

18 February 2018

Volunteers Needed!

For: Out of the Cold- program to shelter and feed the homeless during the colder months

Where: Faith UCC

When: **February 26-March 11**

If interested, please contact Amanda Gerhart

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Upcoming Free Seminars

Offered by ACAP (Adult Children of Aging Parents) - Centre County?

1. Estate Planning 101 - **March 13**

Session from 5:30-7 @ The Best Western Plus, State College.

ACAP-Centre County offer a wealth of information and a caring, supportive community for caregivers of older adults.

Office Hours

Please note: Office hours have changed slightly. The office is open Tuesday, **THURSDAY**, and Friday, 9:30-1:30.

Thank you for your understanding and patience; apologies for any inconveniences.



Interfaith Coffee Hour

– Tuesday, **February 20**, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

– Facilitator: Ken Kline Smeltzer

DISCUSSION TOPIC: What is the best thing about your religion or faith practices/beliefs? What is the most important characteristic of your faith/religion?

Come Share Your Thoughts with friends and neighbors of other faiths – in

Webster's casual community atmosphere. All Welcome!

IMPORTANT REMINDER: See below (next item) for IICC Mission and Values statements that have guided these interfaith discussions since 2010.

LOCATION: Webster's Bookstore & Café (133 E. Beaver Ave., State College) – Community Room or nearby (smaller enclosed area – not the main café)

REFRESHMENTS Available for Purchase: Delicious Vegetarian FOOD, PASTRIES, Desserts & Hot & Cold BEVERAGES

PARKING VOUCHERS for Pugh Street Garage also available with any purchase from Webster's

MORE INFO? Contact Sarah: 814-883-5884 / InterfaithInitiativeCC@hotmail.com





Communities of faith responding to climate change

One Thousand

(Sermons, Teachings, Prayers, Studies)

We have [invited faith communities to join us](#) in supporting a landmark case, Juliana v. U.S., in which twenty-one courageous youth have filed a lawsuit against the United States government for its role in causing climate change, and violating their rights to life, liberty, and property. The original court date of February 5th has been postponed, but that simply gives us more time to use all our creativity to express our support and care for these youth and young adults, ranging in age from 10 to 21, and their voices calling for a moment of moral reckoning for our nation. Read or listen to some sermons already delivered; preach or teach your own, and let us know you have so we can share!

<http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=nUHbfIXj17QBmn9GNPahmNHrXWUTNF32>

Disaster Relief

St. John's is planning a mission trip to the Daytona Florida area in October. We will be working with UCC Disaster Ministries on homes damaged by the recent hurricanes. The dates are Saturday, October 20 to Sunday, October 28. We

expect the cost to be \$300- \$350 per person for gas, registration, food and two night lodging. If you might be interested in joining, please let Pastor Bret know by the **end of February**, so he can forward the information to Pastor Monica.



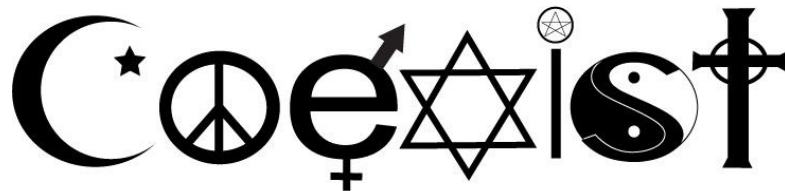
Disaster Ministries

United Church of Christ

Interfaith Initiative Centre County

Mission & Values

The Mission of Interfaith Initiative Centre County is to foster compassion, charity and goodwill, and to build a healthy interfaith community by promoting respect, understanding, cooperation, and friendship among Centre County's faith communities and their individual members.



Interfaith Initiative Centre County creates events and settings in which persons of many faiths can build trusting relationships, and learn both the many things they have in common, and the acceptance of differences.

Our Values are reflected in the following statements, adopted in 2010-2011, about the aims of our programs and gatherings:

Create opportunities for dialogue between and among faiths and model healthy interfaith relations

Encourage and provide moral support for local faith communities – particularly those experiencing hostility or discrimination

Share social concerns and foster cooperation, while recognizing and respecting our religious differences

Discuss theologies and ideological issues in a frank, positive and respectful environment

Create an environment of asking and answering questions, and of learning, but not of proselytizing, converting others or making disciples.

Have questions about how or why we do worship as we do?

Please feel free to talk with Rev. Myers after worship, during the fellowship time, or other times to gain insights into the structure and content of worship. Asking questions leads to understanding!

Per request we'll be trying to alternate prayers where we sometimes have "The Lord's Prayer" more regularly than as the "seasonal way" we have been doing it. Today we're also trying by request "Time for Personal Reflection/Confession/Reflection" during the time for Holy Communion.



During the interim time, we change service elements to make us more comfortable in trying new things, to understand and respect different ways of doing worship, and to help us to be more accepting of whatever worship style(s) the future settled pastor may bring to our congregation.

"Have a Heart for Children"

Banquet is right around the corner!
Tuesday, **February 20th**
Mountain View Country Club
100 Elks Club Road, Boalsburg, PA
(Formerly the Elks club)
Doors open 5:45, event from 6-8pm



Please join us for this FREE banquet and share with your congregation this opportunity to learn about orphan care in our community, state, and beyond! We will have a silent auction, entertainment, a lovely meal and in addition to local speakers, Bishop Aaron Blake. Click [HERE](#) to hear just a part of Bishop Blake's Story.

There are opportunities for your church to HOST a table (invite 10 people to sit at a table together) or SPONSOR a table (cover the cost of a table of 10 for \$300) or donate a silent auction item!

Visit our website to [RSVP](#) by 2/10/18, just click on the invite on the home page!

"Defend the cause of the fatherless."

- Isaiah 1:17

Photography Opt-Out:

From time to time, pictures are taken of activities in and around the building. These pictures may be used for publicity on the web, and internally in our newsletter.

If you believe your image has been captured in the sanctuary and you do not wish it to be used, please print your name and sign this notice. Give it to an usher and tell him/her where you were sitting.

If you believe your image has been captured outside the building, please write a note opting out and give it to the pastor, telling him where you were.

If the event was a wedding, the church is not responsible for any photography. You would need to speak with the wedding party and their photographer.

Permission will be deemed to have been granted to use the image for the purposes stated above, unless you specifically opt-out.

I do not wish my likeness to be used as noted above.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Notes: (description of where you were when the photo was taken)