

# *United Church of Christ*

Midland, Michigan • An Open and Affirming Church

Rev. Roger C. Pancost  
January 22, 2012  
Third Sunday after Epiphany



Ancient Nineveh



\* **Unison Prayer**                      The Clergy Journal

**You have called us to be fishers of people, O God. May we never grow weary of the task. Help us cast the lines of love into the deep waters of human distress. Help us cast the lines of forgiveness into the shallowness of human misunderstanding and dysfunction. Help us cast the lines of justice into the roiling waters of human prejudice. Help us cast the lines of equality into the flowing waters of human disunity. Help us gather all for a life of kingdom living. Amen.**

**Children's Moments**            *A Whale of a Tale*    Rev. Pancost

**Anthem**                      *On Eagle's Wings*                      Hayes  
Sheree Lovell, piano

**Scripture**

Psalm 62:5-12                      Pew Bible, pages 497-498  
Jonah 3:1-5, 10                      Pew Bible, page 801  
Mark 1:14-20                      Pew Bible, page 867

**Sermon**                      *Embracing Nineveh*    Rev. Roger C. Pancost

\* **Hymn** *For the Healing of the Nations*    NCH (Black) #576

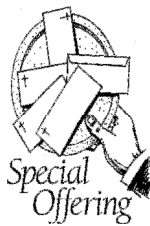
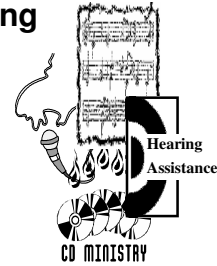
**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer** ("Debts" and "Debtors")

**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, for ever.  
Amen.**



- It is important for everyone to use the **microphone** during Announcements and Joys and Concerns.
- This church is equipped with a **hearing assistance system**. Please ask an usher for a receiver.
- **Large print** bulletins and copies of today's hymns are available for your use. Please ask an usher for a copy.
- **Audio CD's** of the worship service and a CD player may be borrowed from the office.
- **The church website** is updated weekly and contains worship bulletins, sermons, calendars, newsletter and other offerings. Please visit [www.uccmidland.org](http://www.uccmidland.org)



The special offering for the month of January is for **Crossroad**. Crossroad helps youth (ages 6 to 21) not only by treating those who live on the campus in Fort Wayne, Indiana, but by helping children and families who live at home but visit the campus, and also by serving the community. It also has special services for special kids such as those who are medically fragile or developmentally disabled. Crossroad employs about 150 counselors, teachers, therapists, housekeepers, cooks, groundskeepers, chaplains, nurses, and others.

**Crossroad** programs are helping to create futures for children and our financial support is needed. To make a contribution, please put a note on the information line of your check and drop it in the offering plate or turn it in at the church office. Gifts will be collected **through January 29**.

**The following Sunday School classes are offered each week:**



**Nursery care** is provided each week in the Red Door Room. The Orange Door Room is designed for the early preschool years for children 2 1/2 - 4 years old.

The Purple Door Room provides a multi-age class for children attending Young Fives - 4th grade. The Blue Door Room offers an older multi-age class for students in 5th - 8th grade.



**A few boxes of requested giving envelopes remain to be picked up on the table outside the church office. Please contact the office should any questions arise.**

**The flowers** on the communion table this morning were provided by Chris Brennan and Jan Timm in celebration of Chris Brennan's 23 years of sobriety.



**The Flower Chart** for 2012 is posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Please sign up if you wish to donate flowers for a specific Sunday worship service in 2012.



The United Church of Christ Midland will hold its **Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 12** immediately following the service of worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to receive annual reports, vote on the 2011 operating budget, install officers and board members, and any other church business. Please plan to attend your input is important! Childcare will be provided.

**DID YOU KNOW???**...UCC Midland has a new official **Facebook page**. The Internet Presence Committee has been hard at work creating this new social media forum for information and interaction. Join us at <http://goo.gl/tU1QY>, we'll be looking for you there!

### **Calendar of Events**

**Third Sunday after Epiphany** **January 22, 2011**

Service of Worship - Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship - Baumann Fellowship Hall	11:00 a.m.

**Monday, January 23**

Paint and Palette - Choir Room	10:00 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Blue Door Room	8:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 24**

Staff Meeting - Pastor's Study	9:30 a.m.
Bible Study - Choir Room	12:00 noon

**Wednesday, January 25**

Bible Study - Choir Room	7:00 a.m.
Bible Study - Choir Room	12:30 p.m.

**Thursday, January 26**

Choir Rehearsal - On the deck	7:00 p.m.
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**Friday, January 27**

Alcoholics Anonymous - Blue Door Room	8:00 p.m.
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**Saturday, January 28**

**Sunday, January 29**

Service of Worship - Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship - Baumann Fellowship Hall	11:00 a.m.
Board of Educational Ministries - Purple Door Room	11:00 a.m.
Confirmation Class - Blue Door Room	4:00 p.m.

**Office Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**Rev. Pancost's office hours:**

**Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon**

**and by appointment.**

**Rachel White, Director of Educational Ministries is Available in the building on Sunday and Tuesday mornings  
You may also contact her at anytime via phone or email.**



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