

Super Saturday

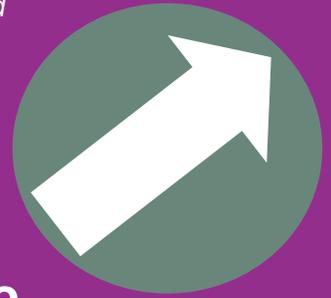
March 16, 2019

8:00 am—3:45 pm

Minnechaug Regional High School
Wilbraham, MA

Registration Deadline: March 2, 2019

"I love the way they are organized - much time for seeing friends and networking as well as engaging programs and worship."



**Come Explore
Workshops, Worship
and More...**



Rebekah Anderson

Seminarian, Disability Activist and Writer

Alum of the Thinking About Working for God Apprenticeship and the Young Adult Service Communities, and is in her first year at Union Theological Seminary.

Don't miss your workshop! Register Early!

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"This was a very good/excellent day!! I learned so many new ideas and will definitely share them with my church. Lunch was very good, times between workshops allowed networking."

TOGETHER, AS ONE



BE GREEN! 

We encourage attendees to carpool and to bring their own reusable water bottles and/or travel mugs.

No water bottles will be available.

Location Information

Minnechaug Regional High School, 621 Main Street, Wilbraham, MA



Please remember these are general directions provided as a courtesy. Please refer to your GPS or map from your specific location for updated information.

I-90

Take exit 8 toward MA-32/US-20/Amherst/Palmer

Take US-20 W and Main St to your destination in Wilbraham

Turn right onto MA-32 S/Thorndike St

Turn right onto Lawrence St

Turn left onto Shearer St

Slight left onto US-20 W/Wilbraham St

Continue to follow US-20 W

Slight left onto Main St

School will be on your right

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Tell me more...

Join us for a full day of worship, workshops and networking. All are welcome! Super Saturdays are growing in popularity - **REGISTER EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**

Great Day, Great Price! Cost includes morning worship, 2 workshops, an optional lunch activity, continental breakfast, lunch, marketplace and closing worship.

REGISTRATION BEGINS

8:00 am—9:00 am

Register, grab a Refreshment/Continental Breakfast and browse the Marketplace

OPENING

9:00 am—10:15 am

Worship and Rebekah Anderson

WORKSHOPS

10:30 am—12:00 pm AM Workshops

10:30 am - 12:45 pm AM **Extended Workshops - 2.25 Hours "NEW"**

1:45 pm—3:15 pm PM Workshops

Participants will be able to attend two workshops related to various aspects of church life, mission and ministries; one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

*In addition, participants have the option of attending a 30-minute table conversation workshop during one of the mid-day lunch periods. See descriptions inside this brochure and **register early**, as spaces will fill quickly.*

LUNCHTIME

12:00 pm—12:45 pm Lunch ONE

12:15 pm—12:45 pm 30-Minute Lunchtime Activity

12:45 pm—1:30 pm Lunch TWO

1:00 pm—1:30 pm 30-Minute Lunchtime Activity

Attendees will be assigned to one lunch period for eating and visiting the marketplace, and the other for attending a lunch-time activity (if you choose one).

CLOSING

3:25 pm—3:45 pm

MARKETPLACE

The marketplace gives participants a chance to learn about a variety of ministry opportunities and to shop their favorite vendors.

THE COST

ONLINE REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED: WWW.MACUCC.ORG/SS-MAR2019

\$54.00 Individual

\$64.00* Late Registration (**ALL** registrations received after March 2nd and walk-in price)

\$44.00 Groups of 5 or more who register at the same time (registrations post-marked after **March 2, 2019** will be an additional \$10 per group)

***If registration is extended beyond March 2, 2019, the price will be \$64.**



Rebekah Anderson
Seminarian, Writer, and Disability Activist.

Rebekah began investigating disability theology during an internship with the office of Congregational Assessment, Support, and Advancement of the UCC, and has presented on the topic at the National Church Leadership Institute, Eastern Regional Youth Event, and Super Saturday. She is an alum of the Thinking About Working for God Apprenticeship and the Young Adult Service Communities, and is in her first year at Union Theological Seminary. Find her writings at bekahmaren.blogspot.com.

Something New!

“New” Workshop Option

In response to comments from past evaluations we’re trying something new for this Super Saturday. Three workshops: Weird Church, The Gospel of Mark and UCC Basics will be 2.25 hours length, beginning with the morning workshop through first lunch. Participants in these workshops will go to the second lunch session.

We are grateful to the workshop presenters for working with us to try something new!

“New” Lunch Option

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TOGETHER, AS ONE

Since the overwhelmingly positive vote on Together As One (TA1), your Conferences’ leadership and staff have focused their time on several key areas. They have deepened relationships between Conference staff and between the leadership who minister through the Councils, Committees, Boards, Task Teams, and programs of all three Conferences. People have been sharing their ideas and strategies along with their passions and dreams as they immersed themselves in the possibilities that the Vision provides. At the same time, the TA1 Board has begun the work of initiating the key subcommittees that will draft the structure’s and strategies which will bring our Vision, with the grace and guidance of God, to life. In the coming months, you will be hearing more about the unfolding of all of this. And at any time you can share your insights and questions with any of our staff and/or board members.



Due to the size of the classrooms, ***MOST workshops will be limited to 25 people on a first-come, first-served basis, so please REGISTER EARLY.*** Those registering online can see which workshops have available space. Mail-in registrations must indicate their top three choices and will be placed according to availability.

1. Cultivating Interdependence: What Does It Feel Like?

Interdependence is a beautiful, powerful word, an idea many of us seek to bring into our communities. But what do we really mean by it? In this workshop, we will unpack what it means to each of us to live interdependently. Topics for discussion will include vulnerability, accessibility, justice, boundaries, and more. Please come with a particular community or situation in mind so we can all consider how interdependence effects our individual lives.

Rebekah Anderson, Seminarian, Writer, and Disability Activist

Back by Popular Demand

2. Weird Church - Extended Workshop 2.25 hours

How do we journey with a church through a process that will enable them to be healthy, faithful and effective in the changing landscape of ministry? Weird church will draw on concepts from the book by that name and other research to explore some of the core concepts of vitality in churches and in new forms of faith communities that are emerging around us.

Rev. Don Remick, Transitional Interim Conference Minister, MACUCC

3. Simplifying Church Structure

Participants in this workshop will explore ways to simplify church structure, so that you have fewer meetings and more ministry, less conflict and more community. We will talk about ways of streamlining decision making while increasing our commitment to congregational decision making.

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Faith Formation/Christian Education

4. The Gospel of Mark: A Live Presentation - Extended Workshop 2.25 hours

Rev. Shannon Wall will present the entire Gospel of Mark from memory using all the words of scripture and only the words of scripture. Expect "aha" moments, surprising new connections, and a visceral experience of the first Gospel. The session will include a Q & A discussion time.

Rev. Shannon Wall, Acting Pastor, First Congregational Church of New Milford. M.Div, Yale Divinity School, former professional actress with MFA from New York University.

5. Vacation Bible School: Creating Your Own Program

Have you ever thought about writing your own Vacation Bible School/Camp program? You can do it!

Paul Nesbit is the Minister of Families and Education at Wilbraham United Church, Member in Discernment - Hampden Association, and holds a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies from former Washington Theological Union.

6. What You Should Know About What Children Know

Many parents and many congregations are including their children in more of what the church has to offer, including worship. But which Christian practices are appropriate for children, and should any be modified when we participate in them together? This workshop will address the spiritual, emotional, and cognitive development of children in relation to welcoming them into the whole life of the Church.

Debbie Gline Allen, Consultant for Christian Education and Youth Ministry for the historical Massachusetts Conference UCC, a Commissioned Minister in the UCC who has served congregations and in the conference setting in MA & NH.

Outreach/Mission

7. Loving Thy Neighbors in the Greater Community-Outdoor Church

How to get involved as a church community with Outdoor Church of Cambridge, or other local Christian organizations that service the homeless. Come and see how getting involved can happen at all age levels and commitments.

Wendy Tanahashi-Work, Hancock Church, Lexington, MA. Experienced Church and Junior Youth group teacher. Volunteer and Board member of The Outdoor Church of Cambridge

Church History & Governance

8. UCC Basics - History, Theology, Governance (aka Polity) Extended Workshop 2.25 hours

Want to know more about this denomination that's been described as a "heady, exasperating mix"? Come learn about the UCC's history, demographics, and faith commitments; how its different settings - Congregations, Associations, Conferences, and National UCC - are governed and relate to one another (aka polity); as well as about the values, commitments, and beliefs that shape how we do and are Church together. Whether you're mostly feeling the headiness of the UCC's high aspirations or exasperation born of how it sometimes fails to reach them, here's an opportunity to ask and hear what surprises, perplexes, or thrills us most about our denominational home.

Rev. Dr. Jonathan New Associate Conference Minister, MACUCC

Church Leadership & Administrative

9. Stretching Beyond Bias in Search/Call and Committee on Ministry (COM) Work

Designed for Search Committees and Association COM members, this workshop will discuss and preview brand-new videos from the UCC for acknowledging and overcoming sexism, racism, heterosexism and ableism in the search process as well as working with MIDs.

Rev. Wendy Vander Hart, Associate Conference Minister

10. Creating a Successful Ministry Team

Join us and discover unique tools for establishing trust and encouragement between and among church staff. Through Bible study, play, movement, dream sharing and other techniques, this workshop will offer ways to stimulate the imagination and creative collaboration. Learn how to open leaders to creative and healthy working relationships.

Gwen McCann, director of Faith Formation and Rev Olivia Robinson recently retired pastor of Kensington Congregational Church. After working together for the past 11 years, they developed a strong working relationship that fostered creativity and church growth for the entire church.

Church Vitality

11. Discover Your "Why?"

The Together as One (TA1) Conference has developed its "why" based on the work of Simon Sinek. We believe churches that have clarity about their mission and ministry have discovered their "why" which centers around the TA1 core value of local churches engaged in discipleship and impact. Let's talk together about ideas and strategies that might help your church gain clarity and focus.

Rev. Kent Siladi, Conference Minister of the Connecticut Conference.

12. Creating a Preaching in Residence Program at Your Church

Is your church interested in supporting authorized ministers from under-represented groups? First Church Somerville started a six week Preacher in Residence Program (authorized minister preached for 6 weeks in two months) in response to our commitment to be Open and Affirming. First Church Somerville is now expanding the program to include Members In Discernment from historically under-represented groups. Come learn from their experience how your church can develop a similar program in your community.

Rev. Da Vita "Day" McCallister, Lead Pastor, First Church Somerville. Pastor, Partner, and Parent

13. Who is My Neighbor?

Using community organizing techniques this workshop will help you develop a plan to meet your neighbors, live and in person, and learn from them how your church's strengths might matter to them. Whether your congregation is developing its "why", writing your profile, revitalizing, or creating a new mission project, you've got to get out and meet your neighbors.

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth M. Magill (Liz) is pastor of Ashburnham Community Church. She's a small church pastor working on the intersection of mission and evangelism.

14. Fundraising 101: A Beginner's Guide to Funding your Ministry

This workshop will introduce three major areas of fundraising: Grant writing, your annual appeal, and using social media to boost your audience & visibility.

Lee Gagen, Fundraising and Development Specialist, Massachusetts Conference, UCC

Environmental

15. Climate Change Resonance Circle

The work of climate justice needs us if we're going to fight for a better future. To help change our world, we must push through our fear and anxieties to find not optimism but courage. Sharing our stories of challenge and support and receiving resonance can help us come to terms with the shared challenge of climate uncertainty and build resilience and community. This is not a climate change 101 workshop to learn about what's happening and what to do. Tools to help support each other and build community so that each of us, and all of us together, can lean in to the greatest challenge of our time.

Pam Arifian, Director of UCC Northeast Environmental Justice Center

Justice & Witness

16. Let's Talk About Nuclear Weapons. What Can We Do?

This is a workshop that--in a participative way--updates people's knowledge about the state of nuclear weapons. It also makes clear how people and their churches can contribute to campaigns to reduce the risk of nuclear war and ultimately eliminate nuclear weapons. How this issue relates to other peace and justice issues is discussed. A review of the new U.N. Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, passed in July of 2017.

Douglas Renick, elder activist and Chair, Peace and Justice Committee, Haydenville Congregational Church and the Rev. Dr. Peter Kakos, member, First Churches, Northampton. Chair, Nuclear Ban Task Team, MACUCC also I have crafted a Synod Nuclear-Ban-Resolution for June, 2109.

17. Faithful Steps for Supporting Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers

Do you find yourself asking, "what can my church and I "do" to show God's love to migrants seeking refuge in our country?" You will hear a range of what other churches are doing, and discuss what the next faithful step is for you, your family, and your congregation. The MACUCC's Immigration, Refugee, and Asylum Seeker Task Team will be here to do some brief teaching and to lead a deep discussion designed to help us all answer this question.

Lindsay Popperson, Minister of Christian Education, Allin Congregational Church and member of the Immigration, Refugee, and Asylum Seekers Task Team and the MACUCC Justice and Witness Council.

18. Reframing/Transforming Justice: Using Talking Circles for Social Justice, Racial Justice and Social Change

PART 1 - What do we need to change in our culture to minimize incidences of harm? Morning focus: When we have experienced harm what do we need from our family, friends and community to restore ourselves and community to wholeness? In order to be restored to wholeness, what does forgiveness look like?

Strong Oak Lefebvre, MSSA, LICSW, Executive Director and Founder of Visioning B.E.A.R. Circle Intertribal Coalition, and Member of the Governor's Restorative Justice Advisory Committee

Miscellaneous

19. The Adventure Continues: Retirement as a Spiritual Journey

Retirement can be a time of creative transformation in which we explore new possibilities for personal growth and service. This workshop explores the nature of "vocation" or "calling" for clergy and laypersons who are planning to retire or have recently retired. We will consider theological, spiritual, and practical resources for faithful and life-transforming retirement.

Rev. Dr. Bruce Epperly, Pastor, South Congregational Church, Centerville, MA - professor, spiritual guide, and author

20. Storytelling as Evangelism: Sharing Yourself, and the Good News, Without Losing It

In a world where "Christian" does not always represent a hopeful ideal, where religion is pitied at best and weaponized at worst, we are challenged to follow Jesus' commission to talk about our faith. In this workshop, participants will build confidence in sharing their stories of faith and develop skills for asking questions that make space for God.

Rev. Katherine Blaisdell, Divine Communications. Pastor and public speaking coach

Racial Justice

21. The Impact of Systemic Racism on Congregations & Communities

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TJ Harper, Associate for Racial Justice Ministries, CT & MA Conferences, UCC

Spirituality

22. The Enneagram and Grace

This workshop will introduce the Enneagram of Personality in the context of daily spiritual practice. I will describe the Nine Essences (nine ways we embody Grace), and how those Essences contrast with the Nine Personalities (habitual ways we lose contact with God). The workshop will include a brief meditation, a lecture, and then an exercise to have a felt experience of the difference between Essence and Personality.

Ben Campbell, Enneagram Teacher, Riso-Hudson Insight Approach, Enneagram Institute Stone Ridge, NY

Worship

23. Called to Love, Not Just Include

Did you know that some of God's best preachers and teachers happen to be disabled? Come hear the journey of Sunday Fellowship, a 36 year old ministry for people of abilities at West Concord Union Church. We'll share our best practices for ministry with people of all abilities as well as our resources for universal worship design.

Rev. Melissa Tustin, Director of Sunday Fellowship, proud parent of children with learning differences, owner of an ADHD brain, and pastor since 2001

24. Preaching Without Notes

Are you tied to your manuscript? Feel like your preaching needs a boost? Rev. Anna Flowers has been there too! Pastors, lay preachers, and communicators are invited to this workshop to learn why and how she ditched the manuscript and you can too. Practical tips and resources will be offered in abundance.

Rev. Anna Flowers, United Church in Walpole. Passionate, progressive, Jesus-loving preacher and church revitalizer

25. Designing Devotionals

This will be a hands on workshop for lay leaders, ministers, chaplains, or anyone else that is occasionally called on to offer an opening devotional. Our clergy community of practice group will offer an interactive workshop that will give you the tools you need to plan devotionals. We will also provide resources and give you an opportunity to experience several different devotionals that are meant to bring you closer to the holy.

Rev. Carol Smith, Rev. Dawn Adams and our Clergy Community of Practice, who come with varied strengths and skills from all different MA churches, will all be present to share devotionals that have worked for us in our varied settings.

Youth

26. Millennial Ministry

Our panel of both religious and non-religious young adults will share our experiences as young adults in/outside of the church. We will talk about what creates meaningful engagement with congregations, the intricacies of navigating social relationships as people of faith, and how the church can best support us through the challenges of this time in our lives. Finally, we will talk about how we ended up as members of the Young Adult Service Community at First Church of Christ, Simsbury and how this year is shaping our lives.

Youth Adult Service Community Interns with the First Church of Christ, Simsbury, CT: Olivia Arsenault, Hartford Habitat for Humanity; Lauren Dube, Christian Activities Council; Kyle Williams, Hands on Hartford; and Jennifer Sanborn, Community Leader

27. Call Waiting: Practicing Discernment With Youth

Looking for ways to nurture youth towards mature faith? Want to help your teens stay attuned to the voice of God? Help your youth avoid "roaming" after confirmation and give them a direct line to discipleship. This workshop will share ways to listen for the spirit and explore vocation. We'll offer tips for discernment and think about what it takes to be a calling congregation.

Debby Kirk is the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the historic Connecticut Conference. She coordinates leadership programs for youth who are "Thinking About Working For God." (TAWFG)

LUNCH ACTIVITIES

Participants will be assigned to one of two lunch sessions and may register for any of the following activities during the opposite lunch session, or they may take that time to visit the Marketplace and network informally with peers.

***Please remember that your selected lunch activity determines your lunchtime. If you want to insure you are in the same lunch as others from your church, you must choose the same lunch activity.*

30 Minute Lunch Activities

L1. Observations and Thoughts on Immigration, Refugee and Asylum Seekers on Our Border

Stories of immigrants attempting to cross our border seeking better lives, asylum, etc. Thoughts of people who were able to take a trip through the desert, seeing items left behind by immigrants trying to reach refuge. Descriptions of why the trip to the border had such "life changing" impact of the lives of the participants.

Joanne Dickey, Co-Chair, MACUCC Immigration and Refugee Task Team Member

L2. Funding Your Ministry: Sharing Successes and Lessons Learned

Come Share your successes and lessons with others.

Lee Gagen, Fundraising and Development Specialist, Massachusetts Conference, UCC

L3. Praying with the Body

Praying with the body the psalms come to life - prayer, gentle yoga poses (if you choose to do them) and a sitting guided mindful practice.

Rev. Saramaria Allenby Spiritual Care Advisor Gosnold, Inc.

Ongoing Lunch Activity

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Visit the Marketplace & Network



Faith Formation/Christian Education

28. Safe Conduct/Safe Church

Does your church have a Safe Church/Safe Conduct Policy? Providing a safe place for all children, youth, and adults of all abilities is one of the core values of our mission and ministry. Bring your questions, and shared experiences.

Debra Moore, Minister of Faith Formation at Edwards Church of Northampton and member of the MACUCC Faith Formation Ministry Team.

29. Confirmation: Is This Model Still Valid for Today's Youth?

"How do you get rid of the bats in the church belfry? Confirm them and you'll never see them again." This joke is more sad than amusing these days as we try to fit everything we believe our teens should know into a one- or two-year program, and then wonder if they'll remain engaged in the faith community. Has the model of Confirmation lost its effectiveness? This workshop will address multiple issues around Confirmation and stimulate adaptive thinking toward more effective models.

Debbie Gline Allen, Consultant for Christian Education and Youth Ministry, MACUCC, a Commissioned Minister in the United Church of Christ who has served congregations and in the conference setting in MA & NH

Church History & Governance

30. A Lost History of New England Congregationalism and Military Ministry

The British set sail to arrest Congregational Pastors and burn separatist churches in the colonies who preached no taxation without representation. Rev. John Wise's sermon from Ipswich Congregational Church sparked a Revolution. Learn the connection between the Guard (Militia) and Congregational Churches and what modern ministry in the military looks like.

Rev. Derek White, Chaplain with the Massachusetts Air National Guard and Joint Base Cape Cod Fire Department

Church Leadership & Administrative

31. Navigating Cross Cultural Calls-Best Practices

This workshop and discussion will explore best practices for calling, engaging, and supporting clergy and lay leaders from diverse ethnic backgrounds in new calls. It will address potential barriers to healthy cross-cultural ministry and discuss strategies for living into the beloved community.

Rev. Tamara Moreland, Regional Minister, CT Conference, UCC. Tamara's prior experience includes pastor, chaplain, consultant and senior administrator. She is a leadership coach, thought leader and parent advocate

32. How to Grow Leadership Capacity and Skills Without a Leadership Development Program

A congregation's vitality is directly related to the skills of its leaders. This workshop will share the 8 key leadership skills that developed in groups of leaders as a direct result of participation in a group coaching process to improve their congregation's governance. Join me and learn more about the valuable results of my recent Doctor of Ministry project and the surprising results in participants reporting significant growth in their own leadership skills.

Rev. Dr. Jim Latimer, Bridge Interim Pastor of Orange Congregational Church, regularly coaches leaders and teams around the challenges of governance, leadership and vitality

Church Vitality

33. Higher Elevations in Church Communication

Workshop participants will explore strategies for improving communication within congregations. The goal is to become more adept at cooperation and collaboration, so that you experience more creativity and community within your ministries.

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34. Best Practices in Church and Collaboration Within the Community

Vital Churches collaborate with local organizations in order to expand their ability to serve their community. Come hear a panel of leaders of congregations share their best practices for identifying appropriate partners, building relationships, and maintaining connections, that will expand your churches ministry.

Church Development Task Team, MACUCC

Church Vitality

35. Transplanting: A Faithful Alternative for Churches at Crossroads

This workshop presents a new strategy for churches in discernment about their future: Transplanting. I'll share the story of one congregation's journey through a process that considered all options and embraced a new alternative. In a unanimous decision, they chose to transplant their members and spiritual gifts to two congregations that were missionally-aligned. If you're curious to learn more about this bold witness and how to lead a fruitful process for churches in discernment, this workshop will inform and inspire.

Rev. Susan Murtha, Interim Senior Minister, Church of the Redeemer, New Haven, CT. Transitional Minister and consultant

36. Supporting Interfaith Partners in Challenging Times

Join us for a panel discussion about how to foster healthy, faithful and courageous interfaith relationships in your own community and beyond. In the last two years, throughout our country, including here in Massachusetts, there has been a significant increase in acts of vandalism and hate crimes against Muslims, Jews, Sikhs, and other people of non-Christian faith traditions. This panel will feature UCC clergy and lay leaders who have worked closely with interfaith partners in the aftermath of acts of violence or hate. Join us as we discuss strategies, resources and "best practices" for responding to the needs of other faith communities in times of threat or crisis.

Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations Task Team, MACUCC

37. Digital Content: Bringing Your Church Online

People spend a lot of time online. How can we take the spiritual content resources that we provide in our churches and put it online? In this workshop we will learn the basics of how to do this, talk about the future of digital church, and even discuss how we might monetize the content for the purpose of supporting our ministries.

Rev. Shawn Garan, Associate Pastor, Second Congregational Church of Greenwich. I lead a Saturday evening church service at our church, work with youth, and am currently working on building a digital presence where I can reach people who are not attending church and have questions about Christianity

38. Beyond Sticks and Stones: Perspectives on Bullying Prevention and Intervention

Learn how to facilitate conversations about bullying intervention and prevention and create a culture of "upstanders." Discover video, print and internet resources to use with your congregation. This workshop relates to the 2018/2019 CT and MA Conference annual meeting resolutions on Bullying.

Sara M. Holland, Minister of Christian Education, Hingham Congregational Church; Kath Mason, South Congregational Church Andover; and Kathie Carpenter, Congregational Church of Needham, all members of MA Conference ONA Ministry Team

39. Engaging in Social Media Ministry

Whether you're looking to get started or if your church has been online for years, this is the presentation for you! We will cover setting up your strategy, fun and engaging ideas for regular posts, online community-building, and tools to help implement your church's social media ministry.

James Admans, MID, Social Media and Website Coordinator, First Congregational Church of West Haven. MDiv Candidate at Union Theological Seminary

Racial Justice

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Justice & Witness

41. Reframing/Transforming Justice: Using Talking Circles for Social Justice, Racial Justice and Social Change

Part 2 - When harm happens, how do we heal, forgive ourselves, and others? Afternoon focus: When we cause harm, what do we need from our family, friends, and community to be accountable and to restore our own selves to wholeness? In order to be restored to wholeness, what does forgiveness look like?

Strong Oak Lefebvre, MSSA, LICSW, Executive Director and Founder of Visioning B.E.A.R. Circle Intertribal Coalition, and Member of the Governor's Restorative Justice Advisory Committee

42. How Are the Children? Palestinian Children in Israeli Military Detention

Discover why the UCC is calling for an end to the abuse of Palestinian children in the Israeli military detention system. View a new film featuring these children and testimonies from UCC denominational leaders. Learn how you can use the film to educate your congregation and take action to end the abuse.

Gay Harter, Co-Founder of the UCC Palestine Israel Network (PIN) and Rev. Allie Perry, leader of Shalom, UCC, New Haven. Both members of the UCC PIN Steering Committee and the CT Chapter of UCC PIN.

43. Extra! Extra! Learn all about it!!

See the Players new play on issues directly from the news and how we can respond as people of faith to make our world a more just place.

Rev. Dr. Fran Bogle, Edwards Church, Framingham, MA Hospital and community chaplain for over thirty years, coordinator of the Just Peace Players, educator, photographer and ONA consultant. Rev. Nancy Reed, Hancock United Church of Christ, Lexington, MA Parish minister, hospital chaplain, educator, and Just Peace Player

Outreach/Mission

44. Becoming an "Accessible To All" Church

Accessible to All (A2A) was developed by the UCC Disabilities Ministries Board to help Conferences, Associations and Local Churches offer God's extravagant welcome to people who live with disabilities and mental health issues. The A2A curriculum is designed to offer resources for evaluating the physical accessibility of churches, spaces and programs, as well as guidance in building a better understanding of people with disabilities. Learn about how to become one of our growing circle of Accessible to All churches and welcome the gifts that those with differing abilities bring to our communities. We'll share information and conversation.

Pat Kenny, Central Congregational Church of Meriden, CT and Cassandra Levine, First Congregational Church of Canton Center, CT. Both are members of the Disabilities Ministries Team of the Connecticut Conference

45. From Ruin to Recovery: Rebuilding Homes and Lives in the Wake of Natural Disasters

The intensity and frequency of devastating storms is increasing and severely impacting the lives of the poor and most vulnerable members of affected communities. UCC Disaster Ministries is currently supporting several projects in underserved areas, and is looking to increase the participation of more volunteer work teams to help rebuild homes especially in the many months and weeks that youth groups are unavailable. Learn what role the UCC plays in disaster recovery, why this is a call for us to live out the Gospel, how do we take the steps to organize a work team and what hands-on information do we need to make the trip a success.

Elaine Cavanaugh, Long Term Volunteer as Construction Site Supervisor for UCC Disaster Ministries. Member in Discernment in Northeast Association, MACUCC. Garrett Cavanaugh, Long Term Volunteer as Construction Site Supervisor for UCC Disaster Ministries.

Miscellaneous

46. Premarital Counseling for Busy Pastors and Couples

Pastors have busy schedules and so do Brides & Grooms! This workshop will present meaningful, practical premarital techniques that work and give couples tools to strengthen and enrich their relationship. Special attention will be given to a technique I call, "Come and Have a Fight," or "Let's Get Ready to Rumble!"

Rev. Dr. Rich Knight is pastor of Central Congregation Church, UCC, in Chelmsford MA. He has a Doctor of Ministry degree in Marriage & Family Ministry, from which he developed the techniques taught in this workshop.

Miscellaneous

47. Successful Church Retreats

Learn how to plan a church retreat that your congregation will want to attend! Sell your retreat to church members and friends, figure out your budget, and grow your program. Get information on what Silver Lake Conference Center can offer to your church group.

Jennifer Kronholm Clark, Program Director and Stephanie Pitman, Business Manager/Retreat Planner, Silver Lake Conference Center

Spirituality

48. Spiritual Practices to Nurture Discernment

Distinct from a culture of noise and distraction, the Christian tradition of discernment connects us to Wisdom that lies within. This workshop will explore spiritual practices that can lead to groundedness, creating a space to encounter God's Spirit anew.

Rev. Henry Schoenfield, Interim Pastor, First Church Stoneham. Pastor, Spiritual Director, and Certified Professional Coach.

49. How Spirituality Helps to Heal the Brain Disease of Addiction

A presentation on the disease of addiction and understanding the healing of addiction with spiritual practices.

Rev. Saramaria Allenby Spiritual Care Advisor Gosnold, Inc.

Worship

50. Once Upon a Time' Is Holy Time: Storytelling in Sacred Spaces

This interactive storytelling workshop invites participants to witness, explore and apply the power of storytelling in sacred settings, including venues for preaching, teaching, faith-building, healing and exhorting.

Rev. Dr. Barbara Therese, Congregational Church of Grafton, Grafton, MA. Pastor, professional story writer, storyteller, coach and workshop leader for 25 years.

51. Beer and Hymns

Your parish need not confine its appreciation of hymnody to the church sanctuary. Why not sing hymns with gusto in a relaxed, public setting and invite other churches to share in making a joyful noise?

John Read, St. David's Episcopal Church, formerly of Congregational Church of Mansfield, MA, Music Director

52. Creating Altar Scapes

An offering for worship leaders and teams that will help spark creativity in creating altar scapes. This will offer an opportunity to look at resources, how you might include intergenerational participation in creating an altar, and how areas in your sanctuary might be used differently. Ideas for altar scapes for liturgical seasons will be provided and hopefully inspire your creativity to connect with the congregation through a multisensory worship space. We will also do some exercises as small groups to kickstart our creativity and worship design.

Rev. Maddie Foster, Congregational Church of Needham UCC. Christian Education and Youth Ministries for 3 years where her passion for creating altar scapes plays a special part in her ministry

Youth

53. Multi-Church Youth Group - You Can Do It, Too!

Learn from folks who are making their Multi-Church Youth Group a success! We will discuss best practices for collaboration and execution of engaging programs for young people.

Rev. Jack Perkins Davidson - Pastor at Spring Glen Church and Emily McKenna - Youth Ministry Coordinator for New Haven CT area churches

54. How to Engage Teens From Former Teens

We will explore from our standpoint as young people what it's like to be a young person in society and in the church along with understanding Generation Z. Our youth ministry model will be discussed, as well as how your church can hold onto your youth and how to appeal to youth on a broader scale.

Emily Carle, Co-Youth Director at First Congregational Church of South Hadley and undergraduate religion student at Mount Holyoke College and Claire Houston, Co-Youth Director at First Congregational Church of South Hadley, undergraduate disabilities studies student at Mount Holyoke College

REGISTRATION FORM - Super Saturday - March 16, 2019

Registration deadline is March 2, 2019

Register Online at www.macucc.org/SS-Mar2019

Register early! Due to the size of classrooms, most sessions will be limited to 25 people. **If you register online, you will see which sessions have space and can make your choices accordingly.** Those who use this form to register by mail will need to give three choices for each workshop session, as we cannot guarantee there will be available space in your top choices. Send this form with check made payable to **MACUCC to: Andrea Bellarosa, MACUCC, 1 Badger Road, Framingham, MA 01702.**

First Name: _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Church _____ Church City/Town _____

Please indicate the payment you are enclosing:

- \$54.00 Individual rate
- \$64.00 Late Registration - **ALL** registrations received **after March 2nd** (even if the deadline is extended)
- \$44.00 team rate. **MUST** be submitted together with at least 4 other paying registrations from your church. Workshop presenters cannot be included in this number.
- Add \$10 for Late Group Registrations—registrations post-marked **after March 2nd** will be an **additional \$10** per group.
- \$0 - I am a workshop presenter (note: there is a limit of two presenters per workshop) Workshop #: _____

LUNCH OPTIONS—Please choose either the LUNCH BUFFET OR the BAG LUNCH OPTION

Lunch Buffet: a variety of cold cuts, salads, vegetarian options, condiments, etc...

Bag Lunch - Grab & Go: Includes Sandwich or Salad, chips, side salad, cookie. Please select one:

Ham Turkey Tuna Vegetarian Gluten Free (salad with chicken)

***If no option is chosen, you will receive the buffet.*

Morning Workshops

See list on pages 5-8 and enter numbers here.

First choice: _____

Second choice: _____ **REQUIRED**

Third choice: _____ **REQUIRED**

I will not attend an AM Workshop ___

Afternoon Workshops

See list on pages 10–13 and enter numbers here.

First choice: _____

Second choice: _____ **REQUIRED**

Third choice: _____ **REQUIRED**

I will not attend a PM Workshop ___

Lunchtime Activities

****Please remember that your selected lunch activity determines your lunchtime. If you want to ensure you are in the same lunch as others from your church, you must choose the same lunch activity.***

Participants will be assigned to one of two lunch sessions and may register for an activity during the opposite lunch session if desired.

First choice: _____ Second choice: _____ Third Choice: _____ I will not attend a lunchtime activity:

See list on page 9 and indicate letters here. (If your workshop is sold out or you do not indicate a second or third choice, you will not be given a lunch activity):



CHILDREN’S PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

Registration deadline is March 2, 2019

The Children’s Program, a VBS Model, is available on a first-come, first-served basis and must be reserved and paid for in advance by the registration deadline. The child/teacher ratio will be based on the number of children who have registered. You **MUST** be pre-registered for children’s program. Ages 4-10. **NO WALK-INS.**

Parents are asked to bring their children to worship. During the worship service, children will be blessed and escorted to the children’s program. The program will **NOT** be available during the first lunch break. You must pick up your child at the children’s programming center at the beginning of Lunch ONE. A Bag Lunch is included in the child’s price. The program will resume at the beginning of Lunch TWO.

You **MUST** be pre-registered for children’s program. **NO WALK-INS.**

Hours: 7:30 AM—12:00 PM: 1:30 PM—3:45 PM

Medical Forms and Consent Forms **MUST** be completed and returned **PRIOR** to Super Saturday. The forms will **NOT** be accepted on Super Saturday and your child will **NOT** be permitted to attend.

The required forms will be emailed to you after your registration has been processed. Please make sure you provide a valid email address and phone number on your registration form.

\$45 per child Number of Children ____ Bag Lunch Choices: Ham, Turkey, Tuna, Vegetarian, Gluten Free(salad with Chicken)

Parent: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Child’s Name: _____ Age: _____ Bag Lunch Choice: _____

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Child’s Name: _____ Age: _____ Bag Lunch Choice _____

Outside Activity Consent

If weather permits, the leaders may want to do some outside activities. I grant permission for the leaders to bring my child(ren) outside for program related activities.

Yes, I grant permission

No, I do not grant permission

Photo Consent

I am the parent/guardian of the above listed child(ren) who is/are under the age of the eighteen. I grant permission for my child(ren) to be included in any and all media which has been or will be made by the Mass Conference, UCC.

Yes, I grant permission

No, I do not grant permission

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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March 16, 2019

8:00 AM – 3:45 PM

Minnechaug Regional High School, Wilbraham, MA

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Save the Date! October 5, 2019

Super Saturday

Keefe Regional Technical High School, Framingham, MA