

# BEACON NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER 2008

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**Sunday  
Schedule**

8:45 a.m.

**Adult Bible Study**

10:00 a.m.

**Celebrative Worship  
Service &  
Church School**

Following worship  
**Fellowship and  
Refreshments**

Bus transportation  
available to/from church

## LEADERSHIP MORNING FOR EVERYONE

Beloved in Christ:

On Saturday, November 15th you and the whole church are invited to attend a morning with the Rev. Charlotte Still Noble, M.B.A., to delve into the whole matter of leadership, particularly your leadership at Euclid Avenue Congregational Church.

Rev. Charlotte brings considerable skills and background with her. She currently serves as Founder and President of Noble Consulting Group in Lakewood, Ohio. Previous to her current work, Charlotte served in our national offices as the Minister for Church Life and Leadership, Area Minister for Middle Atlantic and Great Lakes Region and as local church pastor, respectively. She also was the winner of Cine Golden Eagle Award, International Category for her work, "The Place God Calls You."

Lucky US! We get to spend a morning with Rev. Charlotte beginning at 9:00 AM with refreshments and concluding at 11:30 with communion. Sandwiched in between both refreshments (forgive the pun!), we will explore together the leadership needs for EACC, how you can fill those needs the church has, how to recognize your own gifts and skills to be able to fill the church's needs and what you need to do the develop your own potential for leadership.

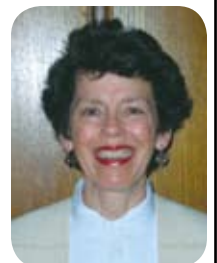
Leadership has many definitions: one who inspires, one who is servant, one who has character and ability to lead, one who has vision, one who encourages, etc. We have all been dealing with these issues, lo (!) these past few months as we have wrestled with our choice for President. So it isn't a stretch at all for you to consider the topic of leadership and how that applies personally and directly to you and your discipleship.

How do you define leadership? What makes a leader a leader for you?

See you Saturday, November 15th at 9:00 AM. Don't miss this outstanding opportunity that C.O.M. is providing for you!

Faithfully, expectantly, and as always, in friendship,

Pastor Terri



## NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday, November 2

Preacher: Rev. Terri Young

**Scripture Readings:**

*Josh 3: 7-17; Ps 107: 1-7, 33-37 or*

*Mic 3: 5-12; Ps 43*

*1 Thess 2: 9-13*

**Matt 23: 1-12**

Worship Theme: Partners in Service

Laity Sunday

Daylight Savings Time ends

### Sunday, November 9

Preacher: Rev. Terri Young

**Scripture Readings:**

*Josh 24: 1-3a, 14-25; Ps 78: 1-7 or*

*Wisd of Sol 6: 12-16 or Amos 5: 18-24*

*Wisd of Sol 6: 17-20 or Ps 70*

**1 Thess 4: 13-18; Matt 25: 1-13**

Worship Theme: Tending God's Light

Enlistment Sunday

### Sunday, November 16

Preacher: Rev. Terri Young

**Scripture Readings:**

*Judges 4: 1-7; Ps 123 or*

*Zeph 1: 7, 12-18; Ps 90: 1-8 (9-11), 12*

*1 Thess 5: 1-11*

**Matt 25: 14-30**

Worship Theme: Extravagant Opportunity

### Sunday, November 23

Preacher: Rev. Terri Young

**Scripture Readings:**

*Ezek 34: 11-16, 20-24; Ps 100 or*

*Ezek 34: 11-16, 20-24; Ps 95: 1-7a*

*Eph 1: 15-23*

**Matt 25: 31-46**

Worship Theme: Reigning Compassion

Thanksgiving Sunday

United Black Christians Anniversary

### Sunday, November 30

First Sunday of Advent

Preacher: Rev. Terri Young

**Scripture Readings:**

*Isa 64: 1-9*

*Ps 80: 1-7, 17-19*

*1 Cor 1: 3-9*

**Mark 13: 24-37**

Worship Theme: Where Are You, God?

## RECORDED WORSHIP SERVICES

In September we began recording our worship services so that those who cannot make it to church or who would like to hear a particularly helpful sermon more than once will be able to have our Sunday worship on tape. Please see Al Parks or call the church office if you would like a copy.

## CHRISTIAN ENLISTMENT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9

Calvin Humphrey, Chair of the Christian Enlistment Campaign 2008, launched this year's campaign with the following words on Sunday, October 19:

"It is a wonderful gift from God that enables us to assemble on such a beautiful day, to hear the word of God, to renew our faith in Him and to rededicate ourselves to doing His will. As members of the body of Christ, we have been and are continually, both individually and collectively, the recipients of God's grace and mercy. And as such we are certainly thankful unto Him for our blessings. It is God's expectation that our behavior reflect our gratitude. One of the ways in which we can show our appreciation to God for his bountiful gifts is by our support of the church. It is again that time when the church budget for the year must be prepared. To do this, it would be helpful to those charged with this task, if each of us submit a pledge of our financial support for the coming year... Let us remember, God gives and forgives; we get and usually forget. For Euclid Avenue Congregational Church and its 2009 operations even in such trying times, let's show our big soul. For as Proverbs reminds us, 'The world of the generous gets larger and larger.' So on behalf of the enlistment committee and the church, I implore you to make your pledge soon."

Letters and pledge cards will be mailed out the week of November 3; members are asked to return their completed pledge cards on Enlistment Sunday, November 9.

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Poinsettia plants will decorate our sanctuary on December 14th and 21st. Following the morning service on the 21st, the plants will be distributed to those members who ordered them, as well as to our shut-ins. When making your contribution for the plants, keep in mind that there is no stated price for the plants. Consider fair market value as well as the delivery cost from the greenhouse to the church. Make your check payable to EACC and place it in the collection plate on or before Nov 30th. Be sure to indicate whether you wish to keep your plant, or if it is to be given to a shut-in. Fannie Cockfield is handling the orders. – Mary Jane Cariens



## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Bible Study group that meets in the Conference Room on Sunday mornings at 8:45 will be studying these scripture readings and topics in November:

- November 2 – Fitting into the Community
  - Ephesians 4: 1-16
- November 9 – Conflict in the Community
  - Galatians 2: 11-21
- November 16 – Communion with God in the Midst of Struggle
  - Philippians 3: 17-21; 4: 1-9
- November 23 – Witness of the Community
  - 2 Timothy 1-3; 4: 1-5
- November 30 – Persecution within the Community
  - 2 Corinthians 11:17, 11: 21-30, 12: 9-10



## PRAYER AND HEALING SERVICES

Every Wednesday from 12 noon until 12:30, our sanctuary doors are open for prayer and healing services. Cleveland Clinic patients and their families are invited to attend along with our own members. Then on the last Sunday of the month we will include our healing liturgy during our time of worship. This is an opportunity to bring forward our prayers for ourselves and intercessions for others and for the world.

**TIM'S 25TH – NOVEMBER 2**

You may have trouble finding a seat in our sanctuary Sunday afternoon, November 2, at 3PM when Timothy Robson will be presenting an organ recital marking his 25 years as the Music Director of Euclid Avenue Congregational Church. The program will also celebrate two other musical anniversaries (although nowhere near as significant): the 100th birthday of French organist-composer Olivier Messiaen, and the 50th anniversary of the death of the great English composer Ralph Vaughn Williams. The program will also include words by Bach and Distler.

After the recital, come to the parlor for a reception and a chance to thank, congratulate, and publicly recognize Tim for his dedication and musicianship.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**



InterAct Cleveland invites us to a Thanksgiving Celebration, an "Interreligious Feast and Fun" on Monday, November 24 at 7PM at Notre Dame Christ the King Chapel, 4545 College Road in South Euclid. This will be an interactive, family friendly event. Come and experience gestures of hospitality

from Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Quaker, Sikh, Unitarian Universalist and Wiccan traditions. Bob Kloos, a mime and clown; Noah Budin, songwriter and song leader; and Joy Bostin, Professor of Religious Studies at Case Western Reserve University will be leading the celebration. For more information contact InterAct at 216-241-0230 or partners@interact.org.

**EACC LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP**

**NOVEMBER 15**

What is a leader? What does leadership at EACC mean? How can I become a better leader? Find out the answers to these questions and more at the EACC Leadership Training Workshop on Saturday, November 15 at 9:00AM in the church parlor.

Join us for a morning of information, fun and fellowship as we welcome our guest instructor, Rev. Charlotte Still Noble, MBA. All are welcome - leaders of the church and those interested in leadership. Refreshments will be provided.

Rev. Noble was formerly the Minister for Church Life and Leadership at the UCC Headquarters and now works as a consultant for church organizations and small businesses. Her specialty is staff and board development.

Register by calling Diana Reid at the church office (216-791-5200) or e-mail her at secretary@eacc-ucc.org.

**WORLD COMMUNITY DAY**

**"God's Wisdom Sets Us Free"**

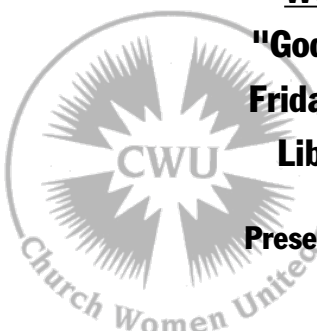
**Friday Nov. 7th • 10:30 A.M.**

**Liberty Hill Baptist Church**

**8206 Euclid Avenue**

**Presented by Church Women United**

**www.churchwomen.org**



**UNCOVERING THE TRANSITIONAL STEERING TEAM**

*By Kim St. John-Stevenson*

So what do "they" do?

Who are "they"?

What do "they" talk about?

Why are "they" necessary?

Why are they doing their work undercover?

"They" are members of the EACC Transitional Steering Team. "They" are fellow EACC members. "They" were asked by Pastor Terri to help guide our church family through the interim time of her ministry and prepare us for our search for a permanent pastor. "They" have names – Leon Bibb, David Buckle, Mary Jane Cariens, Mary Guen and Kim St. John-Stevenson (that's me).

So, as a member of the Committee (and one of the newest members of EACC), allow me to respond...

In Pastor's words, the Transitional Steering Team helps with healing, processing, and accomplishing the important developmental tasks of the Interim time. Our task is to share information from the congregation and members about needs, wishes, and a vision for the future. While we may make recommendations about current programming and procedures as needs arise, our primary focus is to work on, in Pastor Terri's words, "renewal and recentering."

Our committee meets once a month – and typically we discuss a variety of issues relating to the church. Issues like how to work with our neighbor The Cleveland Clinic. Issues like making church activities accessible and safe. Issues like training our lay leadership with an eye toward the future. The committee is a resource for Pastor Terri – a group of people who can shed light on some of challenges our church faces – from the perspectives of both new and longer-tenured members of the EACC family.

As a church family, this is an important time for us to think individually and collectively about the vision for the church's future and how we can each play an active role in that vision. Arnold Bennett, a British novelist and playwright, once noted that "any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts." I believe Bennett's quote speaks to this chapter in EACC's history. I hope we can all embrace this time and work together to be a congregation focused on our mission of welcoming all people and being a multi-racial, multi-cultural, opening and affirming congregation that provides an active witness of God's love and justice.

If you have any questions about the Transitional Steering Committee and its work, please ask any of us. There are no secrets – no covert activities. We are working together, with the rest of our congregation, to "do the Lord's work."

**SATURDAY FUN**

November 8 – 10PM

– Movies (at Loehman's Plaza) \$5

November 22 – 10PM

– Crafts

Please call Cheryl Wacasey at 216-513-8006 for more information.



## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The year is off to a good start up on the second floor. The Sunday School is using a lectionary-based curriculum, focusing on one reading each week. We spent several weeks studying the Exodus from Egypt, finishing with the giving of the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. It was natural to move from God's recipe for a healthy community to the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians about the joy of the Christian life. In November, we'll look at several of the parables of Jesus.



As an outgrowth of the December lessons, the Sunday School will present a Christmas Pageant at 5:30pm on Christmas Eve.

**Mark your calendars. Save the date.**

In January some of our faithful teachers are going to take a break so they can attend church for awhile. Thus, we'll need several new people to take their places. The curriculum provides good support: background of the reading, suggested activities, templates to photocopy, and so forth. We also have a teachers' meeting every week after class to discuss how things are going and suggest possible approaches to the following week's lesson. Please consider whether you have a call to participate in this mission.

I'll soon be posting a teaching schedule on the bulletin board in the parlor. I'm looking for two teachers at each age level plus a resource person, who may do any of several things. This person might substitute for another teacher, for example. My real hope, though, is that people will offer to share a hobby, interest, or skill with our students. Have you been to Israel so you could describe some aspect of the land or the customs that relates to that week's lesson? Do you know a dance you could teach? I'm open to new ideas. Please share yourself with our young people for one Sunday or as many more as you can manage.

The confirmation program has begun. It will meet every Sunday at 1pm to prepare students to be confirmed on Pentecost, May 31, 2009. In this ceremony, they will affirm their baptisms and take their places as adult members of the congregation.

*Marcy Molmen  
Director, Christian Education*

## **Fellowship and Community Life**

In an earlier issue of the Beacon, we mentioned there would be a survey of our congregation as to their time, talents and treasures. It appears in this issue. We have used material from the "Resources for Various Church Activities", that is used by the United Church of Christ. Please take a moment to review it and return it to one of the Ministry members or place it in the Fellowship and Community Life mailbox in the office.

Ministry members include Eleanore Dees, Veronica Fullerton, Annie Buck, Mary Guen, Mildred Copez, Victoria Mitchell and Vivian Taylor.

**Membership Roster** Fellowship and Community Life has been charged with the duty of maintaining membership statistics on our congregation, so please expect to receive calls from ministry members concerning this task.

## **CHURCH IN THE WORLD**

The Church In The World Ministry unanimously voted to send funds so that 2 Solar Cookers can be purchased to help the women in the refugee camps in Chad. We need to continue to raise awareness and focus on the violence going on in Darfur.

The Tents of Hope, "Gathering of the Tents" a weekend of Prayer, Celebration, Protest and Action in Support of the People of Darfur will take place in Washington, DC November 7th-9th. Brenda Bagby will attend this history-making event. There is still time for you to also attend. Transportation is being arranged by mini-vans to DC, departing on Friday, November 7th, 9:00am and returning Sunday about 5:00pm; there is NO CHARGE for transportation due to generous sponsorship, but there are charges for meals and lodging. RSVP as soon as possible to Sister Donna Wilhelm at InterAct Cleveland, (216) 241-0230. Detailed information about the event is posted on the bulletin board in the parlor, or see Brenda or Kathie. After the rally in DC the completed tents will be dismantled and shipped to Chad for use by the Darfur refugees. If you have not returned your completed squares please do so as soon as possible.

During Worship Service on Sunday November 9th we'll have an update about Darfur.

Cloggie Crowder, President of Local Chapter of United Black Christians was our guest at a recent meeting and gave a brief review of the history of UBC. She also spoke at the Council of Ministries meeting October 1st and handed out booklets detailing the United Black Christians history, goals and accomplishments. On November 23rd the Cleveland Chapter will celebrate their anniversary and have a gospel concert at East View UCC at 4:00pm.

Restore Cleveland Hope ,Inc. has requested that CITW donate to Joan Southgate's walk from St Catharines in Canada to the Cozad-Bates house in Cleveland and urge other EACC members to make donations also. Adrienne Brockway will make a poster to show how far Joan has walked and how much we have collected. We will post as soon as we get an OK and find the right spot. More information to follow.

Church In The World along with other ministries would like to invite the congregation to start collecting nonperishable foods and other items to be given to those in need . "BAGS OF GRACE" is the name it has been given, from an article in the July, 2008 The Upper Room sent to me by Charlene Higginbotham. We all agree this is the time to share and show our compassion to someone in need. More information to follow.

Our Peace Pole Project was on hold but now that the Euclid Corridor is complete, we can start planning again. More information to follow.

*Kathie Buckner, CoChair CITW*

## **EMPLOYMENT SUMMIT**

The Church Relations Committee of Deaconess Community Foundation has invited us to an Employment Summit on Saturday, November 15 from 8:30-11:00AM. Unemployment is a critical issue in today's economy and four dynamic speakers will lead a discussion on issues related to finding employment in these difficult times. There will be no charge for this event, and a continental breakfast will be served. RSVP by November 3 to Jan Opatrny at 216-741-4077 or jopatrny@deacomfdn.org

## STEWARDSHIP

**2009 BUDGET-** Draft of 2009 budget reviewed and approved by Stewardship Ministry. Draft budget will be submitted to COM for discussion and approval on Wednesday, November 5th. Budget Committee meets again just prior to that COM meeting that evening. Further revisions can be considered prior to the December mailing to congregation for the December 14th budget meeting with the congregation.

Ministry members as well as committee members should review their budgets for 2009 prior to the COM Meeting on November 5th. Any changes must be submitted in writing and approved by the committee and/or ministry prior to November 20th.

**WINDOWS** – Quotes on both landing windows are being researched for repair/replacement as soon as feasible.

**PARKING LOT** – Cold patches have filled in the many holes in the entire parking lot. We are waiting to hear the date that the resurfacing of the lot will take place.

**SMALL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES** – If you have any event at EACC (including committee meetings, ministry meetings, etc.), and use an electric appliance, please make sure that it is unplugged. You can designate a person to be in charge of this responsibility before departure from the building. This is an **IMPORTANT SAFETY REQUEST**. We will be researching coffee pots with automatic shut offs and asking the appropriate ministry to undertake this responsibility.



*Ruby Brooks and Nancy Nigolian*

## A MESSAGE FROM INTERACT

Dear Friends,

“Cleveland, as a reflection of the nation, needs to find new ways to cross barriers that divides us and our work together,” said June Begany, President of the Board of Trustees of InterAct Cleveland.



Join InterAct Cleveland on November 3rd as together we explore new ideas to build the interreligious community with Imam Yahya Hendi. Imam Hendi, our guest speaker, will challenge us to find creative ways to strengthen the community through dialogue and service. The meeting, free and open to the public, will take place on Monday November 3rd from 7:00-9:00 PM at The Islamic Center of Greater Cleveland (6055 West 130th St., Parma, OH 44130).

This event is an exciting opportunity for Greater Cleveland's interreligious community to meet and share information and ideas for taking action. It is also a rare chance to hear one of the foremost proponents of interfaith dialogue present “How Interreligious Partners Strengthen Communities”.

Imam Hendi serves as a Muslim chaplain and adjunct professor at Georgetown University and is the founder of Clergy Beyond Borders. He is widely published and an internationally renowned speaker.

To RSVP please call the offices at (216) 241-0230 or email [partners@interactcleveland.org](mailto:partners@interactcleveland.org).

*See you there!*  
*InterAct Cleveland*

## IN THEIR PATH 2009

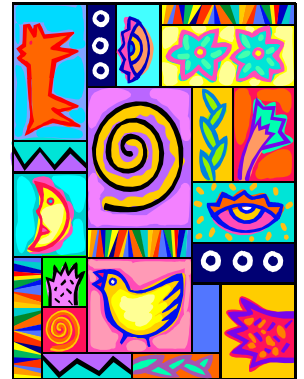
On May 1, 2009, 80-year-old Joan Southgate will complete the circle of her Underground Railroad walk started in 2003, by walking the last 220 miles from Canada's St. Catharines Salem Chapel to Cleveland's Cozad-Bates House. Restore Cleveland Hope, the organization Joan founded, is moving forward to establish an Underground Railroad Education and Resource Center in this house, determined to hold onto the courageous spirit of the UGRR as evidenced in Martin Luther King's Beloved Community.

This walk, In Their Path 2009, will be Restore Cleveland Hope's first capital campaign. The goal is for pledges of \$1000 per mile to raise \$250,000 towards renovation of the Cozad-Bates House and Restore Cleveland Hope programming. Euclid Avenue Congregational Church, with its proud abolitionist history and heritage, has been asked to pledge the first mile, and the Church in the World Ministry has voted to support Restore Cleveland Hope's capital campaign.

The kick-off for In Their Path 2009 will be on the Cozad-Bates House front lawn on Friday, November 14 at 11 AM. There local school children from Citizens' Academy and Holy Rosary, along with some of the residents of Abington Arms, the senior citizens' apartment building across the street from the house, will plant tulip and daffodil bulbs that should be blooming by the time Joan arrives there at the end of her walk in May. Joan will announce the start of In Their Path 2009 and Euclid Avenue Congregational Church's involvement in it.

## QUILT AND DOLL SHOW – NOVEMBER 14 AND 15

Come to “The Thread that Binds,” sponsored by the African-American Quilting and Dollmaking Guild of Warrensville on Friday, November 14, from 6-9PM and Saturday, November 15, from 10AM-5PM at the Warrensville Heights Civic and Senior Center at 4567 Green Road. There will be exhibitions of dolls and quilts and also classes in quilting and dollmaking. Our own Carol Brown is one of the members and quilters. Call 216-752-3042 or 440-439-0220 for tickets, and to register for classes.



## WREN NEEDS

Women's Re-Entry, an organization that helps encourage and support women who have been recently released from jail or prison, sends the following message:

Would your church or civic group be looking for a WREN holiday gift idea?

WREN clients who are Dominion customers could use Dominion East Ohio gift certificates, available in \$10, 25, 50, 75, 100, and 250 amounts, with no expiration date. Anyone can purchase one, but they must be redeemed by a Dominion customer. The customer can include the gift certificate with her payment. Dominion is charging \$4.95 for the gift certificate in addition to the redeemed amount.

Many thanks,  
*Sr. Beverly Anne LoGrasso, OSU*  
*Special Projects Coordinator, WREN*

**\*\*\* KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS \*\*\***

- ◆ Virginia Becker
- ◆ Marguerite Bibb
- ◆ Mary Jane Cariens
- ◆ Helen Humphrey
- ◆ Hallie K. Jones
- ◆ Phyllis Jones (niece of Ruby Brooks)
- ◆ Phyllis Martien
- ◆ Doris Simmons
- ◆ Nicholas Walker (son of Kenny Crawford)
- ◆ Barbara Smith Weems and family

*Please remember these persons in your prayers and notify Eleanore Dees, (216) 295-0872, or the Church Office to identify the names and/or needs of others who would appreciate being remembered in our prayers.*

**GATHER THE WOMEN**

Gather the Women to Save the World, a group of women who meet every third Saturday of the month to pray for peace and meditate on nonviolence, is meeting in our sanctuary this month on November 15, at 9AM for 45 minutes of silent meditation. In December, they will be meeting at Trinity Cathedral on December 20.

**WEST SIDE STORY NOVEMBER 6-9**

The Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District is presenting the musical "West Side Story" at Cleveland Heights High School, 13263 Cedar Road, on November 6, 7, and 8 at 7:30PM and on November 9 at 4PM. EACC choir members Michael Hives and Joel Furr have starring roles in this production and will be appearing in two of the four performances. Tickets are available through them or by calling 320-3105.

**UNITED BLACK CHRISTIANS ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AND GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT**

Save Sunday, November 23, for the Annual UBC Gospel Choir Concert. This year's concert will also mark the UBC's anniversary, and will take place at 4PM at East View UCC at 15615 Chagrin Blvd. For more information call 921-7673.



**Women's Association**  
Service and Fellowship



**\*\*\* JOYS \*\*\***

**Lisa Kaiser**, daughter of former member **Maria Kaiser**, is now a professional artist whose work is exhibited on both sides of the Atlantic: in New York, where she lives, and recently in Amsterdam, where Maria visited her to see one of her shows. Lisa is the artist who created the Noah's Ark scene on one of our dining room walls. For more of Lisa's work, visit [www.lisakaiser.com](http://www.lisakaiser.com)

**Robin Crowder** is newly employed at Cleveland Clinic as a greeter, or "Red Coat," thanks to the Clinic's Job Partnership program. She signed up for the program through Antioch Baptist Church, before EACC had also become a partner. Robin is also settling in with her family in their new home.

**Hallie Jones** celebrated her 82nd birthday on October 12. She enjoyed opening many cards from her relatives who are scattered all over the country, from Wisconsin to Texas to New York, and from church members and friends. Her birthday wishes came true two weeks later when an ill neighbor whom she had been feeding, four times a day, was able to return with family members to his native China. "God is good!" were her parting words to her Chinese friend.

**Jared Lavender**, son of Brenda Bagby, will be inducted into Castleton State College's honor society for business and management programs known as Sigma Beta Delta. To quote the letter from the academic dean "Sigma Beta Delta membership conveys academic excellence and a commitment to high principles and superior achievement." Jared is in his senior year at CSC in Vermont and is also captain of this year's hockey team. The hockey team just returned from a week of games and sightseeing in Germany and Austria.

**MEET TWO NEW CHANCEL CHOIR MEMBERS**

During worship on October 26, Music Director Tim Robson introduced to the congregation two recent additions to the Chancel Choir. Joel Furr, a bass, is a junior at Cleveland Heights High School, where he's a member of the A Cappella Choir, the Gospel Choir, and the Singers. He will be appearing in the school's production of "West Side Story" as Riff. His mother and father are co-pastors of the All Saints Worship Center International at 22nd and



Prospect. He studies voice with EACC member Carolyn Smith.

Michael Hives, at tenor, is a senior at Cleveland Heights High School where he sings with the A Cappella Choir and the Singers, a show choir. He also is a member of the Cleveland Youth Orchestra Chorus. He will play Tony in the Heights High production of "West Side Story." He studies voice with Carolyn Smith.

# NOVEMBER 2008

(BIRTHDAYS/WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES NOTED HEREIN)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Monthly Ministry/Team/Council Meetings</b> 1st Sunday - Transitional Steering Team 1st Wednesday - Council of Ministries 2nd Sunday - Fellowship & Community Life, - Worship & Arts 3rd Sunday - Christian Education & Faith Formation, Stewardship 4th Saturday - Men's Council 4th Sunday - Church in the World 5th Sunday - Ushers				Your issue of the Beacon is available on-line in color. If you would like to receive your Beacon by way of e-mail, and save us the printing and postage costs, please call the church office or sign up online at: <a href="http://www.eacc-ucc.org/beacon.htm">www.eacc-ucc.org/beacon.htm</a>		<b>1</b> Western Reserve Fall Meeting
<b>2</b> 8:45 - Adult Study 10:00 - Worship 11:30 - Fellowship 1 PM Confirmation Class 3 PM Timothy Robson Recital	<b>3</b> 7:00 PM - C.A 7PM - InterAct Event  <b>Barbara Smith-Weems</b>	<b>4</b> VOTE 10:00 AM - Women's Association 4:30 PM - Kenpo Martial Arts	<b>5</b> 12noon - Prayer & Healing Service 6:00 PM - Gospel Choir 7:00 PM - A.A 7:00 PM - C.O.M.	<b>6</b> 8:00 PM - Chancel Choir  <b>West Side Story • West Side Story</b>  <b>Cheryl Wacasey Bural Buckner</b>	<b>7</b> 10:30 AM - World Community Day	<b>8</b> 10:00 - Saturday Fun
<b>9</b> 8:45 - Adult Study 10:00 - Worship 11:30 - Fellowship Enlistment Sunday 1 PM Confirmation Class	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM - C.A 6:30PM - Citizen Circle meeting  <b>Sonja Graham</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 AM - Women's Association 12:00 Staff 4:30 PM - Kenpo Martial Arts	<b>12</b> 12noon - Prayer & Healing Service 6:00 PM - Gospel Choir 7:00 PM - A.A	<b>13</b> 8:00 PM - Chancel Choir  <b>John Merritt</b>	<b>14</b> 11 AM In Their Path 2009 Kick-off 6-9 - Quilt and Doll Show	<b>15</b> 8:30-11 - Employment Summit 9:00 - Gather the Women EACC Leadership Training 10am-5PM - Quilt & Doll Show 1PM - Healthy Connectors
<b>16</b> 8:45 - Adult Study 10:00 - Worship 11:30 - Fellowship 1 PM Confirmation Class  <b>Yulonda Powell</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 PM - C.A  <b>Susan Greene</b>	<b>18</b> 10:00 AM - Women's Association 4:30 PM - Kenpo Martial Arts 7 PM - Restore Cleveland Hope	<b>19</b> 12noon - Prayer & Healing Service 6:00 PM - Gospel Choir 7:00 PM - A.A  <b>Juanita LeFloria</b>	<b>20</b> 8:00 PM - Chancel Choir	<b>21</b>  <b>Amber Bogard Alma Mozley</b>	<b>22</b> 10:00 - Saturday Fun 10 AM Men's Council  <b>Frederick Crawford</b>
<b>23</b> 8:45 - Adult Study 10:00 - Worship 11:30 - Fellowship 1 PM Confirmation 4PM - UBC Gospel Choir Concert <b>Ashley Bogard Cornelius J. Bogard</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 PM - C.A 7PM - InterAct Community Thanksgiving  <b>Rosalinda Demore Wally Ryan Kuroiwa John &amp; Kathy Baker</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00 AM - Women's 12:00 - Staff 4:30 PM - Kenpo Martial Arts  <b>Calvin Humphrey Jewell Green</b>	<b>26</b> 12noon - Prayer & Healing Service 6:00 PM - Gospel Choir 7:00 PM - A.A	<b>27</b> THANKSGIVING DAY OFFICE CLOSED 	<b>28</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>29</b>  <b>Ruby Brooks</b>
<b>30</b> 8:45 - Adult Study 10:00 - Worship 11:30 - Fellowship 1 PM Confirmation Usher's Ministry  <b>Linda Alberda</b>	 <p>Looking Ahead:            Wednesday, December 3 - 7PM            – Restore Cleveland Hope meeting            Friday, December 5 - HANGING OF THE GREENS            Sunday, December 7 - CIRCLE FEST</p> 					

❖ Meetings of the Governance Follow-up Team II held Sept. 5-7 resulted in a new document outlining its proposal for a single UCC governance board of 85-88 members. Provisionally called the United Church Board (UCB), the proposal will be presented to the existing boards for approval during their respective Oct. and Nov. meetings.

In an effort to simplify denominational governance and provide more cost-effective leadership, the proposal calls for reclassifying the Covenanted Ministries as ministry teams under common board leadership and the removal of the Office of General Ministries as a Covenanted Ministry. The associate general minister position would be eliminated and replaced with a chief administrative officer who would oversee shared services and report to the general minister and president. The Collegium would be reduced from five to four members represented by executive ministers from Local Church, Justice and Witness, and Wider Church ministries as well as the general minister and president.

If approved, UCB members would serve all the functions of the current Executive Council and will incorporate all the duties of the Office of General Ministries. In addition, all the members of the UCB would govern the corporations of each of the UCC's national setting ministries.

It is recommended that 68 board positions be open through the existing nominating process with a provision for up to three additional members. Spaces on the UCB have been allocated to all the existing ministries and councils. In addition, 17 remaining spaces have been designated for other entities and positions in the structure of the church. In an effort to address the concerns of historically underrepresented groups, the proposal makes explicit provisions to maintain diversity, including at least 50 percent persons of color and 50 percent female representation on the UCB. To ensure additional diversity, the proposal recommends three equal portions of clergy, lay women and lay men along with a commitment to install 20 percent of board members in any nominating period who are younger than age 30.

If approved by the existing boards in the Oct. and Nov. meetings the model will be used to draft constitution and bylaw changes required to implement the structure. The published timeline anticipates submission of the governance model and constitutional changes to the 2009 General Synod for discussion and vote. If ratified, bylaw amendments will be presented at the 2011 General Synod for approval.

Implementation of the new governance model is scheduled for completion in October 2011 should approval be met through the actions of the General Synod.

❖ The UCC's "Steeple" television ad, featuring a diverse array of people reciting the "here is the church, here is the steeple" rhyme, began airing nationwide Sept. 29 on BET, Bravo, CNN and TV One. The ad was seen over two weeks on these networks reaching more than 10 million viewers. Nearly 1,200 entities – individuals, churches, conferences and other UCC ministries – contributed \$235,000 during the past two months to make this Stillspeaking advertising initiative possible.

The results have been very exciting: Traffic to the main UCC portal increased 27%, the ad run and visitors to "find a church" query page were up 29%, and 1100 new users

signed up to receive UCC email updates. Many people expressed thanks for being made aware that such a church as the UCC exists.

❖ The video "UCC @ 50, Yesterday's Visionaries, Today's Voices" has been selected as a finalist for the Media Communications Association-International Golden Reel award. The project was rated highly by a preliminary review panel and nominated for consideration in this year's awards.

The winning entry will be announced at the Media Festival Awards celebration Oct. 31, 2008 in Anaheim, Calif. The awards ceremony is scheduled in conjunction with the MCA-I ProTrack conference, held Oct. 31 to Nov. 1. The Rev. Art Cribbs, a former UCC communications director and pastor of Christian Fellowship Community UCC in San Diego, will represent the UCC at the event.

The Golden Reel award celebrates excellence in media communications. Since 1978, Golden Reel honors have been highly coveted and recognized internationally for their prestige.

❖ In an effort to dispel misunderstandings concerning Islam and the estimated five million Muslims in America, Intersections, a multi-cultural and multi-faith initiative of The Collegiate Church of New York has launched a unique on-line resource called ChangeTheStory.net.

The website was inspired by a new and major report, "Changing Course: A New Direction for U.S. Relations with the Muslim World," compiled by the Leadership Group on U.S. Muslim Engagement. The group comprises more than thirty American leaders with expertise in foreign policy, politics, public opinion, business, religion, education, psychology, philanthropy, national security, and conflict resolution.

"Our goal is to build an interactive experience for concerned individuals, educators and religious leaders that helps to change the stereotypical narratives about Muslims that so dominate our media and prevailing public perceptions about Muslim communities in this country and around the world," said the Rev. Robert Chase, founding director of Intersections and former UCC director of communications. "We wanted to create something groundbreaking, distinctive and totally compelling; something that Muslims and non-Muslims alike can call their own."

Intersections enlisted a nationally known team of writers, theologians, video producers and web designers to develop this resource, which is designed to be informative, interactive and user-friendly.

The site features areas where users can meet their neighbors, learn about Islam and apply techniques of dialog and action to local communities. The primary audiences for the web site are educators, religious leaders and individuals concerned about building bridges of understanding across lines of faith and culture.

❖ The Fall meeting of the Western Reserve Association will be held on Saturday, November 1 at Lakewood Congregational Church. Participants are invited to visit the WRA space, Gerry's House and other programs to be announced. The theme will be "Coming Home."

**CREATOR SPIRIT WHISPERS  
IN US “RISE UP! MAKE YOUR  
JOURNEY! BRING TO BIRTH  
THE DREAM I HAVE PLANTED  
IN YOUR SOUL,”**

— UNKNOWN

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# Survey of Personal Resources

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

In accepting membership in the Church, I pledged my life, my talents, my money, and my time. I indicate below the activities in my church in which I am most interested as a fulfillment of my tithe of time and talents.

Check (x) for interest, skill, experience, and/or willingness to serve.

## Work Areas

- Education
- Evangelism
- Finance
- Membership
- Parish Life
- Communications Committee
- Worship
- Outreach  
(Missions/Social Concerns)

## Special Services

- Auditing
- Bookkeeping
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Prayer Group Leader
- Fellowship Friend
- News Writing, Editing
- Legal Counseling
- Ushering
- Receptionist ("Greeter")
- Calling on Home Members
- Visitation Evangelism
- Every Member Commitment (Finance)

## Property Care

- Grounds
- Painting
- Plumbing
- Electrical

## Sunday School

- Administration
- Teaching: level \_\_\_\_\_
- Youth Counselor
- Camp Counselor
- Librarian
- Maintaining Records
- Nursery and Childcare
- Vacation Bible School
- Leadership Education
- Youth Club

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Skills and Other Interests

- Cooking
- Serving in Dining Hall
- Transportation (your car)
- Transportation (bus driver)
- Typing
- Telephoning
- Running the Copier, etc.
- Addressing, Folding, etc.
- Nursing
- Men's Groups
- Women's Groups
- Word Processing Skills
- Office Help
- Receptionist (Office Substitute)
- Teller (Counting weekly offering  
for limited periods)
- Church Newsletter mailings
- Church Newsletter mailings (Substitute)

## Recreation, Arts, Crafts

- Planning Parties
- Folk Games and Dances
- Leading Other Games
- Drama and Stagecraft
- Costuming
- Woodworking
- Leathercraft
- Ceramics
- Metal Crafts
- Poster Making
- Photography
- Nature Lore
- Flower Arranging

## Music

- Choir
- Choral Direction
- Leading
- Group Singing
- Pianist
- Instrumentalist
- Soloist