

Central Southeast News

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Lay Ministry Program taking applications for next class

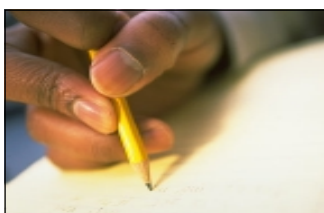
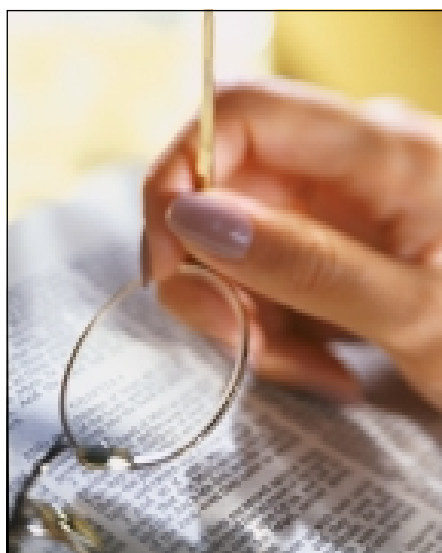
We are seeking people interested in participating in the next class of the Licensed Ministry Preparation program that the Central Southeast Ohio Association holds in partnership with the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

The program will begin with a retreat the end of August, 2007. Classes are held one Saturday a month (except December and July) for the next three years.

Interested persons are asked to contact Forrest Hoppe or Jill Glass for more information and to receive an application for the program.

Three CSEOA persons—Jill Glass, Alan Hicks and Mike Randolph—are members of the current class.

The program provides the basic course work for a person to be considered for authorization as a Licensed Minister by the Central Southeast Ohio Association.



Equipping the Saints 2007

Vital signs of healthy churches

Is your church healthy? Do you know how to recognize or nurture a healthy congregation? You are invited to learn more about *Vital Signs of Healthy Churches* at Equipping the Saints 2007, a leadership training day for all, to be held on Saturday, March 3, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Broad Street Christian Church in Columbus.

Working in the spirit of Christ, members of the Central Southeast Ohio Association of the United Church of Christ and people from the Metropolitan Commission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have again partnered to plan this annual event. It is hosted in alternate years by UCC and Christian Church congregations.

Equipping the Saints will feature twelve workshops with a range of topics and with outstanding UCC and Christian Church leadership. Participants may choose one morning and one afternoon workshop from topics such as hospitality, discernment, mission outreach, prayer, and creating community. Bring a group from your church and take home the experiences from many workshops. Table fellowship will be enjoyed at lunch.

The day will begin with worship and keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Herb Goetz, who served 30 years as a Navy Chaplain, retiring as a Captain. He has since provided pastoral leadership to seven different UCC congregations—urban, suburban and rural—as Interim Pastor. He currently serves as Designated Minister of St. Paul UCC, Columbus.

On his first Sunday at St. Paul in December 2004 there were 12 people in worship. Now 50 to 60 worshippers fill the pews on Sunday mornings.

St. Paul's hospitality has expanded: the building is now handicap accessible, and they have declared themselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation. St. Paul's members minister to their community (south of German Village) through the Southside Food Pantry, which is open the last two weeks of the month. In addition, they are initiating a new wellness ministry in a community underserved by traditional health services.

The \$12 registration fee for Equipping the Saints includes lunch. Register by contacting the Central Southeast Ohio Association office at 6161 Busch Blvd., Columbus, OH 43229-2547, 800-282-0740 or cse@ocucc.org. Registration is due by Friday, February 24.

Broad Street Christian Church is located at 1049 E. Broad Street (east of I-71) in Columbus.

Special Services Scheduled

There are several special services scheduled in our Central Southeast Ohio Association over the next several months.

Sunday afternoon, February 25, the Rev. Galen Hahn will be installed as the pastor and teacher of **Evangelical United Church of Christ, Portsmouth**.

The installation service will be at 3:30 pm. Following the service there will be a reception with light refreshments.

At 6:30 pm that evening, at the Scioto County Welcome Center, a community-wide dinner and concert by George Hamilton IV will celebrate the new partnership in ministry between Galen and Evangelical UCC. Reservations are required for the dinner.

On Saturday, March 31, 10:30 a.m., Mary Ann Goetz will be ordained at **St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Columbus**. A light lunch will follow the ordination service. Mary Ann has been called to be the Associate Minister at St. Paul's.

On Sunday, April 15, at 4:30 p.m., there will be a service of recognition of ordination for the Rev. Tim Dixon at the **First Congregational United Church of Christ, Huntington, West Virginia**. A light meal will follow the service.

Tim has served First Congregational for five years and was recently granted Ordained Ministerial Standing in the UCC. He was originally ordained in the Church of the Nazarene.

Transitions ... Transitions ... Transitions ...

The Rev. Bertie Dell retired from **Zion United Church of Christ, Delaware** on December 31.

The Rev. Nancy Millwater began serving as the Intentional Interim Pastor at **St. John's UCC, Newark** on January 1.

Gunnar Cerda began serving as the called pastor at **Zion UCC,**

Delaware on January 1.

The Rev. Ron Hall has resigned from **Highwater Congregational United Church of Christ, Newark**. Ron's ministry at Highwater will end on June 1.

The Rev. Tim Dixon was granted Ordained Ministerial Standing in the United Church of Christ. Tim

is serving as the pastor of **First Congregational UCC, Huntington, West Virginia** and came to the UCC by way of the Church of the Nazarene.

The Rev. Stephen Brown has resigned from the **United Church, Mt Sterling**. Stephen's Ministry will end on May 26.

Annual Spring Meeting

Central Southeast Ohio
Association

Saturday May 5

Trinity United Church of
Christ • Thornville

