

**Calendar of Events**

<b>First Sunday In Advent</b>	<b>December 3, 2017</b>
OWL Planning Team - Blue Door Room	8:30 a.m.
Service of Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship - Baumann Fellowship Hall	11:00 a.m.
Family Choir - Sanctuary	11:15 a.m.
Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Loft	11:30 a.m.
Board of Educational Ministries - Blue Door Room	11:30 a.m.
<b>Monday, December 4</b>	
<b>Deadline for Poinsettia Orders</b>	
<i>Paint and Palette - Fellowship Hall</i>	10:00 a.m.
<i>Alcoholics Anonymous - Blue Door Room</i>	8:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, December 5</b>	
Staff Meeting - Pastor's Study	9:30 a.m.
Adult Study Group - Parlor	12:00 noon
<b>Wednesday, December 6</b>	
Bible Study - Parlor	7:00 a.m.
Bible Study - Parlor	12:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, December 7</b>	
Music Committee - Parlor	6:15 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal - In the Loft	7:00 p.m.
<i>Ski Patrol - Blue Door Room</i>	7:00 p.m.
<b>Friday, December 8</b>	
<i>Alcoholics Anonymous - Blue Door Room</i>	8:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday, December 9</b>	
Children & Youth Rehearsal - Sanctuary	
<b>Sunday, December 10 - Children &amp; Youth Advent Program</b>	
Service of Worship - Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship - Baumann Fellowship Hall	11:00 a.m.
Handbell Rehearsal - In the Loft	11:30 a.m.
Youth Group Christmas - Parlor	4:00 p.m.
<b>Monday, December 11</b>	
<i>Paint and Palette - Fellowship Hall</i>	10:00 a.m.
Women's Christmas Party - Parlor	5:00 p.m.
<i>Alcoholics Anonymous - Blue Door Room</i>	8:00 p.m.

Don't forget the **UCC Women's Annual Christmas celebration!** Sign up today. This year we will gather in the church parlor on **Monday, December 11 at 5:30 p.m.**

**UNITED CHURCH**  
OF CHRIST *Midland*  
an open and affirming church



**Rev. Roger C. Pancost, Pastor**  
December 3, 2017  
First Sunday in Advent



- 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.



**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** Children age three and under will meet in the Rainbow Door Room. There will be a one room Sunday School for preschool through fourth grade meeting in the Red Door Room. Fifth grade students and older will remain with their families in the sanctuary for communion.



UCC Midland is again sponsoring a family this Christmas through Salvation Army's Adopt-a-Family program. We'll provide Kent and his four children ranging in age from 5 to 16 with a Christmas meal and gifts for each of them.

Please look for the sign-up sheet to be posted soon in Fellowship Hall. Our congregation's generosity always makes this effort a fun one. We'll wrap the gifts together before they're delivered -- more information to be provided soon!

**Last chance to order poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary!** Order forms are available outside the church office.

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Introduction

Scripture

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Unison Prayer

**O God, we thank you for all of the ways in which peace is shared. We pray that during this busy season, we will experience peace in our lives. As we receive, may we also share with those who are sick, hungry, lonely, or sad, so that they may also have peace. Amen.**

**Children's Moment** *The Journey Begins* Rev. Pancost

**Anthem** *Advent Meditation* Patrick M. Liebergen  
Incorporating *Dona Nobis Pacem*

### Scripture

Isaiah 64:1-9

Pew Bible page 643

Mark 13:24-37

Pew Bible page 882

**Sermon** *Monkey and Cat* The Rev. Roger Pancost

\* **Hymn** *We Hail You God's Anointed* #104

### 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.**

