

# Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council

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## FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY

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**YOU ARE FREE TO CHOOSE,  
BUT YOU ARE NOT FREE  
FROM THE CONSEQUENCE OF  
YOUR CHOICE.**

A UNIVERSAL PARADOX

Liberty without Learning is always in peril and Learning without Liberty is always in vain.  
John F Kennedy

Most people do not really want freedom, because freedom involves responsibility, and most people are frightened of responsibility  
- Sigmund Freud

The Analysis and Separability of Free Will and Moral Responsibility

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Frankfurt Cases - Principle of Alternate Possibilities  
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**UCICC FULL EVENT:**  
**Outdoor Interfaith Service and Time of Fellowship**  
**July 20th ~ 6:30P—7:30P**  
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## UNION COUNTY INTERFAITH COORDINATING COUNCIL Steering Committee Members

### **Deacon Tim Williams-Chair**

First Baptist Church  
Kenilworth

### **Pastor E. Crawford—Chair Emeritus**

Ebenezer AME  
Rahway

### **Sidney Blanchard**

Executive Director of CAU

### **Rabbi Joel N. Abraham**

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Scotch Plains

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Muslim Community Center of UC  
Elizabeth

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Westfield

### **Michelle Mobley**

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Residential

### **Pastor Carmine Pernini**

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Rahway

### **Fr Michael Saporito**

The Parish Community of St. Helen  
Westfield

### **Roderick Spearman**

CAU Consultant

### **Elder Arthur "Skip" Winter**

Cranford Presbyterian Church  
Cranford

## About the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council

### **Our Mission**

The Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council works to facilitate regular interfaith meetings in order to make way for the building of bonds within the interfaith community.

We respect and encourage the inclusion and welcoming of others regardless of faith, race or disability. We strive to be proactive on social issues.

### **Our Goals**

- To grow the network of faith-based organizations in Union County.
- To encourage representatives from all faiths to join the Interfaith Coordinating Council, including those of Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Islamic, and other faiths.
- To be engaged in:
  1. **Community Building** within faith-based organizations and the general Union County population.
  2. The advancement of **Social Justice**.
  3. The intentional **inclusion** of others regardless of gender, faith, race.
- To be active in activities that are inclusive and community building.

### **Our Objectives**

- Sponsor regular engagement opportunities that facilitate the building of bonds within the Union County interfaith community and their congregations.
- Strengthen the Union County religious congregations through involvement, action and education in self-help.
- Build working relationships between Union County religious organizations and Community Access Unlimited that create opportunities for youth and people with disabilities and their support staff.

### **Potential Advantages to Joining the Interfaith Community**

- Develop interfaith solidarity.
- Avail yourself of increased visibility within the interfaith community and build opportunities to share educational and community events with the group.
- Build religious membership.
- Gain exposure for you and fellow congregation members to educational opportunities regarding entitlements, housing, and other services, including but not limited to: programs for seniors, youth, people with physical and developmental disabilities, etc.
- Create full and part time employment opportunities for congregation members with CAU.

# message

## from the Chairperson Emeritus

"Freedom Is Not Free"

These are the words engraved on the wall of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in our nation's capital. This quote is a reminder to all who freely walk by that the cost of freedom, as we know it in our nation, is not free but came at the high cost of so many lives. Thus, with a cost so high comes a debt so great. A debt that cannot be paid with money minted at the U.S. Treasury. No, this debt can only be paid by embracing the heavy responsibility of ensuring that those who gave their lives did



not do so in vain. Freedom is inseparable from responsibility!

In the United States, we take so many of our liberties for granted. The liberty to say what we want, permission to think what we want and the authority to act like we want is often met with arrogance and ignorance as we watch from a distance others, who are not as free. If we have the freedom to think, we have a responsibility to think positively. If we have the freedom to speak, we have a responsibility to speak in an affirming and meaningfully manner. If we have the freedom to act, we have a responsibility to act in a manner that is just, generous and kind. The government cannot make that decision for us. No law can prick our conscience of that. Responsibility is a decision that we make as people of faith and people of conviction.

Our nation, our communities, our households of faith are only as good as the people who make it up, which is us. We must move from a place of pointing fingers and blame to a place of owning our responsibilities. Every prophet and great religious leader discerned their potential to change the world, by taking responsibility for how they interacted with the world and in the world. So as we celebrate freedom, let us challenge ourselves and look introspectively by asking if everyone in this world was like me, what kind of world, would this world be?

*"Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other's welfare, social justice can never be attained." - Helen Keller*

*Rev. Dr. Erika D. Crawford*

# Editorial

**“Love can only exist where freedom and responsibility are operating”**

- Henry Cloud

On July 4th the entire nation will celebrate the signing of this Declaration of Independence. For we have declared it a national holiday complete with fireworks, parades and speeches. Yet, this is a dilemma that we face every day. The foundations of the United States of America are blatantly unjust. This land was stolen. Native peoples, Africans and many other minority communities have long been recipients of systemic racism. And the roots of it are right there for the entire world to see, printed in many of our founding documents; like the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and United States Supreme Court case rulings.

*We announce it. We flaunt it. We celebrate it.*

As a nation we embrace this history because we are largely ignorant of the true nature of our past and have never been held accountable for our actions. As Americans we celebrate our foundations of ‘discovery’ and cling to our narrative of ‘exceptionalism’ because we have been taught that this nation was founded by God on a principle of freedom for all. But the reality is that the United States of America exists because this land was colonized by Europeans who used a Doctrine of Discovery to dehumanize, steal from, enslave and even commit cultural genocide against indigenous peoples from both the “New World” and Africa. On days like the Fourth of July, the United States of America celebrates its history. But a majority of our citizens celebrate in ignorance. I would estimate that less than 3% of Americans know this history or understand its impact on the current-day situation of Native peoples.

As someone who’s professional and personal life involves many areas of seeking justice and equality, I have often been moved by the work and legacy of those who have persevered through trials in order to see a better world. The journey consists of dialogue about the history of the African American experience, the Latin-American “Coyote journeys”, the civil rights movement, and race in America. I am reminded that we are still longing for and singing, “freedom. . .” Our nation has once again seen the birth of non-violent protests in cities across the nation as women and men rise to demand equality and a recognition that Black Lives Matter- a recognition that language used to describe the “other” is filled with hate using terms such as “terrorist” and illegal”. It is important and necessary to continue to have conversations and take action in pursuit of peace, justice, and reconciliation. While on-the-ground organizing and the work of marches and protest are still important, we are also seeing these conversations happen on social media, churches, and in town hall meetings. We have these conversations monthly at our UCICC meetings. Find ways to participate in conversations like these – to learn about our history and our current context and then live out the teachings and the truth of these movements for justice in a way that honors God in your community. And, if you’re able, be the change so that love and community can exist in our country.

There's so much in our culture that teaches us to move away from suffering and to move away from people who don't look like us and to move out of neighborhoods where there's high crime and things like that. And yet the heart of the Gospel is that God hears the suffering, enters into the suffering. Hebrew Scriptures are filled with this. One of the first stories we have is God hears the cry and the pain of the Hebrew slaves in Egypt and rescues them out of their slavery and over and over you hear this theme in Scripture that God is close to the poor and hears the cry of the oppressed. We don't need to be doing this out of guilt or duty but out of this is what we're made for. What you begin to discover is that we're made to live for something bigger than ourselves and I think that's what we're about and what we're discovering. Isaiah says so brilliantly, when we spend our lives on behalf of the suffering, our healing comes and our light begins to shine as well. So it's not only life-giving to others but it's life-giving to us. I think in a lot of wealthy countries we pursue other dreams – the American dream or the Wall Street dream. We settle short of the kind of life that God wants for us.

As a nation, the United States of America does not share a common memory, and therefore struggles to have true community. So this Fourth of July, I invite every American to start their day by learning about our history as a nation. Allowing the reality of the dehumanizing nature of our founding to temper your celebrations. You can still light your fireworks and eat your BBQ as you celebrate a hard fought victory over the British. But at the end of the day, I humbly ask you to conclude your celebrations with the following prayer:

*“May God have mercy on the United States of America and give us the courage necessary to create a common memory.”*

By Erich H. W. Kussman Sr. (M. Div. PTS)

# Member Spotlight



**Caroline Unzaga**  
**Associate Pastor**

**First Presbyterian Church of Cranford**

Caroline was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia. She is a cradle Presbyterian and was baptized and confirmed, and became active in the life of the church. Following high school, Caroline attended college at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. As graduation approached, she felt God's calling to serve in the mission field as a Young Adult Volunteer through the PC(USA) in Argentina.

Over the course of almost three years, Caroline served the church in various ways in Argentina, working primarily as a volunteer chaplain at a skilled nursing care facility. Learning Spanish forced Caroline to slow down, be present, and listen hard, an invaluable lesson that is still relevant in her life and ministry today.

Caroline returned to the United States and began a new season as a seminarian at Princeton Theological Seminary. In Latin America, she had been exposed to liberation theology and learned the power of ministry in the margins. She continued to discern her call by doing an internship at Frontera de Cristo

on the U.S./Mexican border, as well as in the parish setting in New York City. She found herself invigorated by ministry in these different settings, especially when visiting and supporting those in crisis and transition.

Following graduation, Caroline has always maintained one foot in the church and the other in the larger community. In the area of faith formation, Caroline worked as the Director of Children's and Youth Ministries at Fanwood Presbyterian Church, where she ran the educational ministries of the church and led missional opportunities. Caroline has also served the church in the role of stated supply pastor in both urban and suburban churches that were undergoing transitions in leadership. And in the greater church, Caroline served as the co-chair of the Committee for Preparation of Ministry in the Presbytery of the Palisades.

In the area of pastoral care, she has served in private hospitals, state psychiatric hospitals, and at the VA Medical Center as a chaplain, being present with patients, families, and staff in the disorientation that arrives amidst sickness and death. Working with diverse populations of different faith traditions while providing spiritual care has been powerful and life changing for her. She also serves the wider church as a Chaplain Educator and sits on the Pastoral Care Advisory Committee at Overlook Medical Center in Summit, NJ.

Currently, Caroline serves as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Cranford, where she channels her passions for formation and pastoral care. She focuses on pastoral visitation, as well as growing community and connection through educational and small group opportunities for disciples of all ages. She also is an active member of the Cranford Clergy Council and the Union County Interfaith Council and believes in the power of collaboration and connection across religious differences.

Caroline is married to Jay, is the mother to Isabel and Sebastian, and proud dog owner of a rambunctious Springer Spaniel puppy, Ralph. In her free time, she enjoys cooking, reading, and spending time with her family.



## COMMUNITY COOKOUT!!!

Music! Games! Food!

July 1, 2017 @ 5PM

All are welcome and invited!

AT:

**Zion Lutheran Church  
215 ELM AVENUE Rahway, NJ**



***Save the Date!***  
**July 20, 2017**

*You are Invited to Join the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council for:*

## **A Time of Interfaith Worship and Fellowship**

**First United Methodist Church  
117 Ferris Place • Westfield, NJ**

**6:30P—7:30P**

**Light Refreshments following worship ~ Sign-in begins at 6:00P**  
Bring along a blanket to sit on! ~ Mingle with your interfaith neighbors!  
*(In the event of rain, we will move indoors)*



80 West Grand Street  
Elizabeth, NJ 07202  
(908) 354-3040

***Please Reserve Now!***

E-mail or phone your RSVP to:  
[UCInterfaith@caunj.org](mailto:UCInterfaith@caunj.org)  
(908) 354-3040 x4324

**UCICC hosts: "Prison & Re-entry Ministry:  
Responding to the Hidden needs of the  
Community" at Fountain Baptist Church  
in Summit on June 15th.**

# FAITH

# IN

# ACTION



Email your photos and a summary caption to  
[UCInterfaith@caunj.org](mailto:UCInterfaith@caunj.org) by the 11th of each month.

# **Prison & Re-entry: Responding to the Hidden Needs of the Community**

A Reflection by Rev. Carmine Pernini

On Thursday, June 15, 2017, from 6-7:30pm the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council hosting a night of reflections, guest speakers, and audience participation focused on a largely invisible population of society: the incarcerated and those “coming home,” or those re-entering society. The meeting was held at Fountain Baptist church in Summit, NJ. There, the Rev. Ron Thomas culled together a host of specialists drawn largely from the institutional side of the prison industrial complex. They included: Mr. Carl Riley, Public Safety Director of the City of Plainfield, Mrs. Atonia Green Worley, Court Services Supervisor and Intensive Supervision Program of the NJ Judiciary, Dr. Darcella Sessomes, Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, Trenton, Mr. David Wolfsgruber, Assistant Director of the Community Programs Division of the NJ State Parole Board, Trenton, Douglas G. Mitchell, Esq., Mitchell Law Offices of Union and Plainfield, Imam Fakhruddin F. Alvi of the Muslim Community Center of Union County, Elizabeth, and Rev. Leonard Grayson, director of the Reentry Program, City of Elizabeth.

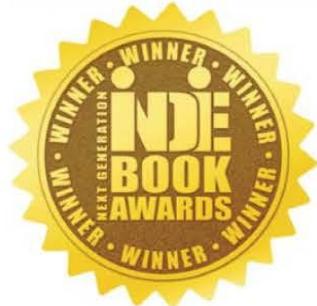
Each of the specialists, from the parole side to the chaplaincy side, spoke from whatever area of expertise they had. As each representative spoke it became clear that there is a lot of work to be done with regards to the myriad gaps in the system. These include: the difference between a prison which reforms vs. a prison which merely detains, the puny language which calls those “coming home” from prison “returning citizens” without conferring the full rights of citizenship like the right to vote, useful ID’s, and a basic education that goes beyond the essentials like those covered in a GED program. The collective “ask” of the various representatives was for houses of faith to advocate for change within the walls of prisons as well as reforms to the parole process itself. More, if we are to move beyond a merely punitive system which we currently have which disregards the fact that those who “come home” are part of our community then we will pay a price as a community if we do not treat and provide for those who are incarcerated in ways that lead to human flourishing. Said another way, we all pay a price for treating people as though they are NOT more than their worst mistake. Our communities, families, and morality suffer *because* we have created a mental space, even if it is a small space or a neglected space, in our minds which allows for the harsh treatment of inmates and parolees *and* we all suffer because of the ill-treatment of those “in the system.”

It should say something to us all that each of the representatives at this panel called for reforms to the prison industrial complex. Change is needed and room for improvement abound, but what we need, according to those who work in the system, are change agents, people, houses of faith, who are willing to have their own lives and comforts interrupted so that all of society, starting with those imprisoned or on parole, may be made better.





**Rev. David Billings**, an organizer for People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, presents his timely new book, *DEEP DENIAL: The Persistence of White Supremacy in U.S. History and Life*. Part popular history and part personal memoir, *Deep Denial* documents the 400-year racialization of the United States and how people of European descent came to be called "white." Rev. Billings focuses primarily on the deeply embedded notion of white supremacy, and tells us why, despite the civil rights movement and an African American president, we remain, in the author's words, "a nation hard-wired by race."



**WINNER**  
Current events/Social change  
  
FINALIST - Historical non-fiction  
  
FINALIST - Multicultural non-fiction

## **BOOK SIGNING**

Award winning author to speak about

# **White Supremacy in Everyday Life**

"No one speaks to racism and its cure better than David Billings, a white Southerner who has seen it all. His is a voice that needs to be heard. It is a voice with perfect pitch."

**Charlayne Hunter-Gault**

Journalist, former correspondent, National Public Radio,  
MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour, and CNN

**Plainfield Quaker Meetinghouse**

225 Watchung Ave.

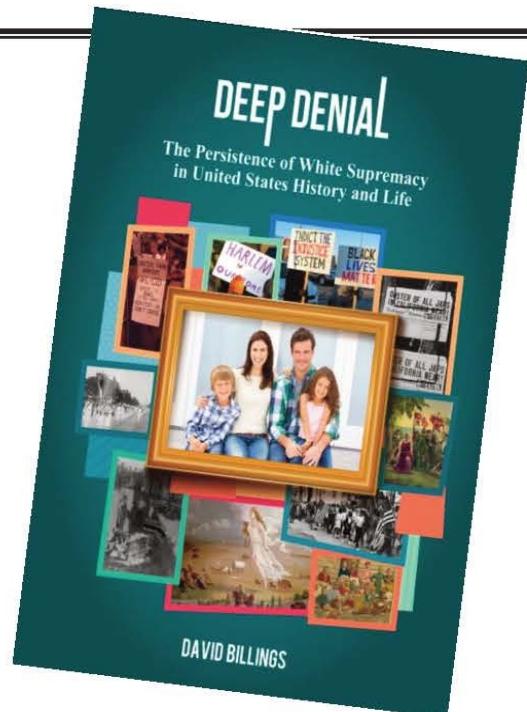
Plainfield, NJ 07060

[www.PlainfieldQuakers.org](http://www.PlainfieldQuakers.org)

**Wed. June 28, 2017**

**7-9 PM**

**All Welcome**



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# Music with a Mission!



## SALEM Roadhouse CAFE



### 2017 SHOW LINEUP

**FEBRUARY 11 - MICHAELA McCALIN BAND** Original rock/pop tunes with a jazzy overtone, her music is hot, intelligent and extremely well crafted. Amazing musicianship on the part of each member of the band.

**MARCH 11 - PIKTORS METAMORPHOSIS** Fusion jazz/rock ala Weather Report & others, technically brilliant with a HUGE sound, these guys define fusion. To see it performed right in front of you is a treat!

**APRIL 8 - RICH KUBICZ, DAMN THE TORPEDOES & FRIENDS** Various rock performers in an energetic show that is always fun and exciting. Tom Petty tributes plus Rich's originals and covers of other classic rock tunes.

**MAY 13 - JAMES DEAN's WHISKEY CAFÉ JAZZ QUARTET** Pure jazz quartet with big band sound, these are some very seasoned jazz musicians who come together to bring out some of the finest big jazz band sounds.

**JUNE 10 - JOE LISA & QUARTET** High quality modern jazz with some fusion overtones—more details coming!

**JULY 8 - GEOFF GALLANTE & TRIO** Geoff's fourth return to the Roadhouse, this young star mesmerizes audiences with his naturally talented trumpet playing accompanied by an all-star backup band.

**AUGUST 12 - RIVA JEAN TRIO**, the thinking mans trio, with opening by vocal sensation **SAM BRADY**. Riva Jean brings a big Broadway sound to the small stage with amazing composition and performance.

**SEPTEMBER 9- RAY POWERS AND FRIENDS** Original and covers, rock, pop and other styles, Ray and friends always deliver a fun, exciting and energetic show. This years show will have talented players from all around to liven up the stage.

**OCTOBER 14 - MELANIE MITRANO** Brazilian/Portuguese jazz that's cool, sassy and sexy. Melanie has captured the essence of the Brazilian Bossa Nova style, with a salsa overtone. Melanie says that she will have musicians from Brazil on hand to accompany her and the band.

**NOVEMBER 11 - TBA** We're working on something really big here, keep watching.

Shh! The Roadhouse may be the best-kept secret in Northern New Jersey — the area's best jazz, rock, and even the occasional folkie in an intimate coffeehouse venue. The Roadhouse only opens to the public on the second Saturday evening of the month. It's where the area's musicians go to hear other musicians, and you might find yourself sitting next to a famous jazz drummer or a vocalist from Australia. You never know.

Musicians love the audience that takes the time to find the Roadhouse, and when musicians love their audience, they play their hearts out. Why does it take time to find the Roadhouse? We've cleverly hidden it in a church basement, where audience and musicians are within touching distance of each other. The acoustics are great.

The Roadhouse serves real coffee and tea — it's a coffeehouse, not a bar, after all. Hot and cold snacks and desserts are included in the admission. There's art, too, because art and music go together. You can sip your coffee while perusing original works available for purchase at the Roadhouse Fine Arts Gallery. Works change with each opening. Show proceeds always benefit local charities. Union TV34 records the shows for broadcast — so check out past shows on cable. Ask around. You might be surprised to find who knows about the Roadhouse.



UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ALL SHOWS BEGIN AT 8:00 PM, DOORS OPEN AT 7:30 PM

**SALEM Roadhouse CAFE** @ Townley Presbyterian Church

829 Salem Road, Union, NJ 07083 Ph: 908-686-1028

E-mail: [salemroadhouse@gmail.com](mailto:salemroadhouse@gmail.com) Website: [www.roadhousecafe.org](http://www.roadhousecafe.org)

Facebook: [facebook.com/salemroadhouse](https://facebook.com/salemroadhouse)

FEEL GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF EVEN AFTER THE ENDORPHINES WEAR OFF!



# ROOTS2WINGS



JULY 15, 2017

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO:

ROOTS WINGS

DATE: SATURDAY, JULY  
15TH, 2017

LOCATION: OAK RIDGE  
PARK

136 OAK RIDGE RD.  
CLARK, NJ 07066

RUN START TIME:  
10:00 AM

WALK START TIME:  
10:15 AM

REGISTER ONLINE: [RUNSIGNUP.COM](http://RUNSIGNUP.COM)



*After Foster Care...  
Education. Stability. Self-Sufficiency.*

RACE DAY  
REGISTRATION:  
8:30 AM  
RACE DAY  
REGISTRATION: \$35

Shirt, goody  
bag &  
Refreshments  
for participants!



## YOU ARE INVITED

Join us for a great opportunity to meet and network with people from all faiths and cultural traditions

Program -  
Gathering: 5:00 pm  
Potluck Dinner: 6:30 pm

# July 16

RSVP using form available at: NJIFC.org  
Address: Colonial Park, 156 Mettlers  
Rd Somerset, NJ 07083

For any questions, please email Skip Winter at  
[ahwinterjr@aol.com](mailto:ahwinterjr@aol.com) or [info@njifc.org](mailto:info@njifc.org)

For queries: [info@njifc.org](mailto:info@njifc.org)

**Would members of your congregation benefit from/be interested in learning more about gun violence prevention?**

Moms Demand Action offers a 30-minute PowerPoint presentation (called 'Be SMART') that promotes and teaches safe gun storage in the home to prevent child deaths from unsecured guns. Be SMART also touches on the warning signs of teenage suicide and safety during playdates. If you are interested, we would love to bring 'Be SMART' to your congregation, in whatever way makes the most sense.

**Please contact:**

Dryden Watner, Faith Outreach Leader of Moms Demand Action, Union County at  
[drydenw@msn.com](mailto:drydenw@msn.com) or 908.233.0371 for more information.

## Faith Community and Hate Crimes: Taking Action

If your faith community becomes the recipient of hateful actions, including letters, e-mails or phone calls of concern, which may be considered a bias incident or hate crime:

1. Call local police
2. Call FBI 973 793 3000
3. Call OHSP's (Office of Homeland Security) Counter Terrorism Watch at 609- 963-6817 or John Paige at 973- 277-0651

If you receive overseas email from unknown sources, please use caution and wear gloves when opening up mail.

**MAKE INTERFAITH WORK.**

**PLEASE SHARE THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
WITH FAITH GROUPS IN YOUR COMMUNITY.**

# Are Those You Serve Faithfully Fit?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)

19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

Our physical health is as vital as our spiritual health. Our body is a temple and not our own. God entrusted us with the responsibility to provide food and physical activity to nurture our bodies. NJ SNAP-Ed collaborates with faith-based organizations to help those in need to be active and eat well on a budget.

## We Can Help Your Congregation Honor Their Body Temple By:

- Cooking healthy meals with them, and delivering fun and useful lessons and physical activities!
- Training faith leaders to deliver lessons to youth and providing lesson materials!

## Interested?

Contact: Lisa Cheng, Program Supervisor  
(E) licheng@njaes.rutgers.edu (Ph) 848-932-9735

Or Contact: Dwayne Curry, Project Coordinator  
(E) dwaynecurry@njaes.rutgers.edu (Ph) 848-932-9731



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*4th of July WORD SEARCH*

INDEPENDENCE      RED  
FLAG                  WHITE  
JULY                  BLUE  
FIREWORKS           PARADE  
UNITED                CONSTITUTION  
FREEDOM              GEORGE  
LIBERTY               JEFFERSON

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# ANNUAL IRA GELLER WALK-a-THON



## Community Access Unlimited

September 16th, 2017

Oak Ridge Park

Clark, NJ

**REGISTRATION 11AM - WALK BEGINS 12 NOON**



GAMES, ACTIVITIES  
& LIVE MUSIC



WALK



FOOD & COMMUNITY

Ira Geller was a CAU member who tirelessly worked to raise funds for the annual walk-a-thon, always facing the adversity of fundraising with a positive approach. His devotion to fundraising and his commitment to people with special needs lives on through the Annual Ira Geller Walk-a-Thon.

## FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES!

Start fundraising now by joining an existing team or individually on our CrowdRise Event Page! Go to [www.crowdrise.com/2017-ira-geller-memorial-walk-a-thon](http://www.crowdrise.com/2017-ira-geller-memorial-walk-a-thon) to get started!

## Sponsorships Are Available!

For more information contact Cara Pavia, Director of Marketing, 908.354.3040 x4376 or at [cpavia@caunj.org](mailto:cpavia@caunj.org)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

# Day of Prayer and Reflection: Unifying Our Community Through Prayer



## Union County Day of Prayer

October 24, 2017  
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM



The Parish Community of St. Helen  
1600 Rahway Avenue, Westfield, NJ  
07090



*Working to facilitate the building of bonds within the interfaith community,  
promoting the respect, inclusion and welcoming of others.*

Sponsored by:  
Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council  
and Community Access Unlimited



# JOIN OUR TEAM!

Community Access Unlimited welcomes those with a big heart! Due to our continuing expansion, there are a number of **full time** and **part time** openings for those interested in guiding people with disabilities and youth at risk who are on the road to independence.

For those looking for part-time positions, CAU offers available house on the weekends and overnights! Minimum requirements are:

- Valid driver's license
- Access to vehicle daily to use for work purpose
- Original High School Diploma/GED/College Degree

Experience working with individuals with developmental disabilities and/or youth at risk are a plus! Of course compassion for the work and a flexible schedule is also required when providing support to our members.

Working at CAU is not just a job but a career! We offer promotional opportunities for employees, competitive salaries and a comprehensive benefits package to full time employees!

Please take the time to visit our agency website [www.caunj.org](http://www.caunj.org) for more information and current openings. Community Access Unlimited is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## CAU Hosts a weekly Open House Mondays from 4 PM - 6 PM

The Cafeteria at 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202

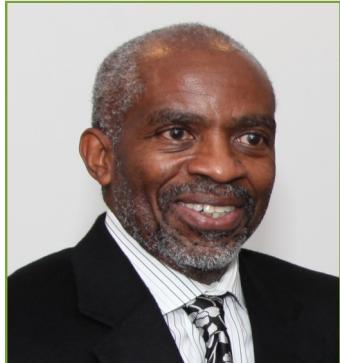
Don't forget your resume and  
come prepared to fill out an application

To make an appointment, please call an HR representative at (908) 354-3040 ext 203. If you are unable to attend the open house, please fax resume to (908) 354-0283 or email to [rwright@caunj.org](mailto:rwright@caunj.org).

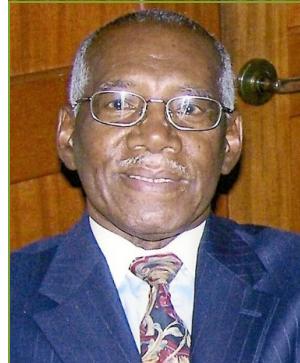
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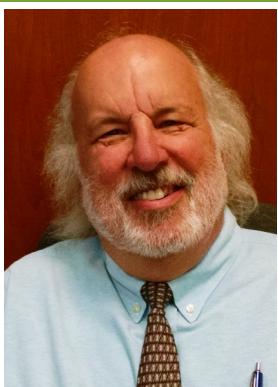
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## **Join & Be Active Today!**

- Attend monthly meetings.
- Invite other community leaders to attend our meetings and events.
- Support or host fundraising programs to support the Record Expungement Grant Program.
- Sign up for our mailing list.
- Share useful information about your organization.



### **Advertise in the UCICC Newsletter!**

Have an exciting event or program happening?

Reach out and build bonds with members of the interfaith community in Union County by advertising in this newsletter!

Please send all print-ready ads to Rod Spearman at [rspearman@caunj.org](mailto:rspearman@caunj.org) by the **13th** of every month to save a space!



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## UCICC & STEERING COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENTS

### UCICC Steering Committee

July 6, 2017 at 10:00am  
80 W Grand St  
Elizabeth NJ 07202

### Full UCICC Event

Interfaith Prayer Service  
July 20, 2017 - 6:30PM—7:30PM  
First United Methodist Church  
117 Ferris Place Westfield, NJ

### UCICC Steering Committee

August 3, 2017 at 10:00am  
80 W Grand St  
Elizabeth NJ 07202

### Full UCICC Event

NO MEETING

Happy August!

### UCICC Steering Committee

September 7, 2017 at 10:00am  
80 W Grand St  
Elizabeth NJ 07202

### Full UCICC Event

Faith & Politics  
September 21, 2017—6:30PM-7:30PM  
Beacon Unitarian Universalist Congreg in Summit  
4 Waldron Ave Summit NJ 07901



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