

Calendar of Events

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 26, 2019

Sunday, May 26

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

Monday, May 27—Memorial Day

Church Offices remain closed in observance of Memorial Day

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

Tuesday, May 28

Staff Meeting - Pastor's Study 9:00 a.m.
Adult Study - Parlor 12:00 noon

Wednesday, May 29

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

Thursday, May 30

GEM Road Trip and Lunch 10:30 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal - Loft 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 31

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

Saturday, June 1

Sunday, June 2

Service of Worship - Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
Dedication of the Memorial Garden Extension 11:00 a.m.
Fellowship - Baumann Fellowship Hall 11:00 a.m.
Kickball, Volleyball & Gaga Ball at the school 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, June 3

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

This year the United Church of Christ is excited to share two special days at the **Great Lake Loons**. The first day will be [Friday, June 14](#) we will be there to celebrate Pride night at the Loons. The United Church of Christ will have a table. We will be there to support the LGBT in our community. Please join us.

A sign-up sheet will be in the hallway. And tickets are \$10. Please sign up by [Sunday, June 9](#). If you'd like to participate and are unable to purchase a ticket please see Rev. Roger Pancost. Some tickets will be available.

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



Rev. Roger C. Pancost, Pastor
May 26, 2019
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Order of Worship

Gathering Hymns

Come to the Water
Come to the Waters

Sing! #16
Sing! #3

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

Salat D'Amour
Susan Mercy, violin

Elgar

We Bring the Light of Christ into Our Midst

(Acolyte carries the Light to the Communion Table)

Call to Worship

L: We gather this day remembering Lydia, who with others, gathered along the banks of the river to worship God.

P: We gather this day remembering those who first came together to worship God in this space.

L: How powerful it is that from generation to generation the stories of our faith have been passed down,

P: inspiring people to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

L: Come, let us worship God.

* **Hymn** *God, We Thank You for Our People* #376

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

One Week/One Street - This will be the seventh year that individuals from our church have participated in One Week/One Street Saginaw. This project involves volunteers from around the Tri-Cities coming together to rehab homes in an economically challenged neighborhood.



Our church will be working Monday, June 24 and Tuesday, June 25. We car pool from the church parking lot at 8:30a.m. and work until 4:00 p.m. Volunteers must be 13 years old or older. Our team paints homes, cleans yards and does basic carpentry work.

If you would like to volunteer there is a sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board across from the church office. Please contact Reverend Pancost if you have any questions.



The Special Offering for May is Hidden Harvest which strives to alleviate hunger and end food waste in the Bay, Midland and Saginaw region. It does this by providing a safe and coordinated system of rescuing surplus food and redistributing it to feed people in need. Last year, Hidden Harvest distributed 2.1 million pounds of surplus food items in the Great Lakes Bay Region. Food that is picked up in our area stays in our area.

If you would like to make a contribution to Hidden Harvest, envelopes will be available on the tables outside the sanctuary doors during the month of May, or please put Hidden Harvest on the memo line of your check and drop it in the offering plate. For more information, please visit <http://www.hiddenharvestshares.org/>.



Our spring GEM luncheon will be a road trip to Whiting Forest with a guided tour of the Canopy Walk and a light lunch at the Café on **Thursday**,

May 30. We will arrive at the Café at 10:45 a.m. to organize our groups. Depending on the total number of attendees we may need to divide into two groups. For further details see your May newsletter or the bulletin board adjacent to the office. A sign up sheet is available at that location.



Come on out for the All Church Game Day on Sunday, June 2nd from 3:00—5:00 p.m. Outdoor games will be available on the Chestnut Hill school playground: volleyball, kickball, and gaga ball, a new craze! Come and play or cheer on the players.



Mark your calendars now - June 9 is Youth Sunday! This celebration of Pentecost will include worship written planned and led by UCC, Midland Youth and the Souper Bowl of Caring Bounce House and

Dunk Tank Extravaganza! This event will mark the end of the regular programming year, and honor the congregational work done during Souper Bowl of Caring. Thank you to the Board of Trustees for helping to provide a hot dog lunch after worship to add to the excitement!

* **Unison Prayer** Based 42

Gracious God, like a deer that longs for cool water in the heat of the day, we come seeking you in this time of worship. As we sing hymns, read scripture, and offer prayers, refresh us and renew us for the journey ahead. Lead us in your paths of righteousness and grace, that we too may help to restore others. Amen.

Children's Moment *Shalom* Rev. Pancost

Musical Offering Shafferman
Peace Like A River/Kum bah ya
Bill and Peg Stokes

Scripture

Acts 16:9-15	Pew Bible, page 963
Revelation 21:10 & 21:22-22:5	Pew Bible, page 1086
John 14:23-29	Pew Bible, page 939

Sermon *A New Beginning* Rev. Roger C. Pancost

* **Hymn** *Shall We Gather at the River* #597

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

Fritz Kreisler

Songs My Mother Taught Me
Susan Mercy, violin

* 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** *For the Faithful Who Have Answered* #384

* Benediction

Postlude *Hava Nagila* Traditional Jewish Folk Song
Susan Mercy, violin

(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)

- 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.



Acolyte: Cristina Geib
Liturgist: Mary DuBuis
Director or Music: James Hohmeyer
Director of Educational Ministries: Jennifer Ringgold
Sound System Operator: Al Harrow
Rainbow Door Room: Steve Ringgold
SAFE Church Volunteer: Amy McDonald



The Rainbow Door Room is available for infants and children age 3 and under. 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 Sunday School classes meet in the Education wing. There will be a one-room Sunday School class for preschoolers through the fifth grade this week meeting in the Red Door Room. Middle and High School students meet in the Blue Door Room.



Immediately following our service of worship please join us in Fellowship Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshments provided by the Board of Christian Community.

The flowers on the communion table this morning are provided by Mary DuBuis in loving memory of her sister Shirley, brother, Howard Jr. and niece, Nikki.

