

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, September 16, 2018
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

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

Prelude "Shall We Gather at the River" *Robert Lowry*
(Lighting of the Candles)

Greeting
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements Beverly DeSavigny

Choral Introit "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" *David Lantz III*

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord Jesus, you built your church on a foundation of love,

All: May we forever be sturdy in our love of you.

Leader: Christ, you came to save the world from its sinfulness,

All: May we, your church, call others to follow you.

Leader: Your church is universal, and follows your lead,

All: May we follow your path to righteousness.

Leader: We ask for your blessing in all that we do,

All: Lead us, O Lord, in your loving ways. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise #401 "The Church's One Foundation"

*Unison Invocation: Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilot, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

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

Joys, Concerns & Prayers

Hymn of Prayer #638 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

Prayer Respons #633 "Open Our Eyes, Lord" *Robert Cull/arr. David Allen*

Special Music Piano Medley "Worthy" & "Holy, Holy, Holy"
Pianist: Emily Marsteller *arr. Susan Callaway*

Children's Message "God Wants to Fill You" Rev. Gerald Gammon

Offering Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Jesus in the Morning" *David Lantz III*

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

Scripture **Numbers 21:4b-9** (pg. 120 O.T.) Marilyn Leiby

Scripture **John 3:13-17** (pg. 94 N.T.)

Sermon "The Universal Church" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn of Commitment #90 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (1, 3, 4)

*Benediction

*Parting Blessing #425 "Bind Us Together" *Bob Gillman*

Postlude "Doxology" *Generan Psalter, 1551*

PRAYER LIST

Kaye Doran, Aiden Elder, Don Howren, Betty Jamison, Mary Kate, Becky Kunkel, Lemasters family, Betty Mark, Ray Newhart, Norma Patchin, Florence Simons, Jeff Sponaugle, Ashley Weiss

Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (330)306-8965
Director of Music: Karen Fumerola
Guest Organist: Louise Petersen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9/16/18

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 Rev. Gerald Gammon, and in honor of Marian Gammon’s birthday.

Next Week - Liturgist: Donny Longworth Reader: Brenda Hibbard

“**First Ladies**”, please mark your calendars for our first meeting of the season on Friday, September 28th at 12:00 p.m. at the church. Bring a sack lunch (and any ideas for the coming year) plus one item for our “Back to School” box for Willard School. Please remember all ladies of the church (young—midlife—elder) are invited and welcome.

Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering: Sunday, October 7, 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.

Choir rehearsals have begun. If you love to sing and can spare some time on Thursday evenings, come and join the fun, friends, and fellowship. Let’s “Sing to the Lord a new song” (Psalm 149) because “How good it is to sing praises to our God.” (Psalm 147)

Get ready to bake! The church will be hosting a bake sale on **October 20th from 9-2.** Proceeds from the sale are to benefit the General Fund. The more we bake, the more we sell, the more we help our church! Whatever your specialty is would be greatly appreciated.

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

	9/2/18	9/9/18	9/16/18	9/23/18	9/30/18
Attendance	40				
Benevolent					
Floating Five	\$ 77				
Flowers					
Building Imp					
Current Expense	\$1278				
Someplace Safe	\$ 110				
TOTAL	\$1465				

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 starts this Sunday and will end on November 18th. Let’s meet this challenge and help those less fortunate in our community.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, September 20
Thursday, September 27
Friday, September 28
Monday, October 1
Wednesday, October 3
Thursday, October 4
Sunday, October 7

Parish News deadline
Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.
First Ladies @12:00 p.m. at the church
Elders/Deacons @6:15 p.m./Consistory @7:00
Men’s Fellowship breakfast @9:00 a.m.
Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.
World Communion/Neighbors In Need