

Calendar of Events

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017

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

Monday, April 17

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

Tuesday, April 18 - Newsletter Deadline

Staff Meeting - Pastor's Study	9:30 a.m.
Sacred Writings - Parlor	12:00 noon
Church Council - Parlor	7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19 - Bulletin Deadline

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

Thursday, April 20

Choir Rehearsal - In the Loft	7:00 p.m.
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Friday, April 21

Alcoholics Anonymous - Blue Door Room	8:00 p.m.
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Saturday, April 22

Sunday, April 23 - Earth Day

Service of Worship - Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship - Baumann Fellowship Hall	11:00 a.m.
Youth Group Fundraiser	
Handbell Choir Rehearsal - In the Loft	11:15 a.m.

Monday, April 24

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

Rev. Pancost's Office Hours:

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon, Monday through Thursday
and by appointment**

Jennifer Ringgold, Director of Educational Ministries

**Office Hours:
10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday**

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

Midland

an open and affirming church



Easter Sunday

**Rev. Roger C. Pancost, Pastor
April 16, 2017**

Order of Worship

Gathering Hymns

<i>I Come to the Garden Alone</i>	#237
<i>Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain</i>	#230

Welcome to Worship

(Please sign the *Fellowship Pad* in the red folder at the end of the pew.
Visitors, please give your address and phone number and sign our guest
book located in the Narthex.)

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Greet Each Other with the Peace of God

Prelude *Primi Toni* Pachelbel
 UCC Instrumental Ensemble

We Bring the Light of Christ into Our Midst

(Acolyte carries the Light to the Communion Table)

Choral Introit *Surrexit* Scheidt

Call to Worship *Seasons of the Spirit*

L: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

L: God has said a resounding "Yes!" to the world!

P: Come, let us worship God.

* Hymn *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* #233

(Asterisk indicates when you may stand. Please stand, as you are
able, when the first notes of the hymn are played.)

* Unison Prayer Touch Holiness
**We come before you, O God, in Easter joy, seeking
to be a people of the resurrection. Be known
among us; assure us of your presence, your
love, and your renewing power. Through your
Word and Spirit, reveal your purpose in our
lives. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ.
Amen.**



We invite you to join us on Sunday, April 30, for a fun evening that will include a silent auction, a live auction, carnival games for children, delicious food, and lots of laughter. The festivities begin at 5:00 p.m. in Baumann Fellowship Hall.

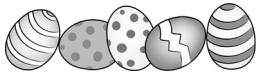
To insure a successful event many donations have been received for both auctions. We have food items, experiences, vacation home weekends, dinners, services and hand-made items. We encouraged your creativity in your offerings and we haven't been disappointed.

Please deliver all items to the church no later than Sunday, April 23, with the exception of food items or perishables. Donation forms are available outside the church office. A sign-up sheet for dinner is located in the hallway leading to the fellowship hall.

SCIENCE, NOT SILENCE From the National March for Science: "The March for Science demonstrates our passion for science and sounds a call to support and safeguard the scientific community. Recent policy changes have caused heightened worry among scientists.

The mischaracterization of science as a partisan issue, which has given policymakers permission to reject overwhelming evidence, is a critical and urgent matter. It is time for people who support scientific research and evidence-based policies to take a public stand and be counted."

On **April 22 at 3:00 p.m.** we will be holding a Sister March in Midland, Michigan. It will begin at Carpenter Elementary School with a Rally. Several speakers will discuss what science is and why it matters. For those who are able and desire to do so, the gathering will march to the Tridge following the speeches.



The Board of Educational Ministries will sponsor the annual **Easter Egg Hunt** after worship and Sunday school **today**.

Weather permitting, we plan to use the paved area between the parking lot and the stem entrance for our families with toddlers and preschoolers. We will use the sidewalk outside the Fellowship Hall and Education Wing for our Elementary School students and families. Children will need an adult with them prior to going outside to hunt eggs of their chosen color.

This is always a fun way to celebrate the joyous occasion of Easter!

Barely-Used Battery Sale! Following Worship on **Sunday April 23**, the Youth Group will be sponsoring an **Earth Day Fundraiser** in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Jim Hohmeyer, the Youth Group was able to obtain batteries from the MCFTA. During performances at the Center, batteries are replaced after each show and put in bins for recycling since the Center cannot risk a dead battery mid-show. Using battery testers, the Youth discovered that many of the batteries still have a full charge, and have packaged them to sell at '**shockingly**' low prices. For a suggested donation of \$1.00, you can purchase 4-AAA, 4-AA, or 2 9V 'barely-used' batteries. In honor of Earth Day, the Youth Group will be donating all proceeds to benefit the Youth Ocean Conservation Team and the Stow it Don't Throw it Project. Our youth were informed about these joint efforts when the founder, Sean Russell, spoke at NYE 2016. Both of these projects currently work to empower young people to be involved in a collaborative effort to tackle the threats facing our planet's marine ecosystems. Our Youth would like to remind you that you have the '**power**' to help the Earth!

Children's Moment *In a New Way*

Rev. Pancost

Anthem

Earth, Earth Awake Your Praises Sing Morris/Stuempfle
Joel Wiseman, Trumpet

Scripture

Acts 10:34-43 Pew Bible, pages 957-958
John 20:1-18 Pew Bible, pages 944-945

Sermon *Transformed!* Rev. Roger C. Pancost

* **Affirmation of Faith** New Century Hymnal #886

* **Hymn** *The Day of Resurrection* #240

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.

Offertory *A Festive Flourish on Psalm 98:6*

Wagner

* **Doxology** #780

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

* **Hymn** *Lift High the Cross* #198

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Response**

Postlude *Easter Light* Honoré
Handbell Choir

(Because the Postlude is an integral part of the service
we invite you to remain seated in silence.)

We Carry the Light of Christ into the World

(Acolyte carries the Light from the Communion Table)

Instrumental Ensemble: Joel Wiseman, Grant VonWald,
Robin VonWald, Doug Webster and Susan Mercy

Acolyte: Izaac Ringgold

Liturgist: Mary DuBuis

Organist: Edward Soehnlen

Director or Music: James Hohmeyer

Director of Educational Ministries: Jennifer Ringgold

Sound System Operator: Reneé Turner

Rainbow Door Room: Emily and Bill Anderson

SAFE Church Volunteer: Al Harrow



 **Please join us in Fellowship Hall** for a time of fellowship and refreshments provided by the Board of Fine Arts.

Please have all articles and announcements for the **May 2017 newsletter** into the church office by Tuesday, April 18.

- 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



Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available in the Rainbow Door Room directly across the hall from the sanctuary. Please feel welcome to be with your child in the nursery if necessary.



After Children's Moments, Sunday School classes meet in the Education wing. Each classroom has a brightly painted door to designate its participants! Red Door is for Preschoolers, young fives, and Kindergartners. Green Door is for 1st and 2nd graders. Orange Door is where class meets for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. 6th - 8th grade has class in the Blue Door Room. Children age 3 and under are welcome in the sanctuary, or childcare is provided in the Rainbow Door Room across the hall.