

Congregational Tidings



*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

A weekly newsletter

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September 19, 2018

**Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 23, 2018
10:30 am**

**Pastor Scott Spence will
present the message:**

Joseph in Prison

Using the text:
Genesis 39:1-23

Children's Lesson
Lynette Doepke

Special Music
Open Thou Mine Eyes
Chancel Choir

Deacon-In-Charge
Nancy Heinick

Acolytes
Rich and Kay Thuesen

Greeters
Marcia Johnson
Zoe Lennox
(Sanctuary)
Keith Jorgensen
(Crossroads)



Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. The offering this year will be held on **Sunday, October 7th** as part of our World Communion Sunday. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects

whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.



COMMUNITYMEALS

we provide every month. After many years of diligent service, they would like to step down from the planning position, but will still help at the meals.

If you would be willing to fill the planning role for our Community Meals, please contact the office at 319-234-8927.

HELP NEEDED:

We would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You!" to Steve and Liz Thorpe who have been faithfully coordinating the community meal



Calling All 3rd Graders!!!

It's coming to the time of year to present 3rd grade Bibles. If you have a current 3rd grader please contact the office and let us know.

UCC Disaster Ministries...

"UCC Disaster Ministries continues to monitor the situation unfolding with Florence and several other hurricanes, including four more named storms in the Atlantic and Super Typhoon Mangkhut in the Pacific. We are in communications with FEMA, National VOAD, partners, UCC Conferences and Conference Disaster Coordinators.

The potential for catastrophic widespread impact from these storms has prompted UCC Disaster Ministries to establish a 2018 Hurricane Relief response that will allow us to expand our current capacities and respond through our established networks and partners in the threatened regions and states.

To see what the United Church of Christ is doing or to donate to the relief fund go to

http://www.ucc.org/donate_to_disaster_relief

or you may send a check to
UCC c/o Financial Services Office
700 Prospect Ave. 6th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Mark "Emergency Fund USA" in the memo.

Condolences

Our sincere condolences also to the family of **Maxine Martens**. Maxine died on Sunday, September 16th in Colorado Springs at the age of 100 1/2. There will be a memorial service at a later date. More information to come as it is made available.

We also would like to extend our sympathies to the family of **Helen Lippold** who died Monday, September 17th. There will be a celebration of Life at Helen's home (140 Faber Rd., W'loo) on October 6th from 1 to 5pm. In lieu of flowers/plants, the family requests that donations be made to the organizations that will be listed in Helen's obituary in this coming Sunday's Courier Newspaper.

Mark Your Calendars



The Church Row will be holding our annual clothing giveaway again on **Saturday, October 27th from 9am to 10:30am** at Sacred Heart. Please collect your extra clothes, bedding, and towels and drop them off in the Crossroads at church when you come on Sunday.



Fredrik was born to Brenna and Ryan Thompson. Grandparents are Evie and Dale Waack

** 8 pounds, 9 ounces **
21 1/2 inches long (too long for newborn footie pj's!)

Sunday School

Gathering (9:00 - 9:15 am)

Youth and adults meet for singing, praying, and mission news in the chapel

Classes (9:15 - 10:15 am)

CHILDREN

Students 6th grade and up will gather upstairs in the Murphy Youth Room with Paul & Hannah Prescott. The youth will learn how being "Plugged In" to God can make their lives even better!

Children ages pre-K - 5th grade meet with Jayne Slaughter in the upstairs Sunday School Room. The children will learn to tie scriptural truth into their own lives.

ADULTS

Adults will meet in the chapel. Join Pastor Scott and Evie Waack to discuss how the Bible relates to our lives today.