

## Highwater UCC hosts ecumenical women's event

One of the largest ecumenical events in the Association's history took place in early April as the Women in Service to Highwater (WISH) hosted ladies from almost 40 area churches in the Highwater Spring Fling.

The inspiration for the Spring Fling came from Elaine Tulloss, a life-long member of **Highwater Congregational UCC in Newark**.

Given the overwhelming success of this year's assembly, The Spring Fling may become an event that is repeated and perhaps replicated by some of the other churches who attended.

Elaine Gard presented a program around a theme of Preparing the Garden of our Hearts for the 250+ women who gathered.

Rev. Ron Hall welcomed the participants to Highwater and joined a group of the men of the church as they served coffee, tea, coffee cake and quiche.

Jennifer Bruce and Lois Buckenberger sang solos, while Student Associate Minister, Torie Front, and Janet Goodman performed a humorous skit involving Janet's arms and Torie's body that was reminiscent of an old two-people-in-a-horse-costume routine.

Beyond fellowship, an addi-



Highwater's Student Associate Minister, Torie Front, with congregation member Janet Goodman's hands as they do a potted plant demonstration skit at the Spring Fling at Highwater Congregational UCC in Newark.

tional purpose of the day was to introduce a Highwater-led effort to increase funding for the free community clinic on the east side of Newark. Brochures were provided, and the ladies were urged to take this very worthwhile concern back to their churches.

The Spring Fling was one of the largest meals ever served in the multi-purpose room which was part

of the 1996 building addition known as the Rev. James and Nellene Legg Family Life Center.

Originally financed with the help of one of the first Cornerstone loans, the Legg Center has increased Highwater's ministry opportunities. The congregation retired the remaining debt for the 10,000 sq. ft. addition last November.



The men of Highwater Congregational UCC serve lunch to the 250 women who attended Spring Fling in April.

# Central Southeast News

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## Transitions Transitions Transitions

The Reverend *Markus Aufferman* has accepted a call to a Church of Scotland congregation in Aberdeen. A Godspeed service was held for Markus at **St. Michael's United Church of Christ, Baltimore** on June 4.

**Immanuel United Church of Christ, Zanesville** has called *Mitch Reed* to be its pastor. He will begin his ministry in Zanesville in mid July. Mitch is In Care in the Northwest Ohio Association.

The Rev. *Virginia Ress* will complete her interim ministry at **Immanuel UCC, Zanesville** in early June.

The Rev. *Dale Ann Gray* will end her interim ministry at **Evangelical United Church of Christ, Portsmouth** in early June. Dale Ann will spend 8 weeks in Germany studying German this summer and will head for Chicago in the fall to begin a PhD program at the Lutheran School of Theology Chicago.

*Pamela Easterday* has been called to the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Claridon. She begins her ministry in Claridon the second week in June. Pam was ordained by the Central Southeast Ohio Association on May 31 at the **First Congregational United Church of Christ, Mt. Vernon**.

## Junior High Youth Event

The Central Southeast Ohio Association Junior High Youth Event will be Sunday afternoon, October 22 at **Westerville Community United Church of Christ**.

The event will include an exploration of other religious faiths present in central Ohio.

## Upcoming Events

Sept. 20	Periodic Support Consultation	9:30 am
Sept. 23	The Call of the Gospel to Overcome Racism	9:30 am
Oct. 17	Periodic Support Consultation	2:00 pm
Oct. 22	Junior High Youth Event • Westerville Community UCC	
Oct. 28	Periodic Support Consultation	9:30 am
Nov. 2	Periodic Support Consultation	7:00 pm
Nov. 4	CSEOA Fall Gathering • Trinity UCC, Thornville	
Nov. 15	The Call of the Gospel to Overcome Racism	9:30 am
Dec. 11	Boundary Training	9:30 am

## Association Fall Gathering

The Fall Gathering of the Central Southeast Ohio Association will be **Saturday, November 4 at Trinity United Church of Christ, Thornville.**

This will be a new experience for the church and the Association as Trinity, Thornville hosts a CSEOA meeting for the first time.