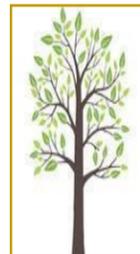


Calendar of Events

<u>Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</u>	<u>July 30, 2017</u>
Service of Worship - Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Decorating for VBS following worship	
Fellowship - Baumann Fellowship Hall	11:00 a.m.
<u>Monday, July 31</u>	
Vacation Bible School	9:00 - 12:00 noon
Paint and Palette - Blue Door Room	10:00 a.m.
Worship Committee - Pastor's Study	6:30 p.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Blue Door Room	8:00 p.m.
<u>Tuesday, August 1</u>	
Vacation Bible School	9:00 - 12:00 noon
<u>Wednesday, August 2</u>	
Vacation Bible School	9:00 - 12:00 noon
Summer Bible Study - Parlor	12:30 p.m.
<u>Thursday, August 3</u>	
Vacation Bible School	9:00 - 12:00 noon
Handbell Rehearsal in the loft	4:00 p.m.
<u>Friday, August 4</u>	
Vacation Bible School	9:00 - 12:00 noon
Building Exterior power washing	12:00 noon
Alcoholics Anonymous - Blue Door Room	8:00 p.m.
<u>Saturday, August 5</u>	
<u>Sunday, August 6 - VBS Sunday</u>	
Service of Worship - Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship - Baumann Fellowship Hall	11:00 a.m.
English Anthems Concert - Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall	4:00 p.m.
<u>Monday, August 7</u>	
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 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the courtyard between the sanctuary and the educational wing. The service will include readings, special music and communion.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST *Midland*

an open and affirming church



Rev. Roger C. Pancost, Pastor
July 30, 2017
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

Gathering Hymns

For the Beauty of the Earth
Crashing Waters at Creation

#28
#326

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 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Mark Hayes
arr. Wagner

We Bring the Light of Christ into Our Midst

(Acolyte carries the Light to the Communion Table)

Call to Worship

Touch Holiness

L: May God's peace rest on our busy lives so that we are
quieted into prayer.

**P: May God's love flow through our worship words
so that we are awake to opportunities for service.**

L: May God's grace embrace every need and may the
restless Gospel set our hearts afire.

P: Amen and Amen.

* **Hymn** *At the Font We Start Our Journey* #308

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



Due to a scheduling delay,
Friday, August 4 at 12:00 noon
the church will be undergoing
power washing. With painting
now scheduled to begin on
Monday, August 7th.

As part of the **Founders Series**, the EXULTATE DEO CHAMBER CHOIR will be singing a wonderful program of English Anthems at 4:00 p.m. in our loft. The August 6 concert is open to everyone and there will be a free-will donation available at the end of the concert. This program was arranged recently by Robin Von Wald who sings in the group with her son Seth and as well with Julia Willison and David King. This Chamber choir is another example of the talented music making we have in our Great Lakes Bay region. Here is some more information about the concert:

The English Anthem program will trace the birth of the anthem in the English language that began at the Reformation in England. Featured composers are Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585), Christopher Tye (c.1505-1573), Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) William Byrd (1539-1623), Adrian Batten (1591-1637) and Henry Purcell (1659-1695). Tallis and Tye are credited with composing the first anthems written in English and inventing the hymn tune during the Reformation in England. Nicholas Schmelter will accompany the chamber choir on our own organ and Robert Sabourin will direct. Schmelter will also play *Chromatic Fantasia on Ut Re Me Fa So La* by John Bull (1562/1563-1628) and *On a Theme of Orlando Gibbons* by C. V. Stanford (1852-1924).

The flowers on the communion table this morning are provided by Sarah Gorman to honor the spirit of friendship.



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 today are provided by the Board of Deacons. Everyone is welcome!



The Rainbow Door Room is available for infants and toddlers. Families are invited to remain in worship with their babies, or are welcome to utilize the Rainbow Door Room space and listen to the service via the speaker system.

After Children's Moments a Summer One Room Sunday School for preschool through fifth graders will meet in the Red Door Room. After our lesson the children will play outside (weather permitting). Grown-ups will find kids at the outside doors by the church offices on the way to Fellowship Hall when worship is over.



The special offering for July 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 Assistance Fund, simply put a note on the memo line of your check and place it in the offering plate or drop off your check in the church office.

* **Unison Prayer** Touch Holiness
Gracious and holy God, we come to you because you have first come to us. We know you because you have revealed yourself. Give us in this morning hour of worship a new sense of your Spirit breathing through us. Lift our hearts with the wings of song, heal our souls with the balm of prayer, enliven our minds with the words of scripture and interpretation, and newly enable us to dedicate our strength, our substance, and our service to your work in the world. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Children's Moment *Something Special* Rev. Pancost

Order of Baptism

Musical Offering *To God be the Glory* Crosby/Hayes
Robert Snyder, soloist
Doug Webster, accompanist

Scripture
1 Kings 3:5-12 Pew Bible, pages 293-294
Matthew 13:51-58 Pew Bible, page 848

Sermon *Being in Alignment* The Rev. Roger Pancost

* **Hymn** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* #286

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 Charles Callahan

Meditation on Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

* **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** *God Be with You* #81

* **Benediction**

Postlude Trumpet Tune on *Festal Song* Dennis Janzer

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



Today we celebrate two baptisms:

Steven Yifu Sun
Oliver Thomas Sun, son of Leah
Trzcinski and Steven Sun

Acolyte: Izaak Ringgold
Liturgist: Mary DuBuis
Organist: Edward Soehnlén
Director or Music: James Hohmeyer
Director of Educational Ministries: Jennifer Ringgold
Sound System Operator: René Turner
Rainbow Door Room: Steve Ringgold
SAFE Church Volunteer: Sarah Pancost



- 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

