

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

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

Prelude "Air" from the Water Music Suite *Handel*
(Lighting of the Candles)

Greeting

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Judy Fabian

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

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord Jesus, we humbly ask you for your blessing on your church.

All: We pray for your loving guidance in all we do.

Leader: Christ Jesus, we give you thanks for counting us worthy of your sacrifice.

All: May we forever work to be good followers of you the Good Shepherd.

Leader: You have saved us from our sins and the punishment of eternal death.

All: Blessed are you, Lord Jesus!

Leader: Be with us, guide us, and love us.

All: We seek your favor, O Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise #648 "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

*Unison Invocation:

Almighty God, we ask that you find favor in our thoughts and deeds. Help us to further the work of your Son here on earth and grow your kingdom. Let our words and actions be pleasing to you and a catalyst to others to find their way to you, O Lord. May all we do bring glory to you through Christ your son. Amen.

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

Joys, Concerns & Prayers

Hymn of Prayer #640 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

Prayer Response #78 "I Love You, Lord" *Laurie Klein*

Anthem "O Worship the Lord"

Children's Message "The Holy Spirit Gives Us a Point" Rev. Gerald Gammon

Offering Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

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

Scripture **Psalm 19:7-14** (pg. 499 O.T.) Sharon Longworth

Scripture **Mark 9:38-50** (pg. 45 N.T.)

Sermon "Pass the Salt" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn of Commitment #676 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" (1, 3 & 4)

*Benediction

*Parting Blessing #657 "Cleanse Me" *Maori melody/arr. Robert Douglas*

Postlude "Give Me Jesus" *African American Spiritual*

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, Don Torno, Ashley Weiss

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9/30/18

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 Donny & Sharon Longworth, and in memory of his father, Donald E. Longworth.

Next Week - Liturgist: Beverly DeSavigny Lay Reader: Marilyn Leiby

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.

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?

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.

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 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

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, October 1
Wednesday, October 3
Thursday, October 4
Sunday, October 7

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