

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, October 7, 2018
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

(*Please stand, if you are able, at each asterisk.)

Prelude

(Lighting of the Candles)

Greeting

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Gerald Gammon

Choral Introit "We Have Come to Worship the Lord" *Charles Yannerella*

*Call to Worship

Leader: O Mighty God, it is right to give you thanks and praise!

All: We praise you for all that you are and all that you do.

Leader: You lift us up to be higher than the angels.

All: Through Christ, your Son, we inherit His crown.

Leader: You, O God, are the mighty fortress in which we find security and peace,

All: Let us forever dwell in the house of the sovereign Lord.

Leader: We shall forever worship you and praise your glory.

All: We are but your humble servants, O Lord.

Leader: Hear your people, Father, and love us always.

All: Your children are forever yours.

Leader: Watch over us and protect us, O God.

All: We ask these things through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise #786 "Count Your Blessings"

*Unison Invocation:

Be near us, Lord Jesus, and save us from Satan's ways. Guide us and teach us the path of righteousness. Fill our hearts with obedience to God and direct us to the promised kingdom of heaven. Let us give thanks for the blessings we have received and the confidence of continued love and support from your loving father, our God. We ask this in your most holy name. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #812 "Glory Be to the Father"

Joys, Concerns & Prayers

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

Prayer Response #641 "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" *George Whelpton*

Anthem

"In Remembrance"

Beryl Red

Flute: Shawn Marko

Children's Message

Judy Fabian

Offering Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings/Neighbors In Need Mission Offering

Offertory

*Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Solo

"One God"

Drake/Shirl

Soloist: Melanie Burger

Scripture

Job 1:1, 2:1-10 (pg. 453, 454 O.T.) *Karen Fumerola*

Scripture

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 (pg. 218-219 N.T.)

Sermon

"Count Your Blessings and Praise God" *Rev. Gerald Gammon*

Hymn

#413 "Break Thou the Bread of Life" (1, 4 & 5)

Invitation to Communion

The Breaking of the Bread *(Please wait to partake together)*

Taking the Cup *(Please wait to drink together)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Commitment #788 "Now Thank We All Our God"

*Benediction

*Parting Blessing #786 "Count Your Blessings" *Edwin Excell*

Postlude

Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (330)306-8965

Director of Music: Karen Fumerola

Guest Organist: Barbara Edwards

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10/7/18

If you want to put someone on the prayer chain or prayer list, you must call the church office or fill out a prayer card in church.

The flowers have been placed on the altar to the honor and glory of God by Phil & Diana Graham, and in celebration of Diana & Scott birthdays and Phil Jr. & Nicole wedding.

Next Week - Liturgist: Donny Longworth Lay Reader: Sharon Longworth

Sunday School Opening and Coffee Hour will be held on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering: Today is the UCC’s annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries. Envelopes are provided.

We are in the process of revamping the Ushers Committee. There are no major changes involved. We are just attempting to get some new faces in our group. If you would like to serve on this committee, please put your name on the list in the lounge. This is open to everyone (men and especially women). You don’t have to be a member. If you are currently on the committee, we encourage you to remain and also put your name on the list. We will be having a brief training session within the next month. This is really an easy task, and if you are going to be in church anyway, why not help out?

The Bake Sale/Bazaar is quickly approaching. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the lounge for those wanting to help. Please plan to support this sale. There will be light lunches served, lots of baked goods, basket drawings and other items for sale.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, October 7	World Communion/Neighbors In Need
Wednesday, October 10	Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 18	Parish News deadline/Choir Practice @6:30 pm
Saturday, October 20	Bake Sale/Bazaar 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

	9/2/18	9/9/18	9/16/18	9/23/18	9/30/18
Attendance	40	44			34
Benevolent		\$ 65			
Floating Five	\$ 77	\$ 177	\$120	\$130	\$130
Flowers				\$ 30	
Building Imp		\$ 10	\$ 2		
Current Expense	\$1278	\$1303	\$470	\$621	\$622
Someplace Safe	\$ 110				
TOTAL	\$1465	\$1555	\$592	\$781	\$752

Food drive challenge. We have been told that if we can collect at least 500 lbs. of food, we will receive a matching donation of up to 500 lbs. of food! Imagine the help we can give the Warren Family Mission with a 1,000 lbs. of food. To begin with, we will be collecting non-perishable foods. During the last week we will collect both perishable and non-perishable foods. The drive will end on November 18th. Let’s meet this challenge and help those less fortunate in our community.

New Address: Don Howren, Sunrise Assisted Living of Poland, 335 W. McKinley Way #208, Poland, Ohio 44514, (330) 707-1313

PRAYER LIST

Wanda Burns, Aiden Elder, Yan Gomes, Don Howren, Betty Jamison, Becky Kunkel, Lloyd O’Keefe, Norma Patchin, Florence Simons, Jeff Sponaugle, Don Torno, Connor, Michele