

Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council

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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

Amidst the turmoil and turbulence of the world, it's easy to miss the blessings of God. Amidst chaos, calamity, and confusion, it's easy to forget how blessed we are. Television, newspapers, social media and water cooler conversations suggest that the world is a horrible place, all is lost, families are forsaken, communities are forgotten and hope is fleeting.

Yet, as people of faith, we are encouraged to reach beyond the breaks in life's "rope of hope" with words of thanks, praise and gratitude. You might ask, what is there to give thanks for, why should I feel blessed? Sometimes, it's necessary to give thanks, for what we have:

If you have trash to take out, give God thanks.

If you have clothes on your back and shoes on your feet, give God thanks.

If you have family and friends to fuss and fight with, give God thanks.

If you have a car that you struggle to keep gas in, give God thanks.

And sometimes is necessary to give God thanks for what we don't have:

If you don't have sickness, give God thanks.

If you don't have to sleep on the streets, give God thanks.

If you don't have empty cabinets, give God thanks.

Louise Candy Davis said in her song "Better Than Blessed":

...many times I had to learn my lesson, for I did not, I did not appreciate my blessings. I complained that I had no shoes, then I saw a man with no feet to use, and I know I'm blessed, better than blessed thank you, Lord... I may not have houses and wealth, I may not have all my strength and health but [we're] blessed better than blessed Thank you, Lord.



Rev. Dr. Erika D. Crawford

Editorial

"How to Maintain your Faith in an era of Tragedies"

By: Rev. Caroline Unzaga of the First Presbyterian Church of Cranford

*"It may be that when we no longer know what to do
we have come to our real work,
and that when we no longer know which way to go
we have come to our real journey."*

--Wendell Berry, "The Real Work"

Often in times of crisis, this is precisely when questions about faith arise, either from deep down in our innermost beings or from others who surround us. I am reminded of the Psalmist who says in Psalm 42: *"my tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, 'Where is your God?'"* (v. 3). How do we make sense of suffering? Where is God in our pain? These are questions that as a hospital chaplain I would encounter on a day-to-day and sometimes even a visit-to-visit basis, and that I encounter in visitation with folks from my parish, as well.

While you may not be encountering a crisis in your personal life, most likely you have felt the tension of living in a world consumed by crisis. Admittedly, recently it has felt like there is news breaking constantly about tragedies, and it is hard to make sense of it all. Over the course of the past month, we have heard of not one but several natural disasters, including deadly hurricanes, earthquakes, and fires; We have begun grieving the deadliest massacre in US history with at least 59 deaths and 500 injuries; and we live in an unstable political environment, in which the threat of nuclear escalation looms. And then when we think of suffering in our own communities, sometimes it's just too hard to process. Perhaps you can identify with the Psalmist in his lament: *"my tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, 'Where is your God?'"*

How do we keep believing in this time of relentless tragedies? In times of crisis, what I have found to be more powerful than parsing any particular creed or defending any particular theological stance is the power of simply joining the other in that liminal, sacred space. Some call it solidarity. It is a powerful counter-cultural act to slow down and to simply be present with one another, to take off our masks and admit that these challenges are at the same time heart wrenching, anxiety producing, and anger provoking. It's important to tend to feelings and acknowledge the fragility of life. It's a reminder that we are not alone and were not meant to be. And from that place, that's where the real work starts—the work towards caring for those in material need, the work towards reform of our society and unjust laws, the work towards including all voices in the conversation and listening for God in those conversations.

How do we respond? What's the path forward? As the poet Wendell Berry says, "when we no longer know what to do, we have come to the real work." My prayers remains that we would be able to both attend to each other and work towards peace and justice in the world, trusting God's spirit to be with us on this journey.

Member Spotlight

Pastor Sheila Fall, ministry started in Elizabeth, New Jersey, later relocated to Linden, New Jersey. I am founder and president of Sisters & Brothers Outreach Ministries, Inc., and Senior Pastor of Temple of God Church, (bilingual) located at 1318 East St. Georges Ave., Linden New Jersey and an ordain Chaplin.

Our Slogan
Reaching Out to Make A Difference!

My contributions to all surrounding communities, Elizabeth, Linden Roselle and Rahway throughout New Jersey:

- Emergency Food Pantry open twice a month made available to the surrounding communities and will deliver to those who are seniors and are handicap!
- Yearly winter coat give-a-way!
- Clothing and household items for those that are fire victims, those coming out of incarnation and need items for their living quarters.
- Was affiliated with Warm Heart Operation, where I was also one of the churches to provide a stay over a night during the winter months (hosting 20 to 25 people).
- One of my greatest passion was hosting Youth Summer Camp for over Twelve years. Included youth from all communities. Single parents, youth being raised by grandmothers, low housing income families, giving them hope and taking them off the hot summer streets of drugs, violence, gang activity, giving them an experience they would never forget the memories of Seaside, Wildwood Beach, Grace Manor, Dude Ranch, Summer Camp Day Trips, Liberty Science, and Week in Orlando Florida!
- Hosted a Fundraiser for Linden Student Ashly who was chosen to go to Switzerland.
- International Walk-a-Thon each carried the flag of their country!! (held at Warnaco Park)
- Monetary Scholarships!
- 100 Women Empowerment to part great knowledge, (great speakers in their professional field) included Banker, Mortgages & Foreclosures (real estate broker), Health issues (Registered Nurse), Immigration, Senior Property Freeze, Insurance issues, Retirement) Board of Education, School Teacher and Notary Public (which I am also a Notary Public). The information was informative and much needed!
- Advocate for Linden High School Student to complete his senior year within School District!
- Back School Youth Rallies (giving out school supplies) and monetary award for their essay on “why go back to school!”
- Affiliated Linden Interfaith Council of Churches!
- In March of 2017 was awarded Woman of the Month, in City of Linden.
- In May, 2017 I received Doctorate Of Ministry, from God Ministries & Theological Seminary, Brooklyn, NY.
- June 2017 the Mayor of Linden, designated land to start the Linden Community Garden with assistance the homeless and needy.



October Spotlight on Faith

Karen Tibbals



Karen Tibbals faith journey had taken her through a number of religious communities until she found what she was looking for among Quakers. Her long time passion had been in looking at how people apply their religious beliefs to business life. She left her career in the pharmaceutical industry to attend Quaker seminary in 2012 where she studied the history of Quaker theology applied to business. She has published articles in Quaker publications about theology with titles like **Quakers and Debt** and the **Seed of God**. She also facilitates workshops. She is a founding member of a new organization of Quakers & Business and is the current Clerk of the Rahway-Plainfield Society of Friends.

*"Our Fathers gathered here long years ago
To hold communion with the power divine
That is within, and over, and around:
And as they were obedient to the Voice
That spoke into their inmost souls,
They found sweet peace and strength,
Leaving behind a priceless heritage
Of courage, patience, faithfulness and love.
This heritage is for us to enrich
And magnify, not merely to enjoy;
Oh, that we may be wise to know the right,
And strong to do the work that lies at hand
> From the unfailing source to which they
turned
In prayer, we seek for wisdom, vision,
power."*



Rahway-Plainfield Society of Friends
225 Watchung Avenue
Plainfield, NJ 07060

Religious Services at Community Access Unlimited

There has been some exciting things taking place at CAU!
We have started a new initiative for the members of the CAU community to experience religious worship.

This ministry is geared towards the DD community and also to the TOPS youth program. There has been approximately 40-50 members that attend, and it has been a blessing to be able to serve this beloved community.

I would like to extend an invitation for you to speak at our religious services. These services are held on Saturdays at 11:00am and at 1:00pm and are an hour long. This an interfaith endeavor is open to all faith traditions and houses of worship. If you can provide worship, a positive inspirational message, and most of all, and a heart to serve.

Our objectives are:

1. To provide a safe space for our members to worship God
2. To foster spiritual growth through the diverse understandings of God
3. To build up the community in faith, hope, and love

If you would like to volunteer in this amazing ministerial opportunity or find out more, please contact
Chaplain Erich Kussman at EKussman@caunj.org.



About Chaplain Erich Kussman

Chaplain Erich Kussman is a graduate of Pillar College and received a Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies. He is pursuing a Masters in Divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary and is seeking candidacy in the ELCA. He is on the Steering committee of the UCICC. He is an author, activist, and public speaker. He grew up in Plainfield, New Jersey. He has articles published in magazines such as "First Things" and "Conspire!" He has years of experience in prison ministry. He desires to be the change he wishes to see in the world by doing God's will.



4th Annual Day of Prayer



4th Annual Day of Prayer





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NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH



Participate in the Nationwide wear green day
by wearing green (shirt, tie, socks, etc) on
Wednesday November 8, 2017

in support of Runaway and Homeless youth

*Pictures will be taken that day.



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NATIONAL RUNAWAY PREVENTION MONTH

JOIN OPERATION WARM HEART

The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless

Interested in providing hospitality for the homeless
in your church/center on Sunday evenings?

December 1st - March 28th



In the winter of 2003-2004, the Elizabeth Coalition organized and coordinated a group of concerned churches to create OWH. They addressed the needs of the street homeless, particularly in harsh winter weather. Each cold winter night, a partner church provides a warm meal and a place to sleep for up to fourteen guests.

This winter, we are in need of a hospitality partner to host Sunday nights. The Coalition will provide staff supervision, transportation, and access to our other Project Gatekeeper advocacy services. Each winter, we serve over 100 individuals through OWH. Through our intensive case management, we aim to move guests from the streets to traditional shelter, with the goal of permanent housing and a support system.



ERICA RODRIGUEZ

OWH COORDINATOR

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Transitional Opportunities Program Presents:



Who Wants To Be Independent!!!



Saturday November 18, 2017

**Community Access Unlimited
(Auditorium)**

80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth , NJ 07202

Contact **Marie Guillaume** for more information & to register:

908-482-7255 or mguillaume@caunj.org

Please join us for an event where youth & young adults (13-21) can participate in games teaching them information on becoming Independent.

FUN FOOD PRIZES

PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES

Music with a Mission!



SALEM Roadhouse CAFE

2017 SHOW LINEUP



FEBRUARY 11 - MICHAELA McCLAIN 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
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Facebook: facebook.com/salemroadhouse

Bahá'í: "And if thine eyes be turned towards justice, choose thou for thy neighbor that which thou chooseth for thyself." *Lawh-i-Dhíb, "Epistle to the Son of the Wolf" 30*

Buddhism: "Hurt not others in ways you yourself would find hurtful." *Udana-Varga, 5:18*

Christianity: "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets." *Matthew 7:12*

Interfaith Gathering of Unity

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Hudson County Brotherhood/Sisterhood Association

(an interfaith body for understanding and mutual support)

Confucianism: "Do not unto others what you do not want them to do to you." *Analects 15:13*

Hinduism: "This is the sum of duty: do naught unto others which would cause you pain if done to you." *The Mahabharata, 5:1517*

Islam: "Not one of you is a believer until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself" *Fortieth Hadith of an-Nawawi, 13*

Jainism: "A man should wander about treating all creatures as he himself would be treated." *Surtrakritanga, 1:11:33*

Judaism: "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor: that is the whole of the Torah; all the rest of it is commentary." *Talmud, Shabbat, 31a*

Native American: "Respect for all life is the foundation." *The Great Law of Peace*



"The true nature of religion is kindness."

Dalai Lama

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12th at 5:00pm
ISLAMIC CENTER of JERSEY CITY
17 Park Street, Jersey City
(Light Supper to Follow)

Sikhism: "Don't create enmity with anyone as God is within everyone." *Guru Granth Sahib, page 259*

Taoism: "Regard your neighbor's gain as your own gain and your neighbor's loss as your own loss." *T'ai Shang Kan Ying P'ien*

Zoroastrianism: "That nature alone is good which refrains from doing unto another whatsoever is not good for itself." *Dadistan-I-Dinik, 94:5*

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Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council

presents

A Continuum of Caring Think Tank: Ministry in the Criminal Justice Context

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

**5:30 Registration
6:00 – 8:00 PM Workshop
New Covenant Church
225 E 7th St, Plainfield, NJ 07060**

For Further Information, Contact

Elder Rod Spearman – 908-377-0143 Rev. Ron Thomas – 908-477-4203

A Continuum of Caring Approach to the Criminal Justice System

**Rev. Ron Thomas & Rev. Angelita Clifton
Fountain Baptist Church**

IF NOT NOW THEN WHEN...What would happen, if all God's children got together? What could happen, if we got together as one community? What should we expect, if together we unified our efforts without feeling the need to be uniform, instead providing a wide range of comprehensive ministerial services. Imagine an expansive service delivery system with a continuum of caring meeting the underserved exactly where they are, providing exactly what they need.

Ministry in the Criminal Justice Context provides a Continuum of Caring approach to what is a major social justice issue in America. When we look at the issue in its entirety it appears complex and daunting. Yet, we believe that when we look closer it is possible to see that there are distinct areas that need to be addressed and in fact, in virtually every case these areas are being addressed. The challenge for the faith-based institutions is to decide where to focus and be effective. Further, there is no need for you to invent the wheel because, most likely, some other institution is already doing something.

There are many pre and post challenges created by the criminal justice system calling Faith-based Communities to rethink the way we do Prison Ministry while expanding the services we provide. The commitment requires a holistic approach encouraging Kingdom life while touching the least, the last and the left out with transforming love. There are so many spiritual communities standing in the gap, preaching and teaching about the Good News. There has always been a massive cloud of witnesses, dedicated people, working in food pantries and clothes closets in and around the area. Numerous conversations about providing a variety of services in a more coordinated way take shape regularly. Yet, as quickly as the idea of developing a comprehensive network surfaces, it sinks. Often sabotaged by the complexities inherent to developing an effective service delivery system with multiple stakeholders.

On November 15 2017, come join the Union County Interfaith Coordinating Council at New Covenant Church of God Plainfield, to participate in the Think Tank to create [a Continuum of Caring](#) response to the hidden needs in our communities. We will gather together and begin strategizing to develop a sustainable service delivery system. We will begin by rethinking, who we serve, how we serve and what coordinated services we can develop. There are many vineyards to labor in while addressing the needs of the underserved. Whether choosing to serve populations in Station House Adjustment, Pre-Trial intervention (PTI), Probation, Parole, the Intensive Supervision Program, the Drug Court, State and County Corrections Facilities or re-entry programs, there is much work to be done. Remember those who can go inside the institution are few, but there are many who can serve in other vineyards. Let's come together to work together, building relationships for the greater good of the Kingdom. Join the fellowship, as we rethink the way we do ministry. If not now then when? We are blessed to be a blessing...come be a part of this Think Tank, you won't regret it!



UCICC –CAU COMMUNITY HELP LINE



DO YOU NEED HELP WITH FOOD? HOME HEALTH OR PERSONAL CARE HOME AND PROPERTY CARE DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

Call CAU's Information and Referral Office at
908-354-3040 [X 4272] for answers and resources.

CAU's community service mission includes providing direct services to people in need as well as information on how to locate services provided by other agencies.

This month we highlight **three CAU services available to qualified recipients** in our Union County communities.

1] **Free home delivered meals** [6 week program; one meal per person per day] for Union County residents who are US citizens and their families who need food and who are:

*Age 59 or younger [head of household];

*Living in low income households;

* Unable to access adequate food for themselves and their families.

* Documents and interview are required to qualify.

Contact Gene Tavera X 4272.

2] **Homemaker-home health aide personal care assistance** in home for persons who require help to live independently at home. Services are provided at \$20/hour but may be free for those who are low income and age 60 or over, or any age with a disability. Services include light housekeeping, meal preparation, errands and personal care assistance.

Contact Bill Webb X 4206.

3] **Home and property care services** are offered at reasonable fees to assist home bound residents with yard and lawn care, leaf and snow removal, deep cleaning and clutter removal, home maintenance, handyman repairs and home improvements. There are no age or income requirements for these services and costs are based on which services and projects

are selected. **Contact Bill Webb X 4206.**

**Springfield Interfaith Clergy Association
Annual Thanksgiving Service**



**Monday, November 20, 2017, 7:00-8:00 PM
Hosted by Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael**

**Donations Requested to Benefit the Springfield First Aid & Rescue
Squad & Non-Perishable Goods for the NJ Food Bank**

PROGRAM

**Combined Community Choir
Springfield Community Children's Chorus
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Praise**

give thanks



Homeless Persons' Memorial Day Vigil



Building community, strengthening lives.

Thursday, December 21, 2017 7:00 pm
at The First Presbyterian Church

11 Springfield Avenue

Cranford, NJ



Collecting contributions of new & unexpired packages of Pasta and Sauce, Cereal, Oatmeal, Canned Soup, and Paper Towels for the Holy Cross Food Ministry, which serves people of all backgrounds in the Springfield Area.

Homeless Persons' Vigil

Tragically, some of our most vulnerable neighbors die on the streets each year. On December 21, 2017, at The First Presbyterian Church, 11 Springfield Ave, Cranford, NJ at 7:00pm, a vigil will be held for those who have died in the last year.

We remember them on the day with the least amount of daylight and the longest night because it symbolizes the struggle of those who are homeless, and who often live out their lives on cold streets or in dangerous abandoned buildings.

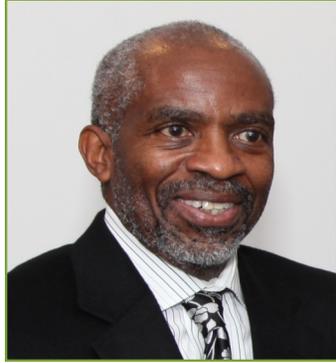
As people of faith we are *all called to serve the poor, the homeless, the sick, the hungry....*

Remind us, O God, that we cannot rest full secure in our homes each night until all your children have a place to call home.

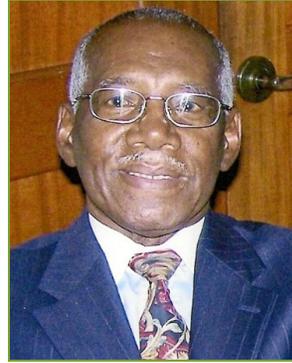
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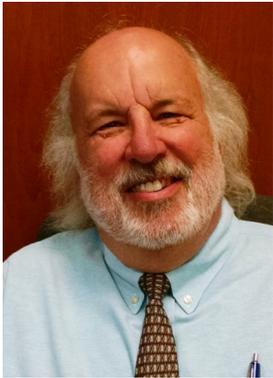
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Join & Be Active Today!

- 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 by the **10th** of every month to save a space!



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Community Access Unlimited Mission: *To provide community access through effective and comprehensive support services for people with disabilities and at-risk youth, giving them the opportunity to live independently and to lead normal and productive lives in the community.*

UCICC & STEERING COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENTS

UCICC Steering Committee
November 2, 2017 at 10:00am
80 W Grand St
Elizabeth NJ 07202

Full UCICC Event
November 15, 2017—6 pm
“Prison Re-Entry”
New Covenant Church
225 E 7th Street, Plainfield NJ 07060

UCICC Steering Committee
December 7, 2017 at 10:00am
80 W Grand St
Elizabeth NJ 07202

Full UCICC Event
December 21, 2017—6 pm
“Homeless Vigil”
The First Presbyterian Church
11 Springfield Ave, Cranford, NJ 07016

UCICC Steering Committee
January 4, 2017 at 10:00am
80 W Grand St
Elizabeth NJ 07202

Full UCICC Event
January 18, 2018 6 pm
TBD
Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim
338 Walnut Ave, Cranford, NJ 07016



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