

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, September 23, 2018
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

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

Prelude "On Eagle's Wings" *Michael Joncas*
(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: O God, hear our cry as we lift our hearts to you!

All: Hear us, O Lord, and show us mercy.

Leader: When we are foolish and turn to our temptations, lead us back to you,

All: May we forever walk by your side.

Leader: Help us to follow the example of Christ in all we do and say,

All: May our actions and words be pleasing in your sight.

Leader: Through your divine grace give us the strength to do what is worthy of your love,

All: We pray for your guidance and strength. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise #224 "We Have Come into His House"

*Unison Invocation:

Dear Lord Jesus, you gave yourself over to death that we might live. Help us to be worthy followers of your love and to live in the light of your grace. Keep us close to you in this life and in the next, so that we too can serve your Father well and build His kingdom. Be with us on our journey and help us when we stumble. We pray these things in your most holy name. Amen.

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

Joys, Concerns & Prayers

Hymn of Prayer #563 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

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

Anthem "Be Thou My Vision" *Irish tune/arr. Frank & Marie Pooler*

Children's Message "Keeping it Together" *Rev. Gerald Gammon*

Offering Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Lily of the Valley" *William S. Hays*

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

Scripture **Psalm 1:1-6** (pg. 489 O.T.) *Brenda Hibbard*

Scripture **James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a** (pg. 230-231 N.T.)

Sermon "Be Wise" *Rev. Gerald Gammon*

*Hymn of Commitment #567 "Nearer, Still Nearer"

*Benediction

*Parting Blessing #564 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Postlude "Rejoice, the Lord is King" *John Darwall*

PRAYER LIST

Wanda Burns, 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

9/23/18

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.

Next Week - Liturgist: Judy Fabian Reader: Sharon Longworth

“**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

Thanks for the beautiful altar flowers. They certainly brightened up Don’s room. We appreciate all the prayer and cards. *Don & Betty Howren*

	9/2/18	9/9/18	9/16/18	9/23/18	9/30/18
Attendance	40	44			
Benevolent		\$ 65			
Floating Five	\$ 77	\$ 177			
Flowers					
Building Imp		\$ 10			
Current Expense	\$1278	\$1303			
Someplace Safe	\$ 110				
TOTAL	\$1465	\$1555			

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

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