

## Calendar of Events

### Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**October 15, 2017**

#### **Sunday, October 15**

Gun Violence Bible Study - Parlor	8:30 a.m.
Service of Worship - Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship - Baumann Fellowship Hall	11:00 a.m.
Handbell Rehearsal - Loft	11:30 a.m.

#### **Monday, October 16**

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

#### **Tuesday, October 17**

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

#### **Wednesday, October 18**

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

#### **Thursday, October 19**

Choir Rehearsal - Loft	7:00 p.m.
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#### **Friday, October 20**

Alcoholics Anonymous - Blue Door Room	8:00 p.m.
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#### **Saturday, October 21**

Interior Painting of Hallways	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
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#### **Sunday, October 22**

Gun Violence Bible Study - Parlor	8:30 a.m.
Service of Worship - Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship - Baumann Fellowship Hall	11:00 a.m.
Handbell Rehearsal - Loft	11:30 a.m.

#### **Monday, October 23**

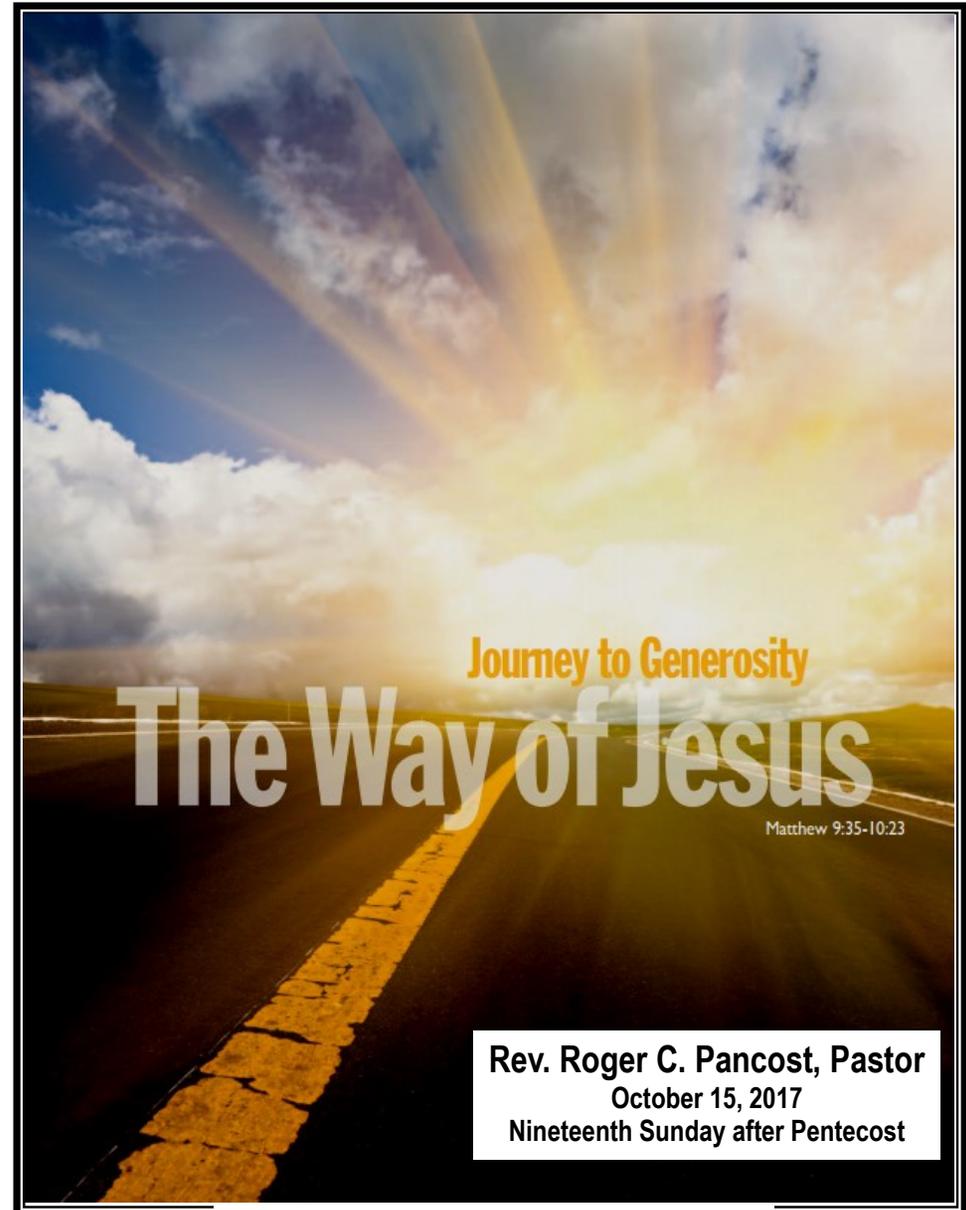
Paint & Palette - Fellowship Hall	10:00 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous - Blue Door Room	8:00 p.m.



The Grove Music Festival will host Alicia Marie Valoti, viola, and Karen Follingstad, piano, for a concert at Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 21, 2017.

# UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST *Midland*

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## Order of Worship

### Gathering Hymns

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #506  
*Not My Brother, nor My Sister* #519

### 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

### We Bring the Light of Christ into Our Midst

(Acolyte carries the Light to the Communion Table)

### Choral Introit

### Call to Worship

L: There are many places we could be this morning.

**P: We could be in bed getting a few more minutes of sleep.**

L: We could be sitting at the kitchen table drinking a cup of coffee or sitting on the sofa watching television.

**P: We could be shopping or carrying out other tasks.**

L: But we have chosen to be here, in this place, with these people.

**P: May our time together in worship fill us with a sense of God's love.**

L: May our time together in worship inspire us to go forth to share God's love with others.

### SAFE Church training and education opportunities offered:

We Dig Safety (2014)  
Safe Church Superheroes (2015)  
Darkness to Light (2016)  
*Spotlight* movie discussion (2016)  
What is OWL? Open House (2016)  
OWL (2014, 2015, 2017)  
VBS Training (2014 - 2017)

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**Today was the first meeting of a 5-part Sunday morning adult education opportunity. The Bible study, called Faith vs. Fear: a faith response to gun violence, was created by the national UCC offices in 2016 as a way to support UCC local congregations in promoting peace and reconciliation, and finding faith-centered ways to reduce gun violence in all our communities. This Bible Study will continue to meet at 8:30am in the Parlor through Sunday November 12. Please join in the discussion next week, even if you weren't able to participate today – materials can be found on the table by the church office.**



**Children in Sunday School will have their annual UNICEF lesson today.** Every October, our congregation participates in **Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF by painting pumpkins** and putting them on display with boxes to collect money for UNICEF. This is a concrete way to help our children learn that they have the capacity to help children around the world. Next week, October 22, during Sunday School, children will paint pumpkins with their classes, and pumpkins will be on display Sunday, October 29. Kids are encouraged to wear their costumes to church, and grown-ups are invited to bring spare change for 2017 Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF on Sunday, October 29.

## SAFE Church Stewardship Moment: 5-year Update

Our SAFE Church policy was adopted at the Congregational Annual Meeting in February 2013. A copy of the full policy can be found at [www.uccmidland.org/children](http://www.uccmidland.org/children)

To date there are 30 adult volunteers who have participated in background checks

SAFE Church evolution anecdote: Over the summer, a SAFE Church volunteer was working during worship and noticed a little girl had gone to the bathroom but hadn't yet come out. The volunteer opened the door to the bathroom to ask if she was okay. The little girl did not recognize the SAFE Church volunteer and was visibly frightened. We learned that we need to invite the SAFE Church volunteer into each classroom to prevent this from happening again!

Highlight of SAFE Church training: After teaching the "hoola hoop rule" in VBS training, an adult came to the realization that not all members of our church like to be hugged (sometimes a high five or a handshake is great!) This rule teaches us to visualize a hoola hoop around other people, and if we wish to enter their 'hoola hoop' we should ask first. This is a great way to make sure everyone feels safe.

Teaching kids through Our Whole Lives (OWL) that human sexuality is natural and divine is an important part of our SAFE Church ministry. Learning about bodies and relationships provides children (and adults) the agency needed to stay as safe as possible.

This past summer, we received recognition from our insurance agent for SAFE Church practices. Janet received an email acknowledging a section of the newsletter seeking caregivers for Rainbow Door Room with requirements for background check and SAFE Church training. Our efforts make a difference!

\* **Hymn** *Praise to the Living God* #8

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

\* **Unison Prayer** UCC NCH

**Holy God, we come before you with awe, for you are great in love and power. Some of us come with reluctance and some with joy; some with sadness and others full of fear, yet we know you receive us as we are. Mighty God, stay with us always, as we worship and as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith. By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence. Touch us, God, with your healing fire. Speak to us through your Word. Send us back into the world renewed and eager to do your will. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**Children's Moment** Rev. Pancost

*The Pout-Pout Fish and the Bully-Bully Shark*  
by Deborah Diesen

**Anthem** *Amazing Grace* John Newton  
arr. John Coates

**Scripture**  
Exodus 32:1-14 Pew Bible, pages 74-75  
Philippians 4:1-9 Pew Bible, page 1024  
Matthew 4:18-22 Pew Bible, page 837

**Sermon** *The Idol of Security* The Rev. Roger Pancost

\* **Hymn** *Come to Tend God's Garden* #586

## 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.

### Stewardship Moment

Jennifer Ringgold

### Offertory

- \* **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, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* #556
- \* **Benediction**
- \* **Choral Response**

### Postlude

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

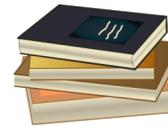
### We Carry the Light of Christ into the World

(Acolyte carries the Light from the Communion Table)

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**On Sunday, November 12, 4:00 p.m., the Islamic Fellowship of Midland will be here to present the Five Pillars of Islam.** This is a wonderful opportunity for us to learn about Islam, meet our Islamic neighbors, and share fellowship during a dinner following the program. The dinner is free, but you are asked to sign up on the canary yellow sheet on the bulletin board in the information hallway by Sunday, November 5th, for dinner planning purposes. Please join us in giving our Muslim neighbors a warm welcome to UCC.



**The books** that the Social Concerns Committee has for sale are now back on their shelves in the Fellowship Hall. They are arranged and labeled by category, so it should be much easier to find what you are looking for. We are always happy to receive new contributions to our collection. We do ask a couple of things if you have books to contribute. Please don't put them on the shelves; instead, please leave them in the office with Janet and she will let us know.



**Painting Opportunity**  
**Saturday, October 21**  
**9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.**

We will be painting the main hallway and the classroom hallway. Any and all help is needed. There is a need for many different skills, you do not have to be a great painter!



Please volunteer to help. If we can get 10-12 people it will be a quick and easy job! If you have any questions, please contact Scott Mellen, 989-631-2326 or [scottmellen@gmail.com](mailto:scottmellen@gmail.com)



## Spooky Haunted House Fun!

The fall is here and the Board of Christian Community is looking to remind you all that Halloween is not just for the little ones. Sure we are a bit too old to trick or treat but we should have some spooky fun too.

On Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. we will meet at Mancino's Pizza for dinner and fun. And after our meal, those that are brave enough can travel to The Village of the Living Dead in St Charles. This is a nonprofit haunted house. You do not need to attend the haunted house to enjoy the pizza dinner provided by the Board of Christian Community.

Since the haunted house is scary we ask no children under age 14 attend.

The St. Charles Haunted House Association is a volunteer group dedicated to funding youth programs in our community. They operate every year during the month of October in support of their main haunted attraction, The Village of the Living Dead. They have totaled over \$750,000 in fundraising since their opening year in 1985.

Please consider joining us for a night of spooky fellowship fun. There will be a signup sheet to help us plan for dinner. You do not need to attend both events to have fun with us.

**The November newsletter deadline will be Wednesday, October 18.** Please send all announcements, articles and information to the church office by that date to avoid omission in the upcoming newsletter. It is a busy time of year and we don't want you to miss a thing.

- 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](http://www.uccmidland.org)



**Acolyte:** Lily Knizacky

**Liturgist:** Al Harrow

**Organist:** Edward Soehnlén

**Director or Music:** James Hohmeyer

**Director of Educational Ministries:** Jennifer Ringgold

**Sound System Operator:** René Turner

**Rainbow Door Room:** Hannah Rose

**SAFE Church Volunteer:** Barb McGregor



**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 provided by the Board of Fine Arts. Everyone is welcome!

**Did you know** you don't have to be a member of a board or a committee to bring something for fellowship hour? On the bulletin board across from the church office you may sign up to provide items for the Fellowship Hour in addition to these boards and committees.



**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. Each classroom has a brightly painted door to designate its participants! Red Door is for four year olds Preschoolers, young fives, Kindergartners and first graders. Green Door is for 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders. Fifth through 9th graders have a 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.



**The Romeos** will meet on Tuesday, October 17 at Lucky's Steakhouse on Joe Mann Boulevard at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us!

**Youth Group** will meet on Sunday, October 22 in the church parlor from **4:00 to 6:30 p.m.**



**A Family Event for All!** Enjoy fall events including a corn maze, tractor rides, sing-alongs and much more at Grandma's Pumpkin Patch, 4277 North Eastman Road, five miles north of the Midland Mall. Just \$5.00 per person when you say you are with the UCC! On Sunday, October 29th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please join us! This event is for all ages to enjoy and sponsored by the Board of Christian Community.

**ACT Uganda is the special offering for October.** Agape Community Transformation (ACT) is an ecumenical organization of Christians in Muko Sub County, Uganda and the USA sharing their faith by seeking to affect the spiritual, physical, economic, and societal conditions in our communities. ACT Uganda is comprised of two partner organizations: a registered non-governmental organization in Uganda and a non-profit organization and a non-profit organization based in Midland.



The ACT organizations partner in several programs that focus on needs in Muko including agriculture, health, orphan sponsorship, music, and income through a hand-craft program.

Envelopes for the ACT Uganda offering can be found on the table outside the sanctuary or you can write "ACT Uganda" on the memo line of your check and drop it in the offering plate. If you would like more information about ACT Uganda, you can learn more on their website: [www.actuganda.org](http://www.actuganda.org)

Through our generous gifts to ACT Uganda we can help provide opportunities in Muko community in Uganda.



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Please join us for the Annual Congregational Meeting** of the United Church of Christ, Midland on **November 12, 2017** immediately following the service of worship. The purpose of this meeting is to elect board members and officers for 2018. The proposed budget will be presented as well.

Please put this on your calendars today, a quorum of members is needed to conduct business.