take heart. Your Lenten reset is here. Seek the Lord and you will find. For God who made the earth, did not create it to be empty. There is so much glory to take in and beauty for our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to embrace.

We were not created to be a shell of ourselves. Now is the time for our Lenten reset that leads to a full and fulfilled life.

*God of great grace, may we remember that You sent Your Son Jesus to us so that we could have life abundant. Fill our hearts with this knowledge as we seek to love and serve You now and forever. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.*