

Calendar of Events

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - VBS Sunday **August 11, 2019**

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

Monday, August 12

SHARE Lunch Prep at the Salvation Army 8:45 a.m.
Paint & Palette - Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Blue Door Room 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 13

Wednesday, August 14

Adult Bible Study - Parlor 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 15

Friday, August 16

Alcoholics Anonymous - Blue Door Room 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 17

Home to Stay Furniture Pick-up 9:00 a.m.
Ice Cream Social - at the home of Doug Webster & Al Harrow
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 18

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

Monday, August 19

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



Each year the United Church of Christ Midland, holds an outdoor service of worship on the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend. This year the service will be held on Sunday, September 1 at 10:00 a.m. in the courtyard between the sanctuary and the educational wing. The area is accessed by the doors in the stem hallway (the hallway between the sanctuary and the church offices). The service will include readings, special music and communion.

Rally Day and an All Church Picnic is coming up soon!
We will celebrate a new programming year on September 8!

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST *Midland*

an open and affirming church



Rev. Roger C. Pancost, Pastor
August 11, 2019
Vacation Bible School Sunday

Order of Worship

Gathering Music

Love that Make the World Go Round

Andy Wilson

Gathering Hymn - Congregation

Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit

(verses 1-4) #567

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

God of Wonders

Andy Wilson

We Bring the Light of Christ into Our Midst

Call to Worship

Cokesbury VBS

L: God's power is at work within us!

P: God can do more than we ask or imagine!

L: God can help us go beyond with faith, boldness, kindness, thankfulness, and hope!

P: God can do more than we ask or imagine!

L: Glory to God for all generations!

P: God can do more than we ask or imagine!

* Unison Prayer:

Hi God, it's us. We are ready to be inspired to listen and learn in new ways for you. Help us use our imaginations to dream of a kinder, more loving world. Help us ask hard questions, even when we know we may not find easy answers. Remind us that we are part of your story, and give us hope to go BEYOND anything that we could ask or imagine on our own. Thanks for listening. Amen.



The UCC Board of Christian Community will be **sponsoring a second Loon's baseball fellowship night!** As summer winds down, we hope you will join us for food, fun and baseball on **Thursday, August 22**. We have reserved Pier 47 at the Great Lakes Loons stadium and this option is now sold out.

A second option is available with reserved box seats in the adjacent area to Pier 47. Reserved box seats are \$10.00 per person.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board adjacent to the church office. Make checks payable to UCC, Midland and note *Baseball* on the memo line. All **reservations will require payment no later than August 18.**

The ROMEOs will meet at Rancheritos, 405 E. Main Street, in Midland at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20. Hope for a nice day to enjoy the patio.

The Juliet's Summer Tour, Part 3! The Juliet's will venture to Clare on Tuesday, August 20 for lunch at 1:00 p.m. We will dine at Herrick House & The Mulberry Café, which is located at 120 E. 5th Street in Clare. The destination is located diagonally across the street from the Doherty Hotel. Those interested in carpooling will meet in the JoAnne's parking lot at 12:15 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Rhodes or Sondi Geminder.

The Social Concerns book sale has just received a large donation of **new and interesting books!** Take a few minutes to explore the bookshelves in the Fellowship Hall, you may just find a good read or two perfect for relaxing this summer! Your support is greatly appreciated.

For those donating books for the book sale, please note the **change in donation site**. A blue bin has been placed in Fellowship Hall between the bookcases (currently under a table) for collecting incoming donations. Thank you for your generosity.

- 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.



The special offering for August is the **Pastor's Emergency Assistance Fund**. Through our pastor, your resources can minister to the immediate needs of our Midland neighbors.

If you would like to give to the Pastor's Emergency Fund, simply put a note on the memo line of your check and drop it in the offering plate or drop off your check to the church office.

Please join us at the home of Doug Webster and Al Harrow for the **annual ice cream social**. This year we will gather on August 17 at 1:00 p.m. We will have delicious ice cream with all of your favorite toppings. We hope to see you all there! See the details in the August Newsletter or the bulletin board. A sign up sheet is now available. All are welcome! This event is sponsored by the Board of Christian Community.



The **UCC Book Club** will meet August 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Ault's to discuss *The Story of Arthur Truluv* by Elizabeth Berg. If you need a copy of the book, see Allan Thiele. He has the Book Club in a Bag collection.

Musical Offering *On Our Way to Mars* Andy Wilson

VBS Moment

Musical Offering & VBS pictures slide show
Safe Inside Your Love Andy Wilson

Scripture Story *On the Road to Emmaus* Laura Alary

Message *Part of God's Story* Jenn Ringgold

***Hymn** *O How Glorious, Full of Wonder* #558

Prayers of the People
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, for ever.
Amen.**

Offertory *Après un Reve* Gabriel Faure
Susan Mercy, Cello

***Doxology** NCH #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.**

* **Unison Prayer**

Hey God, it's us again. We are so lucky to be people of creativity and wonder. Let our imaginations continue to explore where your power can take us. Help us to be life-long learners about our amazing universe and our faith. Keep giving us challenges that help us grow. We want to be bold because we know that is how to make a just world for all. We want to be kind, even when it's really hard sometimes. We forget to say thank you as often as we should. Through it all, you keep showing up. Thanks for reminding us that when we worship and love together, that we can light up the world. We have the power to make it a brighter day for all your people. We are part of your story, and that gives us hope. Amen

***Closing Hymn**

#556

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

***Benediction**

Postlude

Just a Little Bit

Andy Wilson

(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)

Thank You

On Day 4, our power launcher was "Go Beyond with Thankfulness" I am BEYOND grateful for all of the youth and adult volunteers who make Vacation Bible School possible. VBS is exhilarating and exhausting. It is a big commitment to be a part of ministering kids for an entire week, but the impact that these volunteers make is priceless. VBS volunteers, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the time, talent, and dedication you gave To Mars and Beyond.

Jennifer Ringgold

Director of Educational Ministries

The plant on the communion table this morning are provided by Jan Baumgras to thank all the people who have cared for the gardens this summer.



Nursery space 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.



Acolyte: Sera DiMuro

Director or Music: James Hohmeyer

Director of Educational Ministries: Jennifer Ringgold

Sound System Operator: Al Harrow

SAFE Church Volunteer: Laurie Bledsoe



Welcome Visitors! Please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments after the service of worship. Church members are happy to greet you and answer any questions you may have. We hope you feel welcome here! Refreshments are provided by the Board of Educational Ministries.



Coming up...Sunday, August 25th will be our church's annual Hawaiian Shirt Sunday. We invite you to wear a Hawaiian shirt, or other brightly colored clothing, to worship that day.