



University Circle United Methodist Church Fall Programming

Introducing Wednesday Night Renewals ...for Body, Mind, Spirit

Beginning Wednesday, October 19, UCUMC introduces a new, weekly program for mid-week renewal and inspiration. Participants may attend any or all of these weekly offerings:
5:30-6pm – light supper
6:00-7pm – stimulating classes on a variety of subjects
6:00-7pm – yoga classes for all ages and physical abilities
7-7:30pm – contemplative worship with Dr. Ken Chalke

Upcoming Wednesday classes include:

October 19: Nathan Motra, Asst. Director of the new Cleveland Playhouse production of "The Life of Galileo," discusses the significance of the life of natural philosopher Galileo who was persecuted by the Roman Catholic Church for his public declarations about his scientific discoveries. Participants need not see the play to join in this informative, entertaining presentation about the ongoing conflict between science and religion.

October 26: Inner Visions of Cleveland –Jan Thrope, activist, author and founder of Inner Visions of Cleveland, presents grassroots stories of truth and hope she has written and photographed from the perspective of people living in some of the most economically challenged areas of Cleveland's east side urban core. These are stories of every-day life in the city. But they are also about the power of what happens when neighbors connect to create the life they envision. Extraordinary improvements being accomplished by ordinary people such as food-producing gardens replacing barren city lots. mentored students rising high above expectations, and support groups that make neighborhoods stronger, safer and more cohesive.

In November presentations include:
Stained Glass Windows
Civil Rights
Advent Wreath-making for the entire family

Join us this Fall . . .

Sunday, September 18, 11am – Strains of "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" will Rally us back to church as we begin fall programming and "relish" the gourmet hot dog lunch in the Great Hall immediately following worship. Fun Rally Day events for children are in supply, will include an inflatable "bounce" house in our gymnasium.

Sunday, September 25, 9:30am – Ms. Kevin Shaner, a Cleveland resident and Methodist missionary to Liberia, presents a personal account of her Liberian experiences. Hosted by our United Methodist Women, Kevin (yes, that really IS her name) will discuss the inspiration behind the national project "Little Dresses for Girls and Shorts for Boys in Africa." Participants can see samples of dresses/shorts our congregation will help make during the weeks ahead. Little Dresses for Africa is a non-profit, Christian-based organization which provides simple dresses and shorts made out of pillow cases that are distributed through orphanages, churches and schools in Africa to help children know that they are worthy.

Sunday, September 25, 11am – "A Modern-Day Mass" of special music will be presented during worship. Following the service, all are welcome to attend "Is Your Estate Plan in Order?" This informative presentation by Jim Goldsmith and Kip Reader from Ulmer & Berne includes information about planning for your future, your family's future and the future of the church. Time for questions and answers follows their brief presentation. A light lunch will be served and reservations through the church office are requested.

Wednesday, September 28, 7pm – New Member Orientation Dessert for persons considering membership with UCUMC. Make reservations through staff member Judy Sockman.

Sunday, October 2 – World Communion Sunday with drum music and Ken Mehalko's native American flute will be followed by a First Sunday Potluck in the Great Hall. Our October potluck features a really UP CLOSE & PERSONAL presentation by the Finance Committee of UCUMC. This fun and informative session looks at "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About UCUMC Finances, But Were Afraid to Ask!" Reservations through the church office are necessary!

Tuesday, October 4, 7pm – It's UCUMC Night at the Cleveland Playhouse (in its new home at the Allen Theater). Our church family is invited to attend the Cleveland Playhouse production of "The Life of Galileo" – an exciting blend of drama and humor about the conflict between reason and religion. UCUMC Director of Music & Arts, Nathan Motta, is the Assistant Director of this production and member Aric Floyd is in the cast. UCUMC has reserved tickets for \$34, (adults) and \$15 (students of all ages), which need to be purchased by September 18. Arrive at 6pm in the theater for a pre-show talk by Nathan.

Sunday, October 9, 9:30am – Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Joan Synenberg is our MENS Forum Speaker. According to a *Cleveland Magazine*, Judge Joan has *the intelligence of a top trial lawyer, the charisma of a Clinton – and a style all her own*. Although she is a Republican who beat four Democrats to become a Cleveland Judge, Judge Synenberg says that there is no room for politics on the bench. Her philosophy is that

people are complex and that the "law invites you to take a look at them individually." She is known for treating everyone who comes before her with respect...[and] offering words of encouragement as she searches for the good in everyone.

Immediately following worship is the New Member Orientation Luncheon and Conversation with Dr. Chalker.

At 5pm, UCUMC "Draws our Circle Wider" as we welcome the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) to our Open Table Worship Service lovingly created to honor those who support full inclusion of all God's children in our church. Guests from all over Ohio will be present for this important time of affirmation and communion as traditional and contemporary elements are blended with heart-warming music and an inspirational message by Rev. Dr. Kenneth W. Chalker. A reception immediately follows in the Parlor. Before this Open Table Service, RMN holds its board meeting at 3pm; it is open to all.

Sunday, October 16, 11am – New Members are received during the service and immediately following worship, Dr. Chalker will present a compelling and inspiring new vision for our faith community.

Sunday, October 23, 7pm – "Jazz in the Heights for Human Rights" is a benefit sponsored by our UCUMC Gay-Straight Alliance at Nighttown (Cedar Road in Cleveland Heights). Our very own "Full Circle Combo" will perform jazz and music theater standards from 7-10pm, with all proceeds donated to the Human Rights Campaign (www.hrc.org). Tickets are \$10 (presale at the HRC.org website) and \$15 at the door.

Sunday, October 30, 11am – All Saints Day is a Sunday remembering and honoring those of our church family who have passed on. A dedication of the new stained-glass window in our Great Hall follows, paying tribute to the life of stained-glass artist and technician Jim Whitney who was an integral part of our two former church congregations.

Sunday, November 6, 9:30am, 11am and following worship – UCUMC is honored to have theologian, pastor and civic leader The Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. as our guest for the morning. At 9:30am, Dr. Moss speaks at Dr. Chalker's Sunday morning class. He'll provide the morning message for our 11am service of communion and worship and then he'll join us at our First Sunday Potluck in the Great Hall at 12:30pm. Dr. Moss is a graduate of Morehouse College and received his D.Min degree from United Theological Seminary. In 1971, he served as co-pastor with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr., at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta and also served on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s staff. In 1975 he was called to Olivet Institutional Baptist Church in Cleveland where he continues today. Dr. Moss has tirelessly advocated for civil and human rights and traveled the world encouraging non-violent social change. He has been the guest of presidents and received numerous awards and honors from national and international organizations, governments and universities. He is one of America's most influential religious leaders and a highly sought-after public speaker. It is a singular privilege to have him join us on November 6.

Sunday, November 20, 11am – *Come Ye Thankful People, Come* as we celebrate the many gifts God has given us in this service of praise and thanksgiving.