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## Pastoral Letter from GMP Geoffrey Black

Dear Colleagues and Coworkers of the United Church of Christ,

Just about everyone can remember where they were the morning of September 11, 2001 and the days that followed. As New York Conference Minister, I was scheduled to preach in New York City the following Sunday. Since all of the United States was a no-fly zone, I took the long drive through the Catskills. Needless to say the drive gave me plenty of time to think.

When I arrived, the congregation had gathered as usual on that Sunday morning. Not surprisingly, most of the folks were still in a state of shock. There was an abiding atmosphere of sadness and grieving, yet another emotion that I had not anticipated was the presence of deep gratitude. It was beginning to dawn on many of those at worship, including me, that as devastating and shocking as the attacks were, there was reason to be thankful that the tragedy could have been even greater. This awareness was accompanied by the stories of individuals who worked near the World Trade Center and could have lost their lives, but for various reasons were not there that fateful morning. Many more were grateful that, for the moment, the danger had passed. Even in the midst of mourning, our thanksgiving to God was fervent and deeper than usual.

Now, almost ten years have passed. For some who experienced personal loss, the pain still feels as acute as if it happened yesterday. For others, there is emotional distance from the horror of that day, yet reverberations remain. Mere mention of the date September 11<sup>th</sup> churns up feelings and distinct memories. During these years our country has engaged in two long wars attributed in part to the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Most recently, the U.S. military apprehended and killed Osama bin Laden, the person who took credit for orchestrating the attacks of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

The pain and suffering that we as Americans associate with terrorism began that day and has continued ever since. For that reason the date is etched in our nation's collective consciousness. However, it is important to note that for others around the world, that day is the day we experienced the degree of pain other nations and peoples have experienced far longer. September 11<sup>th</sup> was a day the tragedies of the world came to our shores.

As we approach this anniversary of our national tragedy, my prayer is that we do so recognizing that our national understanding of and response to terrorism have been inadequate thus far. If anything, some actions and policies of our government—from the crimes of Abu Ghraib, to Guantanamo Bay and the human toll referred to as "collateral damage"—have inspired more people to take up arms against the U.S. We are still challenged to perceive "the other" more fairly, and to pursue true security more faithfully. General Synod's recent resolution "On Actions of Hostility Against Islam and the Muslim Community" urges us to build relationships of trust and understanding with our neighbors rather than be led by our fears and prejudices. My hope is that we use this anniversary as an opportunity to reflect on these ten years, the years of America's longest war, and begin to chart a new direction.

Our gathering as a UCC church in Queens, NY on that first Sunday after September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 was a moment in time filled with regret and grief. It was also tinged with hope emanated from thanksgiving to our living, loving and merciful God. Perhaps that is who we turn to and where we start as we contemplate beginning anew our work toward God's just and peaceful realm "on earth as it is in heaven."

Peace and blessings,

Rev. Geoffrey A. Black



*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.*

-John 14:27

## Moderators' Musings

Some of the best eating is this time of year. I had the most delicious corn for supper recently, picked just a few hours before I savored every bite. Is there anything better than fresh fruit for breakfast? And to think all these delicacies started out from a small seed; one small seed growing into one small plant yielding an abundance of tomatoes.

One small seed. Many small seeds. There is an abundance of seeds yielding an abundance of good things in EOA. I am humbled by the vast amount of time freely given by so many to the mission and ministry of our association, to the whole church. Thank you. Thank you for the work that happens in our departments and working groups, Council, Personnel Committee, special committees such as fall planning meeting, nominating, property and search. Without the efforts of all the "seeds" there could not be a harvest. Thank you. A special thank you to all who served as General Synod delegates earlier this summer and all who attended as visitors.

I ask your prayers for all those who are serving and for the ministry of EOA and WRA as we continue to find new ways to bring to harvest the ministry of Christ's church. The Associations' General Minister Search Committee is meeting regularly. If you have any questions or concerns

you can address them to Steve Gehlert or Charles Brown, co-chairs of the committee, or myself.

I am looking forward to our sharing together this fall at our Fall Meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup> at First UCC in New Philadelphia. Watch for more information on this important gathering. Along with wonderful worship, and good food of course, we will have a brief business meeting.



One important item of business is consideration of the 2012 budget. What are different ways we can work together to meet the financial needs of EOA so our ministries can remain strong and vital?

One small seed. But what a difference one small seeds makes.

Jesus said *the mustard seed is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.*

Grace and peace.

**-Sandy Hutchinson, EOA Moderator**

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope your summer has brought you some time to relax and rejuvenate and that your life in the United Church of Christ has been a blessing to you! As fall approaches I want to highlight two upcoming, and related, events that I hope you and members of your churches will find energizing, enjoyable and uplifting.



The Fall Meeting of the Association is coming up in November and while it is months off (and admittedly not usually high on the "energizing, enjoyable and uplifting" meter) I hope you will come and hear Pulitzer Prize winning columnist Connie Schultz address the assembly and that you will participate in the WRA Mission 1 celebration. Mission 1 is the UCC's national effort to address poverty and, I believe, a great opportunity for us as the WRA to gather our efforts and our spirit to serve others.

One event, two powerful opportunities, so mark your calendar and spread the good news to your churches!

**-Mark Suriano, WRA Moderator**

## Managing Conflict

The Medina United Church of Christ is serious about dealing with conflict whether it occurs in our personal lives, in our churches or in our communities, nation and world. Conflict does not have to rip us apart or leave irreparable wounds. Instead, we can learn how to "fight fair" and minimize damages conflict can inflict.

*Managing Conflict* is a course to equip persons with the understandings, tools and skills to manage conflict when it occurs. It includes four bi-weekly sessions October 6 through November 18. All sessions will run from 7PM-8:30PM and will be held at the Medina UCC, on the Square in downtown Medina.

*Managing Conflict* will be led by Gene Kraus, ordained UCC minister, member of Medina UCC and congregational consultant. He has extensive experience managing conflict in churches and teaching reconciliation skills.

For more information and a registration form go to [eoaucc.org](http://eoaucc.org) to download the flier.

### Who Should Attend?

- ◆ Those who are not currently involved in a heated conflict and want to act BEFORE conflict gets out of hand.
- ◆ Those seeking to prevent high levels of conflict.
- ◆ Anyone seeking to improve relationship skills.
- ◆ Clergy and other church staff.
- ◆ Lay leaders of congregations.
- ◆ Community leaders and members of community organizations.

# Youth & Stewardship

-Margaret Mills, Minister for Stewardship, Education and Youth

## Youth Calendar

Date	Event
October 6, 2011	<b>EOA/WRA Educators/Youth Leaders Gathering</b> at Gerry's House. Watch for details to follow, but save the date.
November 18 - 20, 2011	<b>Ohio Conference Senior High Fall Youth Event.</b> Held at Pilgrim Hills and using Justice LED resources. The theme is <i>Let Justice Roll</i> based on Amos 5:24 - "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream." Musicians: Andra Moran and Stephen Daniel King. For more information or questions regarding the event, please email Bree at <a href="mailto:blee001@defiance.edu">blee001@defiance.edu</a> or Margaret at <a href="mailto:mmills@wraucc.org">mmills@wraucc.org</a> .
January 27 - 28, 2012	<b>It's Your Turn: Youth Leaders Lock-In.</b> EOA/WRA and open to the Ohio Conference. This year we'll be back at the Radisson and the National UCC Church House in Cleveland. Program begins after supper on Friday and ends at 3PM on Saturday. Save the date!

## Stewardship Calendar

Date	Event
September 29, 2011	<b>Environmental Justice.</b> On September 29, 2011 we will meet at Old South Church (9802 Chillicothe Road, Kirtland, OH 44094) to share ideas and hear information on Environmental Justice. Church in the World members will meet at 6:30PM. The program, which is open to everyone, will be from 7:30PM to 9PM. Part of the discussion will be on the practice of fracturing rock in an attempt by the gas companies to extract gas from underground deposits.

If you have events you would like posted on our Youth & Stewardship Page, please send them to Margaret at [mmills@wraucc.org](mailto:mmills@wraucc.org).



## Synergy Goes Digital!

*Synergy* is going digital. Please complete the form below and send it to:  
EOA/WRA Support Center, 2560 Clearview Ave. NW, Canton, OH 44718

Or you can email your preference with all the info requested below to [support.center@eoaucc.org](mailto:support.center@eoaucc.org).

Please make the subject: *Synergy* Goes Digital

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I'd like to receive *Synergy*  as an email  as a hardcopy delivered by the USPS  remove from mailing list

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## Food of the Bible

Are you hungry for great food and great Bible study? Archwood United Church of Christ (2800 Archwood Ave. in Cleveland) will be feasting for 11 weeks! Starting Wednesday evening September 7th at 7PM Archwood UCC will host a class that studies a Bible passage where food is mentioned. This will be an exciting Bible study that delves deeply into the cultural context of a passage and the food mentioned in the Bible. Each week one simple recipe will be prepared (and eaten!) as the Bible passage and its cultural context is discussed. You need not be a cooking enthusiast. All levels of study are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Join us for all or any of the classes. There is a place for everyone at this table! The class ends on Wednesday, November 16th. Several special recipes will be prepared and served at the annual Archwood Thanksgiving meal at noon Sunday, November 20th.



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## Christian Peacemaking

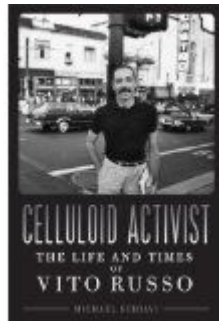
You are invited to this next discussion in the series In the Public Square on Wednesday, October 5, 7-8:30PM, Old South United Church of Christ, 9802 Chillicothe Road in Kirtland. The presenter Rev. Byron Bland is Senior Consultant for the Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation. One of the most important lessons researchers and practitioners at the Stanford Center have learned is the need to give shape to peaceful relationships as parties try to find their way toward peace. While this insight may seem obvious, a closer look reveals fundamental barriers that stand in the way of successful peacemaking. Rev. Byron Bland will explore strategies for overcoming these barriers.



## Biographer of Gay Rights Giant to Speak at Liberation Church

Michael Schiavi, author of the new book, *Celluloid Activist: The Life and Times of Vito Russo*, will speak at

Liberation United Church of Christ (13714 Madison Ave., Lakewood) on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. Russo was a gay rights giant at the center of the gay cultural and political turning points in the 1960s, '70s, and '80s. He witnessed the Stonewall riots in 1969; emceed NYC's earliest Pride Parade rallies; and hosted America's first gay show on public television *Our Time*. He was a cofounder of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) and was a founding member of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). Russo wrote *The Celluloid Closet: Homosexuality in the Movies*, generally regarded as the foundational text of gay and lesbian film studies. A 1995 feature documentary film by Academy Award winning directors Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman was based on Russo's work.



Michael Schiavi's presentation will include commentary, video, readings from *Celluloid Activist*, and Q&A. "I'm excited to introduce Cleveland to one of our movement's most important activists," says Schiavi. "Vito was visionary, articulate, fiery, extremely funny, charismatic, sexually precocious and wholly loving. His inspiring life created lasting change for us all."

For more information, please contact Jim Ebbenga at [zeemannz@aol.com](mailto:zeemannz@aol.com) or 216-548-1957. You can also

## Fiesta de Esperanza

You wake up to roosters crowing, dogs barking and the loudspeakers announcing another day at the school across the street. It's a little chilly, so you'd like to stay in bed a little longer. You know that if you don't get up for breakfast, you'll be starving by lunch time, so you roll out. You spend the morning swinging a pick, digging with a shovel, passing cement blocks or buckets full of wet cement. Your arms ache and your back complains, but the smell of the lunch being prepared by the family you are helping tells you, "it's a good pain."

Work continues after lunch until the local children come home from school and get right in the work line with you. You may take off one or both your gloves to give to your young helpers to protect their hands. The smiles of thanks they give you and the sense of camaraderie you are enjoying makes you want to go out and buy more gloves for them. After a van ride back to your lodging and a quick shower, you decide whether you want to go to a local restaurant or stay in, rest and help prepare a home cooked meal for you and like-minded others. The week is flying by, and you are already thinking about coming back again next year. Where are you? On the EOAWRA mission trip to Tijuana, Mexico which will take place from February 11-18, 2012.

Come to the Fiesta de Esperanza at Paradise UCC (619 E Main St, Louisville) on Sunday October 16 from 3:30 to 6:30 and learn more about this opportunity while sharing a meal with others who are interested in third-world mission work. You'll be glad you did. Call Paradise at 330-875-2677 if you have any questions about the Fiesta.



## De-Stressed and De-Lighted

**-Reneé Hess, Amherst Congregational UCC**

Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> I had the pleasure of attending the EOA/WRA Support Staff Professional Day at Zion UCC in North Canton. Slightly late and in high stress mode from the drive, I was immediately welcomed by Cheryl McGraw and Machel Miller. They assured me I was in the right place and directed me to the continental breakfast, registration gift bag in hand.

Our first hour was spent with food and fellowship and Rev. Gary Smith opened our morning session in prayer.



We relocated to the church parlor for a presentation by Rev. Jim Cunningham on *Stress Management and Interpersonal Communication Tips for Conflict Resolution*. He had suggestions for practical life application and kept the material interactive and very interesting.

He ended the morning session with a verbally guided visualization of letting go of our worries and handing them over to Christ. It was very powerful.

I want to thank everyone that labored in the kitchen to provide us a scrumptious lunch. Those meatballs were a meat lover's dream come true. I piled my plate with food and have to admit I went back for seconds. My appetite was truly satisfied.

The second half of the day was set aside for wellness modalities. There was no set order of events, so I first chose a Centering Prayer session led by Rev. Anissa Bacon. She shared with us how meaningful it can be to purposefully take small bits of time throughout the day to meet with God and that picking a key word to relate who God is to us can help us get our thoughts back on track when our minds wander.

I took that experience and went straight to the labyrinth. Walking the labyrinth was a more dedicated time of prayer and reflection. I reflected on Isaiah 45:2; *I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight.* So many times

our lives take a turn we did not expect. Yet God promises to go before us to prepare the way.

Next, I experienced a Reike session by Rev. Richard Plant and Mina Plant. My sense of this "laying on hands" was of one big warm hug from the top of my head to the tips of my toes. I felt nurtured! Others received their Reike session with Jenny Geib who also provided the labyrinth. Time did not permit me a neck and back massage from Rev. Joan Ishibashi. I did get to observe her ministering to others and remember thinking what a daughter of God, laboring to help others.

After a few hugs and goodbyes I got in my car to drive home. I have to admit I murmured and muttered the entire way to Zion UCC, just stressed about various aspects of my life. Yet after a day of Discipleship, Dining, Dessert, De-stress and Devotion I drove home in silence with a sense of peace. My prayer today is "May God help us to be aware of our limitations and to be willing and ready to ask for His help and the help of others."

Shalom.

**Church secretaries,  
administrators and other support  
staff members! Let your light  
shine! You are invited to the Ohio  
Conference Office Support Staff  
Network Professional Day on  
Monday, October 10 at  
Westerville Community UCC (770  
County Line Road, Westerville,  
OH 43081. Be inspired! Attend  
workshops! Hear our  
motivational speaker Robin  
LaBolt! Registration fee is \$20  
and includes lunch. Register  
online at [tinyurl.com/OhConf-  
UCCOSSN-Oct10](http://tinyurl.com/OhConf-UCCOSSN-Oct10) by September  
30.**

## Some History on Partners in Ministry

**-Welton Stein**

I share this information concerning the program known as Partners in Ministry from memory of events that took place back in the early 1960's. There were two programs of study, Christian Education and The Lay School of Theology. In those early days there were four or five of us who had a small church to care for. As time went on the number of lay ministers serving small churches increased.

In the late 1970s I had a discussion with Rev. Don Schumacker, Pastor of the Bolivar UCC, about bringing the two programs together into one and

renaming it "The Partners in Ministry". This was a good move for the program. Our course of study in those days was much as it is to-day. Classes were held in the association office or a local church and taught by pastors, some people from local colleges and a few rabbis. UCC polity was required by every certified person.

The Eastern Ohio Association of the UCC was among the first associations of all main line denominations to see the need for a program to train men and women for leadership in small churches. I remember representing the Ohio Conference at a meeting in Rochester, MN discussing the need for such a program as training for effective lay leadership.

The Partners in Ministry program has been good for me as it has given

to me an opportunity to become involved with people and to be of help in their spiritual life.

### Now Accepting New Applications for PiM!

To learn more about the program or to apply, please visit our website [www.eoaucc.org](http://www.eoaucc.org).

Complete the online application and make arrangements to have two letters of recommendation mailed to Machel Miller at the Support Center. One of the two letters needs to be from your minister.

Interviews will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup>. You will receive a call from a member of the steering committee to schedule your interview after the application and two letters have been received.

# Association Fall Meetings

The Eastern Ohio Association fall meeting will be Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at First UCC (201 Fair Ave NW in New Philadelphia). Watch for more info.

The Western Reserve Association fall meeting will be Saturday, November 5 at Faith UCC (575 Richmond Rd in Richmond Heights). Northeast Ohio's Connie Schultz, Pulitzer prize-winning author and columnist for the Plain Dealer, will give the keynote address. More details soon.

## Churches in Transition

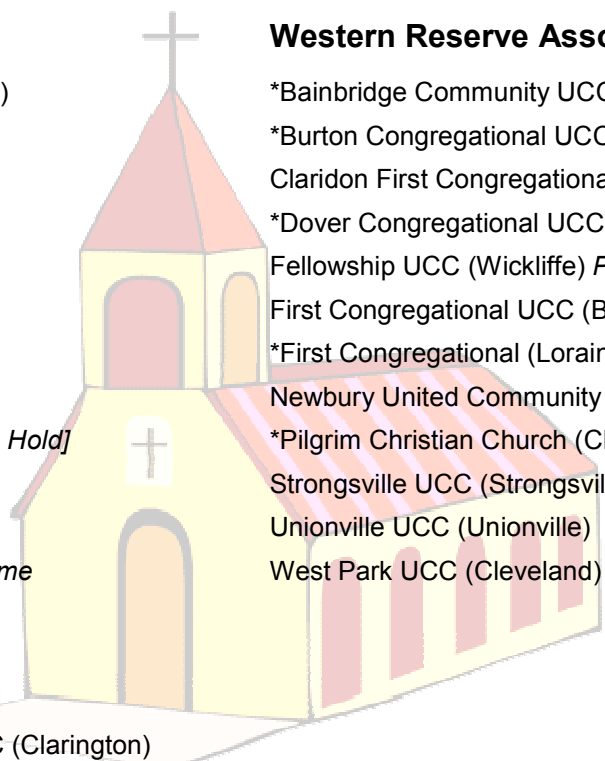
(\* denotes churches receiving profiles)

### Eastern Ohio Association

- Atwater Congregational UCC (Atwater)
- Bethel UCC (Beloit) [On Hold]
- Edinburg UCC (Ravenna)
- Emmanuel UCC (Akron)
- \*Grace UCC (Canton) *Part Time*
- Grace UCC (Uniontown)
- Paradise UCC (Canfield)
- Richville UCC (Navarre)
- St. John UCC (Bolivar) *Part Time [On Hold]*
- St. John's UCC (Dover)
- \*St. Paul (Port Washington)
- \*St. Paul's UCC (East Canton) *Part Time*
- St. Peter's UCC (Apple Creek)
- Suffield UCC (Suffield)
- \* Trinity UCC (Canal Fulton) [On Hold]
- \* Zion UCC (Hannibal)/Immanuel UCC (Clarington)

### Western Reserve Association

- \*Bainbridge Community UCC (Bainbridge)
- \*Burton Congregational UCC (Burton)
- Claridon First Congregational UCC (Huntsburg)
- \*Dover Congregational UCC (Westlake)
- Fellowship UCC (Wickliffe) *Part Time*
- First Congregational UCC (Berea) [On Hold]
- \*First Congregational (Lorain) *Part Time*
- Newbury United Community *Part Time*
- \*Pilgrim Christian Church (Chardon)
- Strongsville UCC (Strongsville)
- Unionville UCC (Unionville)
- West Park UCC (Cleveland)



## Vital Signs



### EOA Vital Signs

As of July 31, 2011

Total actual income for operations	\$317,415.63
Total actual expense from operations	\$351,266.17
Difference	(\$33,850.54)

### WRA Vital Signs

As of July 31, 2011

Total actual income for operations	\$401,121.92
Total actual expense from operations	\$428,956.52
Difference	(\$27,834.60)

*We wish to thank you for your continued giving to Our Churches Wider Mission!*

# Gerry's House Online: Coming Soon to Serve You!

*-Jenei Grigg, Director*

Gerry's House Resource Center has been hard at work over the summer cataloging all of its resources. The process began in June with a review of the current resources and the long process of cataloging continues. The final goal is to have all of the Gerry's House Resource Center materials listed in an online database for anyone to review.

Our Gerry's House Resource Ministry Team has come together as a group and independently to get this monumental task completed. We estimate that about 140 to 160 total hours have been volunteered to complete our goal and about 80 hours of work remain to have all our resources cataloged and listed online. The online listing will give anyone the ability to look at books, DVDs, and other materials on our database website. The database for the resource will allow the user to sort the information by a variety of topics and information. Our database will actually be connected to many other databases which gives the user the ability to read reviews about the resource, see a picture, and even see comments by other users.

The Gerry's House Resource Ministry Team took some time to select a user friendly, vibrant, web portal with a great deal of flexibility for the user. The goal is to make our resources more accessible to both our associations. Often times it is difficult to travel to the resource center to physically see needed materials. The online listing will offer the EOA and WRA members the ability to "see" most of the resources on the Internet. Resources are then easily reserved for pick up at the resource center or via a drop location. Resources can also be shipped. Gerry's House looks forward to helping our EOA and WRA associations do ministry!

We are located at Lakewood Congregational, 1375 West Clifton Blvd., Lakewood, OH 44107. Please feel free to contact the resource center director, Jenei Grigg, with questions or a request for materials at 216-749-3116 ext 100 or via email to [jgrigg@wraucc.org](mailto:jgrigg@wraucc.org).



## September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Labor Day	6	7 e-letter Deadline	8	9 Community Celebration (Denison) 7:30PM Celluloid Activist	10 9:30 Day with God & Self
11 Patriot Day 2PM Auditions for Found & Forgiven 7PM Service for Peace & Healing	12	13	14 e-letter Deadline	15 6PM Elena Heugel (Zion UCC, Baltic)	16	17
18	19	20 6PM Elena Heugel (Fellowship UCC, Wick-	21 e-letter Deadline	22	23 Synergy Submission Deadline	24
25	26	27	28 e-letter Deadline	29 Widening the Welcome 7:30PM Environmental Justice	30 Widening the Welcome	

# Coming Events!

## An Evening with Elena Heugel, Missionary to Chile.

Elena Huegel has served with Global Ministries for 15 years and is currently serving with the Pentecostal Church of Chile (IPC) as an environmental and Christian education specialist. Elena will be at Zion UCC (203 North Butler, Baltic, OH) on September 15 and at Fellowship UCC (30040 Ridge Rd in Wickliffe) Tuesday, September 20. Dinner both evenings will be at 6PM with the presentation beginning between 6:45PM and 7PM. For more info about the event at Zion UCC, call 330-897-1281 or email [uccrev@roadrunner.com](mailto:uccrev@roadrunner.com). For more information about the event at Fellowship UCC, go to [fellowshipucc.com/ElenaHeugelMissionaryVisit.dsp](http://fellowshipucc.com/ElenaHeugelMissionaryVisit.dsp).



**Found and Forgiven: The Musical.** This inspirational musical by our own Rev. Sharon Alberson is based on the story of the Prodigal Son. There will be two showings. One at 3PM and one at 7PM, on Saturday, November 5th at Trinity UCC (915 N Main St. in Akron). Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. You can also enjoy a spaghetti dinner from 4:30-6:30PM for only \$5. Proceeds go to Urban Ministry.



## Warriors' Journey Home Facilitator Training.

This first national training event will be held October 4-6, 2011 at First Congregational Church of Tallmadge, 85 Heritage Drive, Tallmadge, OH 44278. The fee of \$250 includes training and materials, two meals and snacks. To register, call 330-633-4931. For more details and information about accommodations visit [www.warriorsjourney.home.org](http://www.warriorsjourney.home.org).



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