

# BEACON NEWSLETTER

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**A Multi-racial, Multi-cultural, Open and Affirming Congregation September 2011**

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**Beloved,**

We have such an exciting month ahead at Euclid Avenue Congregational Church. I have affectionately called it "Septemberfest." We are preparing to put away summer lawn chairs and get back into the routines that come with fall. As you prepare to do so, I am asking you to press your way to be in attendance at many of the exciting events taking place at EACC during "Septemberfest."

On **Sunday, September 11th**, we will kick off the month with "Vitality Sunday." Being a vital congregation within the United Church of Christ is about more than numbers. A vital congregation is one that makes a real difference in the lives of its members and the wider community, and is likely to continue to do so in the future. Since the fire, God has been blessed Euclid Avenue with vision and growth and this is the day when we celebrate what God has done. I am excited to welcome my friend and colleague Rev. David Schoen, Team Leader for Congregational Vitality and Discipleship at our national office, to be our guest preacher.

As an attempt to begin new traditions here at EACC, we will have our first *Vision Conference* **September 12-14 at 3000 Euclid Ave at 7:00 PM nightly**. The vision conference will be 3 consecutive days of worship where we will be trying our best to hear from God about what we are called to do during this chapter in the life of our church. The theme for this year's conference is "Preparing Workers for the Harvest" (Mt. 9:37). We have invited Dr. David Davis, Senior Pastor of Nassau Presbyterian Church and Preaching Professor at Princeton Theological Seminary, to be our guest preacher. You are in for a treat! Each night we have invited another congregation to worship with us and provide the music for our 1-hr worship experience.

I recognize that 3 nights may seem like an overwhelming commitment, but I want to encourage you to press your way to attend at least 2 of these evening services. It is my prayer that



strong preaching, uplifting music and empowering prayers will encourage you to discern the ways in which you can participate in the unfolding vision of God for Euclid Avenue Congregational Church. I promise that this 60 minute weekday sacrifice will not only be a blessing to our church be also a blessing to you.

We will culminate the vision conference on **Sunday, September 18**

during our 10:00 am worship service with *Harvest Homecoming* (Ps. 107:37). Homecoming is an opportunity to invite old members of EACC, family, friends and co-workers to worship. This is a time to show how strong we are as a congregation. We are encouraging people to dress casually. Consider wearing your favorite EACC T-shirts (you can stop by the office and purchase a t-shirt if you like). Following worship we will travel outside for food, fun and fellowship. There will be karaoke, face painting, health screening, ministry booths and so much more. Come to worship to be filled by the power of the Holy Spirit and stay for the outdoor festivities along with exciting fellowship.

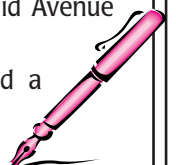
Finally, the fun continues on *Fellowship Friday* on **September 30 at 5:00 PM** at the home of John and Kathy Baker. The theme for this *Fellowship Friday* is "Game Night." Bring your favorite potluck dish and your favorite game as we "hang out" as a congregation for a couple of hours on a Friday. I have enjoyed these Fellowship Fridays because I feel that they have helped us to "bond" as a congregation. I hope you will join us for this time of fun together.

As you can see, "Septemberfest" will be an exciting time at EACC. Please feel free to participate in many of the exciting activities taking place in our church.

What I hope you will find during "Septemberfest" is that God is Still Speaking to Euclid Avenue Congregational Church!

With hope for a bright future and a powerful month of ministry,

Rev. Courtney Clayton Jenkins



**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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP,**

**“SEPTEMBERFEST” AND OPERATION ANDREW**

Sunday worship Scripture readings and sermons during “Septemberfest” will focus on church growth, both in faith and in numbers. Early in the month Pastor Jenkins will be launching Operation Andrew.

Andrew, as our Sunday School children would be able to tell you – or soon surely will be – was one of the fishermen whom Jesus called away from their nets saying, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Remembering Andrew and in preparation for Homecoming, during worship in early September Pastor Jenkins will be asking us to write the names of those people that we would like to see in our sanctuary on Homecoming and possibly on many Sundays after that, and to place those names in the nets surrounding the altar. During the week then we will be calling and talking to the people whose names are in the nets, so that on Homecoming Sunday, September 18, our sanctuary will be full not of names but of worshipers, and we will have become, like Andrew, fishers of men (and women and children). Operation Andrew will not end then, of course, but it will be off to a good start.

Contributing to the spirit of Operation Andrew will be “Vitality Sunday,” September 11, when Rev. Dr. David Schoen, Team Leader for Congregational Vitality and Discipleship for the United Church of Christ, will be preaching on how EACC in particular can become a vital congregation.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

The Adult Bible Study Group will be looking at the following Scripture readings and topic in September. All adults are welcome to join them before worship on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall below the sanctuary.



**September 4** ..... **Righteousness and Wisdom**  
Proverbs 3:1-12 ..... Psalms 115:3-11

**September 11** ..... **From Generation to Generation**  
Proverbs 4:10-15, 20-27 . . . . . Jeremiah 31:7-11

**September 18** ..... **Teaching Values**  
Proverbs 15:21-33 . . . . . Proverbs 1:1-7

**September 25** ..... **Wisdom and Discernment**  
Proverbs 25:1-10 . . . . . 1 Kings 3:5-14

**SATURDAY FUN**

- Saturday Fun, an enrichment program that our church offers for children of all ages, will start up its fall schedule in 2011 with a trip to Patterson’s Fruit Farm, with a fee of \$7.00.
- All Saturday Fun events begin at 10AM at the church and always involve refreshments. Call the Saturday Fun Director, Cheryl Wacasey, at 216-752-0334 with questions and to reserve your spot.

**HOMECOMING SEPTEMBER 18**

Come to Homecoming, and bring someone – maybe several someones – with you! That’s the message from those who are planning this event which will take place in our sanctuary and parking lot on Sunday, September 18, starting at 10 AM.

First, worship, featuring our own Pastor Courtney Clayton Jenkins and also the music of our Whomsoever Will Choir, made up of members of our Chancel Choir, our Gospel Choir, and anyone else who would like to sing! Any and all are welcome to be a part of this choir. (Rehearsal will be at 7PM, Wednesday, September 7, and on the 14th immediately following the Vision Conference service. See Carolyn Smith for more information.)

Then troop out to the parking lot for music, games, face painting, balloon animals, a mini-health fair, and good conversation. The music will be a special Euclid Avenue Congregational Church mix that represents all of us. Help us create this mix: no later than September 11, write down the name of 3 of your all-time favorite songs (doesn't have to be religious) and email that list to the church office or give it to Charlene, Adrienne or Shkenya.

And of course there will be food! Chicken, Hawaiian meatballs, vegetarian lasagna, salads, breads, and beverages will be provided. Members are asked to bring fruit, nuts, or other dessert foods.

Anyone who would like to help with set up, join us on Sept. 17 from 1-5 AND we will be looking for help with clean-up on Sunday afternoon Sept. 18 after the party. Speak to Shkenya, Noreen, Madge, or Charlene.

Please dress casually and comfortably, and be prepared to have a relaxing good time!



**FELLOWSHIP FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30**

Come to John and Kathy Baker’s house at 15019 Shore Acres Drive on Friday, September 30 at 5PM for a picnic, weather permitting, and an evening spent with friends. The Bakers will provide beverages and a lake view; EACC members are asked to bring a potluck dish and their favorite game to share, anything from gin rummy to corn hole. Bring the game that you enjoyed as a kid – even if you’re still a kid. Please let the Bakers know if you’re planning to come: 216-383-1684.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 25**

The Congregation of Euclid Avenue Congregational Church will be holding one of its regularly scheduled meetings on Sunday, September 25, immediately after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a committee responsible for nominating church officers for 2012. The New Beginning Committee will also be reporting on the work they’ve done over the summer in their search for a new home for our church family.

**WELCOME HOME!**  
**September 18, 2011**  
**EUCLID AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL, UCC**  
**HOMECOMING SUNDAY**  
**3000 EUCLID AVENUE**  
**JOIN US FOR 10:am WORSHIP FOLLOWED BY**  
**FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!**

**YOUR PARTICIPATION – YES!**



Select (3) of your favorite songs/music and submit for the making of a diverse "mix" of music for the event.



Post your favorite EACC photo on the Picture Board. Bring a picture to share with folks at your table, reflecting your summer.



Sing your special song during Karaoke

**GAMES FOR EVERYONE! – YES!**

Balloons \* Face Painting\* Bean Bag Toss\* Word Up\* and More

**ALL ARE WELCOME – YES!**

INVITE AN EACC MEMBER YOU HAVE NOT SEEN IN CHURCH FOR A WHILE; FAMILY; FRIENDS AND CO-WORKERS.

**CASUAL DRESS – YES!**

**Specially Priced \$\$ EACC T-Shirts for Homecoming**

**COME HOME TO EUCLID AVE CONGREGATIONAL, UCC**  
**SEPTEMBER 18, 2011**

## **PREPARING WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST SEPTEMBER 12-14**



EACC's fall vision conference, "Preparing Workers for the Harvest," will feature the preaching of Dr. David A. Davis, the senior pastor of Nassau Presbyterian Church and a professor of preaching at Princeton Theological Seminary. He was Pastor Courtney Clayton Jenkins' teacher when she was a student there. He will be helping us prepare for Homecoming and the

months ahead in enlarging both our church membership and our sense of purpose and commitment.

Each of the three evenings at 7PM, Monday September 12th, Tuesday September 13th and Wednesday September 14th, he will lead us in worship. Each night we have invited another congregation to worship with us and provide the music for our 1-hour worship experience. We are urged to bring friends, neighbors, and co-workers with us.

Dr. Davis has published a collection of sermons entitled *A Kingdom You Can Taste*. In recent years he has preached to congregations in South Africa, the Samuel Proctor Child Advocacy Conference of the Children's Defense Fund, the Calvin Symposium for Worship, and on the campuses of Harvard and Duke University.

## **D.I.V.E. SESSIONS RESUME SEPTEMBER 28**

Our D.I.V.E. (Devotion, Imagination, Vision and Expectation) sessions will resume on Wednesday, September 28, with meetings held both at noon at 9411 Euclid and at 7PM at 3000 Euclid. We will be continuing our discussions and discernment of what God is calling our congregation to be and do.

## **UCC CONFERENCE ON INCLUSION SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1**

We are looking for church members who are interested in joining us at a national UCC conference in Columbus, Ohio, September 29–October 1. This conference will be the second national conference focused on "Widening the Welcome – Inclusion for All" – a welcome that embraces the involvement of everyone, including people who have been touched by or have experienced a mental illness/brain disorder, apparent or unapparent. Interested? Please speak with Ann Drysdale or John Merritt.

## **UNITED BLACK CHRISTIANS AT GENERAL SYNOD**



The United Black Christians exhibit booth at General Synod 28 in Tampa Florida featured three priorities: the Education Mandate, the Dr. Joseph Evans Scholarship Fund and the Echo Movement.

Delegates and UBC members with voice were able to speak on the floor of General Synod about the UBC Education Mandate that seeks to address concerns about the education system and solutions for creating a better system. Survey forms were distributed soliciting delegates' and visitors' opinions on the status of education in their community and suggestions for improvement.

Opportunities to learn about and support the Joseph Evans Scholarship Fund for seminarians called to work in justice ministries was provided at every event.

There was great excitement for and participation in the Echo Movement, a movement specifically developed to attract young adults back into the church. Promotional materials developed by Paul Sadler included statistical hot cards, t-shirts and a video presentation. The UBC Luncheon was again one of the most well-attended special meals during General Synod. Presentations on priority issues, recognition of scholarship recipients and support from local churches and prizes were part of the program.

Greater Cleveland Chapter, UBC Advisory Board members, Charlene Higginbotham and Rev. Dr. Valentino Lassiter, attended.

## **WORSHIP AND ARTS MINISTRY**

Our Ministry is busy interviewing candidates for our Minister of Music position and providing music for worship services until we have selected one. Our ministry is also working with those in charge of Homecoming for Sunday Sept. 18th. Those interested in singing with the choir for Homecoming, please see Joan Bacon or Carolyn Smith.

The first Sunday in October, Communion will be served in the traditional way. Claude Brewer is in charge of preparation and serving. Anyone interested in assisting him, please contact Claude.

Noreen Roderick is in charge of liturgists and scheduling altar flowers. Please give her a couple of week's notice. There is a sign-up chart for both liturgists and altar flowers as you enter the Fellowship Room downstairs.

*Carolyn Smith, Co-Chair*

## **STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

At our August meeting, the Ministry was pleased to receive a card from John Peterson, thanking us for honoring him at the reception on Sunday, August 7, and for the generous gifts from the congregation. With the help of our new financial manager, Jim Rutledge, we began the process of preparing the budget for 2012, and made plans for preparation of a financial practices and procedures manual.

*John Baker, secretary*

## **NEW BEGINNING COMMITTEE**

New Beginning Committee members visited properties and buildings to determine whether they would be suitable for our congregation. We found there is land available but much of it was spoken for by other entities in the University Circle and Midtown Corridor areas. There were buildings available but they too were acquired by other churches and institutions. As a result the list of sites and buildings is narrow. There have been discussions concerning plans that institutions from University Circle to Midtown Corridor Area have developed and how our congregation might be of service to the populations that will be impacted. We have gained information about the function of architects and how they can be of assistance to our congregation.

The time for decision is drawing near. In the weeks ahead more information and discussion will take place..

We ask that the church family continue to pray and listen for our ability to decide how and what our church will be in the decades to come.

*Prayerfully submitted, New Beginning Committee.*

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Women's Re-Entry Network (WREN), an organization that provides services both for incarcerated women and for those who are working on the re-entry process, would appreciate donations of lotion, shampoo, toothpaste and deodorant, either in travel size for the women in Cuyahoga County Jail or full size for the women who have been released. Please give your donations to Kathy Baker.
- The Visiting Nurse Association is looking for volunteers to participate in their Hospice Program. A wide range of volunteer skills are needed, from spiritual companionship to sewing pajama pants. Bi-lingual volunteers are especially needed. Volunteer trainings take place Tuesdays, September 13 through October 11. Call now to register: 216-902-7352 or email [ssvolunteer@vnaohio.org](mailto:ssvolunteer@vnaohio.org) for more information.

## **THREE REMINDERS**

- We recycle our Sunday bulletins at EACC. Please do not throw your bulletin in the trash. Look for the basket on the cart to your right as you exit the sanctuary and leave your bulletin there. Thank you.
- Before coming to the church office it is recommended that you call to be sure that the office is opened. Leave a voicemail message and your call will be returned. Occasionally, emergencies may occur and it is possible that with such a small staff the office may not be open. Please call ahead, to prevent wasted time and gas.
- EACC members are frequently asked to contribute to special offerings through the church, and have a history of generosity in helping with special needs. However, we should remember that EACC's ministry depends on each member fulfilling his or her pledge to the church. These special offerings – such as the One Great Hour of Sharing, camperships, the recent appeal for Somalia – are not included in the church budget, so donations to them should be in addition to fulfilling pledges to EACC.



Healthy Connectors plans for the fall include:

- Proposed Screening & Health Information EACC Homecoming Sunday, Sept. 18
- World Play Date Sept. 24...Everybody take time to "Play"
- Seventh Annual Men's Health Conference Sat., Oct. 15, 9–1pm. Huron Community Health Center, 13944 Euclid Avenue  
Reservations: Jerry Sims @ 216.761-6371
- Annual Healthy Connector & Saturday Fun Fall Program Date TBD

*Charlene Higginbotham, Chair*

## **FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY**

The Fellowship Ministry is proposing a new approach to our coffee hour that takes place every Sunday morning after worship. Instead of the Fellowship Ministry members being responsible for coffee hour every Sunday, they are asking that other ministries, groups, families, or individuals volunteer up to host coffee hour. Host on your birthday, host on your anniversary, host just because of your generosity and hospitality! Please see Ann Drysdale or John Merritt to sign up for any of the Sundays after Homecoming.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY**

The Christian Education and Faith Formation Ministry is working on re-vamping our Church School program. They have ordered a new curriculum – "UCC Faith Practices."

Registration materials to sign children up for Church School will be available on September 4th, continuing through Homecoming Sunday, September 18th. Church School classes will begin after Homecoming.

## **STILL AVAILABLE**

EACC t-shirts, \$15 for adult sizes and \$10 for children. Call the church office. The suggested wearing apparel for Homecoming Sunday!



Pastoral Installation Videos from Rev. Courtney Clayton Jenkins' June 5 installation, \$20 for the installation, \$15 for the sermon, \$30 for both. Contact James Ray Reid at JR Productions, 216-577-5017.

## **GREATER CLEVELAND CONGREGATIONS**

Greater Cleveland Congregations' activities this summer have focused on refining the five issue areas (education, jobs, health care, criminal justice, and sustainable food) into specific action plans. Kathy Baker is representing EACC as a team captain for the criminal justice area. There are continuing opportunities to be involved. For more information, go to <http://www.greaterclevelandcongregations.org>, or contact Ruth Garwood at [rgarwood@att.net](mailto:rgarwood@att.net)

## AND PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING:

### • The Peace Show - September 5th

Consider bypassing the Air Show this year and try the free and family-friendly Peace Show right up the street at Willard Park (home of the Free Stamp) at East 9th and Lakeside, from noon to 6PM on Labor Day, September 5th. There will be music, activities for kids, food, the annual paper airplane launching, and lots of friendly, peace-loving people. The Peace Show folks tell us, "Nonviolence works; war doesn't."

### • Balloon and Dove Release for "Eleven Angels of Imperial Avenue"

A memorial service, dove release and balloon launch to honor the eleven women who were slain on Cleveland's Imperial Avenue will be a part of the 40th annual Eleventh District Caucus Festival at Luke Easter Park on Monday 9/5/11. The activities will take place at the stage near the corner of MLK and Dickens Avenue around 2PM. Attendees and volunteers are needed to launch the individual balloons.

### • A Community Celebration at Denison Avenue UCC – September 9th

Denison Rising Hope, Ubuntu Cleveland, Pastor Nozomi and Tuyen Thai will be celebrating culture, ecology and healthy community unity in food, music and dance on September 9th at Denison Avenue UCC, 9900 Denison Avenue. Please contact Pastor Nozomi at 216-236-3120 for information or to help plan future events.

### • An Evening with Michael Schiavi at Liberation UCC – September 9th

Michael Schiavi, the author of "Celluloid Activist; the Life and Times of Vito Russo," will be introducing his audience to the life of one of America's most important gay activists at Liberation UCC, 13714 Madison Avenue in Lakewood on September 9th at 7:30 PM. Go to [info@liberationucc.org](mailto:info@liberationucc.org) or call 216-521-5566 for more information.

### • The September 11th 10th Anniversary Commemoration Service

Join leaders from Greater Cleveland's faith communities... Baha'i, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Indigenous, Islam, Jainism, Judaism, Sikhism, Unitarian Universalist, and more... to gather for a public interfaith remembrance and commemoration of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

All are welcome.

### "Out of Many, One" – An Interfaith Remembrance and Commemoration

Sunday, September 11, 2011, 3:30 p.m.  
The Atrium at 200 Public Square  
(formerly the BP Building),  
Downtown Cleveland

Check out the YouTube video and join the Facebook group For more information, contact Sister Donna Wilhelm, [ssj-tosf@roadrunner.com](mailto:ssj-tosf@roadrunner.com) or [sisterbear@roadrunner.com](mailto:sisterbear@roadrunner.com)



### WHERE PASTOR JENKINS SPENT HER SUMMER VACATION

This summer Cory and I were afforded the opportunity to travel to Israel-Palestine for spiritual insight and to study the constant conflict that exists in that special place. Yes, we traveled many of the paths that Christ walked spreading the gospel and changing lives. We waded in the Sea of Galilee, prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, traveled to Golgotha and witnessed the empty tomb. We even had the opportunity to eat the type of fish that Jesus served to the 5,000. It was an amazing opportunity to understand a great portion of the context in which Christ existed. At the same time, we ate dinner with Palestinian families who had been removed from their homes and now live in the West Bank and refugee camps. While poor, these families shared in abundance all that they had. I was absolutely amazed by the hospitality and the generosity of those who were limited in their own resources. On a few occasions we had the opportunity to travel through "checkpoints." Palestinians are not allowed to enter certain portions of the area. As I traveled through these checkpoints, I felt like a caged animal. There were soldiers with large guns all around us and they were not very nice. One particular day my heart was crushed as a young boy, no older than 7, was beaten by a soldier for trying to protect his friend from the soldier. When the soldier noticed that we were Americans he stopped.

Hence, I often see the faces of those I encountered in my mind. My heart goes out to all those who live in that portion of the world. It is my hope that in October, my husband and I will be able to share more of our stories with you and what we learned. I want to thank you for your prayers while we were away. They were needed and I believe they helped in our protection.

I can say this: it's good to be back home!

- Rev. Courtney Clayton Jenkins



AN INTERFAITH REMEMBRANCE  
ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11/2001

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

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| ◆ Rev. Charles Ackerson      | ◆ Christine Fant          | ◆ Doris Simmons       |
| ◆ Laden Brooks               | ◆ Jewell Green and family | ◆ Meredith Washburn   |
| ◆ Cloggie Crowder and Family | ◆ Karen Hyvonen           | ◆ Barbara Smith Weems |
| ◆ LaDoris Dantzler           | ◆ Hallie K. Jones         |                       |

*Please call the church office for additions and deletions*

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

**Chris Saunders** has returned as a sophomore to Marietta College where he will be playing football for the Marietta Pioneers, serving as a peer mentor and tutor for incoming freshmen, and continuing in his studies with a major in athletic training. His freshman year he maintained a 3.0 average.

**Karen Hyvonen** sends deep gratitude for all the EACC prayers and good wishes during her illness. She writes, "You may mark your calendar for September 12 as my last day of radiation and you are welcome to take my name off the prayer list before or on that date, when the only expected remaining treatment will be 4 years, 10 months of pills!" She and Randy are planning a 2-week mission trip to India in December.

**Carolyn Smith** had the privilege to tour with Catch the Spirit Community Choir under the direction of Craig McGaughey this summer. They attended the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-lake and saw Niagara Falls' light Show and fireworks. Then in Montreal and Quebec they toured by bus and by foot, and experienced wonderful sights and cuisine. They sang in 5 cathedrals, including the United Church of Canada, at St. Joseph Oratory and the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Montreal, and St. Anne and Holy Trinity in the Quebec area. The trip ended with a dinner cruise of the Thousand Islands.

**Nancy Nigosian** would like to thank the congregation of EACC for recognizing her years of service as assistant financial manager. "My sincere thanks and appreciation to the members of EACC for the lovely, vibrant bouquet of Asian lilies and peonies I received in June," she writes. "What a wonderful, unexpected surprise, and I was surprised, to be presented with this bouquet as an expression of your appreciation. I truly love flowers and was deeply touched. Blessings to you all." On another subject entirely, she adds, "If someone can use any Hewlett Packard Cartridges No. 94 and 95 for a HP desk jet printer, contact me." She has a new printer, and doesn't want these to go to waste.

**James Drysdale**, son of Ann, was chosen to head up "Team Massachusetts" in the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon. Collegiate teams compete in this contest to produce the best solar home, all to be installed in Washington DC and opened for viewing from September 23- October 2, 2011. James (formerly known as Jamie) was chosen to coordinate/manage the final phases of their team's house building (includes being in New Hampshire where the modular home factory is) and then coordinate the building of the house on the Washington Mall. He is also hoping to be asked by the house buyers to reconstruct the house in Maine.

**Chelsea Williams**, daughter of Viveca, will be marrying William Fudge III in our sanctuary on Saturday, September 9th.

### FIFTH MONDAY MEAL

Every time there is a month with a fifth Monday in it, volunteers from EACC go to Calvary Presbyterian Church at East 79th and Euclid to feed as many hungry people as show up, sometimes 110 or more. Thanks to those who helped set up, cook, serve and clean up after the Fifth Monday Meal on August 29th. Our next Fifth Monday meal will be on October 30. We are planning something special for that day, since it is our last Fifth Monday Meal of the year. Please talk to Cloggie Crowder if you're available to help.



### WORK WANTED

Our temporary custodian, Brian Littles, would like members of our congregation to know that he is a skilled concrete worker who can do driveways, patios, house slabs – anything! Please call him at 216-983-6723.



# SEPTEMBER 2011

(birthdays/wedding anniversaries noted herein)

		Event	Special Day
1	Thur.		
2	Fri.		
3	Sat.		
4	Sun.	8:45 AM – Adult Study 10:00 AM – Worship	
5	Mon.	12 Noon – Peace Show 2 PM – Imperial Avenue Memorial Service	Charles Williams
6	Tues.		Dean Sieck
7	Wed.	6:00 PM – Gospel Choir 8:00 PM – Chancel Choir	Mary Sweeney
8	Thur.		Rosie Wyatt
9	Fri.		
10	Sat.		
11	Sun.	8:45 – Adult Study 10:00 – Worship 3:30 PM – September 11th interfaith service	
12	Mon.	7 PM – Vision conference	
13	Tues.	10:00 – Women's Association 7 PM – Vision conference	Pete & Sue Jerabek
14	Wed.	6:00 PM – Gospel Choir 7 PM – Vision conference 8:00 PM – Chancel Choir	
15	Thur.		
16	Fri.		
17	Sat.	9:30 – Leadership Training	Rosetta Williams Kevin Sweeney
18	Sun.	8:45 - Adult Study 10:00 – Worship Homecoming	
19	Mon.		
20	Tues.	10:00 – Women's Association	Madge Potts-Williams
21	Wed.	6:00 – PM Gospel Choir 8:00 – PM Chancel Choir	
22	Thur.		
23	Fri.		
24	Sat.	World Play Date	Kathy Smith Baker
25	Sun.	8:45 – Adult Study 10:00 – Worship Congregational Meeting	
26	Mon.		
27	Tues.	10:00 – Women's Association	Telisha LeFloria
28	Wed.	12 Noon and 7 PM – D.I.V.E. sessions 6:00 PM – Gospel Choir 8:00 PM – Chancel Choir	Sue Jerabek Sharonda Nevaeh Philpot
29	Thu.		
30	Fri.	5 PM – Fellowship Friday	

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## A NOTE OF THANKS FROM JOHN PETERSON

Dear Friends at EACC,

The reception Sunday, August 7, to recognize my retirement as finance manager brought joy to my heart. The flowers, unique gifts, including the generous love gift will remind me of my happy years at Euclid Avenue. Kind words shared, handshakes and hugs meant even more.



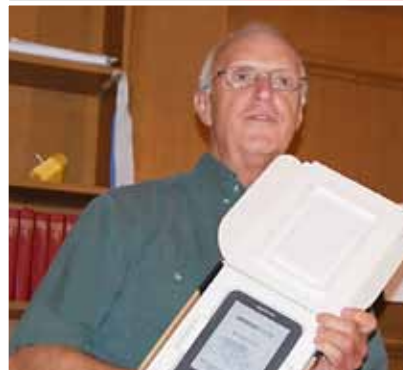
A good relationship is a two-way street. I hope you realize how much you meant to me. You were patient when I came nine years ago. You helped me grow professionally. I learned sometimes at your expense.

I grew personally, also, in my appreciation of you as a congregation. Sunday as I looked around at the folks who were worshipping together I thought again what a unique gift you are to Cleveland. As you work to define your future, my prayer and hope is that you will latch on to your unique character and share it with others.

I will always have a special bond with EACC because of that sad, rainy night in March, 2010, but also because I think God has a remarkable future for you.

God Bless You and Keep You,

John Peterson



❖ In March, the UCC's 90 member Executive Council unanimously affirmed a new campaign called "Mission: 1". It was launched at General Synod on July 1 in Tampa Bay, Florida.

"The Mission:1 campaign plays on the UCC's motto, "That they may all be 1," Nov. 1-11, 2011 to Nov. 11 2011 (11-1-11-11-11-11). During those 11 days, the UCC goal is to collect more than 1 million food and household items for local food banks, collect \$111,111 in online donations for Neighbors in Need, offerings that will be shared for hunger-action with agencies of justice and compassion nationwide, and to offer more than 11,111 letters to Congress, asking the government to reform US foreign assistance in a way that more effectively benefits hungry and poor people, letters which will also provide a final push to Bread for the World's 2011 "Offering of Letters" campaign.

❖ The national setting of the United Church of Christ has announced a series of community service events in observance of its hunger-busting Mission:1 campaign, to be observed during the first 11 days of November.

In November, staff will have opportunities to donate healthful food items to the Cleveland Foodbank and engage in Mission:1 worship in the Amistad Chapel Nov. 2 and 9. (Worship offerings toward the Neighbors in Need goal of \$111,111 will be accepted on those dates.)

Also in November, staff groups will perform daily Mission:1 community service, engaging in hunger-related justice work at local churches and urban sustainable farms and community gardens. Each day a staff group will visit elected representatives in Cleveland area offices to request foreign assistance to more effectively help the hungry and poor worldwide.

The UCC Justice and Witness Ministries office in Washington, D.C., is working on a guidebook resource for local church members interested in visiting and writing letters to their congressional representatives.

❖ Come November, Rev. Ron Garner – pastor of Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church in Nassau County – will walk 111 miles around Long Island in support of Mission 1.

"This comes at a great time for us to put a special emphasis on what we've always done and begin to change the focus of hunger issues," said Garner, planning to walk each day from Nov. 7-11. "We need to move hunger issues more into the area of justice, not just charity. Garner hopes Mission:1 will help make people aware that there are hungry folks on Long Island and, of course, around the world.

Starting on the east end of Long Island, in Montauk, the walk will culminate at the Freeport Emergency Food Pantry, one of two pantries under the auspices of the Long Island Council of Churches.

Taking donations along the way, Garner will make himself available at venues such as churches, schools and supermarkets (where he will ask for donations for the food pantry) to talk about hunger issues on Long Island, and how best to feed the hungry. A support vehicle will travel a couple miles ahead of Garner to carry his equipment and to serve as the collection vehicle.

Wantagh Memorial's participation in Mission:1 is not limited to Garner's walk. Other activities are to include:

- 1) A 12-hour youth fast. "Our youth are quite fortunate with their own family circumstances," said Garner. "Yet our youth have always been very active in collecting food for the church."
- 2) 11,111 food items for the pantry. Youth group members will collect food items outside local supermarkets and discuss hunger issues with shoppers.
- 3) "111 Minutes for Hunger" service. Food items will be collected and hunger issues will be discussed as part of a 111-minute-long interfaith worship service and mini-concert. "And of course, the church will contribute letters and will support me on my walk," said Garner.

❖ Frustrated that their pleas to the Administration and Congress to protect funding for the nation's most vulnerable people were being ignored, nearly a dozen leaders from the faith community were arrested inside the U.S. Capitol Building on Thursday 7/28. Despite repeated warnings from the U.S. Capitol police, the leaders refused to end their public prayers asking the Administration and Congress not to balance the budget on the backs of poor persons. Among those arrested were UCC Sandra Sorensen, director of the United Church of Christ Washington office, and former UCC President, the Rev. Paul H. Sherry.

Inspired by a common spiritual conviction that God has called on all Americans to protect the vulnerable and promote the dignity of all individuals living in society, the faith community has worked along side the U.S. government for decades to protect those struggling to overcome poverty in the United States and abroad. Without a sustained federal commitment to these programs, the interfaith leaders fear that their houses of worship will be unable to solely support the country's most vulnerable persons in their time of need.

When asked why she felt civil disobedience was necessary as the budget debate dragged on and cuts to safety nets were being threatened, Sorensen said, "Those who struggle on the economic margins of our society -- children living in poverty, people living with chronic health issues, seniors, women trying to escape domestic violence in their homes -- the most vulnerable do not have a voice at the negotiation table. Our faith calls us to lift up the voices and the stories of the most vulnerable."

Recent events have catalyzed an 18-month public policy campaign led by faith leaders representing the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths to promote a message of the common good in the economic debate. Members of the campaign called for Congress and the Administration to exempt programs from budget cuts that assist the most at-risk families and children in the United States and abroad.

The campaign has mobilized constituents and brought about public statements from leaders, high-level meetings with policy makers, a Washington fly-in of religious leaders and daily prayer vigils held near the U.S. Capitol Building, led by a different religious organization each day.

**SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES**

*(see inside for more details)*

- 9/5 - 12noon – Peace Show
- 2PM – Imperial Avenue Memorial Service
- 9/11 - 3:30PM – September 11th interfaith service
- 9/12 - 7PM – Vision conference
- 9/13 - 7PM – Vision conference
- 9/14 - 7PM – Vision conference
- 9/18 - Homecoming
- 9/24 - World Play Date
- 9/25 - Congregational Meeting
- 9/28 - 12 noon and 7PM  
– D.I.V.E. sessions
- 9/30 - 5PM – Fellowship Friday

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LET NOT MY DOUBTS NOR MY  
DARKNESS SPEAK TO ME,  
LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOUR  
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LET MY HEART ALWAYS  
WELCOME YOUR LOVE.**

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